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STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT BY STATES

NOTE: Most of these figures are incomplete due to churches and associations making incomplete 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
Alabama	11	154	10,371	181	29	118	4,212	25	660	27	\$ 33,325.00	\$ 769,552.00	1	28,000	151,000
Arkansas	11	177	13,296	280	12	162	8,150	65	2,643	25	180,135.24	507,930.00	4	35,000	5,000
California	4	59	3,044	121	10	57	3,117	31	593	19	150,415.25	805,000.00	15		
Florida	7	60	3,311	121							40,329.12				
Georgia	7	127	10,914	114	16	101	6,323	59	2,826	46	197,143.19	724,934.43	10	71,500	25,000
Illinois	3	43	3,149	70	6	43	2,642	14	468	8	54,673.43	404,000.00			28,000
Kentucky	6	111	9,860	201	4		5,552	1			34,868.77	530,842.90			35,000
Michigan	1	15	1,572	22	8	15	1,649	11	380	10		353,455.00	5		
Mississippi	1	22	3,065	8	1	19	1,691	7	505	6	74,947.23	178,700.00	4	34,700	10,000
Missouri	9	118	8,698	155	37	101	6,643	42	1,593	28	235,024.35	723,500.00	10		25,000
New Mexico	1	5	147	10	2	5	264	4	102	3	10,350.40	22,850.00	1	1,250	
North Carolina	11	405	43,780	351	68	381	38,800	135	5,280	222	882,720.00	5,302,000.00	56	520,000	1,050,000
Ohio	1	67	3,606	134		63	3,742	21		2					
Oklahoma	15	188	14,215	500	50	188	18,251	94	8,000	94	25,088.68	1,329,250.00	100		41,000
South Carolina	4	58	5,329	57	9	56	6,075	36	1,800	31	146,080.00	606,145.00	6		50,000
Tennessee	2	123	12,237		155	112	8,998	75	2,452	59	86,923.96	462,300.00			
Texas	5	60	4,573	82	8	59	3,165	26	1,392	22	144,816.13	407,000.00	10	200,000	
Virginia	4	103	6,499	205	22	100	6,839	27	601	4		267,000.00			30,000
West Virginia	15	159	5,953	373	20	146	9,061	15	239	39	32,744.53	603,600.00	2	16,500	294,300
TOTALS	118	2,054	163,619	2,985	457	1,726	135,174	688	29,534	645	\$ 2,296,593.53	\$13,998,059.33	219	892,100	1,744,300

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION FROM STATE REPORTS

	NAME AND ADDRESS OF MODERATOR	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CLERK	NAME AND ADDRESS OF DENOMINATIONAL PROPERTY
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PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening, July 10

The 20th annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists was opened with singing under the direction of Mr. I. L. Stanley, Knoxville, Tenn. The accompanists at the organ and piano were Mrs. Raymond Riggs and the Rev. Herman Hersey. The opening hymn was "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" in keeping with the program theme, "Christ Shall Be Magnified." The Rev. Luther Gibson led the congregation in prayer.

The devotional thought was brought by the Rev. H. L. Knighton, Albany, Ga., who appealed to the delegates to give Christ the pre-eminence.

The Association was called into official session by the clerk, the Rev. Tom Hamilton, who also read the names of those appointed to the Committee on Committees. The Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary and presiding officer for the evening, spoke briefly and introduced the Rev. Carl Vallance, pastor of Thomas Memorial Free Will Baptist church in Huntington and chairman of the Arrangements Committee. Mr. Vallance extended a very warm welcome to the convention and also recognized those who had served on the various planning committees for the convention.

Mr. Vallance then introduced the Honorable George Theurer, mayor of Huntington. Mr. Theurer welcomed the delegates in behalf of the city of Huntington and presented to the Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, moderator of the Association, a key to the city.

The Rev. Henry Melvin, chairman of the Credentials Committee, made an announcement concerning the listing of delegates. Mr. Mooneyham then led in the receiving of an offering to assist in the defraying of the expenses of the convention. Miss Lucy Wisehart, missionary to Cuba, sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

The keynote message, "The Preeminent Christ," was delivered by the Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, moderator of the National Association. He used Colossians 1:18, "... that in all things he might have the preeminence," as the basis for his message to the convention. The service was closed with the singing of the convention hymn, "All Hail the Power," followed by the benediction given by the Rev. Dean Moore, assistant clerk.

An all-night prayer meeting was conducted at the Thomas Memorial church beginning at 10:30 p.m. and continuing until 7 a.m. with a good attendance all during the night.

Wednesday Morning, July 11

The session was opened with the congregation singing the Doxology. After other hymns, the Rev. James F. Miller brought the devotions using parts of Psalms 63 and 27 to present the thought, "We Seek Thy Face." Mr. Miller led the congregation in prayer asking God's guidance and blessing.

MSC* that the first ten rows of seats in the two center sections of the auditorium be reserved for delegates.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by the chairman. MSC that the associational letters be received and the delegates seated. MSC that the partial report of the Credentials Committee relative to receiving the letter from North Carolina be received.

MSC that the program be adopted leaving the suggested time flexible at the discretion of the moderator. MSC to adopt the report of the Committee on Committees given by the Rev. John H. West, chairman. (See Committee Reports.)

MSC to receive the partial report of the General Board and lay on the table the recommendations requiring constitutional changes. MSC to adopt the report of the special committee on Laymen's Organizations given by the Rev. Robert Hill.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by the chairman. MSC

*Motion made, Seconded, Carried.

to adopt the report and seat the delegates from Virginia. The moderator called for representatives from other religious bodies, but none were present at the time.

The morning worship service was opened by singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers." Mrs. K. V. Shutes rendered the special music and the Rev. E. E. Morris led in prayer. A special service was conducted honoring all the former moderators of the National Association. Citations for service were given the following: Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. James F. Miller, Dr. L. C. Johnson, Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Rev. E. E. Morris, Rev. J. R. Davidson, and Rev. Floyd B. Cherry. All of the former moderators were present except Mr. Davidson and Mr. Cherry. The clerk led the congregation in a prayer of thanksgiving for the services of these men.

The original Gospeliers quartet sang after which the Rev. J. L. Welch, first moderator of the National Association, delivered the morning message. His subject was, "One in Hope and Doctrine," and he spoke from 1 Corinthians 12. He appealed to the denomination for close agreement on the "fundamentals of our doctrine" and urged that we not become too alarmed over minor differences.

The service was concluded by singing "Blest Be the Tie," with the benediction by the Rev. Walter Carter, assistant moderator.

Wednesday Afternoon, July 11

The Rev. Rufus Coffey used Acts 19:1-20 as the Scripture thought for the afternoon session. He challenged the association to "seek revival" and led the congregation in prayer. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by the Rev. James F. Miller, chairman. MSC to receive the report and adopt the recommendations. MSC to adopt the recommendation offered separately by the Bible College trustees. (See Reports.)

The Rev. Albert C. Johnson, American Bible Society representative, was introduced by the moderator. Mr. Johnson spoke briefly on the subject, "Christ Magnified in Bible Distribution."

A quartet sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" before the featured speaker of the afternoon was introduced. Dr. Ivan L. Bennett, Washington, D. C., then spoke on "Our Obligation to the Young People Who Serve in the Armed Forces." Dr. Bennett is secretary of the Washington office of the American Bible Society and former Chief of Chaplains, USA. At the conclusion of his message, the congregation was asked to join in singing "America."

The report of the executive secretary was given by the Rev. W. S. Mooneyham. MSC to receive the report and consider the recommendations singly. A partial report of the General Board was given at this time which dealt with recommendation No. 1 of the executive secretary's report. MSC to adopt the partial report of the General Board.

MSC that recommendations No. 2 and 3 of the executive secretary's report be adopted.

MSC that the proposed Constitutional amendment relative to Article VIII, Sections 2 and 7 be received and placed on the table.

MSC to receive the report and adopt the recommendations of the Foreign Mission Board as given by the Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary.

The moderator read a telegram of greetings from the Rev. Clate Risley, general secretary of the National Sunday School Association. He then declared the convention adjourned for the day.

Wednesday Evening, July 11

After congregational singing, the Rev. George Dunbar gave the invocation. The Reverends Raymond Riggs and Damon Dodd, promotional secretaries for the two mission boards, directed the special missionary service.

Several missionaries working on the field in the United States were recognized.

and gave testimonies. They were the Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Postlewaite and the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong.

The Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks, missionary appointees to Africa, were recognized and gave testimonies. A special offering was received to aid in caring for the expenses of the convention.

Special music for the service was furnished by the Ambassadors quartet, a trio, and a duet by Miss Lucy Wisheart and Benito Rodriguez. The Rev. Thomas H. Willey, director of Free Will Baptist missions in Cuba, was recognized. He introduced the Rev. Estenio Garcia, Cuban pastor, who brought the evening message while Mr. Willey interpreted for him. The service closed after several came forward offering themselves to God in response to the invitation.

Thursday Morning, July 12

After an opening hymn, the Rev. Rupert Pixley read Psalm 138 and 1 John 5:14. From these scriptures they brought the devotional thought for the morning and concluded with prayer.

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

The moderator read a telegram of greetings from the Honorable M. G. Burnside, member of Congress.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was presented by the chairman and was adopted. The chairman then read a letter from the Free Will Baptist church in Linneus, Maine, requesting membership in the National Association. A motion was made to offer the Linneus church the fellowship of the Association. An amendment was offered recommending the formation of an association of churches in the state of Maine in order that they may become affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The motion as amended was carried.

A partial report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, chairman. It was received and the various board members and other candidates were thereby nominated. In every instance, the committee's nominee was elected. (*See Report of Nominating Committee.*) During these elections the convention voted to sustain the moderator's ruling that any individual nominated, if already holding an office, must express a willingness to resign that office if elected.

MSC to adopt the report of the Home Mission Board as given by the Rev. Damon Dodd, promotional secretary.

MSC to adopt the report and recommendations of the Sunday School Board as given by the Rev. William Mishler, promotional secretary.

The moderator introduced the Rev. George L. Ford, Wheaton, Ill., executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, who spoke on the subject, "Magnifying Christ Together." The convention was recessed until 11:20 a.m. Mr. Ford offered the closing prayer.

Music for the morning worship service was provided by the congregation and the Ambassadors quartet. The Rev. E. M. French prayed the invocation.

The speaker for this service was the Rev. Willard C. Day, Tulsa, Okla. He used Revelation 3:11, Galatians 5:1, and 2 John 1:8 as the basis for his message on "Retaining Our Attainments." Following the message the congregation sang "The Solid Rock" and the Rev. Howard Y. Taylor prayed the benediction.

Thursday Afternoon, July 12

After the opening hymns and prayer which was led by the Rev. Clyde Clearman, the clerk read the minutes of the previous session which were approved.

MSC that the partial report of the General Board recommending a Constitutional change concerning the term of office of the executive secretary be brought from the table. MSC to adopt the two resolutions.

MSC to bring from the table the proposed Constitutional change relative to Article VIII, Sections 2 and 7. A motion was sustained to adopt the proposed Constitutional changes. This was followed by a motion and second to postpone.

A motion was then made and carried to table all motions before the house. After some question, the moderator ruled that the vote was so unanimous the decision to table would stand.

MSC to adopt the report and proposed budget of the Radio-Television Board which was given by the Rev. Ralph Staten, chairman.

The report of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention was given by Mrs. LaVerne Miley, president. MSC to receive the report.

MSC to adopt the report of the Board of Publications and Literature as given by the Rev. J. C. Griffin, chairman.

The Budget Committee's report was adopted as read.

The Rev. Henry Melvin, chairman, gave the report of the Free Will Baptist League Board. MSC to adopt the report.

MSC to adopt the report of the Superannuation Board as given by the Rev. K. V. Shutes, promotional secretary.

An oral report was given by the Rev. J. L. Welch for the Polity Committee. The committee recommended that the discussion of Part 1 of the 1955 Polity Committee report be deferred until such a time as a book on theology could be published. MSC to adopt the report.

MSC to adopt the report of the Resolutions Committee. In keeping with a part of the report, the Rev. L. R. Ennis led the convention in prayer for the recovery of the Rev. J. R. Davidson. The delegates then stood in a vote of appreciation to those who had entertained the convention.

MSC that the General Board be instructed to provide material for a book on theology for Free Will Baptists.

MSC to receive the report of the Placement Committee and adopt the recommendations. After hearing brief statements from representatives of the various places inviting the 1957 session, the body voted to accept the invitation to hold the session in Birmingham, Ala.

The final report of the Nominating Committee was made by the chairman. MSC to receive the report and place the names in nomination. In every instance, except one, the nominee of the committee was elected. MSC to expunge from the record the report of the committee and all proceedings concerning the election of a moderator and to nominate and elect a moderator from the floor.

