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Mrs. Blanche Tosto, Mrs. Herbert Waid,
Ethel Whaley, Volena Wilson.

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Lurlie Howard, R. D. Howard, Viola Hughes.

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Mrs. Paul Argo, Doris Bourquin, Jean Condit,
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Billye Gwartney, Nancy M. Hancock, Nettie
L. Jernigan, Mrs. Orela M. Kennedy, Jessie
Ketchum, Lee Massey, Mrs. Lee Massey,
Mrs. Vernie Morgan, Mrs. Joe E. Payne, Opal
Mae Pixley, Barbara Pollard, Marie Roberts,
Geraldine Schaufliker, Tippy Shade, Mrs.
Harry E. Staires, Mrs. Ralph Staires, John S.
Williams, Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mrs. Homer
Young, Mrs. JoAnn Young.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Edward V. Austin, Mrs. Sherman Branch,
Mrs. Dale Burden, Mrs. Rufus Coffey, Charles
Dew, John Flower, Mildred Lambert, Mrs.
A. F. Lawter, Mrs. Billy Morris, Mrs. Nellie
Philbeck, Mrs. Reedy Saverance, Rex Smith,
Mrs. Julius Vause.

TENNESSEE

Mrs. Christine Boyd, Mrs. T. L. Burch, John
R. Campbell, Mrs. Johnnie Floyd, Mrs. J. E.
Frazier, Mrs. Claude Hambleman, Mrs.
Robert Hill, Mrs. William J. Hill, Mrs. Bob
King, John I. Morgan, John Pace, Mrs. John
Pace, Mrs. Fannie Polston, J. B. Reding, Mrs.
J. E. Simpson, I. L. Stanley, Mary F. Stanley,
Mrs. Avis Sublette, D. E. Teasley, Mrs. D. E.
Teasley, Mrs. Jessie White, Mrs. Paul Wool-
sey.

TEXAS

Mrs. Malcolm C. Fry, C. F. Goen, Mrs. C. F.
Goen, Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook, Mrs. Everett
Hellard, Mrs. Audrey O'Dell, Mrs. Charles
Sapp, Mrs. F. M. Shick, Mrs. A. F. Stokes,
Mrs. M. L. Sutton, Mrs. C. B. Thompson,
J. L. Vance, Mrs. E. E. Zoellers.

VIRGINIA

Mrs. J. B. Chism, M. E. Howard, Mrs. M. E. Howard, Mrs. Billy Melvin, Mrs. Pearl P. Overman, Mrs. Fred A. Rivenbark, Mrs. Eugene Waddell, Reginald Wall, Mrs. E. V. Welton, Jacksie Whitehurst.

WEST VIRGINIA

Ella M. Herrald, Ruby Kirk, Zena Mays, LaVerne Vallance.

CUBA

Mrs. T. H. Willey.

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ricane, W. Va.

PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening, July 16

The twenty-first annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists was opened with the delegation and visitors singing "Jesus Saves", directed by Mr. I. L. Stanley, Knoxville, Tennessee. The accompanists at the organ and piano were Mrs. Raymond Riggs and Mrs. I. L. Stanley. Mr. I. L. Stanley led the congregation in the opening prayer.

Rev. William Hill, Tennessee, led the evening devotions using Hebrews 10:19-22. The theme for the meditation was "Let Us Draw Near with a True Heart".

Rev. Tom Hamilton, clerk of the National Association, called the Association into official session, and read the names of those comprising the Committee on Committees.

The moderator, Rev. Charles Thigpen, Tennessee, was introduced by the clerk. The Reverend Mr. Thigpen read I Corinthians 1:26-31, and stated that the real purpose of the Association was "to glorify our Lord Jesus Christ."

The moderator introduced the executive secretary of the National Association, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham. The Reverend Mr. Mooneyham made announcements concerning the associational session.

Rev. Charles Craddock, chairman of the Arrangements Committee, was introduced by the moderator. He then presented the chairmen of the various planning committees, who contributed toward making the convention a success.

Mr. Stanley led the congregation in singing the hymn "At Calvary" and directed the get-acquainted period. Delegates and visitors from twenty-two (22) states and four (4) foreign countries blended their voices in the singing of "Heavenly Sunshine".

The moderator introduced Mr. J. A. Waggoner, one of the city commissioners of the city of Birmingham, who extended a welcome to the National Association from the city.

An offering was received to help defray the expenses of the convention. Rev. Everett Hellard, Texas, sang "Ship Ahoy".

The keynote messenger, Rev. Bobby Jackson, North Carolina, was introduced by the moderator. The Rev. Mr. Jackson read John 15:16 and used the theme "Our Highest Mission" in speaking to the convention. The closing hymn, "Make Me A Blessing," was followed by the benediction by Rev. Dean Moore, California. The meeting was adjourned until 9:15 a.m. Wednesday morning.

An old-fashioned prayer meeting interspersed with testimonies and hymn-singing under the direction of Rev. Henry Melvin, North Carolina, was held in the main auditorium of the Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel following the adjournment of the Tuesday evening session.

Wednesday Morning, July 17

The session was opened with the delegation singing the "Doxology", "A Shelter in the Time of Storm" and "I Must Tell Jesus". The Rev. Ernest M. Kennedy, Oklahoma, led the morning meditation, using Ephesians 3:14-21 and led the convention in prayer.

The moderator reminded the association of several fundamental rules of order and Christian conduct to be practiced during the business sessions.

MSC* to adopt the program for the National Association leaving the time element flexible.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by the chairman. MSC to receive the report. MSC to adopt each item of the report. (See Committee Reports.)

MSC to receive the report of the General Board. MSC to postpone item one (1) of the General Board's report until 2 p.m. MSC to adopt the report of the Committee on Committees.

The morning worship service was opened by singing "My Lord Knows the Way Through the Wilderness" and "He Lives". A special "What a Saviour" was rendered by the original Gospeliers Quartet and Mr. Malcolm Fry, Louisiana, sang "It's Real".

*Motion made, Seconded, Carried.

The moderator introduced the speaker, Rev. Billy Melvin, Richmond, Virginia. The Rev. Mr. Melvin used Matthew 1:21 as the text for the message, "Jesus, the Mighty to Save". The service was concluded by Rev. Henry Melvin giving the benediction.

Wednesday Afternoon, July 17

The convention under the direction of Mr. Stanley sang the hymn "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" and "He Keeps Me Singing".

The Rev. Michael Pelt, North Carolina, read the words of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God", portions from the Psalms, and led in prayer in presenting the afternoon Scripture meditation.

The moderator called the session to order and requested the recognition of messengers from other religious bodies.

MSC to adopt a partial report of the Credentials Committee.

MSC to consider immediately item one of the report of the General Board.

MSC to amend item C of section three, "Projects of Sunday School Board", by adding these words: "for lower departments."

MSC to adopt items one, three and four of the General Board report. Item five of same report, concerning a constitutional amendment was placed on the table.

The report of the National Laymen's Committee was given by the Rev. Robert Hill, chairman. MSC to receive the report and consider the recommendations item by item.

MSC to return the report to the committee to clarify and present back to the association.

The report of the Education Committee was presented by Rev. George Waggoner, chairman. MSC to receive the report and consider item by item. MSC to adopt item one. MSC to amend item two by substitution, to read as follows: "That Free Will Baptist Bible College be directed to lend assistance to various state conventions or associations in the establishment of their educational program when called upon to do so by state associations and other groups." MSC to adopt item three. MSC to adopt the entire report of the Education Committee as amended. (*See reports of Committees.*)

MSC to adopt the report of the Commission on Chaplains as given by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

The report of the executive secretary was given by the Rev. W. S. Mooneyham. MSC to adopt the report.

Dr. George L. Ford, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, after being introduced by the moderator, spoke to the convention concerning the work of the N.A.E. He read John 17:21 and emphasized *Christian Unity*.

MSC to adopt the report of the Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College as given by the Rev. James F. Miller, chairman.

The resignation of the Rev. J. W. Alford from the Foreign Mission Board was read. MSC to accept the resignation and extend a rising vote of thanks for his faithful services.

A partial report of the Nominating Committee was read by the clerk. MSC to receive the report and dispose of it item by item. The various board members and other candidates were nominated. In every instance the Committee's nominee was elected. (*See Report of Nominating Committee.*)

MSC to receive the Laymen's Committee report and lay on the table. MSC to adjourn business until 9:00 a.m. Thursday.

Wednesday Evening, July 17

The service of missionary challenge sponsored by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards was directed by the Rev. Homer Willis, promotional secretary of the Home Mission Board and the Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

The Rev. I. L. Stanley directed the congregation as they sang "Jesus Saves" and "Send the Light". The Rev. J. C. Griffin led the evening prayer. A solo, "The Love of God", was rendered by Mrs. Paul Robinson, Highland Park, Michigan. The hymn, "Rescue the Perishing," was sung by those in attendance and a special offering was received for the National Association.

The Rev. Melitino Martinez, pastor of the First Cuban Free Will Baptist Church of Miami, Florida, and Mrs. Martinez gave their testimonies. They spoke in the Spanish language. Mrs. Bessie Yeley, missionary to Mexico, acted as interpreter for them. The Rev. Benito Rodriguez, pastor of Cedars of Lebanon church of Pinar del Rio, Cuba, Mrs. Rodriguez, Miss Volena Wilson, missionary to India, Mr. Jimmy Maharaj, Trinidad, B.W.I., the Rev. and Mrs. Lee Whaley, missionary appointees to Alaska and Dave Franks, missionary to Brazil, also gave their testimonies.

The Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Merkh were commissioned for service in Africa with the Rev. Joseph G. Ange leading the commissioning prayer. The Rev. Mr. Merkh gave his automobile to the Rev. Melitino Martinez to use in his ministry at Miami, Florida.

The congregation sang the chorus "My Lord Knows the Way through the Wilderness". Benito Rodriguez sang "That One Lost Sheep". The speaker for the evening, Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr., was introduced. Mrs. Willey, missionary to Cuba, used Acts 13:1-3 as the text for the message to the convention. Many accepted the challenge extended by the messenger and went forward to dedicate themselves for service to Jesus Christ during the service of consecration.

Thursday Morning, July 18

The session was opened with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace" and "I Am Thine O Lord".

The morning devotion was conducted by the Rev. Jerry D. Dudley, California, who read James 1:16 and emphasized "Let Us Ask in Faith"; he then led in prayer.

The convention was called to order by the Chair.

At the request of the Temperance Committee, the moderator appointed Rev. John Cansler to work with the committee.

MSC that item five of the General Board Report concerning a constitutional amendment be adopted. (*See proposed constitutional amendments.*)

MSC that recommendation four of Credentials Committee report be adopted. (*See Committee reports.*) MSC to add the two names suggested to the Georgia delegation.

MSC to adopt the Stewardship Committee report as rendered by the Rev. Robert Crawford, North Carolina.

The report of the Radio-TV Board was given by the Rev. Ralph Staten, North Carolina. MSC to adopt. MSC that the recommendation of the Radio-TV Board be placed on the table since it would require a constitutional change.

MSC that the Radio-TV Board be permitted to suspend operation, and that all of the assets, after bills have been paid, be transferred to the Cooperative Plan of the National Association for distribution.

Greetings to the National Association from the Rev. Johan Visser, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, were read. MSC to receive the greetings with gladness, and carry the greetings, in the minutes, and that the clerk relay to the same our Christian greetings.

The Rev. Albert Johnson, representative for the American Bible Society, was introduced by the Moderator. The Rev. Mr. Johnson spoke briefly relative to the American Bible Society and then presented the film "God's Word in Man's Language".

MSC that the resignation of the Rev. John L. Welch, Tennessee, from the Board of Trustees of the Bible College be accepted and a rising vote of thanks be extended as an expression of gratitude for services rendered.

The Home Mission Board's report was given by the Rev. Homer Willis, promotional secretary. MSC to adopt the report. A check from the National Woman's Auxiliary for \$2,000 was presented to the Home Mission Board to purchase a tent to be used for home missions.

MSC to take Laymen's Committee report from the table. MSC to adopt the two items of the report. Business of the association declared adjourned until 11:10 a.m.

The morning worship period was begun by the convention singing "At the Cross". The Rev. M. L. Sutton's assistant pastor led the congregation in prayer, after which Rev. Mr. Rollins sang "I Am Satisfied with Jesus". "Every Body Ought to Know Who Jesus Is" was sung by the original Gospels Quartet.

The assistant moderator introduced the morning speaker, the Rev. M. L. Sutton, Texas. The messenger read the 136th Psalm and spoke to the convention on the theme "Investing Lives in Evangelism." The service was closed with the hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and prayer by the clerk.

Thursday Afternoon, July 18

The session was opened with the delegates and visitors singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Rev. Adam Scott, North Carolina, offered the afternoon prayer.

The Foreign Mission Board report was given by the Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary. Recommendation one of the report was declared out of order. MSC to adopt the report and recommendation.

The Executive Committee is to consider constitutional changes to correspond with the charters of various standing boards.

MSC to adopt the National Woman's Auxiliary report as given by Mrs. LaVerne Miley, president.

The Sunday School Board report was given by the Rev. William Mishler, promotional secretary. MSC to adopt the report.

MSC to adopt the report of the Free Will Baptist League Board presented by the Rev. Henry Melvin, North Carolina, and to express our thanks for projects begun and completed.

The report of the Superannuation Board was given by the Rev. K. V. Shutes, Georgia, MSC to adopt report.

MSC to receive the report of the Placement Committee and adopt the recommendations.

MSC to adopt the Budget Committee's report as given by the Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

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

MSC to receive the report of the Resolutions Committee, presented by the Rev. George Waggoner, and consider it item by item.

MSC to adopt item one with section two deleted. MSC to adopt resolutions two and three. The delegates stood in a vote of appreciation to those who entertained the National Association.

MSC that the *Digest of Reports* be made available by 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon of the National Association and that those giving the reports to the convention not read them but make remarks relative to them.

A motion was made to have included in the reports of the boards a breakdown of the salaries of board employees. MSC to table the motion relating to the salaries of the employees of the various boards.

The final report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Rev. O. T. Dixon, chairman. In each case the nominee was elected.

MSC to give all retiring officers and members of standing boards a rising vote of appreciation for services rendered.

MSC that the convention stand adjourned. The convention was concluded with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds".

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Amsterdam, June, 1957

To the delegates of the Annual Convention of Free Will Baptists, U.S.A.

Dear Brethren,

The Free Will Baptists from Amsterdam, the Netherlands, send their Christian greetings to you, the Free Will Baptists in the United States.

The cradle of Free Will Baptist belief in all the world is in the town of Amsterdam and brings us to 1609 when John Smyth founded the first Baptist Church preaching free salvation, free grace, and free will. Today we stand for the same truth in this mission work. It was a pleasure to have two of your missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks, with us. We are looking forward to Brother Mooneyham who hopes to go with me for mission itineraries in The Netherlands and Spain.

May God Almighty help you in America and us in old Europe to preach the old-fashioned gospel *not* for the few, but for the many. Brethren, pray for us.

With Christian regards, in Christ unified,

JOHAN VISSER

COMMITTEES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Committee on Committees: Rev. Ralph Staten, Rev. Carl Vallance, Rev. Robert King, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. F. L. Chamberlin.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee: Rev. O. T. Dixon, Rev. E. M. Kennedy, Rev. W. J. Mishler, Rev. Julius Vause, Rev. Homer Nelson.

Resolutions Committee: Rev. George Waggoner, Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Robery Shockey, Rev. Everett Hellard, Rev. Dale Munkus.

Temperance Committee: Rev. Willard Day, Rev. Paul Woolsey, Rev. Bobby Jackson, Rev. Paul Kettelman, Rev. Eugene Waddell.

Placement Committee: Rev. Robert Picirilli, Rev. Louis Moulton, Rev. H. A. Pitts, Rev. Elvis Priest, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

Program Committee: Executive Secretary and Executive Committee.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee, submit the following report and recommendations:

1. That the body receive the reports of the following states and that their delegates be seated.
2. Whereas, a state association has been organized in Michigan, we recommend that the letter of Michigan State Association be received and their delegates seated.
3. Whereas, there has been a state association organized in Michigan, we recommend that the Liberty Association of Michigan unite with the Michigan State Association, thereby becoming affiliated with the National Association.
4. Whereas, the state association of Arizona is not represented in the body as a state organization; and

Whereas, the North Side Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona has reported by letter and fee of \$5.00; we recommend that the letter be received, thereby giving their standing delegates a voice in this body.

