

MINUTES
OF THE
MISSOURI STATE
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1948

PROCEEDINGS
of the
35TH ANNUAL SESSION

Convened at
SUBLETTE CHURCH
Near Greentop, Missouri

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OFFICERS

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| Moderator | Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo |
| Ass't. Moderator | Rev. Mark Lewis, Myrtle, Mo. |
| Clerk-Treas. | Rev. Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo. |
| Ass't. Clerk | Rev. Paul Williams, Carterville, Mo. |
| Statistician | Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo. |

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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| Rev. Harry Beatty, Fredericktown, Mo. | 1949 |
| Dea. John Bough, Stockton, Mo. | 1950 |
| Rev. F. C. Zinn, Flat River, Mo. | 1951 |
| Rev. LaVerne Miley, Kirksville, Mo. | 1952 |
| Rev. Paul Williams, Carterville, Mo. | 1953 |

The Introductory Sermon on Tuesday night will be delivered by Rev. Cecil Campbell, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Alternate.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Association met in its thirty-fifth annual session with the Sublette Church, Greentop, Mo., Tuesday night, September 14, 1948.

Meeting called to order by the host pastor, Rev. LaVerne Miley.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Bob Hill.

Prayer by Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Special music by the Desloge Quartet.

Solo, Some Other Day, by Mrs. Darlene Thomas.

Our Association was called to order for business by the Clerk, Rev. Marie Hyatt, and Rev. O. T. Allred, the Moderator, was called to the chair.

Prayer by Miss Lucy Wisehart.

Welcome Address by host pastor, Rev. LaVerne Miley.

Response by Ass't. Moderator, Rev. Mark Lewis.

Intorductory Message was delivered by Rev. Archie Cooper of Kirksville, Mo. Scripture lesson, I Thess. 5:1-9; II Tim. 1:2-4. Psalms 139:23,24 was used as Scripture text. Subject, "God's X-Ray". A soul searching message admonishing Christian folk to have their hearts wholly cleansed from sin which enables them to live consecrated lives for the Master was given.

Benediction by Rev. James F. Miller.

Wednesday Morning

Meeting opened by singing.

Devotional led by Rev. Harold Hoover.

Prayer by Rev. James F. Miller.

Rev. O. T. Allred, Moderator, took charge.

N. W. Mo. & N. E. Kans.

Letters were read and delegates seated from the following associations: Liberty, Niangua, Indian Creek, Cave Springs, Central Western Mo., Laclede County, N. W. Mo. & N. E. Kans.

Fellowship handshake was extended to elected delegates.

Officers elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.; Ass't. Moderator, Rev. Mark Lewis, Myrtle, Mo.; Clerk-Treas., Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.

Rev. Paul Williams chosen as Ass't. Clerk.

The Moderator appointed the following as Committee on Committees: Rev's. Mark Lewis, Woodrow Matthews, Lowell Martin, Winford Davis, Arthur Bailey, Henry

Long, John McKown, Orville Dobbs.

Rev. Henry Melvin, Business Manager of the Free Will Baptist College and Executive Secretary of the National F. W. B. Ass'n. gave information concerning our College and work as a whole.

At this time the State Ass'n. gave time for the Mo. State Auxiliary Convention.

Motion carried to receive the report of Committee on Committees.

Wendesday Afternoon

Called to order by Moderator.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1 of Business Committee.

Registration of ministers, deacons, visitors, and ministers, companions.

Wednesday Night Service

Congregational singing.

Prayer by Rev. Lowell Martin.

Special music: Solo, Mrs. Wellman; Quartet, Desloge Church; Duets by Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sevits.

Prayer by Rev. Davie N. Combs.

Missionary message delivered by Rev. Damon C. Dodd. Romans 10 was used as the basis of his message. Three requisites for missionary service.: 1. Surrender of self and family; 2. Surrender of our own comforts, pleasures, and luxuries of life; 3. Getting the message to those who really need it, challenged folk to missionary activity.

Missionary pictures of F. W. B. Missions were shown by Rev. Kenneth Turner.

An offering of \$250.03 was given to Missions (70% to Foreign Missions and 30% to Home Missions).

Benediction by Rev. C. B. Dees.

Thursday Morning

Congregational singing.

Devotional led by Rev. O. T. Allred.

Prayer by Rev. Paul Williams.