The Rev. Charles A. Thigpen was elected moderator by majority vote. MSC to make Mr. Thigpen's election unanimous.

The Placement Committee announced that St. Louis had been selected as the site for the 1958 session of the National Association.

MSC that the convention stand adjourned.

COMMITTEES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Committee on Committees: Rev. John West, Rev. Louis Moulton, Rev. Lester Jones, Rev. M. L. Johnson, Rev. Ralph Lightsey.

Educational Committee: Rev. George W. Waggoner, Rev. T. M. Pate, Rev. Rufus Coffey, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Rev. Joe Ange.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee: Rev. Bruce Barrow, Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. Luther Gibson, Rev. E. C. Morris, Rev. E. M. Kennedy.

Resolution Committee: Rev. L. R. Ennis, Rev. Billy Melvin, Rev. Paul Kettelman, Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. George McLain.

Temperance Committee: Rev. Charles Sapp, Rev. Johnny Postlewaite, Rev. Fred Rivenbark, Mr. G. W. Cloud, Rev. Dale Munkus.

Placement Committee: Rev. R. B. Crawford, Rev. Harry Staires, Rev. W. A. Hales, Executive Secretary as Ex-officio member.

Program Committee: Executive Secretary, chairman, and the Executive Committee.

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:

State	Number of Delegates	Number of Associations	Fee Paid
Alabama	18	11	\$ 65.00
Arkansas	12	11	65.00
California	2	4	30.00
Florida	10	7	45.00
Georgia	12	7	45.00
Illinois	11	1	5.00
Kentucky	10	6	40.00
Maine	By Letter		
Michigan	5	1	5.00
Mississippi	8	1	10.00
Missouri	44	9	55.00
North Carolina	30	11	65.00
Ohio	41	1	20.00
Oklahoma	44	15	85.00
South Carolina	8	4	50.00
Tennessee	10	2	20.00
Texas	2	5	35.00
Virginia	17	4	30.00
West Virginia	11	15	85.00
Total of 20 states	317	116	\$760.00

Committee:

REV. HENRY MELVIN
REV. WADE JERNIGAN
REV. THURMAN PATE

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, meeting at the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Huntington, W. Va., submit the following report:

1. Whereas the liquor industry no longer confines its activities in marketing alcoholic beverages to taverns, dives, road houses, etc., but have invaded our grocery stores, drug stores, restaurants, service stations, and other consumer establishments, we recommend that we continually remind ourselves of the covenant we made with our church in which we agreed to abstain from the sale of, sanction of, and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

2. Whereas the liquor industry has stated that its goal is to have liquor in every home in America, and

Whereas their advertising never reveals the end result of the consumption of their products, but glamorizes drink as being healthful, wholesome, and socially acceptable, and whereas it is scientifically affirmed to be harmful, degrading, and debauching, we recommend that the National Association direct the clerk to write broadcasting company officials, voicing our strong protest against commercial advertising of liquor by means of radio and television.

3. We further recommend that our pastors encourage their churches to cooperate with any of the organizations which oppose the liquor traffic in their locality.

4. Whereas there can be no reasonable justification for the serving of alcoholic beverages on commercial airlines in view of the potential safety hazards, and

Whereas a number of airlines have engaged in this affront to Christian decency by exposing all passengers, including children, in these "flying taverns" to liquor service by providing cocktails to those desiring them while the plane is in flight, and

Whereas spokesman for the airline pilots and stewardesses have consistently condemned this practice as being both hazardous and a public nuisance, and

Whereas the committees in both the House of Representatives and United States Senate are considering measures which would prohibit this dangerous and senseless practice.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That this National Association of Free Will Baptists register its strong disapproval of the practice described above and call upon the offending airlines to discontinue it in the interest of safety and public decency.

2. That this National Association of Free Will Baptists give its fullest endorsement to those measures now before congressional committees which would prohibit the serving of alcoholic beverages on commercial airlines.

3. That copies of this resolution be sent to all of the offending airlines and to the Honorable Percy Priest, chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, and the Honorable Senators Warren Magnuson and Mike Monroney, chairmen of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and subcommittee, respectively.

4. We recommend that our members, and particularly the pastors and church leaders keep abreast of the subtle tactics of the liquor industry and of proposed legislation which would affect it. Two publications which would help in this are *The Union Signal*, a monthly magazine issued by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and *Clipsheet*, a bi-weekly newsletter issued by the Methodist Board of Temperance, and any publication issued by the United Dry Forces in each state in which we have churches.

Under a limited special arrangement, *The Union Signal* may be ordered for \$1.50 a year from 1730 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill. *Clipsheet* is \$2 per year from 100 Maryland Ave., N. E., Washington 2, D. C.

REV. CHARLES SAPP, *Chairman*
REV. DALE MUNKUS, *Secretary*
REV. FRED RIVENBARK
MR. G. W. CLOUD
REV. JOHNNIE POSTLEWAITE

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Whereas the works of the two mission departments are very similar in scope, and whereas we believe it worthy at least to look into the possibility of combining these two departments for the solving of many problems and of cutting quite a bit of overhead expense, be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the General Board investigate and study the possibilities, advantages, and disadvantages of such a move. This committee shall be expected to report their findings and opinions to this convention at its next session.

2. Be it resolved that we offer prayer for Rev. J. R. Davidson, a former moderator of this Association, and that a telegram be sent giving notice that he is being remembered in prayer.

3. Be it resolved that the National Association extend a rising vote of thanks to the state associations of Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia, to Rev. Carl Vallance and all the committees who served and to all other agencies and individuals which have made contributions in the entertainment of this Convention. Be it further resolved that letters of appreciation be sent to the Mayor, the city clerks, the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. C. Z. Johnston, the Hotel Prichard, Mrs. Doris Miller, and the *Huntington Advertiser*.

L. R. ENNIS, Chairman
H. L. KNIGHTON
GEORGE McLAIN
PAUL KETTEMAN
BILLY MELVIN

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

We recommend the adoption of a total denominational budget of \$371,845 for 1957 as proposed by the following departments:

Free Will Baptist Bible College	\$158,000
Foreign Missions	103,215
Home Missions	46,400
Executive Department	25,000
Superannuation	14,800
Sunday School Department	12,750
Radio-TV	6,160
Free Will Baptist League	5,500

We further recommend the following percentage allocation of the cooperative funds until such time as the budget of the Executive Department has been met, at which time we recommend that the allocations be made according to the second column figures:

Foreign Missions	27%	39%
Home Missions	12.5%	17.5%
Radio-TV	2%	2.5%
Executive Department	31%	
Bible College	19%	28.5%
Superannuation	4%	5.5%
F.W.B. League	1%	2%
Sunday School Department	3.5%	5%

Signed by the Committee
(Secretaries of all Boards)

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

General Board:

Illinois—Rev. Leon McBride
Arkansas—Rev. R. E. Pixley
California—Rev. George McLain
Missouri—Rev. Ben Scott
Oklahoma—Rev. Lonnie DaVault
Texas—Rev. C. B. Thompson

Chaplains Commission:

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Rev. Michael Pelt, Rev. Billy Melvin.

Bible College Trustees: Rev. J. R. Davidson, Rev. J. F. Miller, Rev. Melvin Bingham

Foreign Mission Board: Rev. J. Reford Wilson

Home Mission Board: Rev. Harvey Hill

Board of Publications and Literature: Rev. E. C. Morris

Sunday School Board: Rev. Louis Moulton

Free Will Baptist League Board: Rev. Clarence Bowen

Radio-TV Board: Rev. Walter Carter

Trustee of Headquarters Building: Rev. D. W. Alexander

Superannuation Board: Rev. C. A. Huckaby

General Officers:

Assistant Moderator—Rev. Harold Pitts

Clerk—Rev. Tom Hamilton

Assistant Clerk—Rev. Dean Moore

Executive Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. W. S. Mooneyham

THE COMMITTEE:

REV. N. B. BARROW

REV. LUTHER GIBSON

REV. E. C. MORRIS

REV. ERNEST M. KENNEDY

REV. MARK LEWIS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR MEN'S ORGANIZATION

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists when convened at Huntington, West Virginia, July 11, 1956:

The committee appointed at the last convention to investigate the possibilities of setting up a uniform layman's organization within the Free Will Baptist Church, begs leave to submit the following report:

After much observation, consultation and prayer, we have arrived at the following conclusions:

1. That within the ranks of the Free Will Baptist Church, there are a considerable number of laymen whose abilities should be enlisted in the program of the church.

2. That there is a definite need for the layman's organizations within the Free Will Baptist Church to be uniform.

3. That this organization, if properly carried out, would be large enough in its scope, to advance the cause of Christ and would lend continual promotion to various church and denominational-centered projects.

The Committee further recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the proposed constitution and by-laws, prepared by this Committee, be adopted for use within the Free Will Baptist Layman's organizations.

2. That this Committee be continued until the next National Association.

3. That this Committee be given the authority to promote all phases of the proposed organization.

COMMITTEE

ROBERT HILL

LUTHER GIBSON

O. T. DIXON

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS

In 1949 a Commission on Chaplains was created within the national Association and three members were elected for five-year terms. These members were J. R. Davidson, Henry Melvin, and C. F. Bowen. In 1953, Mr. Melvin resigned and the Executive Committee named the executive secretary, W. S. Mooneyham, to fill the unexpired term.

Due to an oversight, no action regarding the membership of this commission has been taken since the commission was created. It will be necessary for the Nominating Committee to take care of this at this session.

This commission has also served as the Board of Ministerial Training, through which ministerial and missionary students have been cleared with their draft boards. The Selective Service System requires a statement from this board that the young men in question are preparing for Christian work under our direction before they are eligible for a student classification. We have handled numerous such cases.

We have also been able to save a number of young pastors from the draft when some misunderstanding of their work or unsympathetic draft boards were about to take them into the armed services.

At the present time we have no chaplains on active duty and only one in the reserves. We have had several inquiries, but none could meet the educational requirements of a service chaplain. Because we have not used the quotas assigned us by the various branches of the armed forces, those quotas have been taken from us and given to others who will use them.

There seems to be a new interest in the chaplaincy among our educationally qualified ministers, however, and we are now processing two applications that we believe will be approved.

We make the following recommendations:

(1) That those ministers who can meet the educational qualifications prayerfully consider serving a period as a "shepherd to servicemen." The educational requirements are 120 hours of undergraduate study in a recognized school and 90 hours of graduate study performed in a recognized theological school.

(2) That young men who may not now be educationally qualified consider planning their course of study in the direction of the chaplaincy. All branches of the service have a seminary training program under which future chaplains may train and receive a commission upon graduation. Further information about either a full-time appointment or a seminary appointment may be secured by writing to denominational headquarters.

(3) That the Commission on Chaplains of the National Association of Evangelicals, with offices in Washington, D. C., serve as the endorsing agency for Free Will Baptist chaplains and that we make an annual contribution to this agency from the budget of the Executive Department.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. MOONEYHAM

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Placement Committee met with the representatives from three different states who gave outstanding appeals in behalf of their respective states for the 1957 session of our National Convention.

Your committee has diligently sought to arrive at a successful decision in behalf of God and all His people. The committee has visited the proposed sites for the convention, with the exception of one, in the person of the executive secretary, the Rev. W. S. Mooneyham. The proposed sites are excellent and any one of them will more than suffice for our great Association. The men whom you shall meet in a moment, who represent their people in the behalf of getting the convention, worked hard and came here very ably qualified to present their just cause before the committee. And it is therefore the decision of the committee that the convention

here have the opportunity to hear these men and from their sacred arguments arrive at the decision as to where the National Association shall be held in 1957 on July 16-18 by a vote from the body.

1. We therefore recommend either one of the following cities for the 1957 Convention: Birmingham, Alabama; Tulare, California; Savannah, Georgia.

The committee feels that due to the enormous growth of the convention that we should select the convention site two years ahead to allow ample time for the necessary planning for same.

COMMITTEE

O. T. DIXON
TOM HAMILTON
W. S. MOONEYHAM

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

We recommend the changing of the Constitution, Article VIII, Section 2, to be amended as follows:

Section 2. The personnel of the General Board shall be composed of one member from each affiliated State Association and one member from each affiliated association comprising one or more than one state.

The term of office of those chosen within given State Associations shall be two years; and so constituted that the expiration of the terms of office of those residing east of the Mississippi River shall alternate with those residing west of the Mississippi.

We also recommend that Article VIII, Section 7, be amended to read as follows:
No person shall fill more than one office at the same time, or any office and a place on any standing board.

REV. E. E. MORRIS
REV. WELDON WOOD
REV. BOB DUNCAN
REV. JERRY DUDLEY

(This proposed Constitutional change tabled.)

Resolved, That Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution be amended by the addition of the words: "except the Executive Secretary who shall be elected every two years." (This proposed Constitutional change adopted.)