State	Number of Delegates	Number of Associations	Fee Paid
Alabama.....	9	13	\$65.00
Arkansas.....	14	11	65.00
California.....		4	30.00
Florida.....	39	7	45.00
Georgia.....	37	7	45.00
Illinois.....	8	3	5.00
Kentucky.....	6	7	45.00
Michigan.....	21	2	20.00
Mississippi.....	12	1	10.00
Missouri.....	48	10	60.00
North Carolina.....	35	11	65.00
New Mexico.....	2	1	5.00
Ohio.....	9	13	25.00
Oklahoma.....	33	15	85.00
South Carolina.....	13	8	50.00
Tennessee.....	26	2	20.00
Texas.....	15	7	45.00
Virginia.....	10	4	30.00
West Virginia.....	8	15	85.00

Committee:

BEN SCOTT, *Chairman*
A. J. LAMBERT
WILLIAM HILL

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS

Last year the report of this commission stated that Free Will Baptists had no chaplains on active duty with the armed forces. Today we are glad to report that in May our first chaplain was called to active duty with the Air Force. He is Lieut. J. B. Narron from North Carolina who is temporarily stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

We are trusting that Lieut. Narron is just the first of several who will go into this service ministry in the near future. Since the Air Force is a young branch of the service, the openings for chaplains are very few and it would be next to impossible to place another man there soon, but there are immediate openings in our quota for either the Army or Navy according to the NAE Commission on Chaplains which serves as our endorsing agency. We should mention that we also have a chaplain in the Army Reserve. He is Col. Chester Pelt, Marianna, Florida.

The educational requirements for the chaplaincy are 120 hours of undergraduate study in a recognized school and 90 hours of graduate study performed in a recognized theological school. We encourage those who can meet these and the age and physical requirements to investigate the opportunities of the chaplaincy. We shall be happy to counsel with them and provide information about any branch of the service.

The chaplaincy training program offers excellent opportunities for young men now in school to receive a commission and a call to active duty upon graduation. Under the seminary program, which is operated by all of the armed services, a student attends a recognized school and is commissioned upon graduation and called for a period of active duty. We would like to provide detailed information about a seminary appointment for those who may be interested.

Functioning as the Board of Ministerial Training, we have clarified the status of many of our missionary and ministerial students with their draft boards and thus made it possible for them to continue their training for Christian service. We urge your active interest in every phase of the work of this commission.

W. S. MOONEYHAM
MICHAEL PELT
BILLY MELVIN

REPORT OF STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Whereas, the Stewardship Commission has been presented with a bill dated March 22, 1954, from Curley Printing Co., in the amount of \$469.70,

Whereas, the major part of the bill is for the printing of the book *All of Mine for Him*, and

Whereas, there is no record of a sufficient number of sales of the book to pay the account, and,

Whereas, there is only a balance of \$23.39 in the Stewardship Commission account for the payment of the printing bill, and

Whereas, the sale of the remaining inventory of books has almost completely ceased, and,

Whereas, the Stewardship Commission has access to no funds with which to pay the account,

We hereby recommend that this account become the responsibility of the National Association of Free Will Baptists to be met out of the general funds of said association.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION
ROBERT B. CRAWFORD
ROBERT C. HILL

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee of National Association of Free Will Baptists, submit the following report. I Corinthians 9:25a, "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things."

We recommend that we commit ourselves to temperance:

1. In Bodily Appetites
 - a. by modest dress
 - b. by normal consumption of food
 - c. by total abstinence from all alcoholic beverages
 - d. by using habit-forming drugs only when necessary
 - e. by practising proper health habits
2. In Mental Activities
 - a. by guarding our thoughts
 - b. by carefully selecting our reading materials
 - c. by carefully selecting radio and television programs
 - d. by refraining from lust for positions and material possessions
3. In Social Activities
 - a. by refusing to patronize places which sell alcoholic beverages
 - b. by refraining from participation in questionable amusements
 - c. by indulging only in wholesome and constructive conversation

We further recommend that each Christian use his influence to promote temperance in these areas in the lives of others.

PAUL WOOLSEY, *Chairman*
 R. EUGENE WADDELL, *Secretary*
 BOBBY JACKSON
 PAUL JACK KETTEMAN
 JOHN CANSLER

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Whereas, the executive secretary made recommendations to the 1956 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists concerning the establishment of an Education Commission for the denomination, and

Whereas, the National Association brought into being a committee of five for further study and clarification of the area of activity of such a commission to report at this session of the National Association, and

Whereas, this committee has met twice to study through the recommendations, and

Whereas, both the president of Free Will Bible College and the president of Mt. Olive Junior College expressed belief that such a commission could serve no constructive purpose at this time, and

Whereas, we feel that there is no worthwhile contribution such a commission could make at this time;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That any matters relating to our national educational program be referred to the Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College.
2. That Free Will Baptist Bible College be directed to lend assistance to various state conventions or associations in the establishment of their educational program when called upon to do so by state associations and other groups.
3. And, finally, that the proposals relating to an Education Commission be rejected.

GEORGE W. WAGGONER
 RUFUS COFFEY
 JOSEPH G. ANGE
 THURMAN PATE
 CHARLES A. THIGPEN, *proxy*

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee, wish to submit the following resolutions:

- I. *Whereas*, the scope of activity of the Executive Department is not clearly understood, and

Whereas, we feel that it is necessary to more clearly establish the relationship of the Executive Department to other departments and boards of the National Association,
Therefore, be it resolved

1. That a committee consisting of the chairman of the eleven standing boards of the National Association be directed to study and interpret the duties of the Executive Department and report to the 1958 session of the National Association, such committee to meet and organize at its own discretion.
- II. Because the Billy Graham evangelistic campaigns are doing so much for the spiritual life of America and of the world,
 Be it resolved that this convention instruct the executive secretary to send a telegram to Billy Graham in New York assuring him of our prayers in his evangelistic efforts.
- III. Be it resolved that the National Association extend a rising vote of thanks to the Alabama State Association, to the Rev. Charles B. Craddock, and to all the committees who served, and to all other agencies and individuals which have made contributions in entertaining this convention.
 Be it further resolved that the clerk of this convention send letters of appreciation to the management of the Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel, the Chamber of Commerce, Commissioner J. A. Waggoner for their services and to the *Birmingham News* and the *Birmingham Post-Herald* for news coverage.

GEORGE W. WAGGONER, *chairman*
 WAYNE SMITH
 ROBERT SHOCKEY
 EVERETTE HELLARD
 DALE MUNKUS

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

We recommend the adoption of a total denominational budget of \$456,350 for 1958 as proposed by the following departments:

Superannuation.....	\$ 20,000
Home Missions.....	53,100
Foreign Missions.....	153,215
Sunday School.....	17,000
League.....	7,500
Executive Department.....	27,000
Bible College.....	178,535

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 the allocations be made according to the second column of figures:

Superannuation.....	4%	5%
Home Missions.....	14%	20%
Foreign Missions.....	30%	36%
Sunday School.....	4%	5%
League.....	3%	4%
Executive Department.....	24%	
Bible College.....	21%	30%

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

General Board:

South Carolina—Rev. Rufus Coffey
 Virginia—Rev. Billy Melvin
 Mississippi—Rev. Wilburn Beasley
 Illinois—Rev. W. T. Turnbough
 Kentucky—Rev. F. S. Vanhooose
 Tennessee—Rev. William Hill
 West Virginia—Rev. John M. Henson
 Ohio—Rev. Russell Milam
 Michigan—Mr. Carl Kilgore
 North Carolina—Rev. M. L. Johnson
 Alabama—Rev. A. J. Lambert
 Georgia—Mr. G. C. King
 Florida—Rev. W. B. Hughes

Vacancy on Bible College Trustee Board—1 Year Term. Mr. M. E. Howard

Home Mission Board—Rev. Harry E. Staires

Sunday School Board—Mr. Earl Smith

Foreign Mission Board—Rev. Rolla Smith to succeed himself, for term of five years.

To fill the vacancy, the board submits the name of Rev. Joe Ange.

Trustee of Headquarters Building—G. W. Hunt.

Superannuation Board—Rev. David W. Hansley

Board of Publication and Literature—Rev. Rufus Hyman

Master's Men—Dr. E. T. Burwell, five years; Rev. Robert Hill, four years; Francis Elliot, three years; Rev. Wayne Smith, two years; Ezra Walker, one year.

League Board—Rev. Robert Crawford.

General Officers:

Clerk—Rev. Dean Moore
 Assistant Clerk—Mr. John I. Morgan
 Moderator—Rev. Charles Thigpen
 Assistant Moderator—Rev. H. A. Pitts

COMMITTEE:

OTHEL DIXON, *Chairman*
 ERNEST M. KENNEDY, *Secretary*
 WILLIAM J. MISHLER
 JULIUS B. VAUSE

REPORT OF LAYMEN'S COMMITTEE

Free Will Baptists face no greater challenge than that of enlisting the hundreds of men who have their names on the rolls of our churches but who, at present, seem to have very little interest in any part of the program of the church or denomination.

The proper utilization of some 30,000 Free Will Baptist laymen in the Master's Men movement will accelerate the whole denominational program and increase the effectiveness of every local church. To enlist this host of men and utilize their talents and efforts for Christ is the challenge of our denomination's newest auxiliary, The Master's Men.

During the past 12 months, the National Laymen's Committee has promoted the organization of several chapters. The churches thus involved with local Master's Men Chapters, have reported a revival of interest among their men. Handbooks have been distributed to interested groups, charters have been prepared and issued to 53 chapters

in 18 states with an aggregate membership of nearly 1,000. *Attack*, the official publication of the Master's Men is printed and mailed to more than 1200 laymen and pastors each quarter. This pocket-size magazine has suggested monthly programs correlated with the denominational calendar, articles by laymen on the field, and devotional readings which have served to inspire many laymen to more efficient service to the Master and His Church.

Greater promotion is planned for the future. At present there are no paid salaries to any worker. However, the committee is praying for 500 new chapters before 1958. This will permit a qualified layman to offer his full services to the organization. With 10,000 men of our churches effectively enlisted in the promotion of Master's Men objectives, every phase of the church and denominational life will be magnified and strengthened.

This year, for the first time in the history of our denomination, laymen, their pastors and honored guests will meet for a layman's breakfast in the Terrace Room of the Tutwiler Hotel at 7:00 a.m. Definite plans will be made for a permanent subsidiary organization to the National Association. Reservations for the breakfast may be secured at the Master's Men display booth.

Local chapters of Master's Men are sponsoring the African truck project. Nearly half of the total purchasing price has already been received. Delegates and visitors to this convention are urged to contribute to this worthy project by placing your gifts in the large fishbowl at the Master's Men booth.

RESOLUTIONS

Realizing the spiritual manpower and the great potentialities of this laymen's movement, the committee submits the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. That a standing board of five members, three laymen and two ministers, to be known as the Laymen's Board, be elected by this body, and that the Nominating Committee be instructed to alternate the members of the board; to begin with the election of a layman for one year, a minister for two years, a layman for three years a minister for four years, and a layman for five years; and from next year on, each member be elected for a five year term, each expiring in that manner.
2. That Article VIII of the Constitution be amended as follows: by inserting "Laymen's Board" after the Board of Radio and Television in aforesaid Article VIII.
3. That every pastor encourage the organization of the Master's Men in his local church and that they affiliate with the national office.

Respectfully submitted,
 ROBERT HILL, *Chairman*
 O. T. DIXON, *Member*
 LUTHER GIBSON, *Member*

FINANCIAL REPORT, JANUARY 1—JULY 1, 1957

RECEIPTS

Charter memberships.....	\$789.00	
Handbook sales.....	112.20	
Gifts.....	2.00	
Accounts receivable.....	25.00	
Total receipts.....		\$928.20

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing.....	\$462.97	
Office supplies and help.....	64.50	
Photographic supplies.....	11.25	
Postage.....	41.27	
Accounts payable.....	38.16	
Total disbursements.....		\$618.15
Balance on hand.....		\$310.05

Respectfully submitted,
 ROBERT HILL
Chairman, Laymen's Committee

REPORT OF PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, your committee for the placement of the 1959 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, submit the following report:

Two invitations for the 1959 session were received: one from Asheville, North Carolina and one from Tulare, California. After considering carefully the two invitations and proposed accommodations, we make the following recommendations:

1. That this convention accept the invitation to Asheville, North Carolina and name that place as the site for the 1959 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.
2. That the clerk of this association express in writing our appreciation to the California State Association for their invitation and encourage them to invite us again.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT PICIRILLI, *Chairman*

ELVIS PRIEST

HAROLD PITTS

W. S. MOONEYHAM

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

1. Resolved, that Article IV of the Constitution of the National Association be amended by the addition of the words: "A church or churches in the state which have no higher organization in that state, and those whose higher organization is not affiliated with the National Association may represent directly to the National Association with one delegate and a fee of \$5.00."

(This proposed Constitutional change adopted.)

THE GENERAL BOARD

CHARLES A. THIGPEN, *Chairman*

THOMAS G. HAMILTON, *Clerk*

2. Resolved, That Article VIII of the Constitution be amended as follows: by inserting "Laymen's Board" after the Board of Radio and Television in aforesaid Article VIII.

(Proposed amendment adopted)

LAYMEN'S BOARD

ROBERT HILL, *Chairman*

O. T. DIXON

LUTHER GIBSON

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD

The General Board while in session at Birmingham, Alabama, July 15-16, 1957, heard the reports of the boards, departments, and commissions and received or adopted such reports, recommendations, and proposed budgets, excepting the Educational Committee and the Stewardship Commission which were not included in the reports to the General Board.

The General Board recommends the adoption of the following recommendations:

1. Be it resolved that the goals and plans of the various boards as incorporated into the "25th Anniversary Advance" program be approved with the prayer that not only these but greater goals which may be set by the boards may be reached for the glory of God.
2. Did not pass.
3. One of the great concerns of God's people is the enlistment of every Christian in full participation in the work of Christ's kingdom. It logically follows that where Christians are banded together as local churches, the churches in turn need to be banded together into district organizations, district organizations into state organizations, and state organizations into the National Association of Free Will Baptists. We need every unit of our organization enlisted and actively affiliated with its particular unit.

A survey of our work reveals that in several states which comprise the National Association there are many unaffiliated district bodies. We therefore recommend:

(1) In those states where there are unaffiliated district bodies, we earnestly urge and request that the state officers seek through personal contacts and with whatever other means might be at their disposal to secure the enlistment of these district bodies with the state organization.

(2) We further urge and request the officers of the unaffiliated district organizations to follow the same policy outlined for the state officers, with the purpose of bringing the district body into the state organization.

(3) In order to promote the fullest unity and fellowship among our people and the various units of our organization, we would like to offer the assistance of the National Association to counsel and assist in clearing up these situations, and urge our people to call on us for such aid.

(4) When and where such assistance is desired, we ask that the request be made through the executive secretary of the National Association who will then bring to the aid of these brethren any facility of the National Association.

4. Whereas, The General Board was appealed to, to hear the grievances and complaints of two groups within the Grand River Association of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, A special committee appointed from the General Board received a great mass of correspondence; the printed minutes of the actions of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists; of the Oklahoma State General Board of Free Will Baptists and of the two groups, each of which claim to be the Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists in Oklahoma; and

Whereas, They heard the personal testimonies of men representing the two aforesaid groups of the Grand River Association involved in the grievances of the aforesaid Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists; and

Whereas, In the light of the facts revealed by the aforesaid correspondence, the printed minutes of the various bodies, and the testimonies of the above mentioned groups; We, therefore recommend:

(1) That since each local Free Will Baptist Church is a sovereign body; therefore, the churches of the Grand River Association of Oklahoma Free Will Baptists, that have, or may vote to abide by the rulings of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists in this matter be declared and are herewith recognized as the legal Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists of Oklahoma.