Duet by Moyer brothers.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Greetings read from our Missouri students in F. W. B. Bible College and Rev. L. L. Stanley, Superintendent of Greenville F. W. B. Orphanage.

Motion carried to receive these greetings and instruct

the Clerk to acknowledge them by written letters.

Motion carried to receive the report of State Treas., Marie Hyatt.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2 of Business Committee.

Fellowship handshake was extended to the Committee from Union Association after their personal testimony was given. This was a blessed and sacred hour for the entire congregation. God's presence was so near and His approval was upon the reuniting of brethren.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Editor-Manager of the F. W. B. Gem and express our appreciation to Bro. Davis for achievements made this year in our Gem Office.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1 of the Publication Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2 of the Publication Committee.

At this time 35 subscriptions were given to the F. W. B. Gem.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3 of the Publication Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 4 of the Publication Committee.

Adjournment until call of the chairman.

Benediction by Rev. LaVern Miley.

Thursday Eleven O'clock Service

Congregational singing.

Prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty.

Solo by Rev. Harold Hoover.

Prayer by Rev. Homer Smith.

Special by Desloge Quartet.

Message by Rev. Benjamin Scott. Psalms 29 was used as Scripture lesson; "The Power of the Voice of God" as subject of message. An inspirational, powerful message of admonition stirred hearts to be obedient to the voice of God.

Benediction by Rev. Dale Jones.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Congregational singing.

Devotional led by Rev. Davie N. Combs. Scripture lesson, I Cor. 2:

Prayer by Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

Motion carried to receive the report of Temperance Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Statistician, Rev. Kenneth Turner, and give him an honorarium of \$10.00

Rev. Kenneth Turner re-elected as State Statistician.

Motion carried to accept report of Executive Board.

Rev. Paul Williams elected as member of the Executive Board for a five year term.

Motion carried that Rev. Frank Linton's place on the Executive Board be declared vacant as he resides in the state of California.

Rev. LaVerne Miley elected as member of the Executive Board for a four year term.

Moderator appointed the following as Nominating Committee for members of Youth Encampment Board:

Rev's Harry Beatty and LaVerne Miley, Miss Thora Arbogast.

Motion carried to receive the joint report of the Foreign and Home Mission Committees.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1 of Mission's Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2 of Mission's Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3 of Mission's Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Obituary Committee and comply with request contained therein.

Rev. Damon Dodd led in prayer.

Congregational song.

Testimony and praise service.

Motion carried to receive report of State S. S. Convention.

Motion carried to receive report of State League Convention.

Rev. Cecil Campbell elected to deliver the Introductory Message at the 1949 session, with Rev. Woodrow Matthews as Alternate.

Motion carried that the 1949 session of our State Association begin on Tuesday night following the second Sunday in September.

Motion to adjourn until 9:00 session Friday morning, Benediction by Dea. Ross R. Thomas.

Thursday Night Service (Youth Rally Night)

Congregational singing.

Prayer by Rev. Bob Hill.

Singing by Youth Choir.

Information concerning our Youth Encampment was given by Rev. Mark Lewis.

Inspiring and challenging testimonies from young people who attended the previous session of the Youth Camp were given.

Special numbers: Solo, Kenneth Reeves; Duet, Moyer brothers; Accordion Solo, Dickie Bell; Quartet, Green Grove Church; Solo, Lucy Wischart.

Moment of silent prayer.

Message by Rev. Harvey E. Hill. Scripture lesson, Matt. 20:29-31; subject, "Opening of Eyes." A challenge to open our eyes and accept the responsibilities and blessings from God and rally to the support of the Lord's work in the F. W. B. denomination was given.

Youth Encampment pictures were shown by Rev. Kenneth Turner.

Motion carried to receive the report of Youth Encampment Board.

An offering of \$167.68 was given to the Youth Encampment Fund.

Benediction by Rev. Kenneth Turner.

Friday Morning

Congregational singing.

Devotional led by Rev. Eddie Mercer. Psalm 33 was used as a Scripture lesson.

Prayer by Bro. Mercer.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Motion carried to receive report of Nominating Committee for Delegates to the National Association.

Motion carried to receive report of Nominating Committee for members of Youth Encampment Board.

Motion carried to receive report of State Auxiliary Convention.