THE GENERAL BOARD

CHARLES A. THIGPEN, Chairman
THOMAS G. HAMILTON, Clerk

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD

The General Board while in session at Huntington, West Virginia, July 9-10, 1956, heard the reports of the boards, departments, and commissions and received or adopted such reports, recommendations, and proposed budgets, excepting the budgets of the Radio-TV, Superannuation, and Home Mission Boards, which were not included in their reports to the General Board.

The General Board makes the following recommendations:

1. Resolved, That the term of office of the Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, be extended to a two year term. We further recommend that in event the Executive Secretary decides to resign his office he give the Executive Committee at least ninety days notice. It is also understood that if for any reason the National Association desires to relieve the Executive Secretary of his office, he is to be given a ninety days notice.
2. Resolved, That Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution be amended by the addition of the words; except the Executive Secretary who shall be elected every two years.
3. Resolved, That recommendation number one of the executive secretary's report concerning the denominational educational program and relative to Education

Commission, be referred to a committee of five for further study and clarification of the area of activity of such a Commission, which shall report to the 1957 session of the National Association.

Respectfully submitted,
 CHARLES A. THIGPEN, *Chairman*
 THOMAS G. HAMILTON, *Clerk*

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

to the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION — 1956

The outline of this report will be as follows:

1. Report from the Registrar's Office
2. Report on Library
3. Financial Report

REPORT FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE:

Total enrollment 1955-56	182
New students	64
Returnees	118
Enrollment by states:	
North Carolina	50
Oklahoma	15
Missouri	13
Tennessee	12
Arkansas	11
Texas	11
Alabama	10
Georgia	9
Michigan	8
South Carolina	6
Virginia	6
California	5
Florida	4
Illinois	4
Mississippi	4
Ohio	3
West Virginia	3
Indiana	2
Kentucky	1
New Hampshire	1
Iowa	1
New Jersey	1
Cuba	1
Lebanon	1
High school graduates	144
Took G.E.D. test after enrolling	25
Passed	19
Failed	4
Non-high school graduates	13
Male students	121
Female students	61
Veterans attending under G. I. bill	36
Married students	75
Single students	107
Ministerial students	102
Full-time students	163
Special (those taking less than 12 hours)	19
Free Will Baptists	179
Other denominations	3

There is one phase of the enrollment report that should be discussed and understood by all Free Will Baptists. That has to do with the non-high school graduates. Out of the total enrollment of 182, 38 had not finished high school. This gives an enrollment of non-high school students of 20.9%. The highest per cent that any accrediting agency will even tolerate is 5 per cent of non-high school graduates. Even that small per cent is frowned upon by accrediting agencies. This fact has been little understood by many who have wondered why Free Will Baptist Bible College has not been accredited.

The easiest and simplest solution to this problem would be for Free Will Baptist

Bible College to adopt a policy of not accepting non-high school students. Such a policy having been followed in the past would have denied training to some of the finest Christian workers that have gone out from the College. It has been the policy of Free Will Baptist Bible College to be of service to the youth of our denomination before accreditation. If these non-high school students who are called of the Lord into Christian service cannot receive training at the only Bible training center their denomination maintains, then they must be turned away from our door to look elsewhere for their training or either enter into Christian service untrained. Free Will Baptist Bible College has felt that the lack of a high school diploma should not bar a dedicated young man or woman from the field of Christian usefulness.

Another possible solution would be to set up a separate school for non-high school students with separate records and classes. This could be done if facilities and teaching personnel were available. To do this would practically double our teaching load and demand many more classrooms than have been available. Under present conditions this cannot be done. Our present teaching staff is now overloaded and could not take on added responsibilities. Had we the teaching personnel the lack of classroom facilities would prohibit the set up of a separate school for these students.

The approach the Bible College has made to reducing this problem to its minimum has been to have the non-high school students to take General Education Development tests. This test is given at Vanderbilt University at a nominal cost and anyone 21 years of age is eligible to take it. The State Department of Education of Tennessee has agreed that any student passing this test is considered to have high school equivalency and is eligible to enter any state owned institution as a high school graduate. Some, if not all, accrediting agencies also consider the passing of this test the equivalent to high school graduation. By having students take this test we have reduced our percentage of non-high school students from 20.9 per cent to 7 per cent this past year. The coming year we believe this per cent can be reduced to a point where at least the first two years of our work will be accepted by the University of Tennessee. Also this will enable us to become more nearly eligible for admission into the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges.

While on this point of accreditation we are happy to inform you that the State Department of Georgia has recently certified one of our students for a two year provisional teachers certificate for that state. The student attended Free Will Baptist Bible College for three years and our very fine relationship with Peabody College enabled us to gain certification for this former student. Also one of our students is entering the University of Tennessee and receiving credit for his work taken at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Also one of our former students is attending a fine teachers' college in the state of Mississippi and received junior college classification on the basis of her two years study at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Of course Peabody College has been accepting two years or more of our work for a number of years. In this connection I quote from a letter received from Dr. Thomason, Dean of Records and Admissions from the University of Tennessee.

I regret very much that it has been impossible for me to get a committee together to visit Free Will Baptist Bible College this spring. . . . We will schedule a visit to your institution early in the fall. I will communicate with you around the first of October about a suitable date.

Dr. Thomason has been most helpful to us in working toward University approval of our institution. Free Will Baptist Bible College is on its way toward overcoming many of the problems that has beset it all along the way without sacrificing service to the youth of our denomination. The road is not an easy one but the education practices of the institution have been declared sound by many educational experts and the technicalities that we have not been able to overcome in every instance have not greatly hindered in attaining our educational objectives.

LIBRARY REPORT:

Books received in Library (Fiscal year: July 1955-June 1956)
 New books (purchased and gifts) 677
 Used books (purchased and gifts) 387

Total 1064
 Magazines (subscriptions and gifts) 61

The report on the library is brief but important. The number of books acquired during the last year is substantial when we consider that the average cost is above \$3 per volume. However, again we face an accreditation problem from the standpoint of number of volumes in our library. We must acquire an additional 3,000 volumes before accreditation by an accrediting agency. However, I do believe we can meet the state's requirement for approval on the junior college level. In the matter of building a library, we have followed a policy of taking only those volumes which were standard and would be an asset to our institution. We might have made a general appeal and have occupied our space with hundreds of volumes of no value to the institution. The policy the school has followed is slower, but sounder. I believe there are hundreds of worthwhile volumes on the shelves of our private libraries that could be given to the school, which would greatly aid in attaining our library goal.

The following financial report is furnished from McIntyre and Associates, auditors.

BALANCE SHEET

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 30, 1956

ASSETS

CURRENT GENERAL FUNDS

Cash on hand—petty funds	350.00	
Cash in bank	3,305.53	
Accounts receivable	291.16	
Inventory—bookstore (at cost)	1,136.43	
Total current general funds		5,083.12

STUDENT LOAN FUND

Cash in bank		1,534.15
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BUILDING FUND

Cash in bank		122.30
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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	42,993.57	
Total plant funds		183,386.65

Grand total		190,126.22
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LIABILITIES

CURRENT GENERAL FUNDS

Accounts payable	1,133.41	
Employees' payroll deductions	237.00	
Students' credit balances	313.72	
Accrued payroll taxes	145.77	
Unappropriated surplus	3,253.22	
Total current general funds		5,083.12

STUDENT LOAN FUND

Net investment in student loan fund	1,534.15
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BUILDING FUND

Undistributed building fund income	122.30
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PLANT FUNDS

Net investment in plant	183,386.65
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Grand total	190,126.22
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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

CURRENT GENERAL FUND

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

For the period July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956

Explanation	Details	Details	Amount
INCOME			
Gifts		42,636.30	
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention		591.04	
Miscellaneous income		1,302.13	
Matriculation fees		350.00	
Registration fees		3,687.50	
Tuition		19,769.64	
Activity fees		1,473.64	
Room rent		11,820.27	
Board		29,211.16	
Music fees		1,580.59	
Miscellaneous fees		370.62	
Library gifts		358.35	
Extension school		274.48	
Book store sales	11,347.45		
Less: Book store cost of sales	9,314.48	2,032.97	
Total income			115,458.69
EXPENSES			
Administrative salaries		10,399.98	
Teachers' salaries		26,641.73	
Office salaries		7,118.13	
Kitchen salaries		7,399.00	
Household salaries		1,878.00	
Janitors' salaries		1,525.50	
Library salaries		3,468.90	
Maintenance salaries		3,259.23	
Maintenance		5,282.61	
Travel expense		779.49	
School supplies		494.45	
Telephone		1,406.06	
Heat		3,289.22	
Electricity		1,057.36	
Water bill		551.54	
Laundry		131.35	
Groceries		14,207.98	
Household supplies		773.68	
Miscellaneous expense		3,159.11	
Honorarium		687.36	
Printing		2,864.61	

Insurance	1,626.15	
Office expense	1,965.90	
Library expense	1,932.73	
Practical work department expense	88.99	
Board of trustees expense	411.21	
Quartet itinerary expense	4,792.24	
Employer's social security taxes	568.90	
Interest expense	87.50	
Bad debts	177.14	
Music department expense	302.00	
Book store salaries	460.00	
Book store general expense	167.41	
Employees' hospitalization insurance	685.17	
Total expenses	109,640.63	
Net income for the year—general fund	5,818.06	

APPLICATION OF GENERAL FUND NET INCOME

Additions to equipment, furniture and fixtures	4,572.68
Added to general fund unappropriated surplus	1,245.38
Total	5,818.06

GIFTS BY STATES

July 1, 1955—June 30, 1956

Alabama	1,980.19	Nebraska	9.73
Arizona	480.61	New Mexico	20.00
Arkansas	1,384.50	North Carolina	9,923.90
California	615.09	Ohio	1,770.54
Florida	580.61	Oklahoma	1,672.41
Georgia	4,404.93	Oregon	28.67
Illinois	1,132.82	South Carolina	1,700.40
Indiana	19.00	Tennessee	5,884.67
Kansas	10.00	Texas	1,657.64
Kentucky	639.36	Virginia	1,672.64
Maine	15.00	West Virginia	1,351.68
Michigan	2,115.74	Washington, D. C.	5.00
Mississippi	1,759.20	Nat'l Assn. Offering ('55)	436.48
Missouri	1,995.90	W. N. A. C.	591.04
			\$43,286.84

SUGGESTED STATE QUOTAS

July 1, 1956—June 30, 1957

Alabama	3,000.00	Illinois	2,250.00
Arkansas	1,875.00	Kentucky	1,875.00
California	1,500.00	Michigan	3,375.00
Florida	1,500.00	Mississippi	2,500.00
Georgia	5,625.00	Missouri	4,500.00

North Carolina	15,000.00	Texas	4,500.00
Ohio	2,500.00	Virginia	2,625.00
Oklahoma	4,750.00	West Virginia	2,625.00
South Carolina	2,625.00	W. N. A. C.	1,000.00
Tennessee	10,875.00	Miscellaneous	500.00
			\$75,000.00

PROPOSED BUDGET 1956-57

OPERATING EXPENSES

Salaries	
Administrative and teaching salaries	43,985.00
Office salaries	7,350.00
Kitchen salaries	8,875.00
Household salaries	3,660.00
Janitor salaries	2,070.00
Maintenance salaries	2,300.00
Library salaries	3,550.00
	71,790.00
Maintenance and repairs	9,500.00
Travel expense	1,500.00
School supplies	500.00
Telephone expense, Heat, Electricity, Water, Laundry	7,000.00
Household supplies	900.00
Miscellaneous Expense	3,500.00
Honorarium	1,200.00
Printing	4,000.00
Insurance	1,650.00
Board of Trustees expense	1,000.00
Office expense	2,500.00
Library expense	2,500.00
Practical Work Dept. Expense	600.00
Quartet Itinerary expense	6,000.00
Activity Fees—Lumen	750.00
Accident Insurance—Students	800.00
Employer Social Security Taxes	400.00
Employee Hospital Insurance expense	900.00
Extension School Expense	500.00
Music Department expense	400.00
Refunds to Miscellaneous accounts	1,500.00
Bookstore purchases and expense	10,000.00
Additions to Fixed Assets	6,000.00
Contingency Fund	10,000.00
	\$145,390.00

Total expenses excluding groceries	\$145,390.00
ANTICIPATED INCOME 1956-57	
Student accounts	\$ 68,000.00
Bookstore and other sources	15,000.00
Gifts	75,000.00
	\$158,000.00

Total income to the Bible College this year was \$115,458.69. Of this amount \$43,597.96 was received as gifts to the general fund, building fund, and library fund. This total gift income is \$1,472.30 less than for the previous fiscal year. Operating expenses amounted to \$109,640.63, an increase of \$2,302.93 over the previous

year. The net income over expenses was \$5,818.06, of which amount \$4,572.68 was invested in fixed assets, leaving \$1,245.38 income over total expenditures.