(2) Since this matter has been handled by the constituent bodies of Free Will Baptists in Oklahoma; viz, the Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists and the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists according to Article VI of the Constitution of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, therefore, the action in the matter, by the State Association of Free Will Baptists of Oklahoma, is declared legal and is herewith approved.

(3) We would advise and counsel the legal and recognized Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists of Oklahoma, as designated and defined in recommendation one of this report, pay to the dissenting churches for their equity, a fair and equitable amount for the Grand River Association Camp Ground property. This amount to be determined by a committee of three, said committee to be mutually agreed upon by the aforesaid two groups, viz, the legal and recognized Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists and the dissenting churches.

5. Resolved, That Article IV, of the Constitution of the National Association be amended by the addition of the words: "A church or churches in the state which have no higher organization in that state, and those whose higher organization is not affiliated with the National Association may represent directly to the National Association with one delegate and a fee of \$5.00."

CHARLES A. THIGPEN, *Chairman*

THOMAS G. HAMILTON, *Clerk*

25TH ANNIVERSARY ADVANCE PROGRAM—1958-60

1958—*The Year of Evangelism and Missions*

Goals for revival crusades during March and April:

1. Personal soul-winning classes in the local churches in February
2. Issuing study course material and new gospel tracts
3. Goal of 10,000 enrolled in the training classes
4. Organization of practical work groups in local churches
5. Issuing instruction booklet for new converts
6. Revivals in 1,000 churches during March and April (promotional materials to be prepared by Home Mission Board)
7. Results of every revival reported to the national home mission office for tabulation

Foreign Mission Goals and Projects:

1. Opening new fields in Africa and Brazil
2. More mission volunteers—at least 8 for Africa and 6 for Japan
3. Budget increase to \$153,000—33% increase

Home Mission Goals and Projects:

1. Opening new home mission areas in Alaska and Mexico
2. Organization of new churches in metropolitan centers of Washington, D.C., and Denver, Colorado
3. Establish work in the following new states—Colorado, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Utah, Wyoming, and Montana
4. Budget increase to \$53,100—16½% increase

1959—*The Year of Enlistment*

Goals and Projects:

1. Enlistment of total church membership into various service auxiliaries of the church (Woman's Auxiliary, Master's Men, etc.)
2. Projects of League Board
 - a. Publication of Story Hour materials
 - b. Issuing General League Manual
 - c. *Free Will Baptist League Monthly* developed to quarterly magazine
 - d. Separate program quarterlies for senior and adult groups
 - e. A League organized in every church
 - f. Raise \$15,000 to furnish "Kitchen for College"
 - g. Each League reporting quarterly with 10 per cent of offerings
 - h. Employment of full-time promotional secretary
3. Projects of Sunday School Board
 - a. Employment of an executive secretary who shall be responsible with the Sunday School Board for the overall planning of the denominational Sunday School program
 - b. Furnishing of graded literature for lower departments
 - c. Placing of lesson outlines in hands of prospective writers for producing new and more up-to-date Sunday school lessons
 - d. Furnishing of personnel to conduct worker's conferences and clinics in local churches
 - e. Publishing of a monthly Sunday school magazine with helps for teachers and administrators
 - f. Setting up a teacher training program with a goal of 3,000 teachers and prospective teachers enrolled by 1960
4. Enlist every church and conference into affiliation with the national association
5. Denominational membership goal: 250,000

1960—*The Year of Stewardship*

Goals and Projects:

1. Stewardship study classes in local churches in February
2. Stewardship Sunday—March 13
3. 10,000 new tithers enlisted during the year
4. Denominational budget of \$750,000
5. 1,000 churches giving at least 10% through the Cooperative plan of support
6. Denominational Loyalty Sunday—October 2

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

The outline of this report will be as follows:

1. Report from the Registrar's Office
2. Report on Library
3. Report of Practical Work Department
4. Financial Report

REPORT FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE:

Total enrollment 1956-57	189
New students	89
Returnees	100

Enrollment by states:

North Carolina	47	West Virginia	4
Oklahoma	16	Florida	3
Alabama	15	New Mexico	3
Missouri	13	Ohio	2
Georgia	11	Iowa	1
Arkansas	10	Kentucky	1
Tennessee	10	Massachusetts	1
Texas	10	New Hampshire	1
Mississippi	8	New Jersey	1
Michigan	8	Oregon	1
Virginia	6	Pennsylvania	1
California	5	Cuba	1
South Carolina	5	Lebanon	1
Illinois	4	Total	189

Male students 124

Female students 65

Ministerial students 100

LIBRARY REPORT:

Books received as gifts	694
New books purchased	343
Used books purchased	461
Total	1,498
Magazines (subscriptions and gifts)	69
Accessioned books	5,159
Books not cataloged	700

PRACTICAL WORK DEPARTMENT:

This has been an outstanding year for the Practical Work Department. From the very beginning of school our students were impressed with the importance of praying much for the department as a whole and to pray particularly for their own group. This naturally resulted in our having many decisions for Christ. This has also produced a better spirit and attitude among the student body because of the soul-winning spirit among the students.

The department added two new places of service this year—Sewart Air Force Base and Nashville Rescue Mission. Expanded services were arranged at Jordon State Vocational Training School for Boys.

The statistics for the year are as follows:

September through May:

Number of persons dealt with.....	6,998
Number of decisions.....	2,114
Number of tracts distributed.....	46,187

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The gift income to the general fund for the current fiscal year is the largest in the history of the Bible College, the unofficial financial statement shows. This report covers an 11-months period since the date for closing the fiscal year was changed by action of the Board of Trustees.

In addition to general fund gifts of \$46,889.04 the improvement program receipts were \$15,692.21, making a total gift income of \$62,581.25.

Student income and miscellaneous income amounted to \$87,494.48, making a total general fund income of \$134,383.52.

Expenditures for the same 11-months period were \$123,917.72. The detailed report follows:

GIFTS BY STATES:

Alabama.....	\$ 2,756.84
Arizona.....	86.57
Arkansas.....	1,911.52
California.....	849.26
Colorado.....	30.00
Florida.....	1,343.75
Georgia.....	4,863.70
Illinois.....	2,046.47
Indiana.....	12.50
Kansas.....	31.00
Kentucky.....	1,096.62
Michigan.....	3,769.00
Mississippi.....	3,161.47
Missouri.....	5,743.13
Nebraska.....	6.59
New Mexico.....	122.43

North Carolina.....	\$11,739.36
Ohio.....	1,659.62
Oklahoma.....	2,031.45
Oregon.....	12.00
South Carolina.....	3,138.94
Tennessee.....	10,554.61
Texas.....	2,256.15
Virginia.....	1,759.70
West Virginia.....	428.79
W.N.A.C.....	764.04
Bible Conference Offerings.....	405.74
Total.....	\$62,581.25

Income: Improvement Program Gifts.....\$15,692.21

Income: General Fund

Gifts.....	\$46,889.04
Matriculation Fees.....	399.00
Registration Fees.....	3,787.50
Tuition.....	23,403.61
Activity Fees.....	1,515.00
Room.....	13,138.72
Board.....	32,219.18
Music Fees.....	1,810.50
Miscellaneous Fees.....	469.75
Library Gifts.....	423.20
Extension School Income.....	150.00
Miscellaneous Income.....	598.26
Bookstore Sales.....	9,574.76
Total.....	\$134,383.52

Expenditures:

Administrative Salaries.....	\$ 9,839.63
Teachers' Salaries.....	27,259.95
Office Salaries.....	6,548.75
Kitchen Salaries.....	7,769.96
Household Salaries.....	1,345.00
Janitor Salaries.....	2,337.50
Library Salaries.....	2,935.32
Maintenance Salaries.....	3,976.24
Maintenance and Repairs Expense.....	4,636.42
Travel Expense.....	742.73
School Supplies.....	128.54
Telephone Expense.....	1,446.11
Heat.....	3,171.79
Electricity.....	1,014.11
Water Bill.....	543.99

Laundry.....	\$ 140.88
Groceries.....	17,115.62
Household Supplies.....	510.37
Miscellaneous Expense.....	1,547.27
Honorarium.....	651.56
Printing.....	3,910.29
Insurance.....	1,714.34
Office Expense.....	2,641.83
Library Expense.....	1,951.72
Practical Work Department Expense.....	338.09
Board of Trustees Expense.....	783.09
Quartet and Choir Itinerary Expense.....	6,200.77
Employer Social Security Taxes.....	554.58
Bad Debts.....	33.33
Employee Hospitalization Insurance Expense.....	715.17
Kitchen Supplies.....	221.12
Music Department Expense.....	321.05
Bookstore Salaries and Expense.....	8,342.36
Additions to Fixed Assets.....	2,528.24
Total Expenditures.....	\$123,917.72

Assets:

Cash on Hand.....	\$ 350.00
Cash in Bank (General Fund).....	5,378.40
Improvement Program Bank Account.....	5,814.51
Accounts Receivable—Regular.....	1,249.71
Accounts Receivable—Improvement Program.....	10,887.90
Bookstore Inventory.....	1,365.10
Student Loan Fund—Bank Account.....	1,595.52
Student Special Project Fund.....	139.71
Land, Buildings, Equipment.....	200,914.89
Total Assets.....	\$227,695.74

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ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

The Board of Trustees
 Free Will Baptist Bible College
 Nashville, Tennessee

We have examined the balance sheet of Free Will Baptist Bible College as of May 31, 1957 and the related statements of income and expenses, and changes in fund balances for the period from July 1, 1956 to May 31, 1957.

It was not practicable for us to confirm the amount of gifts from the respective donors. With this exception our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, subject to the qualification indicated in the preceding paragraph, the accompanying balance sheet and statements of income and expenses, and changes in fund balances present fairly the financial position of Free Will Baptist Bible College at May 31, 1957 and the results of its operations for the period from July 1, 1956 to May 31, 1957, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Nashville, Tennessee
 June 16, 1957

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE
BALANCE SHEET

May 31, 1957
 ASSETS

Current funds:

Cash.....		\$ 5,728.40
Accounts receivable:		
Students.....	\$ 633.71	
Teachers and others.....	616.00	1,249.71
Book store inventory, at cost.....		1,365.10
Due from building fund.....		10,887.90
Total current funds.....		19,231.11
Student loan fund:		
Cash.....		1,595.52
Student special project fund:		
Cash.....		139.71
Building fund:		
Cash.....		5,814.51
Investment in plant, at cost:		
Land.....	\$ 23,450.00	
Buildings and improvements.....	131,943.08	
Equipment, furniture and fixtures.....	45,521.81	200,914.89
		<u>\$227,695.74</u>

LIABILITIES

<i>Current funds:</i>	
Accounts payable.....	\$ 4,719.75
Employees' payroll deductions.....	337.38
Students' credit balances.....	165.91
Accrued payroll taxes.....	60.38
Fund balance.....	13,947.69
Total current funds.....	\$ 19,231.11
<i>Student loan fund:</i>	
Fund balance.....	1,595.52
<i>Student special project fund:</i>	
Fund balance.....	139.71
<i>Building fund:</i>	
Due to current fund.....	\$ 10,887.90
Fund balance (deficit).....	(5,073.39)
	5,814.51
<i>Investment in plant:</i>	
Fund balance.....	200,914.89
	\$227,695.74

Note. The College is contingently liable as guarantor on notes payable by students in the aggregate amount of \$2,124.62 at May 31, 1957.

BUDGET FOR 1957-58

June 1, 1957—May 31, 1958

INCOME

<i>Gifts:</i>	
General Fund.....	\$ 85,000.00
Library Gifts.....	500.00
Miscellaneous Income.....	500.00
<i>Student Income:</i>	
Matriculation Fees.....	400.00
Registration Fees.....	4,070.00
Tuition.....	25,350.00
Activity Fees.....	2,000.00
Room.....	14,108.00
Board.....	34,207.00
Music Fees.....	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Fees.....	400.00
Bookstore Sales.....	10,000.00
Total.....	\$178,535.00

EXPENSES

Administrative Salaries.....	\$ 18,400.00
Teachers' Salaries.....	34,820.00
Office Salaries.....	7,460.00
Kitchen Salaries.....	9,525.00
Household Salaries.....	1,545.00
Salary Supplements.....	1,850.00
Library Salaries.....	3,704.00
Maintenance Salaries.....	8,575.00
Maintenance and Repairs.....	10,000.00
Travel Expense.....	1,500.00

School Supplies.....	\$ 500.00
Telephone.....	1,800.00
Heat.....	4,000.00
Electricity.....	1,500.00
Water Bill.....	600.00
Laundry.....	150.00
Groceries.....	18,000.00
Household Supplies.....	900.00
Miscellaneous Expense.....	2,500.00
Honorarium.....	1,200.00
Printing.....	4,500.00
Insurance.....	2,000.00
Office Expense.....	3,500.00
Library Expense.....	2,500.00
Bookstore Purchases.....	8,000.00
Practical Work Department Expense.....	600.00
Board of Trustees Expense.....	1,200.00
Quartet and Choir Itinerary Expense.....	6,500.00
Employer's Social Security Taxes.....	700.00
Music Department Expense.....	500.00
Hospitalization Insurance—Employees.....	800.00
Kitchen Supplies.....	500.00
Additions to Fixed Assets.....	6,000.00
Contingency Fund.....	10,000.00
Total.....	\$175 829 00

SUGGESTED STATE QUOTAS

June 1, 1957—May 31, 1958

Alabama.....	\$ 3,875.00
Arkansas.....	2,750.00
California.....	5,000.00
Florida.....	875.00
Georgia.....	7,500.00
Illinois.....	2,850.00
Kentucky.....	1,275.00
Michigan.....	4,750.00
Mississippi.....	3,425.00
Missouri.....	6,250.00
North Carolina.....	16,000.00
Ohio.....	2,750.00
Oklahoma.....	3,000.00
South Carolina.....	4,000.00
Tennessee.....	12,750.00
Texas.....	2,725.00
Virginia.....	2,975.00
West Virginia.....	1,000.00
W.N.A.C.....	750.00
Miscellaneous.....	500.00
Total.....	\$85,000.00

IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

July 1, 1956—May 31, 1957

Bank balance July 1, 1956.....	\$ 122.30
Gifts.....	15,692.21
Borrowed from General Fund.....	10,887.90
Total.....	\$26,702.41

Expenditures:

Payment for Dunbar property.....	\$15,000.00
Expenses of campaign, etc.....	5,887.90
	<u>20,887.90</u>
Bank Balance May 31, 1957.....	\$ 5,814.51

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

January 1, 1956—December 31, 1956

Mark 16:15—"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and *preach* the gospel to every creature."

The theme of this National Convention is certainly in keeping with our Foreign Mission Program. May we, from the very outset, realize that the scope of our preaching must be extended to every creature. Even though we are far from fulfilling the "Great Commission", we have every reason to rejoice for the blessings of the Lord upon our Foreign Mission work during the last year.

AFRICA

Through the cooperation of The Christian and Missionary Alliance and The Evangelical Federation of Africa, a large territory in the Ivory Coast of French West Africa has been assigned to our Foreign Mission Board. This field, known as the Bondoukou Circle, is composed of 185,000 men, women and children who are without the gospel. As of August 2, 1956 this area became the sole responsibility of Free Will Baptists.

To properly minister to these people we will need to build four (4) mission stations which will cost at least \$10,000 each. We will need at least sixteen missionaries, including doctors and nurses to carry on an effective witness. There is very little medical care for the people. There is nothing in the north, but in the southern portion African male nurses have been placed in a very few of the more strategic villages. These nurses only dispense medicines. There are no hospital facilities whatsoever.

There are two areas where the language is unwritten. This means we will need missionaries with a good educational background and of the studious type who can be content with continuous study and concentration. When we realize that these two couples will probably be the ones entrusted with the responsibility of translating God's Word into those languages there it is easy to foresee the need for extreme care in the choice of these candidates.

As of this date, four missionaries have been approved for this new field. They are Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks and Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Merkh. The Sparks are now in Switzerland in language school while the Merkh's are scheduled to sail from New York this July 31. Also, there are other candidates in training whom the Lord seems to be leading toward Africa. Please pray that laborers may be sent, pleasing to the Lord of the harvest.