Special music by Quartets from St. Louis and Desloge Churches.

Motion carried to receive further report of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 4 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 5 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 6 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 7 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Education Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1 of Education Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2 of Education Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3 of Education Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 4 of Education Committee.

Motion carried that the Moderator be given the power of appointing a State Director of Education.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 5 of Education Committee.

Motion carried that our Moderator be given time to make appointment of State Director of Education. Appointment to be announced through the Gem.

Motion carried to accept the report of the State Superannuation Board.

Rev. Davie N. Combs elected as member of State Board of Superannuation.

Motion carried that Rev. Frank Linton's place on the State Board of Superannuation be declared vacant as his home is in the State of California.

Roy Alyea elected as member of State Board of Superannuation for a two year term.

Motion carried to accept minutes as read.

Motion carried to adjourn until the 1949 session of the Missouri State Association.

Benediction by Rev. O. T. Allred.

Friday Morning Service

Congregational singing.

Devotional led by Rev. LaVerne Miley.

Prayer by Rev. Orville Dobbs.

Solo, Rev. Harold Hoover.

Message was delivered by Rev. James F. Miller. The

text of his message was "Great Salvation". An inspirational hour was experienced through this discourse.

Special music by St. Louis Quartet and Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Sevits.

Benediction by Rev. D. C. Dodd.

Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred

Clerk, Rev. Marie Hyatt

Those who served during the sessions of the Ass'n. as song leaders, pianists, and special singers are as follows:

Pianists—Anna Mae Tucker, Marie Hyatt, Thora Arbogast, Evelyn Greenway, Ruby Dunlap, Mrs. Bob Hill, and Mrs. Jesse Peterson.

Song Leaders—Rev. Bob Hill, Rev. Noel Greenway, and Roy Alyea.

Special Song Leaders—Desloge Quartet (Rev. and Mrs. Noel Greenway, Albert Lee McFarland, Lloyd Durbin), Mrs. Darlene Thomas, Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn, Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Sevits, Moyer brothers, Kenneth Reeves, Dickie Bell, Green Grove Quartet (Oral Lawson, Clifford Montgomery, Dwane Matthew, Lloyd Durbin), Lucy Wisheart, St. Louis Quartet (Rev. and Mrs. Bob Hill, Ozella Wilson, Rev. Harvey Hill).

REPORTS

Superannuation Report—

We, your Board of Superannuation, wish to submit the following report:

Whereas, there was no business that demanded a meeting of the Board this year the only report we have is the financial report.

Financial Report

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| Brought forward from last year | \$244.56 |
| Received from State Treasury | 62.80 |
| Total | \$307.36 |
| Paid to National Treasurer | 15.76 |
| Amount in Treasury | \$292.60 |
| Secretary-Treasurer, F. C. Zinn | |

Board of Superannuation

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| Rev. Davie N. Combs | Couch, Mo. |
| Rev. Paul Williams | Carterville, Mo. |
| Rev. Mark Lewis | Myrtle, Mo. |

Rev. Roy Alyea Monett, Mo.
 Rev. F. C. Zinn Flat River, Mo.

Treasurer's Report—

(September 1, 1947 to August 31, 1948)

Expansion Program Fund

Total amount received \$292.63
 Total amount disbursed 292.63

Cuban Student Support

Total amount received \$105.00
 Total amount disbursed 105.00

Cuban Girl's Dormitory Fund

Total amount received \$ 25.00
 Total amount disbursed 25.00

Foreign Mission Fund

Total amount received \$4,547.03
 Total amount disbursed 4,547.03

Superannuation (Designated)

Total amount received \$ 10.00
 Total amount disbursed 10.00

Home Mission Fund

Total amount received 72.63
 Total amount disbursed 72.63

Tennessee Orphanage Fund

Total amount received \$113.92
 Total amount disbursed 113.92

Jehoida Chest Fund

Total amount received \$ 12.00
 Total amount disbursed 12.00

Co-Laborer Band Fund

Total amount received \$ 48.45
 Total amount disbursed 48.45

State Unified Fund

Total amount received \$2,574.97
 Total amount received 2,477.59

National Unified Fund \$1,583.72

Home Mission Fund 49.45

Superannuation Fund 52.80

Nat'l. Headquarters Fund 766.92

Balance in Treasury \$ 97.38

State Entertainment Fund

Total amount received \$656.32
 Total amount disbursed 656.32

Totals

Brought forward on all funds \$ 319.99

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| Received on all funds | 8,457.95 |
| Paid out on all funds | 8,360.57 |
| Balance in Treasury on all funds | 97.38 |

Marie Hyatt, State Treasurer

Youth Encampment Report—

To the Missouri State Association when it convenes with the Sublette Church near Greentop, Mo., September 14, 1948.