We wish to point out that our gift income was \$15,000 less than our proposed budget; also that total expenditures were \$40,000 less than proposed. This means we had to operate on \$15,000 less than proposed for the year, and that our over-all operation had to be curtailed \$40,000.

A close analysis of gifts from states reveals the states that held their own in giving to the Bible College were states in which itineraries were made by representatives from the Bible College. This suggests the fact that it is still necessary for the Bible College to carry on its field work and have the privilege of making financial appeals. The Board of Trustees of the Bible College appeals to the National Association and to our people everywhere to keep the doors open to the Bible College so that it may be free to present its needs. Let all of us beware lest our proposed programs create sentiments that make it difficult and unprofitable to the College or any other department to present its special needs.

In spite of some phases of our financial report that are not as bright as we would like, we do have cause for being pleased that we have operated with all our bills paid. We appeal to every pastor, to every church, and to every interested individual in our midst to analyse carefully the service Free Will Baptist Bible College is rendering to our cause and to see that its needs are adequately cared for.

A GREATER BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRAM

Whereas, the purpose of Free Will Baptist Bible College has remained from its inception the training of ministers, missionaries, and Christian workers and this purpose has been enthusiastically accepted by Free Will Baptists generally as may be recognized from the fact that the facilities of the college have been crowded beyond capacity from its beginning and its graduates received as a gracious answer to a deeply felt need among Free Will Baptists everywhere; and,

Whereas, Free Will Baptist Bible College has been compelled to operate at the maximum of its capacity while faced with an increasing demand to extend its educational services beyond all reasonable bounds of efficient administrations; and,

Whereas, the pre-eminent responsibility of the college and the denomination at large is that of offering adequate educational advantages to prospective ministers, missionaries, and Christian workers; therefore,

Resolved: 1. That this Board of Trustees now in session this July 10, 1956, does hereby authorize and direct the administrative officers of the college and the executive committee of the board to launch and prosecute a consistent improvement program that shall answer the universally accepted need of Free Will Baptists in that of a greater Bible College.

2. That the immediate goal shall be the erection of two essential buildings providing for a library, dining hall, classrooms, and offices, thus releasing present buildings for readaptation to dormitory use.

Resolved, that this National Association now in session this July 11, 1956, does hereby endorse and commend the Board of Trustees and the administrative officers of Free Will Baptist Bible College for the proposed program of improvement and enlargement of the college and recommends hereby that Free Will Baptist general organizations, churches, and subordinate church organizations, together with Free Will Baptist members and friends be called upon and encouraged to provide the necessary means with which to finance this most worthy phase of our common cause.

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

July 1, 1955 — December 31, 1955

II Cor. 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

We would not dare say that every little thing we have done during the past year was absolutely good, but we have endeavored to direct the Department of Foreign Missions with the thought in mind of some day giving an account to God for every transaction. We have also tried to keep our people informed and up-to-date on the condition and activities of the Department. We are sending out each month over ten thousand letters containing a current copy of our financial report. We would like to enroll every Free Will Baptist family for our mailing list to receive this information.

BOARD MEETINGS:

During the Annual Missionary Conference at the Bible College last November the Board of Foreign Missions held their semi-annual meeting with all members present. The annual meeting was held this year on April 26, 27 in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park, Michigan. During this session the attached budget and suggested state quotas for 1957 were approved and is hereby presented to you for adoption.

AFRICA:

Also, at this meeting the Board authorized Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stevens to make a personal survey of two fields in Africa which have been offered to Free Will Baptists. One field in particular (Ivory Coast) has been officially assigned to us and offers a tremendous challenge. The other proposed area is Portuguese Cabinda in Belgian Congo. Bro. and Sis. Stevens will leave their station on July 18 to begin this survey. They hope to have it completed by the last of August and then will send their report and recommendations to the Foreign Mission Board. Please remember them in definite prayer during this time. Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks are the first approved missionary team to be sent to Africa. They are now in the process of raising their support and hope to leave for language school within a few months. The work in Africa will require several more missionaries, so please pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers.

CUBA:

We are glad to have at this Convention, Rev. Thomas H. Willey, director of our work in Cuba and three (3) of our Cuban pastors. We are now able to see the "finished product" in these servants of the Lord who are what they are by God's grace, and our prayers and finance. Also, at this Convention is Miss Lucy Wisheart, missionary on furlough from Cuba.

Our latest missionaries to Cuba are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr. who are being sent to Cuba this month. This will give us seven (7) American missionaries in Cuba plus the many National workers, who compose a wonderful staff that keeps advancing for the Lord.

We wish to express our thanks to the National League Board, to every leaguer and to all others who have helped in the Chapels for Cuba project. We believe within a few months that our goal of \$10,000 will be reached.

INDIA: (South)

The work in South India continues to move forward through the new church and the Christian Day School. Miss Volena Wilson who is stationed in South India will be coming home in July for furlough. Miss Barnard will remain an extra year before her furlough in order to carry on with the work. She has asked the Board to make every effort possible to replace her on the field when she returns home the next time. This is a very urgent prayer request since visas to India have been refused. We intend, however to make application for a couple to replace her in South India. Please pray that visa may be granted.

The Cronks have returned to North India after a year's furlough in the States. We are grateful for every courtesy extended them and especially do we wish to thank

the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention for their support to the Visual Aid Project.

The Hannas did an excellent job in carrying on the work in the absence of the Cronks. Our most recent news comes from a letter dated June 16, 1956:

"We have closed our Bible School, and I feel it was the best one we have had in our time. In a very quiet way the Spirit seemed to do His work in all of our hearts, and give each of us new desires to learn more of Him and His precious Word. Pray now that as each one has returned to his own village, that the desire to witness and work for Christ may be even more keen as the days go by."

India is still one of the world's largest mission fields and we must continue to pray for her millions, and strive to get others in with the Message of Salvation!

JAPAN:

We now have four (4) missionaries in Japan but there is a need and room for many more according to reports from Rev. Wesley Calvery. The Calverys have finished their term of language school and are now in the process of determining just where in Japan the Lord would have us establish our first Free Will Baptist work. Bro. Calvery's reports indicates that even in cities and villages where missionaries reside they are unable to reach all the people. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey and son, Philip, have safely arrived in Japan and have already engaged in their language study.

Japan lies in the North Pacific Ocean, separated from the coast of China and Korea by the Sea of Japan. The terms which ended World War II forced Japan to surrender Manchuria, Korea, and other seized lands leaving her four islands: Honshu, Hokkaido, Kyushu and Shikoku. These four islands now constituting Japan have an area of 147,690 square miles. The fast growing population numbers approximately 85 million, more than half of the United States, yet Japan's population is crowded into an area about the size of California. Many feel as does General Douglas MacArthur, that Japan is one of the most strategic centers for missionary service at the present time.

MISSIONARY FILMS:

The Board of Foreign Missions has recognized the value of visual aid in its promotional work. Thus each year the Board appropriates funds to expand our film library. As of this date the following films are available through the Foreign Mission office:

Letter to Melitino, (Cuba); Regions Beyond, (Africa);
Uncle Mel Visits India; Uncle Mel Visits Africa;
Passion for Souls, (Missionary message); Sun and Shadow, (Japan).

ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE:

As per arrangement with the Free Will Baptist Bible College, we hope to have the Annual Missionary Conference this year beginning Tuesday night, October 16, and closing Wednesday night, October 17.

APPRECIATION:

We are deeply grateful for every remembrance to the Board of Foreign Missions and to the many in our denomination who support this work with your prayers and finance. It is only as you pray and give will we be able to continue to expand our borders and take our rightful place in "preaching the gospel to every creature." If the Lord tarries the time is at hand when we shall have missionaries on furlough every year. We certainly hope and pray that all of our churches will have an open door to receive them in itinerate work and share the blessing of their ministry as well as their financial support.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Herewith is submitted the auditor's report of our finances for the last six months

of 1955. Also we submit to you a proposed budget of \$103,215, for the calendar year of 1957, along with the suggested quota for each state. We recommend the adoption of each.

We also submit for information a summary of our finances during the first five months of 1956, along with the amounts paid on state quotas.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Mark Lewis, Chairman
J. W. Alford, Vice-Chairman
J. Reford Wilson, Recording Sec'y.
Rolla Smith, member

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND RIGGS

Promotional Sec'y.-Treas.

MCINTYRE AND ASSOCIATES

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
THIRD NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
NASHVILLE

January 30, 1956

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 December 31, 1955 and the related statements of recorded cash receipts and disbursements for the period July 1, 1955 to December 31, 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 December 31, 1955 and the results of its cash transactions for the period July 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

MCINTYRE & ASSOCIATES

Certified Public Accountants

BALANCE SHEET

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

December 31, 1955

ASSETS

Cash in bank	Page 2	12,246.88
Fund Equities		
Unexpended funds:		
General fund		5,290.74
Rev. Daniel R. Cronk		1,561.55
Trula Cronk		1,466.41
Laura Belle Barnard		10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie		94.86
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna		943.18

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr. _____	40.00	
Mrs. Harold Stevens _____	45.00	
Volena Wilson _____	130.00	
Wanda Edwards _____	1,503.13	
Esther Ruehle _____	15.00	
Chapels for Cuba _____	207.62	
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey _____	364.01	
Sam Ziady _____	271.00	
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr. _____	168.36	
India Visual Aid Project _____	386.85	12,497.71

Overexpended funds:

Sale of miscellaneous books:		
Overexpended balance, 7-1-55 _____	223.05	
Sales during year _____	293.19	
Less: Cost of books sold _____	105.47	187.72
Overexpended balance, 12-31-55 _____	35.33	
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery _____	77.08	
Lucy Wisehart _____	138.42	250.83
Total fund equities _____		12,246.88

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the period July 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

Explanation	Details	Details	Amount
Cash in bank, July 1, 1955 _____			12,904.69
Receipts _____	Page 3 _____		42,280.80
Total to be accounted for _____			55,185.49

Disbursements:

Foreign Missions:

India _____	9,936.20	
Cuba _____	21,115.00	
Africa _____	1,001.18	
Japan _____	1,585.00	33,637.38

Travel and promotional:

Films and Supplies _____	283.62	
Board Members expenses _____	205.00	
Car expense _____	196.03	
Itinerary work expense _____	1,250.95	
Travel _____	337.38	
Tracts and books _____	197.30	2,470.28

Administrative expenses:

Salaries:	
Rev. Raymond Riggs _____	2,500.00
Office salaries _____	1,082.68
Printing _____	1,510.91
Utilities _____	254.99
Office supplies and expenses _____	251.91
Postage _____	659.41
Evangelical Foreign Mission Association dues _____	135.00

Miscellaneous expense _____	318.55	
Accounting fees _____	117.50	6,830.95
Total disbursements _____		42,938.61
Cash in bank, December 31, 1955 _____		12,246.88

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS

For the period July 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

Explanation	Details	Amount
Contributions applied on states' quotas:		
General _____	29,464.70	
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery _____	1,699.61	
Rev. Daniel R. Cronk _____	1,722.04	
Trula Cronk _____	1,611.10	
Laura Belle Barnard _____	59.46	
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie _____	252.90	
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna _____	1,169.09	
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr. _____	40.00	
Mrs. Harold Stevens _____	837.08	
Volena Wilson _____	470.00	
Lucy Wisehart _____	413.50	
Wanda Edwards _____	290.62	
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey _____	417.40	
Sam Ziady _____	365.00	
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr. _____	168.36	

Total contributions applied on states' quotas _____	38,980.86
Contributions not applied on states' quotas:	
India Visual Aid _____	386.85
Chapels for Cuba fund _____	2,503.80

Total contributions not applied on states' quotas _____	2,890.65
Other receipts:	
Sale of books:	
Missionary Prayer Band _____	115.98
Miscellaneous books _____	293.31

Total other receipts _____	409.29
Total cash receipts _____	42,280.80

STATEMENT OF STATE QUOTAS AND AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED THERETO

For the period July 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

State	Quotas	Contributions Received	Receipts Over Quotas	Receipts Under Quotas
Alabama _____	1,250.00	1,664.03	414.03	
Arkansas _____	2,250.00	1,456.93	206.93	
California _____	1,250.00	511.14		738.86
Florida _____	750.00	359.69		390.31
Georgia _____	1,700.00	1,121.52		578.48
Illinois _____	1,750.00	1,155.94		594.06
Kentucky _____	900.00	545.09		354.91

Maine	100.00	22.00	78.00
Michigan	5,750.00	6,134.59	384.59
Mississippi	800.00	518.61	281.39
Missouri	5,000.00	3,143.33	1,856.67
Nebraska	50.00	42.15	7.85
New Mexico	100.00	25.00	75.00
North Carolina	8,750.00	10,117.43	1,367.43
Ohio	1,250.00	1,414.48	164.48
Oklahoma	3,000.00	1,222.06	1,777.94
South Carolina	1,900.00	2,224.23	324.23
Tennessee	4,000.00	3,487.84	512.16
Texas	1,750.00	918.25	831.75
Virginia	1,550.00	1,400.81	149.19
West Virginia	1,250.00	588.48	661.52
Miscellaneous (note)	900.00	907.26	7.26

Totals 45,000.00 38,980.86 2,868.95 8,888.09

Note: Receipts on behalf of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention totaled \$731.38, of which \$547.24 was credited to state quotas.