We would be most unkind if we did not express our gratitude here for the splendid way in which our people have responded to the needs of our first missionaries to Africa. The gifts that have come in for the Sparks' and Merkh's account have been gratifying indeed. May the Lord bless each of you for every contribution. We trust that as other missionaries are approved and sent that you will equally respond.

We also wish to express our thanks to the "Master's Men" for sponsoring the truck project for Africa. We still need about \$2,500 to complete this project. Also we will need to buy a jeep for the Sparks. Please pray that God will supply these needs. Then too, there is the money needed to build the stations. We are hoping that perhaps some of the auxiliaries of our Church will adopt one of the stations in Africa as a Special Project. Also, we hope to challenge one hundred business men in our denomination to give \$100 each to build one of the stations. It would be a grand thing if sufficient funds and pledges would come in during this Convention to assure us of a new mission station in Africa. Visit the Foreign Mission booth and make your pledge today.

During the Annual Meeting of the Foreign Mission Board the Promotional Secretary-Treasurer was authorized to accompany the vehicles and missionary's equipment to Africa and assist in getting the first missionaries set up. Please pray for Africa and help us with these many needs.

CUBA

Each year the Lord seems to increase his Blessings upon our work in Cuba. Since our last National Convention some of our pastors and workers from the states have visited in Cuba and in every case they bring glowing reports of the progress of the work. Even though the past year has been one of political unrest and bloodshed, and even now a revolution is brewing, yet the hand of the Lord has been clearly seen as he continues to direct.

We were happy to share one of our best Cuban preachers in the person of Melitino, with the Home Mission Board. Melitino is now pastoring the newly organized Spanish Free Will Baptist Church in the City of Miami, Florida.

There were three (3) graduates from our mission school in Cuba this year who will be going into full time Christian service. At this time we have eight (8) American Missionaries and twenty-two (22) National workers on the payroll in Cuba.

Just recently the board authorized Mr. and Mrs. William Travis from Texas to go to Cuba to replace Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie during their furlough. While there Mr. Travis hopes to get a chicken farm in operation as sponsored by the Purina Company. Please pray that this experiment may prove successful. Such a project could be a real blessing to our school and also to the people in general.

Following is a report on the Temples Project in Cuba:

EXPENDITURES ON TEMPLES	
Temple in Jibacoa.....	\$ 2,900.00 (Completed)
Temple in Vinales.....	2,128.55 (Completed)
Temple in San Juan:	
Pastor's House.....	\$1,606.16
Foundation, Temple.....	237.58
Property in La Lisa.....	1,843.74
Property and Foundation, Jaruce.....	1,493.00
	<u>3,050.00</u>
	\$11,415.29
Repairs on small Chapels.....	361.48
	<u>\$11,776.77</u>

INDIA

Even though India remains to be one of the greatest mission fields in the world it is becoming more and more difficult to obtain visas for American missionaries to enter. Once again we have been refused visas, this time for Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson, whom we had hoped could enter to replace Miss Laura Belle Barnard. Since it seems we will not be permitted a replacement for Miss Barnard, please pray that she may have the mind of Christ in knowing whether or not to return for another term. Also, please pray for the entire personnel in India as they make whatever adjustments are necessary to properly staff our stations.

Miss Volena Wilson expects to return to India in September. Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna are scheduled to leave India in November for their first furlough home. Please pray that these may have safety in travel.

Many blessings have come to each of our stations in India during the last year and as far as we know each of our missionaries there is enjoying good health and rendering an effective witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

JAPAN

With her 147,690 square miles and approximately 90 million people crowded into an area about the size of California is a great mission field today. Our four missionaries who are there now are making progress with the language and already we have four established meeting places. They are Abashiri, Bihoro, Koshimizu, and Meguro. (Meguro is in Tokyo.) We trust that each of these meetings in time will grow into an indigenous church. Already we have some young men who are interested in going to Bible School to train for the ministry.

We hope to send at least two more couples to Japan within the next year.

During the past year Bro. Wesley Calvery underwent an appendectomy but has fully recovered and is back at his post of duty.

We now have a very fine set of colored slides on Japan which show the country in general as well as the work of our missionaries. These are available to churches on a Free Will offering basis.

BRAZIL

Even though we do not have missionaries in Brazil we are in touch with Evangelical leaders there along with a language school. Also, authorization has been given by the board to make a survey of Brazil with the thought in mind of receiving an assigned territory. Some of our missionary candidates are preparing for this field. We hope that by the convening of the 1958 session of the National Association that we will have our first missionary team in Brazil. Please pray with us to that end.

BOARD MEETINGS

The annual Meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions was held in Nashville, Tennessee on April 30 and May 1, 1957. All members of the board were present, and even though we had a lengthy agenda with many important items, we had a very harmonious session. The entire minutes of this annual meeting are available to any member of the National Association upon request.

Also, the Board of Foreign Missions held their semi-annual meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, October 10, 1956 with all members present.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We, your board of Foreign Missions, submit the attached proposed budget and suggested state quotas for the year of 1958. The proposed budget includes sufficient funds to employ a full time field man to work in the interest of foreign missions. We recommend the adoption of said budget and suggested state quotas.

MISSIONARY FILMS

We appreciate so much the response from our people in ordering our missionary films. We expect to enlarge the film library and offer you such films that will keep alive the missionary spirit in our churches. We have recently received some very fine footage from Dan Cronk in India. As soon as possible we hope to have our own sound film of our work in India.

ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

The Annual Missionary Conference to be held at the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, is scheduled to begin on Tuesday night, October 8.

SUMMARY SHEET

In addition to our auditors report for 1956 we also herewith submit a summary of our financial report for the first five months of 1957, also a financial statement from our Cuban mission field.

May God's richest of blessings rest upon each one who has made this report possible.

Prayerfully submitted,
RAYMOND RIGGS
Promotional Secretary-Treasurer

Board Members:

MARK LEWIS, Chairman
J. W. ALFORD, Vice-chairman
J. REFORD WILSON, Recording Secretary
ROLLA SMITH, Member

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

The Board of Foreign Missions of the
National Association of Free Will Baptists:

We have examined the statement of cash in bank and fund equities of the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists as of December 31, 1956 and the related statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended.

It was not practicable for us to confirm the amount of contributions from the respective donors. With this exception our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, subject to the qualification indicated in the preceding paragraph, the accompanying statements of cash in bank and fund equities and cash receipts and disbursements present the cash position of the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists at December 31, 1956 and the results of its cash transactions for the year then ended.

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL AND COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants

Nashville, Tennessee
January 21, 1957

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS STATEMENT OF CASH IN BANK AND FUND EQUITIES

December 31, 1956

Cash in bank.....	\$15,913.08
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FUND EQUITIES

Unexpended funds:

General fund.....	\$4,197.18
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....	749.34
Rev. Daniel R. Cronk.....	847.35
Trula Cronk.....	796.19
Laura Belle Barnard.....	63.62
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie.....	26.36
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.....	105.81
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey.....	18.00
Mrs. Harold Stevens.....	153.03
Volena Wilson.....	926.50
Lucy Wisehart.....	1,173.25

Wanda Edwards.....	\$1,509.13	
Esther Ruehle.....	662.75	
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey.....	201.25	
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey, Jr.....	588.11	
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks.....	3,347.17	
Chapels for Cuba.....	388.35	
Miscellaneous book sales.....	209.69	
Total fund equities.....		<u>\$15,913.08</u>

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

Year ended December 31, 1956

Cash in bank, January 1, 1956.....	\$ 12,246.88
Receipts.....	<u>102,628.65</u>
Total to be accounted for.....	<u>\$114,875.53</u>

Disbursements:

Foreign Missions:

Africa.....	\$ 3,048.80
Cuba.....	41,407.80
India.....	23,876.39
Japan.....	<u>9,428.98</u>
	<u>\$77,761.97</u>

Travel and promotional expenses:

Board members.....	\$ 498.00
Itinerary work.....	3,019.33
Tracts and books.....	393.92
Films and supplies.....	793.15
Automobile.....	880.10
Promotional Secretary.....	<u>322.13</u>
	<u>5,906.63</u>

Administrative expenses:

Promotional Secretary's salary.....	\$5,000.00
Promotional Secretary's housing allowance..	225.00
Office salaries.....	2,396.08
Receptionist's salary.....	229.68
Office supplies and equipment rental.....	680.22
Postage.....	1,686.02
Printing.....	4,223.72
Utilities.....	551.82
Evangelical Foreign Mission Association dues	142.50
Accounting fees.....	92.75
Miscellaneous.....	<u>66.06</u>
	<u>15,293.85</u>

Total disbursements.....	<u>98,962.45</u>
Cash in bank, December 31, 1956.....	<u>\$ 15,913.08</u>

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

Year ended December 31, 1956

Contributions applied on state quotas:

General.....	\$65,594.36
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....	3,675.39
Rev. Daniel R. Cronk.....	1,997.32
Trula Cronk.....	1,874.99
Laura Belle Barnard.....	167.76
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie.....	469.02
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.....	1,262.63
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas N. Willey.....	63.00
Mrs. Harold Stevens.....	1,831.83
Volena Wilson.....	2,572.06
Miss Lucy Wisehart.....	3,091.43
Miss Wanda Edwards.....	6.00
Miss Esther Ruehle.....	647.75
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey.....	4,102.44
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey, Jr.....	2,108.24
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks.....	5,652.65
Cuba.....	<u>5.00</u>

Total contributions applied on state quotas..... \$ 95,121.87

Contributions not applied on state quotas:

India Visual Aid.....	789.96
Chapels for Cuba.....	5,901.99
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....	80.00
General fund.....	<u>39.08</u>

Total contributions not applied on state quotas..... 6,811.03

Other Receipts:

Sale of books.....	<u>695.75</u>
Total cash receipts.....	<u>\$102,628.65</u>

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
SCHEDULE OF STATE QUOTAS AND AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED THERETO

Year ended December 31, 1956

State	Quota	Contributions Received	Over Quota	Under Quota
Alabama.....	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,638.06	\$ 38.06	—
Arkansas.....	2,600.00	2,896.22	296.22	—
California.....	2,600.00	1,490.73	—	\$ 1,109.27
Florida.....	1,600.00	1,590.12	—	9.88
Georgia.....	3,500.00	3,902.40	402.40	—
Illinois.....	3,600.00	3,488.74	—	111.26
Kentucky.....	1,900.00	1,456.10	—	443.90
Maine.....	300.00	102.00	—	198.00
Michigan.....	12,000.00	13,199.33	1,199.33	—
Mississippi.....	1,600.00	1,170.22	—	429.78

Missouri.....	9,900.00	7,100.51	—	2,799.49
Nebraska.....	100.00	40.74	—	59.26
New Mexico.....	200.00	187.13	—	12.87
North Carolina.....	18,000.00	24,085.92	6,085.92	—
Ohio.....	2,500.00	2,791.23	291.23	—
Oklahoma.....	6,000.00	4,722.45	—	1,277.55
South Carolina.....	3,800.00	5,620.52	1,820.52	—
Tennessee.....	8,000.00	8,639.51	639.51	—
Texas.....	3,500.00	2,244.62	—	1,255.38
Virginia.....	3,100.00	4,287.99	1,187.99	—
West Virginia.....	2,500.00	1,443.66	—	1,056.34
Miscellaneous (Note).....	3,300.00	2,023.67	—	1,276.33
Totals.....	<u>\$93,200.00</u>	<u>\$95,121.87</u>	<u>\$11,961.18</u>	<u>\$10,039.31</u>

Notes: Receipts on behalf of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention totaled \$1,889.04, of which \$1,276.82 was credited to state quotas. Undesignated receipts coming through the Cooperative Plan of Support totaled \$8,687.55.

FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION BOARD NON-LEDGER ASSETS

December 31, 1956

	Cost	Cost Less Depreciation
<i>Office furniture and fixtures:</i>		
Office desks.....	\$ 140.00	
Desk chairs.....	30.00	
Combination chair and settee set.....	138.65	
Typewriter.....	175.00	
Adding machine.....	75.00	
Office safe.....	85.00	
Filing cabinet.....	132.00	
Electric fan.....	35.00	
Display table.....	21.75	
Display stand.....	54.00	
Total.....	<u>\$ 886.40</u>	
Depreciation on furniture and fixtures.....	<u>147.76</u>	\$ 738.64
<i>Motion picture equipment:</i>		
Ampro projector.....	\$ 265.66	
Screen and case.....	30.83	
Craig projecto editor.....	47.70	
Viewflex projector and case.....	57.99	
Argus C3 camera.....	46.00	
Films.....	1,556.44	
Total.....	<u>\$2,004.62</u>	
Depreciation on motion picture equipment.....	<u>334.17</u>	1,670.45
<i>Automobiles:</i>		
1955 Chevrolet station wagon.....	\$2,157.00	
Depreciation on automobile.....	<u>898.77</u>	1,258.23
Total non-ledger assets.....		<u>\$3,667.32</u>

Special Note: There is on deposit at the Third National Bank, 4304 Charlotte Ave., Nashville, Tennessee, in Savings Account the following funds:

Repatriation Fund.....	\$5,000.00
Expansion Fund.....	570.95
Total.....	<u>\$5,570.95</u>
Loan to Cuba, April 13, 1956.....	<u>\$2,000.00</u>

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS—1958

Foreign Missions	1958	Totals
Africa.....	\$39,900.00	
Cuba.....	38,660.00	
India.....	19,000.00	
Japan.....	9,000.00	
South America.....	4,200.00	
Repatriation Reserve and Expansion.....	13,177.50	\$123,937.50
<i>Administrative</i>		
Salaries.....	13,300.00	
Receptionist.....	250.00	
Office and Mailing Supplies.....	500.00	
Postage.....	2,112.50	
Housing Allowance.....	1,200.00	
EFMA Dues.....	142.00	
Printing, Stationery, etc.....	3,700.00	
Books, Tracts, etc.....	350.00	
Utilities (Telephone, Heat, Lights).....	283.00	
Withholding Tax and Social Security.....	750.00	
Miscellaneous.....	340.00	22,927.50
<i>Travel and Promotional</i>		
Board Members Travel Expense.....	500.00	
Station Wagon.....	600.00	
Promotional Secretary-Treasurer—Travel.....	600.00	
Itinerate Expense.....	4,000.00	
Films and Supplies.....	650.00	6,350.00
		<u>\$153,215.00</u>

SUGGESTED STATE QUOTAS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS—1958

Alabama.....	\$ 4,500.00
Arizona.....	300.00
Arkansas.....	4,500.00
California.....	4,200.00
Florida.....	3,000.00
Georgia.....	5,000.00
Illinois.....	5,500.00
Kentucky.....	3,500.00
Maine.....	300.00
Michigan.....	20,000.00
Mississippi.....	3,000.00
Missouri.....	12,000.00
New Mexico.....	300.00
North Carolina.....	30,000.00
Ohio.....	5,100.00
Oklahoma.....	7,800.00
South Carolina.....	6,500.00
Tennessee.....	12,000.00
Texas.....	5,500.00
Virginia.....	6,000.00
West Virginia.....	4,500.00
Miscellaneous.....	9,715.00
	<u>\$153,215.00</u>

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

January 1, 1957—June 1, 1957

CASH IN BANK JANUARY, 1957.....\$15,913.08

RECEIPTS

January.....	\$ 7,930.39
February.....	8,677.06
March.....	11,768.67
April.....	10,605.76
May.....	13,818.71
	<u>52,800.59</u>

\$68,713.67

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Missions.....	\$30,780.94
Travel and Promotional.....	2,972.35
Administrative Expense.....	7,063.36
Exchange and Refunds.....	954.00
	<u>41,770.65</u>