Greetings: I wish to make a report of our Youth Encampment work for the past year, 1947-48.

The Youth Camp Board met in two special called meetings and three meetings at convenient times when the majority of the Board were together to plan our activities and improvements.

We have made a number of improvements as a result of the fine cooperation of our people in financing our program.

We had a man with a bulldozer to grade the road to the camp, clean play ground and grade it, put concrete floor in dining hall, new pump in well, delco light plant and a number of other improvements.

We also sponsored a marvelous Youth for Christ session this year. It was well attended with a victory of nine souls saved. The session was a real refreshing from the Lord.

God wonderfully blessed in finances this year, especially during the session. The cost of entertainment was \$326.71, this leaving a balance of \$113.24 to go into the general treasury.

Financial Report

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| Balance on hand Sept. 15, 1947 | \$ 247.46 |
| Money received this year | 2,298.79 |
| Total | \$2,540.25 |
| Total disbursements | 2,361.12 |
| Balance in Treasury | \$ 179.13 |

The Encampment is in debt as follows:

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| Stigman Lumber Co., Niangua, Mo. | \$ 202.64 |
| Mr. George Brown, Myrtle, Mo.—Note which is due November, 1948 | 500.00 |
| Total indebtedness | \$ 702.46 |

The \$10,000.00 program launched by our young people at the close of the camp is progressing:

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| Cash received at camp | \$ 46.04 |
| Pledges given at camp | 110.00 |

Other receipts 99.59

We are praying that our people will get the vision of our Youth for Christ Program.

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Secretary-Treasurer

Executive Board's Report—

To the Missouri State Association when convened at the Sublette Church, September 14-17, 1948.

September 19, 1947—

Metting at Macedonia Church. Rev. F. C. Zinn elected as Chairman. Authorized Clerk to buy stationery and receipt books.

September 26, 1947—

Monett, Mo., September 26, 1947, Executive Board met at the Gem Office. All members were present. Session opened with prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty.

The completion of the organization of the board was taken up. Rev. C. B. Dees elected as Secretary-Treasurer. Motion carried that we square off with Rev. B. F. Brown as is. By common consent it was agreed to take invoice of the stock at the publishing house.

Motion carried that we allocate the states part of the Unified Fund as follows: 75% to the general funds, 10% to Home Missions, 10% to Superannuation and 5% to National Headquarters.

Motion carried that the Board be paid 10 cents per mile one way for traveling expenses. Motion carried that the State Home Mission Board give the Church at Springfield \$100.00 for two weeks or more of evangelistic services, the evangelist to meet the approval of the Home Mission Board.

Motion carried in as much as our people have asked the Home Mission Board to advance a Home Mission Plan, therefore we are asking for contributions from every church in the state, in the amount of \$1.00 per month or more, for the support of evangelistic service and general Home Mission work for the coming year.

Motion carried that we authorize Bro. Davis to make repairs on the Gem Office building out of the General Fund as funds are available.

Motion carried that we give Bro. Davis authority to use the cash and returns from pledges as he sees fit for getting the Gem going in a good way.

Motion carried that we adjourn until the call of the

Chairman. The following agreement was made between the Executive Board of Mo. State Association and Rev. Winford Davis.

AGREEMENT

This agreement entered in by and between the Missouri State Association, Executive Board of the Free Will Baptist Churches, party of the first part and Rev. Winford Davis, party of the second part. This 26th day of September, 1947, it being agreed that Rev. Winford Davis assume the duties of Editor-Manager of the Free Will Baptist Publishing House, together with the obligation of maintaining the present invoice of stock to the amount of \$650.35, or its equivalent, also be responsible for the amount of invoice of equipment amounting to \$8,070.75. It being further agreed that the state be responsible for all major repairs on equipment.