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS — 1957

Cuba	\$36,860.00	
India	19,000.00	
Africa	6,200.00	
Japan	7,200.00	
Repatriation Reserve & Expansion	16,100.00	\$85,360.00

ADMINISTRATIVE

Salaries	\$ 7,700.00	
Receptionist	250.00	
Office & Mailing Supplies	500.00	
Postage	1,275.00	
EFMA Dues	130.00	
Printing, stationery, etc.	3,700.00	
Books, Tracts, etc.	350.00	
Utilities, (Tele. Heat, Lights)	260.00	
Miscellaneous	640.00	14,805.00

TRAVEL & PROMOTIONAL

Board Members	\$ 500.00	
Station Wagon	600.00	
Promotional Sec'y.-Treas.—travel	600.00	
Itinerary Expense	700.00	
Film & Supplies	650.00	3,050.00

\$103,215.00

SUGGESTED STATES QUOTAS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS — 1957

Alabama	\$ 2,800.00
Arkansas	2,800.00
California	2,800.00
Florida	1,800.00
Georgia	3,700.00

Illinois	4,000.00
Kentucky	2,100.00
Maine	300.00
Michigan	14,300.00
Mississippi	1,700.00
Missouri	10,300.00
Nebraska	100.00
New Mexico	200.00
North Carolina	20,250.00
Ohio	2,900.00
Oklahoma	6,500.00
South Carolina	4,100.00
Tennessee	9,100.00
Texas	3,600.00
Virginia	3,600.00
West Virginia	2,700.00
Miscellaneous	3,565.00

\$103,215.00

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

January 1, 1956—June 1, 1956

CASH IN BANK JANUARY 1, 1956 \$12,246.88

RECEIPTS

January	\$ 7,520.53	
February	6,172.92	
March	9,136.22	
April	7,261.69	
May	8,877.35	38,968.71

\$51,215.59

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Missions	\$31,165.09	
Travel & Promotional	1,424.45	
Administrative Expense	5,504.15	38,093.69

CASH IN BANK JUNE 1, 1956 \$13,121.90

STATE QUOTAS

State	Quota	Paid	Balance
Alabama	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 942.43	\$ 1,657.57
Arkansas	2,600.00	1,042.05	1,557.95
California	2,600.00	499.07	2,100.93
Florida	1,600.00	448.33	1,151.67
Georgia	3,500.00	696.24	2,803.76
Illinois	3,600.00	1,632.88	1,967.12
Kentucky	1,900.00	419.01	1,480.99
Maine	300.00		300.00
Michigan	12,000.00	5,314.96	6,685.04
Mississippi	1,600.00	362.04	1,237.96
Missouri	9,900.00	2,728.93	7,171.07
Nebraska	100.00	35.50	64.50

New Mexico	200.00	28.00	172.00
North Carolina	18,000.00	11,648.66	6,351.34
Ohio	2,500.00	841.84	1,658.16
Oklahoma	6,000.00	1,561.55	4,438.45
South Carolina	3,800.00	2,640.25	1,159.75
Tennessee	8,000.00	3,758.14	4,241.86
Texas	3,500.00	747.00	2,753.00
Virginia	3,100.00	1,304.27	1,795.73
West Virginia	2,500.00	618.72	1,881.28
Miscellaneous	3,300.00	592.21	2,707.79
	<u>\$93,200.00</u>	<u>\$37,862.08</u>	<u>\$55,337.92</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION
Pinar del Rio, Cuba
June 1, 1955—June 1, 1956

Cash on Hand, June 1, 1955	\$ 23.00	
Cash in Bank, June 1,	213.00	\$ 236.00

RECEIPTS

Received from Mission Board		
Regular checks	31,629.32	
Phenicie Boys	1,170.00	
Temples	6,150.00	
Dormitory	1,200.00	
For trip to South America	600.00	40,749.32
Gifts	2,090.00	
Gifts (for Temples)	120.00	
Books and Quotas (Students)	230.70	
Sale of Light Plant	300.00	
Sales	335.25	
Refund from light fund	200.00	
Refund from loans	40.00	3,315.95
		<u>\$44,301.27</u>

EXPENSES

Temples	5,434.10	
Dormitory	1,093.59	
Other building	203.07	
Food	2,240.13	
Salaries (Includes Phenicie boys)	22,090.69	
Rent	3,305.00	
Hospitalization	939.70	
Repairs on Equipment	1,511.79	
Gas and Oil	965.66	
Hardware (General Maintenance)	1,241.12	
Fuel	252.92	
Animal Feed	1,213.19	
Farm and Animal Expense	411.65	
Passage	254.90	
Mr. Willey (Trip to South America)	600.00	

Printing Press and Expenses	508.14	
Office Expense	141.19	
School Supplies	45.65	
Pump for Windmill	58.80	
Final payments on Deep Freeze	200.00	
Tuning Piano	15.00	
Convention Expense	197.80	
General Miscellaneous	165.96	
Bank charges	65.03	43,155.08
		<u>\$1,146.19</u>
Cash on Hand, June 1, 1956	\$ 34.25	
Cash in Bank, June 1, 1956	1,111.94	1,146.19
Equipment		10,455.00
Buildings and Property		24,500.00
Livestock		2,000.00
		<u>\$38,101.19</u>

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

The members of the Home Mission Board, along with the promotional secretary send you greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we give this report of our home mission activities, we do so with a deep sense of gratitude to our Lord Jesus for His evident and manifold blessings on our work. While these have been trying and difficult months in some respects, they have also been times of victory and progress. I shall try to point out some instances of each experience in this brief report.

Financially, we have been "pressed out of measure." Perhaps we over-extended ourselves when we sent out additional mission teams last July, but we did so on the strength of a proposed budget that had been raised the year before. However, this year the story is different. Our income is off approximately 17% over last year in spite of the fact that we have spent 50% more time on the field on itineraries. In December, 1955, we were forced to negotiate a loan from our bank for \$2,500, which was secured by note, signed by each member of the Home Mission Board and the promotional secretary. This loan has been repaid in full, however.

There is only one other sizable account which is unpaid to date and that is on the station wagon. This account, however, is secured in itself, inasmuch as a lien on the station wagon is collateral. We owe approximately \$1,000 on it as yet.

Our missionaries have received their salaries each month and gauged by the present rate of income, no immediate crisis is forthcoming, so we are fairly certain that we will be able to maintain our present program. We will not be able to enlarge or expand in any field until our income is greater and more stable.

Our missionaries on the field are doing a good job. Rev. J. J. Postlewaite is preparing for 3 new organizations in Washington state. These will be the first Free Will Baptist churches ever to be organized in this state. Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Lee Jr. have done and are continuing to do a commendable work in Nebraska. Their two churches are growing and prospects are good for additional churches in that area as soon as we can send additional help. The Central church in Tampa, Florida, is growing and Rev. and Mrs. Wilfong are beginning to attract some of the Cuban people to the services.

Mexico is our great opportunity at the present time. We have Rev. and Mrs. James Timmons and Miss Bessie Yeley there now. They are living in the border towns of Pearsall and Eagle Pass, Texas, respectively and are working in Monterrey, Jiminez, and Piedras Negras, Mexico. There are two national preachers working with us—Juan Lopez and German Rodriguez—both of whom are receiving no pay from the Board for their services.

We have opportunities in Alaska and on the Indian reservations to send teachers and nurses at government expense. In Alaska there are many schools available in interior regions where teachers could be used of the Lord to preach as well as teach. The same is true on the Indian reservations in our country. Employees are given Civil Service rating and have free use of their leisure time to carry on any activity that they like. Other denominations have taken advantage of this offer by the governments of our country and Alaska and your Home Mission Board only awaits volunteers for these fields in order to take advantage of it also.

The Home Mission Board has conducted itineraries in the following states: Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Alabama, western North Carolina and Arkansas. In each place we met with a warm welcome and hearty response. Many of the states will not allow itineraries on a church-to-church basis since they have adopted the Cooperative Plan of Support and this has hindered us to a certain extent in raising our budget this year.

This is a brief resume of what we have been doing in our department. In addition to all of this, many new churches have been organized and numerous new members have been received into our churches through the efforts of the

Home Mission Board. We now have Free Will Baptist churches and/or missions in 42 of the 48 states and we can be safe in saying that our total membership, including those unaffiliated with the National Association, is one-half million.

We covet earnestly your sincere and faithful prayers in behalf of our Home Mission program.

MCINTYRE AND ASSOCIATES

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

THIRD NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

NASHVILLE

April 24, 1956

CERTIFICATE

Home Mission Board of the
National Association of
Free Will Baptists,
Nashville, Tennessee

We have examined the balance sheet of the Home Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists as of December 31, 1955, and the statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the period beginning July 1, 1955 and ended December 31, 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 balance sheet and statement of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the financial position of the Home Mission Board at December 31, 1955, and the recorded cash transactions for the period beginning July 1, 1955 and ended December 31, 1955.

MCINTYRE AND ASSOCIATES
Certified Public Accountants

BALANCE SHEET ASSETS

<i>Current Assets</i>	
Cash in bank	1,637.46
Accounts Receivable	477.01
Total current assets	2,114.47
<i>Fixed Assets (at cost)</i>	
Office furniture and equipment	1,235.21
Station wagon (note)	2,387.75
Total fixed assets	3,621.96
Total assets	5,736.43

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

<i>Current Liabilities</i>	
Notes payable—First American National Bank (note)	4,240.00
Accounts payable	2,080.32
Total liabilities	6,320.32
Fund Balance (deficit)	(583.89)
Total liabilities and fund deficit	5,736.43

Note. Notes payable to the First American National Bank, Nashville, Tennessee consist of two notes in the amounts of \$1,740.00 and \$2,500.00 respectively. The

\$1,740.00 note made by Damon C. Dodd, secretary of the Home Mission Board, is payable \$92.00 per month and is secured by a chattel mortgage on a 1955 Plymouth station wagon. The \$2,500.00 note made by Damon C. Dodd and endorsed by five board members matures ninety days from December 20, 1955.

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Explanation	Details	Amount
<i>Cash Balance, July 1, 1955</i>		
Undeposited receipts	440.12	
Deposited in bank	2,278.02	2,718.14
<i>Receipts</i>		
State quotas	9,446.40	
Loans repaid	90.00	
Women's National Auxiliary Convention	258.84	
Travel refunds	75.30	
Missionary conference	267.49	
Miscellaneous	80.00	
Sales of equipment	749.48	
Church signs	279.06	
Tracts and books	55.12	
Miss Bessie Yeley fund	225.00	
Memorial fund	110.50	
Loans from Bank	4,468.75	16,105.94
Total to be accounted for		18,824.08
<i>Disbursements</i>		
Missionary maintenance	5,400.00	
Church extension	654.17	
Equipment for resale	684.94	
Headquarters salaries	3,650.00	
Travel and promotion	1,757.91	
Headquarters maintenance	320.74	
Additional office salaries	144.01	
Printing and advertising	1,009.33	
Postage	271.41	
Insurance	121.60	
Miscellaneous	158.36	
Telephone and telegraph	39.56	
Miss Bessie Yeley fund	327.84	
Purchase of station wagon	2,186.75	
Payments on bank loans	460.00	17,186.62
<i>Cash balance, December 31, 1955</i>		
Deposited in First American National Bank		1,637.46

STATE QUOTA RECEIPTS

	Received	Quota	Over Quota (Under)
Alabama	462.81	500.00	(37.19)
Arkansas	365.35	600.00	(234.65)
Arizona		100.00	(100.00)
California	294.80	600.00	(305.20)
Florida	438.76	600.00	(161.24)
Georgia	362.89	750.00	(387.11)

Idaho		50.00	(50.00)
Illinois	661.96	600.00	61.96
Kansas	27.50	50.00	(22.50)
Kentucky	162.07	500.00	(337.93)
Louisiana		50.00	(50.00)
Maine	10.00	100.00	(90.00)
Michigan	888.08	1,200.00	(311.92)
Mississippi	327.20	500.00	(172.80)
Missouri	1,374.79	1,200.00	174.79
Nebraska	140.75	100.00	40.75
New Mexico	15.00	50.00	(35.00)
North Carolina	979.48	1,250.00	(270.52)
Ohio	246.16	500.00	(253.84)
Oklahoma	279.78	1,250.00	(970.22)
Oregon	106.65	50.00	56.65
South Carolina	765.55	600.00	165.55
Tennessee	972.20	1,250.00	(277.80)
Texas	282.21	500.00	(217.79)
Virginia	176.80	500.00	(323.20)
West Virginia	105.61	600.00	(494.39)
Totals	9,446.40	14,050.00	(4,603.60)

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS — 1957

I. ADMINISTRATIVE:

Salaries	\$ 7,000.00
Office Supplies	250.00
Postage	1,000.00
Printing	1,250.00
Telephone and Telegraph	500.00
Headquarters Maintenance	1,000.00
Travel	2,000.00
	\$13,000.00

II. MISSIONARY ACTIVITY

Missionary Salaries	\$13,200.00
Missionary Living Quarters	2,640.00
4 Mexican National Preachers (25.00 per month)	1,200.00
Assistance to Mexican Churches	1,000.00
Missionary Travel	1,600.00
New Churches and Fields	8,500.00
Registering Mission in Mexico	2,500.00
	30,690.00

III. MISCELLANEOUS:

Six Station Wagon Payments	552.00
New Churches awaiting Payments	1,000.00
Insurance, withholding tax, etc.	1,158.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00
	3,710.00

TOTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET \$46,400.00

REPORT OF THE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

I have attended some kind of national meeting since 1927, and have watched, with joy, the Free Will Baptist church grow.