CASH IN BANK JUNE 1, 1957.....\$26,943.02

STATE QUOTAS

State	Quota	Paid	Balance
Alabama.....	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 968.90	\$ 1,831.10
Arkansas.....	2,800.00	1,687.69	1,112.31
California.....	2,800.00	475.85	2,324.15
Florida.....	1,800.00	1,327.87	472.13
Georgia.....	3,700.00	1,087.61	2,612.39
Illinois.....	4,000.00	2,003.45	1,996.55
Kentucky.....	2,100.00	321.00	1,779.00
Maine.....	300.00	100.00	200.00
Michigan.....	14,300.00	5,660.95	8,639.05
Mississippi.....	1,700.00	477.86	1,222.14
Missouri.....	10,300.00	4,157.57	6,142.43
Nebraska.....	100.00	—	100.00
New Mexico.....	200.00	134.16	65.84
North Carolina.....	20,250.00	14,023.96	6,226.04
Ohio.....	2,900.00	2,076.03	823.97
Oklahoma.....	6,500.00	2,711.41	3,788.59
South Carolina.....	4,100.00	2,389.35	1,710.65
Tennessee.....	9,100.00	4,123.93	4,976.07
Texas.....	3,600.00	1,792.25	1,807.75
Virginia.....	3,600.00	2,651.72	948.28
West Virginia.....	2,700.00	522.05	2,177.95
Miscellaneous.....	3,565.00	1,299.28	2,265.72
	<u>\$103,215.00</u>	<u>\$49,992.89</u>	<u>\$53,222.11</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION

PINAR DEL RIO, CUBA

June 1, 1956—June 1, 1957

Cash on Hand, June 1, 1956.....	\$ 34.25
Cash in Bank, General.....	5.53
Cash in Bank, Dormitory.....	106.41
Cash in Bank, Temples.....	1,000.00
	<u>\$ 1,146.19</u>

RECEIPTS

Mission Board, General.....	\$34,755.18
Temples.....	5,755.00
Printing Press Building.....	349.10
Tommy Willey's House.....	600.00
	<u>\$41,459.28</u>

Gifts.....	\$ 2,325.69
Gifts, Printing Press Building.....	245.00
Gifts, House.....	200.00
Sales of Fruit.....	143.07
Books and Quotas, Students.....	109.57
	<u>3,123.33</u>
	<u>\$45,728.80</u>

EXPENSES

Food (School).....	\$ 1,838.37
Salaries, American Missionaries (See Separate Sheet)....	6,207.22
Salaries, Cuban Workers (See Separate Sheet).....	16,492.80
Rent (9 Churches).....	3,115.00
Hospitalization (Average of \$2.25 Monthly for All Personnel).....	1,061.42
Repairs on Equipment.....	1,204.66
Gas and Oil.....	1,128.48
General Maintenance.....	835.52
Fuel.....	187.92

Buildings:

Tommy Willey's House.....	\$2,460.00
Repair Girl's Dormitory.....	155.63
Calf Shed.....	51.00
Tool House.....	375.00
General Repair.....	502.77
	<u>3,544.40</u>

Temples:

Vinales.....	\$1,222.96
San Juan.....	1,414.11
La Lisa.....	1,493.00
Jaruce.....	1,850.00
Tirita.....	75.00
Repairs.....	286.48
	<u>6,341.55</u>

Animal Feed.....	1,452.13
Farm Expense.....	97.20
Passage.....	235.34
Office Expense.....	149.02
Printing.....	47.17
School Supplies.....	53.75
Taxes.....	58.57
Piano Tuning.....	60.00
Lawn Mower.....	70.00
Typewriter and Repairs.....	67.65
Moving of Worker.....	20.00
Medicine.....	24.27
Miscellaneous.....	75.73
Convention Expense.....	132.54
Children's Camp.....	87.80
Bank Charges.....	77.61
	<u>\$44,666.12</u>

BALANCE SHEET
FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION
PINAR DEL RIO, CUBA

June 1, 1957

Cash on Hand, June 1, 1957.....	\$ 43.00
Cash in Bank, General.....	12.13
Cash in Bank, Temples.....	413.45
Cash in Bank, Printing Press Building.....	594.10
	<u>\$ 1,062.68</u>
Equipment.....	10,455.00
Buildings and Property.....	24,500.00
Livestock.....	2,000.00
Total Net Worth.....	<u>\$38,017.68</u>

EXPENDITURES ON TEMPLES

Temple in Jibacoa.....	\$ 2,900.00 (Completed)
Temple in Vinales.....	2,128.55 (Completed)
Temple in San Juan:	
Pastor's House.....	\$1,606.16
Foundation, Temple.....	237.58
Property in La Lisa.....	1,493.00
Property and Foundation, Jaruce.....	3,050.00
	<u>\$11,415.29</u>
Repairs on Small Chapels.....	361.48
	<u>\$11,776.77</u>

EDITH PHENICIE, *Bookkeeper*

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD

Missions travel on a two-way street. America must be won to Christ if the world is to be evangelized. We cannot wait till all of America is won before we give the message to the rest of the world, but we cannot neglect America as we seek to give the gospel to any portion of the world. The major support of evangelical missions around the world comes from North America, therefore, we must undergird our missionary program by establishing new churches at home, promoting stewardship, enlisting missionaries, and winning our neighbors to Christ. The best way to gird ourselves for victorious service on the foreign field is to strengthen the home base. More churches at home means more money with which to support our other fields of service. More churches at home will mean more young men and women for our schools, and more missionaries for the home and foreign field.

The home mission field is all of Alaska, Canada, the United States and Mexico. Our challenge is to evangelize this vast population of 220 million souls.

During the past year we have supported the following missionaries:

UNITED STATES

Nebraska—Rev. and Mrs. George C. Lee, Jr.....	8 months
Washington-Oregon—Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Postlewaite.....	12 months
Florida—Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong.....	3 months
Rev. and Mrs. Melitino Martinez.....	(new)
Texas—Miss Bessie Yeley.....	12 months

MEXICO

Rev. and Mrs. James E. Timmons.....	12 months
Sr. Juan Lopez.....	(new)

Gifts have been made to the following missions and churches:

1. Springfield, Missouri
2. Thealka, Kentucky
3. Lyndona, Pennsylvania
4. Camden, Arkansas
5. Freewater, Oregon
6. Missions in Old Mexico

The Board of Home Missions has published several thousand newsletters, thousands of tracts, and answered hundreds of inquiries. New tracts published this year are: "When God Taught Me to Give", "Move That Letter", "Who Are These Free Will Baptists?", and "Our Witness in the Homeland".

The promotional secretary-treasurer has visited churches in the following states and countries: North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Missouri, Kentucky, Nebraska, Florida, Alabama, West Virginia, Arkansas, Michigan, Louisiana and Old Mexico. Time has not permitted him to visit other states. The Lord willing he will visit the other states, where we have work before the next National Association meeting. He has found a warm welcome in every state, and feels that our people have a new interest in the National Home Mission program.

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board has met twice since our last report; first at Berkeley City, Missouri and then in Nashville, Tennessee. At the meeting in Berkeley City, Rev. Homer E. Willis was employed as Promotional-Secretary-Treasurer of the Board to replace Rev. Damon C. Dodd who had resigned. Mr. Willis was employed with a salary of \$5,200.00 per year, with the understanding that out of this salary he pay his own house expense, utilities, etc., and that *all* monies he received for services be put into the Home Mission treasury. He assumed the duties of the office November 1, 1956. At the Nashville meeting a motion was passed which will now make all future contracts with the missionaries on a one year basis instead of a three year contract.

OUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

1. Establish churches in all States where we have no churches.
2. Establish churches in Washington, D.C., Denver, Colorado, and other large cities (We have work in only 1 out of 5 cities in the U.S.)
3. Begin work in Alaska.
4. Work with the group of Free Will Baptists in Nova Scotia, Canada.
5. Send other missionaries into Old Mexico.
6. Increase our Spanish Missions in the U.S. (There are 3,000,000 Spanish speaking peoples in the U.S., more than half of whom have no church connections.)
7. Seek to establish a missionary rest home.
8. Seek to establish missions for the Jews in the United States.
9. Seek to establish medical mission work in neglected areas.
10. Use the newly purchased tent for revival and extension work in new fields.

Our proposed budget for the next year is \$53,100.00. An increase of 16½% over the budget of 1957. We sincerely urge our churches to include the National Home Mission Department in their budgets.

The following quotation from the Fifty-second annual report of the Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board given at Boston in 1886 to the Old General Conference, still is true today.

"Thousands of our young people have gone in the past from their country homes and churches to be lost to us as a people for the reason that when they went to the city they could not find the people of their choice and have sought homes in other folds."

There is an alarming tendency in our connection at this time to use home mission money in the bounds of our already established and strong work. If this continues, it will mean that the states with Free Will Baptist strength will continue to increase, but it will also mean that where the work is most needed, there will be no finances with which to send workers, or organize churches. We must increase our support of the National Home Mission program if we are to get churches in new areas. In other words, the strong conferences, and churches, must help in establishing churches in places, other than their own cities, or districts, if we are to see the denomination grow and develop in all sections of North America.

In closing may we say in the words of Psalm 103:1—"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

H. E. WILLIS
Promotional Secretary-Treasurer

Board Members

H. E. STAIRES, *Chairman*
WILLARD C. DAY, *Vice-Chairman*
R. H. JACKSON
H. E. HILL
J. B. BLOSS, *Honorary Member*

BALANCE SHEET

September 30, 1956

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash in bank.....\$ 241.18
Accounts receivable.....310.27
Inventory—at cost.....1,491.70

Total current assets.....\$2,043.15

Fixed Assets (At Cost)

Office furniture and equipment.....\$1,235.21
Station wagon (Note).....2,386.75

Total fixed assets.....3,621.96

Total assets.....5,665.11

LIABILITIES, DESIGNATED FUNDS AND FUND BALANCE

Current Liabilities

Note payable—First American National Bank (Note)....\$ 912.00
Accounts payable.....1,836.59

Total current liabilities.....2,748.59

Designated Funds

Miss Bessie Yeley Fund.....\$ 27.16
Memorial Fund.....102.50

Total designated funds.....129.66

Fund Balance.....2,786.86

Total liabilities, designated funds and fund balance.....\$5,665.11

Note: The note payable to the First American National Bank, Nashville, Tennessee is a note made by Damon C. Dodd, secretary of the Home Mission Board, payable \$92.00 per month and is secured by a chattel mortgage on a 1955 Plymouth station wagon.

McINTYRE AND ASSOCIATES
Certified Public Accountants
Nashville, Tennessee

STATE QUOTA RECEIPTS

For the period beginning January 1, 1956 and ended September 30, 1956

	Received	Quota	Over (Under) Quota
Alabama.....	\$ 1,098.43	\$ 900.00	\$ 198.43
Arizona.....	75.78	112.50	(36.72)
Arkansas.....	1,155.38	1,012.50	142.88
California.....	253.54	1,125.00	(871.46)
Florida.....	1,395.91	900.00	495.91
Georgia.....	996.22	1,275.00	(278.78)
Idaho.....	—	112.50	(112.50)
Illinois.....	758.79	1,125.00	(366.21)
Kansas.....	9.50	112.50	(103.00)
Kentucky.....	472.78	562.50	(89.72)
Louisiana.....	—	75.00	(75.00)
Maine.....	18.00	150.00	(132.00)
Michigan.....	1,156.78	2,250.00	(1,093.22)
Mississippi.....	411.49	750.00	(338.51)
Missouri.....	1,855.25	1,875.00	(18.75)
Nebraska.....	211.02	150.00	61.02
New Mexico.....	22.30	75.00	(52.70)
North Carolina.....	2,333.14	2,250.00	83.14
Ohio.....	968.24	750.00	218.24
Oklahoma.....	713.43	2,062.50	(1,349.07)
Oregon.....	49.80	75.00	(25.20)
South Carolina.....	732.82	1,012.50	(279.68)
Tennessee.....	2,263.78	1,875.00	388.78
Texas.....	475.74	1,125.00	(649.26)
Virginia.....	517.81	900.00	(382.19)
Washington.....	5.00	—	5.00
West Virginia.....	264.15	900.00	(635.85)
Totals.....	\$18,215.08	\$23,512.50	(\$5,297.42)

McINTYRE AND ASSOCIATES
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the period beginning January 1, 1956 and ended September 30, 1956

CASH BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1956

Deposited in First American National Bank.....\$ 1,637.46

RECEIPTS

State quotas (Page 3).....\$18,215.08
Woman's National Auxiliary Association.....605.16
Refund on postage.....46.97
Sale of merchandise.....100.73
Miscellaneous.....53.36
Church signs.....701.55
Tracts and books.....102.71
Recorders.....253.71

Total to be accounted for.....\$21,716.73

DISBURSEMENTS

Missionary maintenance.....	\$ 8,940.00	
Church extensions.....	125.00	
Merchandise for resale.....	861.69	
Headquarter salaries.....	4,932.00	
Travel and promotion.....	1,267.86	
Headquarter maintenance.....	242.02	
Office supplies.....	130.37	
Additional office salaries.....	161.26	
Printing and advertising.....	458.29	
Postage.....	435.36	
Telephone and telegraph.....	124.61	
Interest expense.....	27.81	
Miscellaneous.....	441.28	
Payment on bank loans.....	3,328.00	21,475.55

CASH BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 30, 1956

Deposited in First American National Bank..... \$ 241.18

McINTYRE AND ASSOCIATES
 Certified Public Accountants
 Nashville, Tennessee

STATE QUOTA RECEIPTS

For the period beginning January 1, 1956 and ended December 31, 1956

State	Quota	Received	Over	Under
Alabama.....	\$1,200.00	\$1,240.70	\$ 40.70	—
Arizona.....	150.00	83.45	—	66.56
Arkansas.....	1,350.00	1,432.05	82.05	—
California.....	1,500.00	367.76	—	1,132.24
Florida.....	1,200.00	1,535.90	335.90	—
Georgia.....	1,700.00	1,227.94	—	472.06
Idaho.....	150.00	—	—	150.00
Illinois.....	1,500.00	1,127.77	—	372.23
Kansas.....	150.00	13.00	—	137.00
Kentucky.....	1,000.00	523.10	—	476.90
Louisiana.....	100.00	—	—	100.00
Maine.....	200.00	18.00	—	182.00
Michigan.....	3,000.00	1,451.01	—	1,548.99
Missouri.....	2,500.00	2,302.63	—	197.37
Mississippi.....	1,000.00	541.36	—	458.64
Nebraska.....	200.00	262.16	62.16	—
New Mexico.....	100.00	35.09	—	64.91
North Carolina.....	3,000.00	2,972.20	—	27.50
Ohio.....	1,000.00	1,116.24	116.24	—
Oklahoma.....	2,750.00	1,226.66	—	1,523.34
Oregon.....	100.00	59.80	—	40.20
South Carolina.....	1,350.00	1,005.45	—	344.55
Tennessee.....	2,500.00	2,673.08	273.08	—
Texas.....	1,500.00	581.09	—	918.91
Virginia.....	1,200.00	806.63	—	393.37
West Virginia.....	1,200.00	264.15	—	935.85

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the period beginning January 1, 1956 and ended December 31, 1956

CASH BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1956

Deposited in First American National Bank..... \$ 1,637.46

RECEIPTS

State quotas.....	\$22,929.61	
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.....	798.65	
Loan—First American National Bank.....	2,954.50	
Sale of Merchandise.....	1,689.49	
State of Washington.....	80.00	
		28,652.59
Total to be accounted for.....		\$30,290.05

DISBURSEMENTS

Missionary maintenance.....	\$11,660.00	
Church extension.....	375.00	
Merchandise for resale.....	1,157.09	
Travel and Promotion.....	2,374.22	
Headquarters maintenance.....	844.40	
Headquarters salaries.....	5,955.87	
Office supplies.....	130.37	
Additional office salaries.....	200.41	
Postage.....	565.29	
Telephone and telegraph.....	135.04	
Audit of books.....	299.75	
Printing and advertising.....	942.81	
Payments on bank loan and station wagon.....	4,104.00	
Insurance.....	147.60	
Interest expense.....	65.31	
Miscellaneous.....	502.48	29,482.04

CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1956

Deposited in First American National Bank..... \$ 808.01

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS—1958

Missionary maintenance.....	\$25,200.00	
New Churches and fields.....	9,250.00	
Headquarters maintenance.....	1,250.00	
Travel, promotion, and itineraries.....	5,250.00	
Salaries.....	7,200.00	
Printing and postage.....	2,900.00	
Office supplies.....	400.00	
Insurance and audit of books.....	400.00	
Miscellaneous.....	1,250.00	
		\$53,100.00
Receipts from states.....	\$47,600.00	
Sale of merchandise.....	2,500.00	
Special gifts.....	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous.....	2,000.00	
		\$53,100.00