Rev. F. C. Zinn, Chairman

Rev. C. B. Dees, Secretary

Financial Report of Home Mission Board

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| Balance brought forward | \$449.24 |
| Received from | |
| Marie Hyatt, State Treasurer | 47.70 |
| Harold Baldwin | 3.00 |
| Winford Davis (on note) | 204.00 |
| Total receipts | \$703.94 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Springfield Church | 50.00 |
| Balance in Treasury | \$653.94 |

Report of Editor-Manager of the Free Will Baptist Gem—

(Sept. 19, 1947 to Aug. 31, 1948)

The work of the Free Will Baptist Gem has gone forward during the past year with great blessing. Surely the Lord has been very near this work constantly since last State Association. We have received wonderful cooperation from far and near for which we are indeed grateful; not only from this state alone, but from all states which comprise the National Association.

At the time we entered the office last fall, the subscription list stood at just a little over 400. It now stands at about 1700, and these are all paid up to date.

During the year we have been enabled, by the cooperation of friends of the work, to pay a little over half of

the old debt of \$400.00 which the institution has been owing to the State Extension Fund for so many years. From donations given at the State Ass'n. last fall, we paid off a note of \$83.27 and interest of \$7.85. There is a balance of \$196.00 due the State Extension Fund. We owe \$60.00 for some equipment recently purchased; but other than these and just a very few small current bills, the enterprise is free of indebtedness.

All the machinery has been duly and efficiently repaired, and additional equipment has been added as follows: One large folding machine, one small folding machine, a large proofing press, a perforator, a paper punch, an addressing machine, and other smaller articles. all this is paid for except the \$60.00 mentioned above. Of course, all who read the Gem are acquainted with the fact that we traded the old linotype in an even trade for the two folding machines.

We have taken in from all sources during the past year the amount of \$6,213.81. Of this amount, we have paid out a total of \$6,077.33. Of this amount paid out the Editor received for his own personal use during the year the amount of \$432.42. August 31, 1948 there was a balance in the Treasury of \$136.48, and of this \$136. 48, \$120.01 belongs in the special Equipment Fund.

Of the \$6,213.81 received during the past year the following amounts came from the following sources:

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| Subscriptions | \$1,426.00 |
| Donations | 1,114.20 |
| Printing of minutes and booklets | 1,278.83 |
| Sale of Sunday School supplies | 119.50 |
| Sale of books | 289.00 |
| Advertising | 38.50 |
| Received on special equipment fund | 306.30 |

The balance we received was from general job work, etc.

Of the \$6,077.33 paid out during the past year the following amounts were paid out for the following purposes:

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| Salaries to employees | \$2,805.50 |
| Social Security and with-holding tax which was paid as an addition to the salaries of the employees | 173.02 |
| Paper stock | 649.27 |
| Repair on machinery | 277.48 |
| Repair on building | 17.25 |

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| Cost of books for re-sale | 136.40 |
| Paid on debt to State Extension Fund | 204.00 |
| Equipment, aside from that paid out of special equipment fund | 46.51 |
| Picture cuts | 36.55 |
| Ink | 43.52 |
| Note of \$83.27 and Interest of \$7.85 | 91.12 |
| Editor's personal use | 432.42 |

The balance we paid out was for various and miscellaneous things necessary to the carrying on of the work.

We have called upon the state treasury during the past year for the following:

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| New roof on building | \$ 115.00 |
| Set of re-built rollers for large press | 66.00 |
| New set of awnings for west windows | 32.00 |
| Re-building mold wheel on linotype | 46.86 |

Of the \$302.30 received on the Special Equipment Fund the following has been paid out:

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| Expense of tript to Kansas City to look for machinery | \$ 16.25 |
| Expense of trip to Kansas City to look for machinery | 27.75 |
| Cost of installing machinery | 36.37 |
| Commission to Ed Biggio, salesman | 7.50 |
| Miller Feeder for automatic job press | 25.00 |
| Motor for job press | 30.00 |
| Grippers for job press | 1.25 |
| Linotype repairs | 14.67 |
| Addressing machine | 27.50 |
| Total | \$186.29 |

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| Balance in treasury on Special Equipment Fund | \$120.01 |
| Current unpaid bills, about | 125.00 |

We covet your prayers for the continued success of this work. There are yet many needs at the Gem Office. Much more equipment we could use to a great advantage. The Gem enterprise needs to be stocked with a large quantity of religious books for retail, etc. but we are thankful for the strides made thus far, and are hoping and praying for greater. I remain,