This is my first report as promotional secretary of the Superannuation Board, and my part of the report only covers four months.

We moved to Nashville in September 1955 to set up an office in the national headquarters building. By the kind consent of Rev. C. F. Bowen, we used the Free Will Baptist League office until we could get one ready for use. No investigation had been made as to what it would cost to set up and operate an office, and we found the expenses more than this board was able to meet with its limited income. We were advised by the board to use our home for an office and stay on the field, and this is what we have done since October.

From September to December 31 I traveled 10,023 miles to promote this phase of our denominational work. I have spoken in 5 state associations, 1 quarterly meeting, 35 churches and 3 local associations.

I was instructed by my board, in the beginning, to give one-half of the funds I collected, on my itineraries, back to the state superannuation boards. This we did for the first few months, but we found that this would not work. We could not give the states half of the offerings and operate an office, keep a secretary on the field, and pay half of the minister's premiums.

I was asked by the board to try to get every church, whose pastor was endowed, or wanted to be endowed, to pay to this board one-half of their pastor's premium. This is a workable plan. We have over 1700 ministers and only 63 were endowed when I took this office. Since I have been presenting this plan, I have found 14 churches, whose pastors were already endowed, willing to pay one-half of their premiums. I also have been successful in getting 14 churches, whose pastors were not endowed but wanted to be, willing to pay one-half of their pastor's premiums.

The income to this board is not sufficient to pay one-half of all the minister's premiums and keep a secretary on the field. We are appealing to the churches to help us make it possible for the pastors to be endowed by paying to this board an amount equal to one-half of their yearly premiums.

We can endow ministers from the age of 21 to the age of 55, if their health will permit. Those over 55 who need help will secure it from their state superannuation board. A number of the states have a cooperative fund and part of this fund should be allocated for state superannuation.

Each state should have a superannuation board in operation. Of the funds that come in to the state boards, 75% should be kept in the state treasury to take care of the aged ministers, and 25% should be sent to the national superannuation treasurer to help pay the premiums on those who are eligible for insurance, and help maintain an office.

We spent much time and energy trying to get set-up to handle insurance on church properties, but we ran into so many complications with state laws that we dropped the idea for the time being.

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

1. Protection for loved ones in case of the 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.
3. Income from retirement age until death through receiving the face value of the policy or a monthly income.

K. V. SHUTES,
Promotional Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1—December 31, 1955

Cash on hand, July 1, 1955		\$2,738.21
Receipts		
Cooperative Plan of Support	536.92	
Premiums on Insurees	518.37	
W. N. A. C.	5.00	
Refunds	10.38	
Premium on Headquarters Bldg.	180.80	
Mr. W. S. Mooneyham	7.83	
Alabama	433.51	
Arkansas	43.66	
Florida	346.71	
Georgia	280.07	
Kansas	1.00	
Mississippi	32.49	
Missouri	21.86	
North Carolina	412.50	
South Carolina	46.49	
Tennessee	189.10	
Virginia	17.41	
Cash over	1.13	3,085.23
		\$5,823.44

Disbursements		
Salary of promotional secretary	1,700.00	
Ministers Life and Casualty Union	1,042.77	
Travel expense of Board Members and promotional secretary	717.00	
Miscellaneous expense	155.09	
Secretarial service	89.31	
Moving expense (promotional secretary)	269.86	
Alabama Superannuation Board	53.46	
Refunds	5.19	4,032.68
		\$1,790.76

Cash on hand December 31, 1955				
State	6 Mos. Quota	Paid	Balance	Over
Alabama	296.40	465.61		159.21
Arkansas	148.20	48.13	100.07	
California	74.10	45.71	28.39	
Florida	222.30	347.42		125.12
Georgia	741.00	280.07	460.93	
Illinois	222.30	12.65	209.65	
Kentucky	148.20	8.42	139.78	
Michigan	148.20	41.56	106.64	
Missouri	741.00	161.36	579.64	
Mississippi	148.20	33.38	114.82	
New Mexico	74.10		74.10	
North Carolina	1,778.40	438.43	1,339.97	
Ohio	222.30		222.30	
Oklahoma	741.00	95.46	645.54	
South Carolina	296.40	48.29	248.11	
Tennessee	741.00	237.00	504.00	
Texas	370.50	14.92	355.58	

Virginia	148.20	74.82	73.38
West Virginia	148.20		148.20
Arizona		1.10	
Kansas		1.00	
Maine		4.00	
Nebraska		1.06	
Totals	7,410.00	2,360.39	5,351.10
			284.33

STATE QUOTAS

January 1, 1957—December 31, 1957

Alabama	592.80
Arkansas	296.40
California	148.20
Florida	444.60
Georgia	1,482.00
Illinois	444.60
Kentucky	296.40
Michigan	296.40
Missouri	1,482.00
Mississippi	296.40
New Mexico	148.20
North Carolina	3,556.80
Ohio	444.60
Oklahoma	1,482.00
South Carolina	592.80
Tennessee	1,482.00
Texas	741.00
Virginia	296.40
West Virginia	296.40
Total	14,820.00

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR SUPERANNUATION BOARD

For January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957

For Premiums on Policies	\$ 5,000.00
Traveling Expense of Board Members	800.00
Secretarial Service	520.00
Salary and Traveling Expense of Promotional Secy.	3,600.00
Miscellaneous, Mailing, Printing, etc.	1,000.00
Reserve	3,100.00
TOTAL AMOUNT OF BUDGET	\$14,020.00

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

Credits:

Cash brought forward	\$ 237.81
Book sales during 1955 association	180.82
Other book sales	370.20
Total credits	\$ 788.83

Debits:

Postage	\$ 12.23
Printing	8.70
Sign	2.00
Miscellaneous supplies	11.94
Books purchased	226.02
Express	3.61

Total debits \$ 264.50

Assets

Cash on hand	\$ 524.33
Books and supplies on hand	626.40
Books on consignment	173.60
Approximate interest in books, supplies and equipment on hand Gem and Ayden presses	1,250.00

Total Assets \$2,574.33

The board plans to open a book store in East Tupelo, Mississippi, during the early part of 1957. We have held one meeting during the year at Nashville, Tennessee, during the Bible conference.

The order for printing another edition of the *Minister's Manual* has been given and the type is partly set. Arrangements have been made for printing another supply of the *Treatise of Faith and Practices* as soon as the national association has been held.

J. C. GRIFFIN, Chairman

L. E. DUNCAN, Secretary-Treasurer

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Lloyd George, once Premier of Great Britain, said, "What I am today I owe to the Sunday school." The work of the Sunday School Department during the past year has been most encouraging. The primary work of the department has been with the local Sunday school.

Our churches are becoming more and more aware of the importance of the Sunday school to the local church, as the organization that contributes more through its teaching ministry, the salvation of souls, and membership to the church than any other organization of the church.

According to the last year's statistical report of the churches of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, there were 1947 churches reporting, with 1743 Sunday schools. This leaves 204 churches without Sunday schools. These churches had a total membership of 159,841, with 134,596 enrolled in Sunday school making a total of 25,245 church members not enrolled in Sunday School. If these figures represent a true picture of our Sunday schools and churches, someone is failing.

This failure could be listed under the following headings:

First, the lack of consecrated Sunday school workers. It seems something has sapped the spiritual life of the average Sunday school worker. They have no initiative to attain higher heights.

Second, lack of proper organization. If business was conducted as the average Sunday school it would soon become bankrupt.

Third, lack of belief in Sunday school worth. This comes about mostly on the part of church leadership, nationally as well as locally.

Fourth, lack of conquest in Sunday school effort. Someone has said, "It is a crime for any Sunday school to be smaller than it could be."

Last, but by no means the least, the lack of Sunday school evangelism. The Sunday school should have but one objective—the saving of its pupils. Any school that does not evangelize its pupils will soon lose them.

We have endeavored to deal with these problems in the Sunday school workers' conferences, conducted through this department, held on the local church level. These conferences are conducted in cooperation with the local Sunday school work of the various state and district Sunday school conventions and conferences. This has proved to be the most stimulating way to give our local Sunday schools information, inspiration, and instructions.

This department, through its promotional work, has sponsored 15 Sunday school workers' conferences, two regional conventions, and worked in cooperation this year with the Oklahoma State Sunday School Convention.

The promotional secretary has traveled 45,000 miles in Sunday school work, attending state associations, Sunday school conventions (state and local, the National Sunday School Convention in Providence, Rhode Island, and the National Association of Evangelicals in Cleveland, Ohio), and has served the past three years on the general council of the NSSA and this year on the program planning committee. I would like to urge our people to attend the National Sunday School Convention which meets in Moody Church, Chicago, Illinois, October 10-12 of this year.

The sale of Sunday school materials through this department has more than doubled during this past year. If finances would allow, this department could easily gross an approximate \$25,000 per year and in the very near future could be contributing to our cooperative program a sizable amount and at the same time launch a Sunday school program that would make a real contribution to the denomination, both spiritually and financially.

We have two great needs in the department. First, the need of more workers on the field and one full-time worker in the office. At present we could use six more field workers. It is an utter impossibility for one person with a part-time helper to meet the demands from the field, and keep the work in the office up to par.

The second need is the need of finance. (And of course this would solve the first, if provided.) The Sunday School Department is not a fund-raising agency. It is a service agency to the Sunday schools of the denomination. The department's finance comes from the sale of Sunday school literature (7½%), materials, and contributions from churches, Sunday schools, conventions, etc.

With the present limited finance received, no really large scale denominational Sunday school program can be launched. However, there has been an increase in the sale of Sunday school literature and also the amount received from the cooperative program has helped to alleviate to a degree this financial pressure.

The six-point record system has been completed and is now advertised for sale. It was to have been completed last year but finances did not permit. Pamphlets explaining the same can be obtained at the Sunday school booth. Sunday school literature for the lower classes has been published and can be obtained from the Free Will Baptist Press.

This department is recommending that a year-round Sunday school training program be conducted in the local Sunday school. Study course books, materials, and certificates can be obtained through this department. (See display of materials at Sunday school booth.)

CHANGE IN BY-LAWS:

A motion has been passed by the Sunday School Board to change Section V and VI of the by-laws of the Sunday School Board to read as follows:

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

Board may borrow money to maintain its operation until such a time as its income is sufficient to supply for the same.

Section VI. The Board shall sponsor through its Sunday School Department, regional Sunday school conventions, working in cooperation with state or local Sunday School Boards. It shall also, as it deems wise, conduct a National Sunday School Convention and shall formulate other such programs that will give to the constituency of the denomination the information, inspiration, and instruction needed to carry on an aggressive Sunday school program, both locally and nationally.

The Sunday School Board asks that these changes be ratified along with the adoption of this report.

MCINTYRE AND ASSOCIATES

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

THIRD NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

NASHVILLE

CERTIFICATE

Sunday School Department of the
National Association of Free Will Baptists,
Nashville, Tennessee

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In our opinion, the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements presents fairly the recorded cash transactions of the Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists for the period beginning July 1, 1955 and ended December 31, 1955.