SUGGESTED STATE QUOTAS AND COORDINATORS FOR 1958

Arkansas	\$2,000.00	Lawnie Coffman
Alabama	1,500.00	Charles Craddock
Arizona	300.00	John B. Elliston
California	2,500.00	Ralph Hampton
Florida	1,500.00	C. A. Huckaby
Georgia	2,000.00	E. C. Morris
Idaho	300.00	Virgil Florence
Illinois	2,500.00	Claude Childress
Kansas	300.00	Wayne Howdeshell
Kentucky	1,500.00	W. L. Hooper
Louisiana	200.00	M. C. Fry
Maine	300.00	John Ruth
Michigan	4,000.00	Glen Thomas
Missouri	3,500.00	Albert Halbrook
Mississippi	1,500.00	Wilburn Beasley
Nebraska	300.00	Howard M. Felps
New Mexico	200.00	L. C. Pinson
North Carolina	4,500.00	Bruce Barrow
Ohio	2,500.00	Olin Gould
Oklahoma	3,500.00	E. M. Kennedy
Oregon	200.00	Stanley Letterman
South Carolina	2,000.00	Fred Powers
Tennessee	3,500.00	Bob Hill
Texas	2,500.00	Everett Hellard
Virginia	2,000.00	Billy Melvin
Washington	500.00	Johnny Postlewaite
West Virginia	2,000.00	Carl Vallance

RECEIPTS FOR NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

January 1, 1957—June 30, 1957

State	Suggested Quota 1957	Paid	Balance
Alabama	\$1,200.00	\$ 388.34	\$ 816.66
Arizona	150.00	26.54	123.46
Arkansas	1,350.00	425.93	924.07
California	1,500.00	253.29	1,246.71
Florida	1,200.00	450.68	749.32
Georgia	1,700.00	408.18	1,291.82
Illinois	1,500.00	390.88	1,109.12
Kansas	150.00	16.50	133.50
Kentucky	1,000.00	574.74	425.26
Michigan	3,000.00	1,041.24	1,958.76
Mississippi	1,000.00	167.63	832.37
Missouri	2,500.00	1,151.33	1,348.67
Nebraska	200.00	251.09	—
North Carolina	3,000.00	1,544.24	1,655.75
New Mexico	100.00	79.43	20.57
Ohio	1,000.00	194.60	805.40
Oklahoma	2,750.00	668.28	2,081.72
Oregon	100.00	42.00	58.00
South Carolina	1,350.00	271.76	1,078.24
Tennessee	2,500.00	1,538.79	961.21
Texas	1,500.00	748.60	751.40
Virginia	1,200.00	543.29	746.71
West Virginia	1,200.00	289.63	910.37

Note: The State suggested quotas remain the same for 1957 as they were in 1956.

REPORT OF THE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

We are happy to greet you, our brothers and sisters of like precious faith, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Many of the thrills of my life have come to me this year as I have been privileged to visit in so many of our churches, local associations and state associations, and meet so many of our ministers and church members. Many of the dear people have been unusually nice to me by inviting me to visit their churches and associations to represent the cause of superannuation.

It has been my privilege to visit 8 quarterly meetings, 1 league rally, 9 state associations, 3 minister's conferences, 119 churches, 9 local associations and to travel a total of 23,492 miles in the interest of superannuation.

I have delivered 224 sermons, and have had the blessed privilege of leading 67 souls to the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. I have also witnessed 10 reclamations and 59 dedications.

Twelve churches, whose pastors were already endowed when I took the office of promotional secretary for this board, have agreed to pay to this board an amount equivalent to one-half the annual premiums on their pastor's endowment which they have through this board.

Seventeen churches, whose pastors were not endowed when I took office in September, 1955 have helped their pastors to become endowed by either paying one-half or all of the initial premium. They also agreed to pay one-half of their pastor's annual premiums.

We applied to the Ministers' Life and Casualty Union, the company with whom we place our policies, for \$36,000 worth of insurance in 1956. Of this amount, \$20,000 was approved. Nine thousand dollars of insurance was rejected either by the company or the individual. The company rejected the ministers' applications because of poor health, and the ministers rejected the policies because they were unable to get the "Disability Rider" along with their life policy. This leaves \$6,000 that had not been approved as of December 31, 1956. We do not know how much of this will be approved by the company.

There were 24 churches that promised to pay one-half of their pastor's premiums, while I was visiting with them, that have not kept their pledge up until the time this report is being prepared. I trust they will remember to do so even yet. If these churches had kept their pledge, we would have had \$48,000 more insurance for our ministers.

Following are a few of the things we have been able to observe from the field:

1. Most all of the ministers are interested in a monthly check from their denomination. Some states are not doing anything about the aged or disabled ministers. Some states are giving \$10 per month that were not giving anything two years ago. Some states are giving as high as \$45 per month to their disabled ministers.

2. I personally know many ministers who are getting monthly checks that were not getting anything when I started on the field. Remember the aged minister's check comes from his state board of Superannuation. The money that you send to your state board goes to help care for the aged or disabled ministers, except the percentage that is sent to the national Superannuation board. The national board has asked for 25% of the funds the state boards receive, but most states that are sending anything are sending only 10%.

3. The income to the national Board of Superannuation is by far too small to pay one-half the premiums on the ministers' endowments. It was top heavy with premiums for the limited income when I took office as promotional secretary. The Board advised me to ask the churches wherever I went to pay an amount to the board equivalent to one-half of their minister's premium. This went over in 29 churches by proof. If we can get it over in all of our churches, we will not have so many aged ministers on the mercy of the world and their children.

4. There are from 95% in some states, to 25% in others, of our ministers working at secular jobs to supplement their salary. Many of these have Social Security and are not interested in this movement, nor will they help to promote it.

5. There are almost half of the states represented in the National Association that I was unable to get an itinerary in for several reasons: (1) Lack of knowledge of this program, (2) Lack of interest in the program, and (3) state and national cooperative program. Remember brother minister, you will be the loser for this when you are old, if not before.

I would like to see all 1700 of our ministers endowed who are between the ages of 20 and 55. I would also like to see all the aged and disabled ministers receiving a monthly check, sufficient to meet their needs, from their state boards.

I wish you might see these "old soldiers of the cross" who are sitting behind closed doors and looking to us for help. I also wish you might see how many hundreds of the young ministers who do not have protection for themselves or their families. I believe it would help you to open the doors of your churches, associations, quarterly meetings and state bodies to the next promotional secretary for national superannuation.

With thanks to almighty God and the national Superannuation Board who confided in me, and to all our people who opened the doors for me and this cause, but with brief in my heart because so many doors were closed to us, I announce to this body my resignation.

Please pray for the superannuation program of our church. It is still the most neglected child of the national association.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Whereas, it is not practical at present to obtain the required percentage of our ministers for a blanket program of "Widows Benefits" at the national level, therefore, the National Superannuation Board recommends:

1. That the State Superannuation Boards endeavor to set up such a program at the state level with the Ministers Life and Casualty Union of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The National Superannuation Board will, upon request of state boards, send a representative to assist state boards in setting up their programs; and the National Board will, at such a time as it is financially able, offer a plan whereby this program may be administered at the national level.

2. That the National Superannuation Board continue its present program of endowment insurance according to its established procedure.

3. That every Sunday school in the denomination be urged to "give its offering" on Father's Day to national Superannuation.

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 1956—December 31, 1956

Cash on hand, January 1, 1956. \$1,790.76

RECEIPTS

Cooperative Plan of Support.	\$1,500.33
Premiums on Insurees.	1,896.62
Refunds.	292.66
Free Will Baptist Bible College.	35.16
Cash Surrender on Policy.	29.41
Dividends.	21.87
W.N.A.C.	7.35
K. V. Shutes to correct error in traveling expense.	6.00
Cash over. . . . .	.10
Alabama.	584.65
Arkansas.	100.00
Florida.	180.36

Georgia.	\$ 604.84	
Kentucky.	18.80	
Michigan.	368.09	
Mississippi.	64.87	
Missouri.	16.67	
North Carolina.	1,280.42	
South Carolina.	245.83	
Tennessee.	326.52	
Texas.	48.50	
Virginia.	194.26	
West Virginia.	340.26	
		<u>8,163.57</u>

\$9,954.33

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary of Promotional Secretary.	3,500.00	
Ministers Life and Casualty Union.	3,566.23	
Travel Expense of Promotional Secretary.	991.23	
Secretarial Service.	200.00	
Refunds.	149.15	
Travel Expense of Board Members.	289.80	
National Association of F.W.B.	27.88	
Auto Insurance for Promotional Secretary.	142.84	
Associated Insurance Agency (Premium on Headquarters Building).	180.80	
Alabama Superannuation Board.	29.31	
Georgia Superannuation Board.	62.82	
Florida Superannuation Board.	77.60	
Cooperation Program (To transfer an offering sent this board in error)	26.55	
Check Not Honored by Bank.	31.53	
Miscellaneous Expense.	28.19	
		<u>9,303.93</u>
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1956.		\$ 650.40

STATE QUOTAS

State	Quota	Paid	Balance	Over
Alabama.	\$ 592.80	\$ 621.52	—	\$ 28.72
Arkansas.	296.40	190.34	\$ 106.06	—
Arizona.	—	6.79	—	6.79
California.	148.20	120.93	27.27	—
Florida.	444.60	223.13	221.47	—
Georgia.	1,482.00	604.84	877.16	—
Illinois.	444.60	54.13	390.47	—
Kentucky.	296.40	37.46	258.94	—
Michigan.	296.40	441.65	—	145.25
Mississippi.	296.40	74.70	221.70	—
Missouri.	1,482.00	324.52	1,157.48	—
Nebraska.	—	1.95	—	1.95
New Mexico.	148.20	8.88	139.32	—
North Carolina.	3,556.80	1,364.69	2,192.11	—
Ohio.	444.60	—	444.60	—
Oklahoma.	1,482.00	213.53	1,268.47	—
Oregon.	—	.90	—	.90
South Carolina.	592.80	246.56	346.24	—
Tennessee.	1,482.00	453.88	1,028.12	—
Texas.	741.00	121.79	619.21	—
Virginia.	296.40	422.68	—	126.28
West Virginia.	296.40	340.26	—	43.86
	<u>\$14,820.00</u>	<u>\$5,875.13</u>	<u>\$9,298.62</u>	<u>\$353.75</u>

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1958

Premiums on policies.....	\$ 5,000.00
Traveling expense of Board Members.....	800.00
Salary and travel expense of Promotional Secretary.....	3,600.00
Secretarial service.....	520.00
Miscellaneous mailing, printing, etc.....	1,500.00
Reserve.....	8,600.00
Total.....	\$20,000.00

SUGGESTED STATE QUOTAS

Alabama.....	\$ 592.80
Arkansas.....	296.40
Arizona.....	100.00
California.....	200.00
Florida.....	500.00
Georgia.....	1,500.00
Illinois.....	500.00
Kentucky.....	300.00
Michigan.....	500.00
Missouri.....	1,500.00
Mississippi.....	300.00
North Carolina.....	3,556.80
New Mexico.....	100.00
Ohio.....	444.60
Oklahoma.....	1,482.00
South Carolina.....	600.00
Tennessee.....	1,500.00
Texas.....	1,000.00
Virginia.....	500.00
West Virginia.....	300.00
	\$15,772.60
From Premiums on Policies.....	4,227.40
Total.....	\$20,000.00

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

The first book store to be operated by this board was opened in East Tupelo, Miss., in June 1956. We have mailed out catalogs to different churches and individuals and feel that results have been very good considering the fact that very little advertising has been done.

During last year a thousand more of the *Minister's Manual* were printed and an order for 6,000 more of the *Treatise* was given to the Ayden press.

Work on the manuscript for the history by Rev. G. W. Million is not yet complete. It will make a book about 500 pages, much more than we thought when the project was begun. The author has selected Rev. J. O. Fort to edit his manuscript and this was agreeable to the board.

In September 1956 we signed a contract with the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press for the publication and distribution of a hymnal for our people. We believe that it will be available by early fall of this year. The hymnal will contain approximately 500 pages of the best-loved hymns of the church and also several Biblical responsive readings. Some 80 days of work went into compiling it.

It is the purpose of the board to establish another book store in one of the southern states just as soon as we are able. We humbly ask that you will pray for us and cooperate with us that we may be able to attain the goals for which the board was organized.

FINANCIAL REPORT

CREDITS:

Cash brought forward.....	\$ 524.33
Sales.....	1,156.78
Total Credits.....	\$1,681.11

DEBITS:

Book store and equipment.....	\$ 393.83
Books and supplies.....	582.33
Printing.....	510.28
Travel expenses.....	131.00
Freight charges.....	20.04
Stationery and postage.....	11.60
Newspaper advertising.....	10.41
Printing report.....	6.97
Total Debits.....	\$1,666.46

ASSETS:

Cash.....	\$ 14.65
Book store and equipment.....	400.00
Books and supplies.....	1,146.45
1,000 <i>Minister's Manuals</i>	1,250.00
Total Assets.....	\$2,811.10

J. C. GRIFFIN, *Chairman*

L. E. DUNCAN, *Secretary-Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

What a challenge confronts the Sunday School Department as we view the passing parade of marching millions around the world! Our Saviour loves all the people of the world—"red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight." "But how shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed, and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" (Matt. 28:19). "... And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and in the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

The past year of 1956 has really been a red-letter year for the Sunday School Department. The services rendered have so increased until we are going to be forced to add new personnel and materials to meet the demands from our local churches and Sunday Schools. Through the limited work done on the field in the teacher training work we now have more and better trained teachers in our Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools than at any other time in the history of our denomination. Also our local Sunday Schools are better organized with more and better educational facilities for the proper teaching of our many thousands of Sunday School pupils. Our literature has been improved and new materials added, and we shall endeavor to continue to improve the same. As our Sunday Schools departmentalize we hope to be able, as soon as possible, to provide graded curriculum for them.

The promotional work of the Sunday School Department has really bogged down. Last year we were able to fill less than one-fourth of the requests that came to the Department for Sunday School Workers' Conferences. Thus far this year even more requests have come in for this same type work. We believe these Sunday School Workers' Conferences have been the most fruitful contribution the Sunday School Department has made to the over-all Sunday School program and especially to the local Sunday Schools. We have found many of our Sunday Schools to be improperly organized and administered. Hence, the need for more and better informed and trained personnel. We have discovered that

not only is the Sunday School the teaching agency of the local church, but it has become the reaching agency, and to administer its work efficiently and effectively it must be properly organized and administered by those who have been trained for the same.

This Department, through its promotional work, has conducted 15 Sunday School Workers' Conferences in cooperation with various district and state Sunday School boards. We have found the doors wide open to the work of this Department in all of the states where we have Free Will Baptist work. This is most encouraging to us, for it shows us that interest and vision on the part of district, state, and local leadership has increased and they have become convinced of the necessity of a well-organized and administered local Sunday School.

The training courses recommended by the Sunday School Department to be taught in the local churches have been accepted with much enthusiasm. To date approximately 800 students have been enrolled. This number could have been tripled if instructors could have been furnished from this department. Most of the courses are being taught by local instructors (pastors and superintendents) and certificates are being issued from the Department in Nashville. We have set as our goal to enroll 3,000 teachers and prospective teachers by 1960 in these training classes.

Besides the workers' conferences, the promotional secretary has assisted in district and state Sunday School conventions, attended quite a number of state associations, and also the N.S.S.A. Convention. The financial income to the Sunday School Department has been most encouraging. Our budget for this past year was \$12,750. You will note according to the financial report that \$12,270.61 was taken in during the year, leaving us only \$479.39 short of meeting our proposed budget.

The Sunday School Board has made plans to launch an expansion program, which will be planned over a period of time, and we do hereby present the following for your prayerful consideration.