MCINTYRE AND ASSOCIATES
Certified Public Accountants

Explanation	Details	Amount
Balance, July 1, 1955		67.38
On hand		327.30
In bank		394.68
Receipts		
Free Will Baptist Press		3,017.39
Sale of books and literature		1,438.41
Revivals and conventions		429.13
Contributions and miscellaneous		311.61
Cooperative Plan		303.36
Total receipts		5,499.90
Total to be accounted for		4,894.58
Disbursements		
Salaries		2,125.00
Promotional secretary		617.25
Office		2,742.25
Promotional expense:		
Travel		750.12

Other	6.38	756.50
Board Members expense	267.64	
Purchase of books and literature	1,352.18	
Office supplies	13.45	
Office maintenance	164.72	
Postage	62.08	
Refunds	22.10	
Equipment payment	7.00	
Miscellaneous	55.87	
Total disbursements		5,443.79
Balance December 31, 1955		450.79
On hand	202.02	
In bank	248.77	
Total		450.79

PROPOSED BUDGET

Proposed Expenditures		
Office salaries	7,250.00	
Office maintenance (Headquarters, telephone, etc.)	600.00	
Office supplies and equipment	250.00	
Postage, mailing supplies, and help	350.00	
Printing	700.00	
Promotion travel	2,000.00	
Board members travel	350.00	
National Sunday School Association	100.00	
Books, Sunday School literature, etc.	1,100.00	12,750.00
Estimated Income		
7½% Gross sales of Sunday School literature, FWB Press	6,250.00	
Contributions from Sunday schools, rallies, conventions	2,000.00	
Sales of books, literature, and Sunday school supplies	2,500.00	
From Cooperative Program	2,000.00	12,750.00

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM J. MISHLER,
Promotional Sec'y and Treas.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BOARD

About one month ago the seventh nationwide League Conference met at Greenville, North Carolina, with nearly two thousand people attending. It was a wonderful experience to see scores of young people attend various sessions of the Conference hoping to glean new ideas for their leagues at home.

The methods of organization were reviewed and discussed in the simultaneous conferences. The speakers each presented a new challenge to those who listened. One of the highlights, a religious drama, "The Rock", was presented by students of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. Thursday morning of the Conference emphasis was placed on missions. In this session \$303.35 was added to the Chapels for Cuba fund, making the total \$6,333.23. The goal is \$10,000; therefore, this league project continues until the goal is reached.

Many of the leaguers at the Conference expressed their desire for the League Board to plan an annual League Conference.

There is a need for the Free Will Baptist League to be encouraged in most of our churches. Every church needs trained leadership and the league is designed to help meet this need. Our young people are the church leaders of tomorrow and they can receive training in a properly functioning Free Will Baptist League, the "training service of the church."

The League Board waits to help those who request its services. Each day information, free literature and supplies are sent out by the office. The *Free Will Baptist League Monthly*, (with subscription price at \$1.00 per year, published at the League office) contains program ideas for each department. Plans and progress on a national scale are given.

During the past year several new leagues were organized. Many of the leagues are planning for study courses. Write to the League Board if we can be of service to you.

There are needs in this phase of our denominational work and each league can help greatly by sending their quarterly report along with 10% of league offerings to the office. Your 10% offerings are its main source of income.

The League Board is making plans for expansion in the near future. Pastors, please support and encourage the work of this organization in your churches in order that our plans may be properly carried out. Please pray that our Lord will approve and bless the work of the Free Will Baptist League.

RAY C. TURNAGE, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*

McINTYRE AND ASSOCIATES

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
THIRD NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

NASHVILLE

March 21, 1956

League Board of the National Association of
Free Will Baptists,
Nashville, Tennessee.

We have examined the statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the League Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists for the period beginning July 1, 1955 and ended December 31, 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 statement of cash receipts and disbursements presents fairly the recorded cash transactions of the League Board for the period beginning July 1, 1955 and ended December 31, 1955.

McIntyre and Associates
Certified Public Accountants.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BOARD

July 1, 1955—December 31, 1955

Explanation	Details	Amount
Balance, July 1, 1955		
Cash on hand	101.38	
Cash in bank	35.83	137.21

RECEIPTS

Offerings	906.91	
Sale of pencils	51.10	
Subscriptions	50.00	
Chapels for Cuba	488.22	
Sale of F. W. B. L. pins	44.36	
7½% on Sale of literature	622.71	
Cooperative Plan of support	202.28	
Miscellaneous	56.09	
Total receipts		2,421.67
Total to be accounted for		2,558.88
DISBURSEMENTS		
Office Supplies	63.93	
Postage	32.15	
Chapels for Cuba	604.19	
Office Salaries	646.65	
Promotional secretary's salary	600.00	
Headquarters maintenance	100.00	
Miscellaneous	51.31	
Total disbursements		2,098.23
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1955		
Cash on hand	180.21	
Cash in bank	280.44	460.65

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BOARD

January 1, 1957—December 31, 1957

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR:

Postage and mailing	200.00
Supplies	600.00
Equipment	100.00
Headquarters Utilities	500.00
Promotional service	1,200.00
Secretarial service	1,000.00
Printing	300.00
Travel Expense	200.00
Miscellaneous	1,400.00
Total proposed expenditures for the year	5,500.00

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR THE YEAR:

10% League Offerings	2,000.00
Royalties on Manuals	75.00
7½% on Sale of Literature	
Free Will Baptist Press	1,800.00
Subscriptions to Monthly	125.00
Sale of F.W.B.L. pins	150.00
Sale of F.W.B.L. pencils	50.00
2% Cooperative Support	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
Total proposed income for the year	5,500.00

REPORT OF RADIO-TELEVISION BOARD

"With all boldness . . . Christ shall be magnified" in radio and television.
"Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice (Ps. 65:8).
Literally, this reads: "Thou makest the radiations of the morning and evening

to sing." Some scientists have devised an apparatus which converts the light of the star automatically into an electric signal, electric energy, and then into the radio wave. "When the morning stars sang together (Job 38:7). "But I say, Have they had not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world" (Rom. 10:18). "Canst thou send lightnings or electricity."

We have been hearing much in recent years about the impact of radio and television in moulding public opinion. It is a powerful medium of communication with vast possibilities for Christian forces if used advantageously. To properly appreciate television we must realize that it is a new medium of communication. Some have emphasized its competition to newspapers, movies, the theater, magazines, church services. I would emphasize that it is not a substitute for any of these, but can combine effectively many of the most effective features of them all. Both radio and television as well as newspapers, magazines, automobiles have their unhappy features for consecrated Christians. This accounts for the need of utilizing the radio and television media for reaching unsaved masses with the gospel of Christ.

Christ did not command the world to come to Christians to be taught His will; he told Christians to go to the world with this gospel. Television even affords an opportunity of entering many homes for teaching and preaching that might not allow a gospel preacher or missionary the privilege in person.

An executive chairman of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America recently stated: "When a local preacher appears on television he will preach to more people than the aggregate of all the people who attend the church he serves for the entire year." Recently this modernistic organization through its Broadcasting and Film Commission sought to eliminate the privilege of purchasing radio and television time for religious programs as they objected specifically to programs such as Billy Graham and Oral Roberts and asked the broadcasting industry to limit all religious broadcasting to programs on a sustaining basis and has recommended that the Council of Churches, national and local, be given special consideration in the allotment of time.

Oral Roberts broadcasts each Sunday over a nation-wide network of more than 200 radio stations, and his program is heard around the world on such great short wave stations as Radio Luxembourg, Radio Lourenco Marques, and others. A nation-wide TV series was begun over 63 outlets on February 6, and is now scheduled on 98 stations. His desire is to expand his radio ministry to 1,000 outlets by radio, and his TV programs to 200 television stations. The 1956 World Almanac states that in 1955 there were 52,000,000 homes with radios and secondary sets in these same homes were 40,500,000. Radios in business places, institutions, etc., were 10,000,000. There are 35,700,000 automobile radios, and 38,700,000 television sets in the U.S. This makes the total sets in the United States 176,900,000. About 7-800,000 TV sets were purchased in 1955. About 70% of all homes have TV receivers and 96% of all dwelling units are within signal range.

"The Baptist Hour," official radio broadcast of the Southern Baptist Convention, celebrated its fifteenth anniversary and 100,000th broadcast this year. It is carried on 400 radio stations in thirty-three states and several foreign countries, including behind the Iron Curtain. This denomination is spending \$200,000 on a radio and television center in Fort Worth, Texas and has a budget of about \$700,000 this year for radio and television. They will distribute "pre-tested" television packages—scripts and formats—to its 30,000 churches for use on local stations.

In 1953 over 300 TV stations began their cry for religious material. The Catholics supplied them films and time—\$3 million worth; Lutherans, \$750,000 worth; Seventh-Day Adventists, \$500,000 worth.

The Lutherans, for instance, spend some \$2,500,000 per year on their radio and television programs. Their TV program, called "This Is the Life," draws at least 1,000 letters every day.

Another example is the Churches of Christ who have a telecast conducted in California appearing ninety-two times with a total of 26,901 cards and letters in response to it. Further, they enrolled 4,579 families in a Bible correspondence course.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen draws millions to his commercially-sponsored show every week. The National Council of Churches, which last year produced almost 500 radio and television programs, added a quarter of a million to its budget.

This information has been given to encourage our people to see what an "open door" we have set before us. Definitely a challenge has been given our people to see a new and vast field of unreached masses who so badly need the gospel of Christ. It remains for us to choose in the field of missions the "oxcart" or the "overdrive."

Last year the Budget Committee proposed the sum of \$1,500 or 1% of the denominational budget of \$324,300, for the period of 18 months. Our financial report follows:

RECEIPTS TO JUNE 30, 1956

Alabama		\$ 7.98	
Arizona		.64	
Arkansas		1.18	
California		24.07	
Florida		5.68	
Illinois		7.20	
Kentucky		4.37	
Michigan		15.19	
Maine		1.00	
Mississippi		.22	
Missouri		54.12	
Nebraska		.65	
North Carolina		14.36	
Oklahoma		39.91	
Oregon		.58	
South Carolina		.34	
Tennessee		20.61	
Texas		17.22	
Virginia		35.25	250.57
Balance brought forward			64.56
Transfers and exchanges to Executive Dept. (less)			315.13
Total receipts			3.05
			\$312.08

EXPENDITURES:

For travel	20.00	
For publicity and mailing	20.00	
For Bank service charges	.33	
Total expenditures		40.33
Balance in treasury		271.75

As it requires thousands of dollars to carry on a gospel ministry in the radio and TV outlets for any appreciable time, you see from our receipts we shall not be able for some time to conduct any extensive program in this field. We can only deal primarily now in the field of tape and disc recordings for radio use. We do not have our own equipment to do this.

The chairman of the board has been authorized to make recordings of music and messages to supply the demand as they are requested from time to time.

Each member has been asked to be ready to present rules for governing the Board preparatory to this session.

As the radio TV ministry presents such a great challenge in the field of a new approach to missions, it becomes very urgent that our percentage of budget be somewhat increased. It has been so profitable to other church groups in the field of evangelism that we must do something to meet our financial emergency.

Let us pray that our people shall rise up in greater strength with all resources possible to meet the needs of this hour for our radio-TV ministry.

RALPH STATEN
Chairman and Acting Treasurer

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR RADIO-TV BOARD

Equipment	\$2,250.00
Rentals	775.00
Publicity	150.00
Postage and Supplies	450.00
Film and Tape	1,200.00
Processing	650.00
Travel	385.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
Total	\$6,160.00

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Aristotle once wrote: "Where there are things to be done, the end is not to survey and recognize the various things, but rather to do them."

These words written by a pagan philosopher are both applicable to and descriptive of our work today. This has been a year of doing things in every department of our national association. We have lifted our eyes and looked on the fields and have directed our unprecedented activity into channels that would meet the world needs we have seen.

It has been our greatest year in practically every field. The Superannuation department put a secretary on the field this year giving us full-time secretaries in five of the departments. I am sure that in large part the success of the program this year is due to the untiring efforts of these men in informing and enlisting the local churches. The Church has always moved forward by sacrifice and these men have made many, particularly in the realm of family and finance, which have gone by unnoticed and unsung.

The slow response to our home mission program has given us some concern this year and we hope our people will be more faithful in their support in the coming year. This is the only department which has had any serious difficulty during the year.

The departmental reports given at this session will point up their part of our denominational program so we will not discuss it here.

STATE OF THE DENOMINATION:

This seems to have been a year of "coming together." We are learning better among the various departments how to work together and yet keep the distinct emphasis on the particular phases of denominational effort. A spirit of Christian love has characterized our relationships this year.

We have also seen a "coming together" among the churches, districts, and state organizations. I think we may rightly say that our joint efforts through the Cooperative Plan of Support have done much to cement our relationships. I have found that the greatest unifying factor is to get people working together. This is

true for several reasons. First, working people are too busy to find fault and criticize. Secondly, working together brings about a close understanding of the other person. Finally, God's Spirit welds into a mighty force the people who join in this kind of cooperative effort.

We still have quite a number of unaffiliated churches and district associations whose strength we need. One of the major activities of this department in the coming year will be to seek to enlist these Free Will Baptist groups who are still outside the national association.

THE COOPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT:

Having mentioned the Cooperative Plan earlier, let us look at it for the six-month period of July 1-December 31, 1955, which is the period covered by the financial part of this report. Our receipts for that period were nearly \$14,000, which is 64% above the previous six months. This \$14,000 represented 16½% of the total denominational giving for that period.

When these figures are considered with the fact that our Cooperative receipts for the first six months of this year are approximately 30% above the last six months of 1955, we can see the growing and enthusiastic response of our people to this program.

While we are greatly encouraged, it would be well to point out (as may be seen from the financial report) that a few states are carrying the load of this program which helps sustain the work of every department. If so few can do so much, it is hard to even imagine what a great victory could be ours if a majority of the churches would join with the few in supporting the world-wide ministry of our denomination with just 10% of their church offerings.

We appeal to you, as delegates and church leaders, to lead your churches into this broad vision of total, regular support of the denomination rather than the uncertain and inadequate way of limited, sporadic giving.

DEPARTMENTAL PROJECTS:

It is impossible to describe within the confines of a written report all the work which this department has done. In fact, probably the most important and greater part of the work cannot be put down on paper since it consists of promotion, coordination of the entire program, public relations, counseling, etc. I feel, personally, that the results in this scope of our work have been very gratifying. Most of them are intangible, of course, and cannot be measured in numbers.

Three of the more tangible projects of this department have been as follows:

(1) *Contact*, our official publication, has enjoyed a good year. The circulation has climbed 50% above what it was last year. With 4,600 copies mailed in June, the circulation is at the highest level since the magazine was started in November, 1953. This increase in circulation is accounted for almost entirely by the "Every Church Famly" plan which quite a number of churches are using. We strongly urge many more churches to adopt the plan and help get the circulation to a respectable figure, since 97% of our reported membership still does not get the paper.

The circulation by states for the month of June might prove interesting to you: Alabama, 163; Arizona, 34; Arkansas, 477; California, 251; Florida, 152; Georgia, 231; Illinois, 245; Kentucky, 121; Michigan, 189; Mississippi, 91; Missouri, 436; North Carolina, 361; Ohio, 124; Oklahoma, 674; South Carolina, 122; Tennessee, 418; Texas, 168; Virginia, 57; West Virginia, 140; Others, 146.

(2) Circulation of the Free Will Baptist Bulletin Service is increasing. This service to our churches begins its third year this month with 116 churches using a total of 60,000 bulletins a month. This gives us an annual circulation of nearly three-quarters of a million!

(3) Our church supply business nearly doubled during the last six months of 1955 and 1956 will be a record year. An indication of how our churches are ordering

their supplies from headquarters may be seen in the fact that our vacation Bible school orders totalled nearly \$1,000 this year.

We are constantly adding to our stock and will have a 125-page catalog of church supplies ready for distribution in the late summer. You can order all of your church needs from headquarters, and the profits from every order go back into the denominational program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I. Concerning Denominational Educational Program

In recent years we have come to see the need for some long-range and broad planning in connection with our denominational educational program. Our total educational need both now and in the years to come should be determined, some goals established, and our direction charted. With the beginning of one state institution and the possibility of others, we have also seen the need for a definite link between our national and state-operated institutions. The work of the now-existing and future institutions needs to be coordinated so that each can play its part in the total program.

Because of these needs, and since we have no agency now charged with the responsibilities outlined below, I make the following recommendation:

That an Education Commission be elected by this national association to be composed of one member from each state convention affiliated with the national association. The term of office for each member would be two years, with the terms of those representing states east of the Mississippi river expiring alternately with these representing states west of the Mississippi river. The Education Commission shall elect from its membership a steering committee of five who will act in behalf of and for the commission when the full commission is not in session.

The area of responsibility of the Education Commission would be as follows:

- (1) Survey both the educational need and potential of the denomination as a whole and its various geographic areas.

- (2) Make specific recommendations regarding the broadening of the educational efforts within the denomination.

- (3) Work in an advisory capacity with all educational institutions controlled by the national association or state conventions to coordinate their work.

- (4) Give advisory assistance in the establishment of new institutions.

- (5) Serve as the agency through which institutions controlled by state conventions may be recognized and given possible assistance by the national association.

- (6) Report at each annual session of the national association regarding the overall work of both national and state institutions.

- (7) Serve in any other educational capacity which is not in conflict with or repugnant to any other department of the national association or the constitution of the national association.

II. Concerning Publishing of Yearbook

We request permission for this department to begin work on compiling statistical information for the publication of a new yearbook of Free Will Baptist churches to be issued by March 15, 1957. Besides much denominational information, this yearbook would contain the name and location of all Free Will Baptist churches, the pastor, church clerk, and membership.

III. Concerning Headquarters Building

Because there is still an indebtedness on the headquarters building of \$4,901.49, which is the only denominational debt on any property, we request permission to begin an appeal immediately to meet this need. Our plan would be to ask 100 churches to give \$50 each by October 15 to clear the headquarters property.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. MOONEYHAM

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
THIRD NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
NASHVILLE
January 14, 1956

CERTIFICATE

The Executive Department of the
National Association of Free Will Baptists
3801 Richland Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

We have examined the statements of cash in bank of the Executive Department and the Cooperative Plan of Support of the National Association of Free Will Baptists as of December 31, 1955 and the related statements of recorded cash receipts and disbursements for the period July 1, 1955 to December 31, 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 Executive Department and the Cooperative Plan of Support of the National Association of Free Will Baptists at December 31, 1955 and the results of their cash transactions for the period July 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

McINTYRE AND ASSOCIATES
Certified Public Accountants.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Explanation	Details	Details	Amount
Cash Balance, July 1, 1955:			
Cash on hand		50.00	
Cash in bank		1,900.14	1,950.14
Receipts:			
Sales			
Contact	1,723.62		
Bulletins	3,100.16		
Free Will Baptist Story	170.00		
Supplies	2,866.18	7,859.96	
Cooperative Plan of Support		5,996.28	
Building fund		2,983.35	
Maintenance reimbursement		1,428.75	
Rent		443.34	
Honorariums		26.61	
National Association fees		690.00	
Other Income		465.44	
Total Receipts			19,893.73
Total to be accounted for			21,843.87
Disbursements:			
Expenses:			
Office salaries	3,763.95		
Other salaries	790.26		
Travel and promotion	147.94		

Office supplies	144.90
Printing	671.50
Postage	218.59
Automobile expense	303.65
Repairs and maintenance	557.14
Utilities	1,014.73
Convention expense	570.07
Miscellaneous	429.77
Housing allowance (W. S. Mooneyham)	600.00
Apartment expense	67.10
Mailing supplies	148.73

Total expenses	9,428.33
Building and equipment payments:	
Headquarters building	3,400.00
Equipment (joint department use)	334.89
Station wagon	450.00
Office equipment	89.58

Total building and equipment payments	4,274.47
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Sales costs:

Church supplies:		
Purchases	2,169.37	
Mailing	52.22	2,221.59

Bulletins:		
Printing	2,509.26	
Mailing	475.00	2,984.26

Contact:		
Printing	2,271.79	
Mailing	96.38	2,368.17

Free Will Baptist Story:		
Printing		93.00

Total sales costs	7,667.02
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Other:

National Association of Evangelicals		50.00
American Bible Society:		
Expended	261.68	
Collected	161.68	100.00

Total other	150.00
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Total disbursements	21,519.82
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Cash balance, December 31, 1955	324.05
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Cash on hand	25.00
Cash in bank	299.05

Total	324.05
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COOPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT

Explanation	Details	Amount
Receipts:		
Alabama	722.16	
Arizona	27.54	
Arkansas	142.41	
California	1,142.95	
Florida	17.74	
Illinois	340.37	
Kentucky	238.46	
Maine	100.00	
Michigan	1,039.12	
Missouri	3,487.54	
Nebraska	26.62	
North Carolina	647.93	
Oklahoma	2,411.04	
Oregon	35.34	
South Carolina	45.02	
Tennessee	1,197.45	
Texas	650.47	
Virginia	1,435.36	
Total Receipts		13,707.52
Distributed to:		
Executive Board	5,996.28	
Foreign Mission Board	3,127.10	
Home Mission Board	1,083.25	
Radio-Television Board	133.20	
Superannuation Board	536.92	
Sunday School Board	400.63	
League Board	266.40	
Bible College	2,163.74	
Total distribution		13,707.52
Balance		-0-

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

January 1—December 31, 1957

Administrative:	
Office salaries	\$ 7,600.00
Office supplies	300.00
Office expense and help	400.00
Office equipment	300.00
Printing	1,000.00
Housing allowance	1,200.00
Postage and permits	300.00
Promotion and travel	1,000.00
Convention expenses	600.00
National Association of Evangelicals	500.00
American Bible Society	500.00
Station Wagon payments	900.00
Station wagon maintenance	150.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Total	\$15,000.00

Headquarters:	
Utilities	\$ 3,000.00
Maintenance	200.00
Caretaker's salary	400.00
Mailing list clerk	1,200.00
Insurance	100.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total	\$ 5,000.00
Contact:	
Printing	\$ 4,200.00
Pictures, art, cuts, etc.	400.00
Postage and mailing	300.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total	\$ 5,000.00
Gross amount of budget	\$25,000.00
Anticipated income:	
From the boards for	
hdq. maintenance	3,000.00
From Contact subscriptions	3,500.00
From church supplies	500.00
	7,000.00
Net amount of budget	\$18,000.00

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

July 1, 1955 to July 1, 1956

I. Membership Report

Number Registered at This Convention	626
Number of Members July 1, 1956	11,003
Total Number of Members for this year	1,442

II. Activity Report

1. Seasons of Prayer Observed	467
2. Youth Auxiliaries Sponsored; Young People (Y. P. A.)	67
(G.T.A. 75); (B.A. 13)	
3. Stewardship Declamation Contests Held	21
4. Number of Souls Won	661
5. Number of Study Classes conducted	971

This report was made possible by the following twenty states:

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

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

Cash in bank, July 1, 1956	\$ 3,628.62
Total Receipts, July 1, 1955—July 1, 1956	15,092.14
Total Receipts to Account for	\$18,720.76
Total Disbursements July 1, 1955—July 1, 1956	16,350.22
CASH IN BANK, JULY 1, 1956	\$ 2,370.54

OFFICERS

President—Mrs. LaVerne Miley, 2543 Cantor Ave., Memphis, Tennessee
Vice President—Mrs. J. B. Chism, 618 N. Hudson, Warwick, Virginia
Recording Sec.—Mrs. Ralph Staires, 828 S. Harvard, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Assist. Rec. Sec.—Mrs. Ronald Creech, 158 Queen's Road, Florence, S. C.
Executive Sec. & Treasurer—Mrs. Eunice Edwards, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville
5, Tennessee
Youth Chairman—Mrs. Luther Sanders, 206 Euclid, Monett, Missouri
Study Course Chairman—Mrs. Paul Pursell, Box 997, Bristow, Oklahoma
Stewardship-Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Cecil Campbell, 826 Pollock, New Bern, N. C.
Personal Service Chairman—Mrs. Everett Hellard, 7518 Garden St., Houston, Texas
Literature Chairman—Mrs. Eunice Edwards
Promotional Chairman—Mrs. Eunice Edwards

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. LAVERNE MILEY, *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 realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a church; and to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination with us, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better denominational government.

ARTICLE I

Name—This organization shall be known as the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States of America.

ARTICLE II

Purpose—The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of the various bodies composing the National Association, and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in connection with the various bodies in the Association, or that may 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 5c per mile travel expense to and from sessions of the National Association. Assistant Moderator and Assistant Clerk shall receive the same benefits as Moderator or Clerk in the absence of either the Moderator or the Clerk.

ARTICLE VI

Discipline—This National Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or practice that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing said organization of the National Association of the Free Will Baptist Church, or act upon any appeal that may be made by any body belonging to the National Association. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies, and its decision shall be final. Such appeals are to come before the National Association, after having been appealed from the lower to the next higher body.

Section 2. All appeals coming before the National Association may be settled in either of the following ways: (1) By the National Association when sitting in a committee as a whole. (2) By a special committee whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

ARTICLE VII

Officers—The officers of this National Association shall consist of a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk, an assistant clerk, executive secretary who shall serve as treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the close of each regular session, except the executive secretary who shall be elected every two years.

Section 2. Committees, as necessary, shall be appointed by the chairman unless otherwise provide 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 Publications and Literature, the Sunday School Board, the Board of Radio and Television, and a Board of Trustees who shall be legal custodians of all property belonging to the National Association except in the case of those boards of the Association which are now incorporated. The personnel of each of the foregoing, exclusive of the General Board and the Board of Trustees of the Bible College, shall be elected as follows: the first named for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years, the third for a term of three years, the fourth for a term of four years, and the fifth for a term of five years. Succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

Section 2. The personnel of the General Board shall be composed of the general officers of the National Association and the chairman of 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 the 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.