WHEREAS, the Sunday School Department wishes to launch an expansion program that will meet the demands and be beneficial to the local Sunday Schools of our denomination, and

WHEREAS, the present personnel and financial income is not sufficient to launch such an extensive expansion program, and

WHEREAS, the greater percentage of the Sunday School Department's income is derived from a percentage of the sale of literature and Sunday School supplies, and

WHEREAS, we find the churches of the National Association are spending approximately \$175,000 per year for Sunday School, Vacation Bible School literature and supplies, and

WHEREAS, the Sunday School Department could furnish the greater percentage of these materials from its office in Nashville, Tennessee, and receive an approximate 30% profit on the same, and

WHEREAS, we feel the profit received from the sale of Sunday School, Vacation Bible School literature and supplies purchased by our local churches and Sunday Schools should be turned back into the denomination, which would result in the servicing and supplying of our local churches and Sunday Schools with the needed information and supplies to make for a more efficient and effective Sunday School program, as well as in the assistance of the over-all denominational program:

The Sunday School Board, in view of the above statements, requests that the National Association authorize the Sunday School Board, through its Department, to launch this expansion program, beginning as soon as the Board deems feasible, which will consist in part of the following:

1. The employing of an executive secretary who shall be responsible for the over-all planning of the denominational Sunday School program.
2. Furnishing of personnel to conduct Sunday School Workers' Conferences and Clinics on the local level.
3. Publishing of a monthly Sunday School magazine with helps for teachers and general growth of the local Sunday School.
4. The setting up of a denominational wide leadership training program.

5. The enlisting of local Sunday School personnel in leadership training classes.
6. Furnishing of graded Sunday School literature to our Sunday Schools (that are departmentalized).
7. Assisting in the organization of mission Sunday Schools, increasing of Sunday School enrollment through enlistment and an organized visitation program, and many other helps and materials which will be pertinent to the efficient operation and growth of the local Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,
FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD
WILLIAM J. MISHLER, *Promotional Secretary*

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1958

Salary: Promotional Secretary.....	\$ 5,200.00
Salary: Office Secretary.....	1,000.00
Assistant Promotional Secretary.....	2,600.00
Board Members Expense	350.00
Office Supplies.....	200.00
Purchase of Books and Literature.....	4,000.00
Headquarters Maintenance.....	650.00
Postage.....	300.00
Auditing.....	70.00
Equipment.....	500.00
Miscellaneous.....	130.00
Total.....	\$15,000.00

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ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Sunday School Department of the
National Association of Free Will Baptists:

We have examined the statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists for the year ended December 31, 1956.

Our examination was limited to the recorded cash receipts and disbursements. With this limitation our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, subject to the qualification indicated in the preceding paragraph, the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements presents the cash transactions of the Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists for the year ended December 31, 1956.

Nashville, Tennessee
April 26, 1957

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year ended December 31, 1956

CASH BALANCE AT JANUARY 1, 1956:

Cash on hand.....	\$ 202.02
Cash in bank.....	248.77
	\$ 450.79

RECEIPTS:

Free Will Baptist Press.....	\$6,323.44
Sale of books and literature.....	3,772.06
Revivals and conventions.....	604.09
Cooperative plan of support.....	1,169.10
Contributions and miscellaneous.....	401.92
	12,270.61
Total to be accounted for.....	\$12,721.40

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries:	
Promotional Secretary.....	\$4,880.00
Office.....	785.88
	\$5,665.88
Promotional expense.....	1,205.16
Board members' expense.....	206.71
Office supplies.....	116.41
Purchase of books and literature.....	3,982.94
Headquarters maintenance.....	650.00
Postage.....	217.78
Refunds.....	57.62
Auditing.....	64.50
Equipment payments.....	248.80
Miscellaneous.....	137.67
	12,553.47

CASH BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 1956:

Cash on hand.....	48.14
Cash in bank.....	119.79
	167.93

REPORT OF THE LEAGUE BOARD

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

League Board of the National Association
of Free Will Baptists:

We have examined the statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the League Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists for the year ended December 31, 1956.

Our examination was limited to the recorded cash receipts and disbursements. With this limitation our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, subject to the qualification indicated in the preceding paragraph, the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements presents the cash transactions of the League Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists for the year ended December 31, 1956.

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Nashville, Tennessee
April 26, 1957

Note: After comparing last year's budget with the number of leaguers we now have learned that less than 11 cents per leaguer per year is spent to promote the work of our "training program" on a national scale. May God help us to put forth more effort by way of financial support in 1958.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year ended December 31, 1956

CASH BALANCE AT JANUARY 1, 1956:

Cash on hand.....	\$ 90.67
Cash in bank.....	280.44
	\$ 371.11

RECEIPTS:

Offerings.....	\$1,553.71
Sale of pencils.....	90.70
Sale of pins.....	149.80
Subscriptions.....	195.50
Chapels for Cuba.....	1,226.14
Commission on literature sales.....	1,377.19
Cooperative plan of support.....	786.74
Royalties.....	47.90
Sale of League manuals.....	29.95
Miscellaneous.....	166.84
	5,624.47
Total to be accounted for.....	\$5,995.58

DISBURSEMENTS:

Purchases for resale.....	\$ 428.49
League convention and travel expense.....	490.64
Promotional Secretary's salary.....	1,100.00
Office salaries.....	717.00
Printing.....	278.46
Office supplies.....	348.22
Postage.....	90.02
Chapels for Cuba.....	1,233.48
Headquarters Maintenance.....	842.93
Accounting.....	41.50
League manuals.....	18.00
Miscellaneous.....	170.44
	5,696.18

CASH BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 1956:

Cash on hand.....	\$ 44.15
Cash in bank.....	255.25
	\$ 299.40

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BOARD

January 1, 1957—December 31, 1958

Proposed Expenditures for the Year:

Salary of Promotional Secretary.....	\$2,400.00
Salary of Office Secretary.....	1,200.00
Travel expenses.....	200.00
Printing.....	800.00
Office supplies.....	1,000.00
Equipment.....	200.00
Headquarters maintenance.....	500.00
Postage and mailing.....	300.00
Miscellaneous.....	900.00
	\$7,500.00

Total proposed expenditures for the year.....

Estimated Income for the Year:

10% League offerings.....	\$3,000.00
Free Will Baptist Press (7½% on sale of literature).....	2,300.00
Profit on sale of promotional items.....	200.00
Cooperative support.....	1,500.00
	\$7,000.00

Amount needed to meet Budget..... 500.00

Total amount of Budget..... \$7,500.00

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BOARD

The Need

How often do you hear the statement in Free Will Baptist churches, "We do not have a League in our church because we don't have trained leaders?" Every time a nominating committee is appointed a "fine-tooth comb" survey is made of the entire church membership. The cry for leadership is heard all over the denomination. We need men and women in our church who are qualified leaders.

The Answer

Anyone, who is to become a leader, must have proper training. The Free Will Baptist League was designed from the beginning to train church members for active leadership. A League is a must if we are to have the necessary leadership in our churches of tomorrow. A successful League requires:

1. A pastor who recognizes the "need"—realizes the "answer" and then does everything in his power to make it work.
2. A General Director with vision, know-how, organizational ability and a sincere burden for "training" both young and old.
3. The very "best" leadership available for each group.
4. Free Will Baptist literature that is designed for training, building, and holding our church members.

A successful League is essential to a growing church, for it is literally the "supply house" for leaders.

An Explanation

The League is an organization in the Free Will Baptist church which trains members for effective leadership and service in their church. The members must have a "training ground" where they can "exercise" and develop their talents—where they can learn to express in their own words the things of God, without fear of "falling short" before friends and more experienced church members. They must have the opportunity to walk before we can expect them to lead.

When our Lord was on earth, He taught the true principles of leadership when He said, "but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant; even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many."

WE TRAIN THAT WE MAY SERVE

The Work of the National League Board—Plans and Activities

Since last year's report was made, there has been quite an increase in League interest. A number of new Leagues have been organized, and many have been revamped.

Support from 10% of League offerings has increased since last year. This has made it possible to stock supplies for re-sale.

The national League project, "Chapels for Cuba" has raised a total of \$12,094.89. We announce our next project, with a goal of \$15,000, "College Kitchen Campaign for the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee." We would appreciate our Leagues' contributing to this new project, beginning this month. The college kitchen and dining hall are to be completed by November and we would like to be able to purchase the equipment then, part, if not all. \$15,000.00 will not be a difficult goal to reach if all our Leagues cooperate.

The League Board began this year taking orders for Free Will Baptist youth camp souvenirs, whereby the camps can make 20% profit. Profit from the sale of souvenirs can be used to help maintain youth camp facilities.

New promotional items, such as windshield stickers and sweater emblems, are ready for mailing. Plans are under way to supply League workers with better and more free materials, provided Leagues will support the work by sending 10% of League offerings regularly to the National League Board. Nothing can be done without finance. *The Free Will Baptist League Monthly* is being improved to help the need of program materials.

SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 14-15, 1956

The theme for the writers of Free Will Baptist League programs was the first item discussed by the group. The Board voted to make arrangements for revising and printing the General League manual.

Plans are to secure and recommend writers of Story Hour materials to the Free Will Baptist Press.

The League Board chairman, Mr. Melvin, was to explore with the Free Will Baptist Press the possibilities of the National League office's handling the sale of all League supplies on a more equitable basis.

Motion passed that the publishing of the Senior-Adult Quarterly be discontinued at the end of fourth quarter, 1957, and that we publish an Adult and a Young People's (Senior) quarterly beginning January 1, 1958.

Plans for the next nationwide League conference were discussed. The next conference theme will be "Let Go—Let God!" A conference location has not been chosen.

RAY C. TURNAGE
Promotional Secretary

REPORT OF RADIO-TELEVISION BOARD

"And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand" by means of radio and television could well be the language echoed today of our Great Commander, the Captain of our salvation. Both radio and television offer excellent media for proclaiming the gospel of Christ. In the following passage divine inspiration must have comprehended this thing for our day: "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. Job could have had this for our information when he said: "When the morning stars sang together" (Job 38:7). Could not John the Revelator have been alluding to this: "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven . . . a throne was set in heaven . . . and out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunders and voices . . . And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice . . . and, lo, in the midst of the throne . . . stood a lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God SENT FORTH INTO ALL THE EARTH . . . and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; . . . and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne . . . and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands" (Rev. 4:15; 5:2-11). "Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?" (Job 38:35). Does this not mean that messages can be sent forth by lightnings or waves of electricity, ethereal waves?

No informed person will minimize the importance of the radio and television in the molding of public opinion. This new medium of communication for this century affords vast possibilities for the Christian forces to use advantageously. It is astonishing to observe how the religious world has not made more effective use of this advertising media.

According to the 1957 World Almanac we have the following data:

United States homes with radios	53,000,000
Secondary sets in above homes	41,000,000
Radios in business places, institutions, etc.	12,000,000
Automobile radios	37,000,000
Television sets	42,200,000
Total sets in United States	185,200,000

Total radio sets in rest of world:

North America (not including U.S.)	14,000,000
South America	17,500,000
Europe	80,000,000
Asia	21,000,000
Australia	9,000,000
Africa	5,100,000

Total radio sets in world, December 31, 1956.....290,000,000

Both radio and television as well as newspapers, magazines, and 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. Last year the U.S. Bureau of the Census announced that 32,000,000 American householders—or 67 per cent of all households in the nation—now have one or more TV sets. The figure shows that television is an important advertising medium. Does this mean that the television sets will take the place of radios? No, we have been informed that it will not be long until one can wear his radio as a wrist watch. Do you not see that both radio and television offer an excellent media for promulgating the gospel. Thus it is very important that each church set up immediately some plan of support for this phase of our missionary program. If you are not participating in the National Cooperative Plan of Support, we urge you at once to send a special offering to the treasurer of this board. We say this because of the small percentage that comes through the Cooperative Plan of Support. We are next to bottom in the allocations, receiving two per cent. Other departments of our National Association are years ahead of this one which could have brought as much or more spiritual dividends to our cause.

Last year the Budget Committee proposed the sum of \$7,436.90 or 2% of the denominational budget of \$371,845.00 for this year. Our financial report follows:

RECEIPTS BY STATES THROUGH COOPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT

JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1956

Alabama	\$ 8.84
Arizona	2.08
Arkansas	10
California	33.07
Florida	10.81
Illinois	15.11
Kentucky	4.67
Michigan	24.57
Mississippi	3.53
Missouri	72.78
Nebraska	.38
New Mexico	2.96
North Carolina	24.53
Oklahoma	58.92
Oregon	.23
South Carolina	.18
Tennessee	35.40
Texas	18.82
Virginia	102.37
Balance brought forward	\$419.35
	64.56
	\$483.91
Transfers and exchanges to Executive Department	— 3.05
Total receipts	\$480.86

EXPENDITURES:

Travel	\$ 20.00
Publicity and mailing	20.00
Bank service charges	.33
Balance in treasury	40.33
	\$440.53

As it requires thousands of dollars to carry on this type of 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. This limitation and restricted offer is due to necessary funds being unavailable.

PROPOSED BUDGET

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

BOARD MEMBERS

JOHN OLIVER, Nashville, Tennessee (1957)
HARRY BEATTY, *Secretary*, Thayer, Missouri (1958)
RALPH STATEN, *Chairman*, North Belmont, North Carolina (1959)
JERRY DUDLEY, *Promotional Director*, Tulare, California (1960)
WALTER CARTER, Rockingham, North Carolina (1961)

RECOMMENDATION

The Radio-TV Board met on July 17, 1957 in Birmingham, Alabama, and transacted the following item of business:

Be it resolved that we, the Radio-TV Board, recommend to this the 21st annual convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, the dissolution of the Radio-TV Board, and that the balance of funds in the treasury, after all bills have been paid, be allocated to the various departments listed in the National Plan of Cooperative Support at the rate of per cent suggested therein. (Tabled.)

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

The theme of our report to you this year might well be summed up in the opening words of one of Fanny Crosby's lesser-known hymns, "To God be the glory, great things He hath done." Without a single exception, we can report to you that every department of our national work has experienced the remarkable blessings of God. We want to give Him the glory.

Then we certainly want to express sincere appreciation to you delegates and pastors, for without your prayers and support, none of the accomplishments of the past year would have been possible. Out of hearts of love you have led your churches into the faithful support of our joint enterprises and God has blessed our mutual efforts.

There is little need to dwell on specific areas of the accomplishments for you will hear of these from the departmental secretaries, but I would like to let you know some of the things which have been the responsibility of this particular department.

Contact With Other Groups

Last year we undertook as one of our chief goals the enlistment of unaffiliated conferences and associations into the membership of the national association. This has proven to be more than a 12-months task, but a number of significant gains have been made this year. We have made contact with some of these groups and find generally a genuine interest. It seems that for the most part misunderstanding has been the chief factor in their hesitancy to join their state associations and thus become affiliated with the national association. We are confident that these crevices of separation are rapidly being filled up.

When the strength of these conferences has been enlisted we are going to see our affiliated membership climb toward 250,000. As of last year our membership was only 165,000.

Another very bright spot in this connection has been our contacts this year with sister denominational groups. Since being in this office, it has been my privilege to attend a session of the eastern and western conferences of the United American Free Will Baptists composed of Negro churches. At both of these sessions I and others who were with me received a very warm welcome. The last of these was held last December in Waycross, Georgia. About five or six hundred attended this conference from all over the eastern half of the United States. They have a number of good churches in the metropolitan areas of the north and east and report their membership at 150,000. Heretofore, we have had no official contact with these colored brethren, but I feel that there are some areas of Christian service where we could be mutually helpful. They are hoping to send three or four fraternal messengers to our convention in Saint Louis next year to repay our visit to their convention.

Another very fine contact made this year has been with the Free Baptists in Europe through Rev. Johan Visser, pastor of a Free Baptist church at Amsterdam, Holland. He writes us of churches of our faith in his own country, France, Spain, England and Ireland. One of our missionary couples, Lonnie and Anita Sparks, have visited the church in Amsterdam and report a good service and splendid fellowship. Brother Sparks wrote: "For the first time since we have been in Europe, we felt at home."

We receive regular correspondence from Brother Visser and the Executive Committee has authorized the executive secretary to go there this November and survey the work to see what the possibilities are for a future relationship. A series of conferences in the churches in Holland and Spain has already been arranged by Brother Visser for the entire month of November. Please pray for these conferences. We feel this could be one of those "great and effectual" doors that Paul spoke about.

There have been some other contacts made—these with the General Baptists and the Churches of God in North America. These are denominations with doctrines practically the same as ours. Actually, there has been sporadic contact made with these groups for some years. We have simply tried to keep alive the fraternal spirit which should exist between believers "of like precious faith."

The Financial Picture

In this case, we will let figures speak for us. While money is no gauge to the spiritual life of a church, a church's giving is certainly a true picture of its stewardship. The chart below shows the amount received in each year for the various agencies of the national association.

	1943	1949	1954	1956
Foreign Missions.....	\$14,958	\$ 47,558	\$ 79,774	\$102,628
Home Missions.....	1,025	1,017	25,400	28,652
Bible College.....	21,756	48,000	115,458	140,000
Sunday School Department.....	80	364	6,863	12,270
Superannuation.....	1,178	2,089	4,069	8,163
Free Will Baptist League.....		1,358	4,078	5,624
Executive Department.....		7,860	36,780	49,710
Radio-Television Board.....			25	435
Publications Board.....		110	767	1,156
Totals.....	\$38,997	\$108,356	\$273,214	\$348,638

Of the total receipts for last year (1956), approximately \$220,000 was given by churches and individuals. With 165,000 members, this reveals that our per capita giving for all phases of our world-wide ministry outside the local church was \$1.33. It is not a record of which we can be proud, but we can thank God that it is continually increasing.

Now for a look at how the Cooperative Plan of Support has fitted into the total picture. Last year, which was the first full year of operation, receipts through this plan of giving were over \$38,000. This represented 17½ per cent of the total giving for the year. This is good, but not good enough when we remember that all of the departments share in these receipts and that some of them depend almost entirely on them for their existence. If more churches would give a minimum of 10 per cent to the denominational work through the Cooperative Plan and then give offerings for the special needs of the departments, there would be no lack of funds.

We praise the Lord that the cooperative receipts still continue good. We are less than \$3,000 short of our goal for the first six months and a few good offerings would make that up. Our receipts for the first six months of 1957 were \$26,150 which is 29 per cent above what they were for the first six months of 1956. Consequently, we are optimistic about the future.

Departmental Projects

(1) We are rejoicing over the regular growth in circulation for *Contact*. The June issue went to 5,882 people, a net increase of nearly 1,300 since last year. This is the highest figure yet, but we are grieved that so many of our homes, yes, and even parsonages, are without the paper. If we were to allow three of our members to each family, we have about 55,000 families and letting that same figure apply to our circulation, *Contact* would be reaching about 2,000 homes, leaving 53,000 homes without the church paper!

We have several circulation plans the pastor can use in his church listed in a free folder, "Contact in Every Home in Every Church." We hope every pastor will do something for *Contact*, beginning with taking a subscription for himself if he does not already have one.

(2) Our bulletin service has been absorbed into our church supply business and both have enjoyed a good year. It is increasing by several thousand dollars each year, but we have only scratched the surface. We now have a 125-page catalog listing many of the things available and we are constantly increasing our stock. Your purchase of all of your supplies from headquarters means your money goes back into denominational work.

A Final Word

While God has done great things for us, we yet believe we may expect greater things from Him when we attempt greater things for Him. May we rise up in faith to attempt them for His glory.

Respectfully submitted.
W. S. MOONEYHAM

BUDGET FOR EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

January 1—December 31, 1958

Administrative:

Office salaries.....	\$ 7,600.00
Other salaries.....	1,800.00
Office supplies.....	600.00
Office equipment.....	300.00
Printing.....	1,500.00
Housing allowance.....	1,680.00
Postage and permits.....	500.00
Travel and promotion.....	1,200.00
Convention expenses.....	170.00

National Association of Evangelicals.....	500.00
American Bible Society.....	500.00
Other contributions.....	250.00
Legal and auditing.....	300.00
Miscellaneous.....	650.00
	<u>\$17,550.00</u>
<i>Headquarters:</i>	
Utilities.....	\$ 3,000.00
Repairs and maintenance.....	300.00
Caretaker's salary.....	600.00
Insurance.....	150.00
Miscellaneous.....	100.00
	<u>\$ 4,150.00</u>
<i>Contact:</i>	
Printing.....	\$ 4,500.00
Pictures, art, cuts, etc.....	400.00
Mailing and postage.....	300.00
Miscellaneous.....	100.00
	<u>\$ 5,300.00</u>
Gross amount of budget.....	<u>\$27,000.00</u>
<i>Anticipated income:</i>	
From the boards for building maintenance.....	\$3,000.00
From <i>Contact</i> subscriptions.....	5,000.00
From church supplies.....	2,000.00
Net amount of budget.....	<u>\$17,000.00</u>

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ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Executive Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists:

We have examined the balance sheet of the Executive Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists as of December 31, 1956 and the statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended. We did not confirm the accounts receivable by communication with the debtors. With this exception, our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The cash receipts for the Executive Department as well as those designated for the Cooperative Plan of Support were traced to bank deposits on a test basis.

The cash and bank balances have been confirmed by count or by certificate obtained direct from the bank.

The inventory of merchandise was tested as to the physical existence of the quantities of certain items selected by us. The valuations are stated at selling price, less 40%.

Expenditures charged to property and equipment accounts represent the Association's investment in such property as of December 31, 1956, the valuation of property and equipment not having been recorded on the books prior to the foregoing date. The allowance for depreciation represents the accumulated depreciation from date of acquisition of the various fixed assets to December 31, 1956.

All liabilities of which we obtained knowledge in the course of our examination have received appropriate recognition.

Due to the limitation placed on our examination with respect to confirmation of the Accounts Receivable, we are unable to express an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole.

/S/ PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & Co.
 Nashville, Tennessee
 January 21, 1957

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1956

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash on hand.....	\$ 25.00
Cash in bank.....	251.22
Accounts receivable.....	3,997.28
Inventory of merchandise.....	2,780.46
	<u>\$ 7,053.96</u>

Land, building and equipment:

Land.....	\$10,000.00
Headquarters building.....	9,198.14
Office equipment.....	4,406.50
Station wagon.....	2,404.16
	<u>\$26,008.80</u>

Less allowance for depreciation.....	2,396.39	23,612.41
		<u>\$30,666.37</u>

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable.....	\$ 41.08
Contracts and loans payable.....	3,656.58
	<u>\$ 3,697.66</u>

Excess of assets over liabilities.....	26,968.71
	<u>\$30,666.37</u>

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year ended December 31, 1956

Cash balance, January 1, 1956:

Cash on hand.....	\$ 25.00
Cash in bank.....	299.05
	<u>\$ 324.05</u>

Receipts:

Sales:

Contact.....	\$ 3,993.44
Bulletins.....	7,351.73
Church supplies.....	8,525.81
Free Will Baptist Story.....	2,594.30
	<u>\$22,465.28</u>

Cooperative plan of support.....	17,384.40
Building fund.....	2,889.20
Maintenance reimbursement.....	3,664.50
Rent.....	525.00
Honorariums.....	187.71
National association fees.....	760.00
National convention receipts.....	683.58
Other income.....	1,150.63
	<u>49,710.30</u>

Total receipts.....	49,710.30
Total to be accounted for.....	<u>\$ 50,034.35</u>

Disbursements:

Expenses:

Office salaries.....	\$ 7,200.20
Other salaries.....	1,495.14
Travel and promotion.....	1,319.55
Office supplies.....	612.06
Printing.....	1,722.51
Postage.....	405.75
Insurance.....	141.00
Repairs and maintenance.....	906.79
Utilities.....	2,200.98
Legal and auditing.....	302.87
Convention expense.....	22.08
Board members travel expense.....	318.00
Housing allowance (executive secretary).....	1,200.00
Mailing supplies.....	511.29
Miscellaneous expense.....	291.87
National Association of Evangelicals.....	400.00
Commission on Chaplains.....	50.00
	<u>\$19,100.09</u>

Total expenses.....

Building and equipment payments:

Headquarters building.....	\$ 2,394.95
Equipment.....	565.14
Station wagon.....	825.00
Office equipment.....	697.28
	<u>\$ 4,482.37</u>

Total building and equipment payments.....

Sales costs:

Contact Magazine:

Printing.....	\$5,506.51
Mailing.....	109.00
	<u>\$5,615.51</u>

Bulletins:

Printing.....	\$7,002.84
Mailing.....	974.79
	<u>7,977.63</u>

Church supplies:

Purchases.....	\$9,149.55
Mailing.....	287.97
	<u>\$ 9,437.52</u>

Free Will Baptist Story:

Printing.....	\$2,665.71
	<u>25,696.37</u>

Total sales costs.....

Other:

American Bible Society:

Expended.....	\$ 686.17
Collected.....	206.87
	<u>479.30</u>

Total other.....

	<u>49,758.13</u>
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Total disbursements.....

Cash balance, December 31, 1956.....	\$ 276.22
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Cash on hand.....	25.00
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Cash in bank.....	251.22
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Total.....	<u>\$ 276.22</u>
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COOPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year ended December 31, 1956

RECEIPTS:

Alabama.....	\$ 990.32	
Arizona.....	202.11	
Arkansas.....	3,001.09	
California.....	3,311.64	
Florida.....	1,777.62	
Georgia.....	377.53	
Illinois.....	1,507.70	
Kentucky.....	518.10	
Michigan.....	2,529.82	
Mississippi.....	245.74	
Missouri.....	8,483.22	
Nebraska.....	48.84	
New Mexico.....	307.59	
North Carolina.....	2,267.33	
Oklahoma.....	5,862.26	
Oregon.....	22.50	
South Carolina.....	18.30	
Tennessee.....	3,370.02	
Texas.....	2,746.13	
Virginia.....	5,413.09	
Total receipts.....		\$43,000.95

	Designated	Undesignated	
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Executive Department.....	\$ 384.13	\$17,000.27	\$17,384.40
Foreign Mission Board.....	710.97	8,687.55	10,398.52
Home Mission Board.....	1,208.78	3,150.73	4,359.51
Bible College.....	733.59	5,923.79	6,657.38
Superannuation Board.....	142.47	1,575.33	1,717.80
Sunday School Board.....	46.90	1,179.34	1,226.24
League Board.....	39.35	783.12	822.47
Radio Television Board.....	38.46	396.17	434.63
	<u>\$4,304.65</u>	<u>\$38,696.30</u>	
Total disbursements.....			\$43,000.95
Balance.....			\$ —0—

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY
CONVENTION

July 1, 1956 to July 1, 1957

I. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Number registered at this convention.....	753
Number of members, July 1, 1957.....	12,276
Total number of members for this year.....	1,273

II. ACTIVITY REPORT

1. Seasons of prayer observed.....	496
2. Youth auxiliaries sponsored: Young People (Y.P.A.).....	81
G.T.A.....	91
B.A.....	11
3. Stewardship declamation contests held.....	44
4. Number of souls won.....	406
5. Number of study classes conducted.....	10,015

This report was made possible by the following nineteen states:

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

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash in bank, July 1, 1956.....	\$ 2,370.54
Total receipts, July 1, 1956 to July 1, 1957.....	17,041.92
Total receipts to account for.....	19,412.46
Total disbursements, July, 1956 to July 1, 1957.....	14,087.78
Cash in bank, July 1, 1957.....	5,324.68

OFFICERS OF WNAC

President—Mrs. L. D. Miley, Memphis, Tennessee
Vice President—Mrs. Rufus Coffey, Darlington, South Carolina
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Ralph Staires, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Assistant Recording Secretary—Mrs. Irvin Hyman, Alma, Georgia
Executive Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Nashville, Tennessee
Youth Chairman—Mrs. Charles Sublette, Nashville, Tennessee
Study Course Chairman—Mrs. Billy Melvin, Richmond, Virginia
Stewardship-Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Lester Jones, Kansas City, Missouri
Personal Service Chairman—Mrs. Everett Hellard, Houston, Texas

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. LA VERNE 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. A church or churches in the state which have no higher organization in that state and those whose higher organization is not affiliated with the National Association may represent directly to the National Association with one delegate and a fee of \$5.00.

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 provided for, and shall hold office until their work is completed, or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VIII

Boards—All standing boards shall be composed of five members, exclusive of the General Board and the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Standing boards include the General Board, the Board of Trustees of the Bible College, the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, the Free Will Baptist League Board, the Board of Superannuation, the Board of Publications and Literature, the Sunday School Board, the Board of Radio and Television, Laymen's Board, 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 Board of Trustees of the Bible College, shall be elected as follows: the first named for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years, the third for a term of three years, the fourth for a term of four years, and the fifth for a term of five years. Succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

Section 2. The personnel of the General Board shall be composed of the general officers of the National Association and the chairmen of all standing boards. There shall also be elected by the national body one member from each affiliated state association and one member from each affiliated association comprising one or more than one state. The president of the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention shall be an ex-officio member of the board.

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

Section 3. The General Board shall have power to act in behalf of, and for the National Association from one regular session to another, and shall also have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the National Association.

Section 4. The General Board shall have power to fill irregular vacancies that may occur in its own body, and shall also have 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.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS

STATE	Associations	Churches	Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Deacons	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Enrollment	Woman's Auxiliaries	Auxiliary Membership	Spent for Local Causes	Spent for Outside Causes	Value of Church Property	Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property	Value of Denominational Property		
Alabama	13	161	14,035	235	16	12	143	6,031	42	1,440	29	422	\$ 231,850	\$ 10,719	\$ 1,038,403	4	\$ 32,000	\$ 150,000
Arizona	1	4	140	10	10	572	183	9,134	82	1,230	185,492	8,022	40,000	6	47,000	6,000		
Arkansas	11	186	13,338	235	29	169	61	3,463	33	287	186,566	13,245	662,150	14	56,000			
California	4	61	3,469	140	15	13	51	.....	21	.....	66,526	5,244	1,042,796	.....	.....	.....
Florida	7	62	3,728	73	11	.....	95	6,279	51	352	178,041	34,616	131,309	10	65,000	30,000	
Georgia	7	123	11,090	122	11	24	43	2,655	5	95	35,023	6,323	803,512	.....	.....	35,000	
Illinois	3	43	4,132	75	6	.....	.....	3,342	.....	.....	55,026	7,336	426,400	2	.....	60,000	
Kentucky	7	115	10,179	119	5	37	21	1,789	7	269	62,458	20,017	457,050	4	.....	.....
Michigan	2	21	2,267	42	11	99	35	3,000	12	230	63,452	5,000	297,455	4	.....	.....
Mississippi	3	40	4,626	31	5	388	128	7,500	38	607	213,943	25,231	300,000	4	34,700	8,000		
Missouri	10	137	10,057	192	37	.....	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	.....	858,265	13	.....	.....
New Mexico	1	5	170	11	1	4	5	264	4	28	6,149	542	25,550	1	1,250	.....	
North Carolina	11	406	43,800	360	70	.....	390	39,000	223	.....	882,720	.....	5,302,000	.....	540,000	1,050,000	
Ohio	3	72	3,914	143	13	.....	72	4,155	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oklahoma	15	177	15,025	525	75	855	177	20,112	100	940	.....	23,029	.....	125	.....	.....
South Carolina	4	60	5,637	74	14	.....	60	6,500	32	.....	153,708	.....	720,000	9	85,000	65,000	
Tennessee	2	119	12,741	142	18	476	42	10,116	39	606	283,831	29,010	1,530,790	17	187,000	1,225,000		
Texas	7	55	3,857	65	15	.....	49	2,819	28	428	84,487	6,622	340,500	10	.....	.....
Virginia	4	93	5,558	177	21	.....	92	6,373	17	360	6,337	4,667	369,890	.....	.....	.....
West Virginia	15	148	4,920	210	24	31	111	8,857	64	133	.....	.....	513,300	2	16,500	181,000	
Totals	130	2,091	172,683	2,981	390	2,697	1,762	141,389	772	5,627	2,895,232	.....	\$ 14,859,370	221	\$1,064,450	\$2,810,000	