Yours to serve,
Winford Davis, Editor-Mgr.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Missions—

Whereas, this Missouri State Association of Free Will

Baptists has, by definite expressions manifested in various ways, a desire to launch forth in a program of missions which would embrace both "home" and "foreign" missions, and

Whereas, it seems to be to the best interest of the cause in general that we henceforth turn our support of missions into one channel to be designated to one or the other of the phases of missions by a proportionate share to be decided upon, and,

Whereas it seemed wise and proper to all members of the Committees on Foreign Missions and Home Missions to come together in a joint meeting and formulate this report,

Therefore, we beg leave to present this joint report as your Committee on Missions:

No. 1. We recommend we set as our goal for Missions for the year 1948-49 the sum of \$10,000.00 to be allocated on a 70-30 basis; that is 70% to be used for the support of our Foreign Mission program and 30% for the support of our Home Mission program.

No. 2. We recommend a continuation of the present administrative system under which the Home Mission program shall be under the supervision of the State Board of Home Missions and the Foreign Mission interests shall be supervised by the State Director of Missions as appointed by the National Foreign Mission Board; and that these two agencies work in close cooperation in promoting the general cause of missions within the State.

No. 3. We recommend that pastors, Sunday School superintendents, and all other co-laborers begin now to educate our people in the support of an overall program of Missions.

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| Committee: | James F. Miller |
| Harold Hoover | Lucy Wisehart |
| Arthur Bailey | Harvey E. Hill |
| | Damon C. Dodd |

Education—

We, the Committee on Education, present the following recommendations:

No. 1. That each church sponsor a Daily Vacation Bible School during the year in behalf of our youth.

No. 2. Seeing the need of expanding our College, we urge that every one continue to give liberally to the Col-

lege Expansion Fund.

No. 3. That this Missouri State Association be responsible for the amount of \$100.00 for the Free Will Baptist College Expansion program, this amount to be paid by the local churches sent through our State treasury earmarked for the \$100.00 check and to be paid by January 1949.

No. 4. That Bro. Melvin's suggestion of an Educational Director or Board be elected to assist him in the promotion of the work to be given consideration by this body.

No. 5. That each church support our Youth Camp in every way possible.

Committee Rev. Albert Halbrook
Thora H. Arbogast Evelyn Alyea

Temperance—

We, your Temperance Committee, beg to submit the following report:

We recommend that our State Association of Free Will Baptists recommend to the local associations to circulate petitions asking for a local option law and this be done immediately and have the petitions in to the House of Representatives by January 1, 1949.

We also recommend that we do not patronize any place of business that sells alcoholic drinks.

We recommend that our people stay away from "Picture Shows", "Pool Halls" and all ungodly places that draw people away from the house of God.

Committee: Will Gates
Davie N. Combs Clifford McGraw

Publication—

We, your Committee on Publication, submit the following recommendations:

Realizing there is not enough subscriptions to the F. W. B. Gem in the state of Mo., in comparison to the membership of the state, and in view of the fact the Gem is a Missouri owned enterprise, in face of this situation we therefore recommend the following:

No. 1. That each local church, from out of the church treasury, place the Gem in every home connected with the local body. If the regular church offerings are not sufficient to take care of this, then let a special offering be taken every quarter for this purpose so that at the end of each year there will be sufficient funds to pay for

one year's subscription to each family. We futher recommend that the pastors of the churches see that this is done.

No. 2. That an appeal be made for subscriptions to the Gem at some convient time during the sitting of this as-sociation.

No. 3. That we continue to donate as liberally as possible to the "Gem Office Equipment Fund"; thereby continuing to bring the Gem enterprise to a place where it can be of more and better service in the field of printing and publication.

No. 4. That our ministers make an effort to write and have printed all the good tracts possible. Thereby, we can present tracts to the public written by our own people. Furthermore, we recommend that our people use F. W. B. literature in Sunday Schools and Young People's Meetings, and that we avail ourselves of all the books, booklets, and printed matter in general which is written by our own F. W. B. people or recommended by our people.

Committee: Winford Davis
Paul Williams Orville Dobbs

Obituary—

We, the Obituary Committee, find that God in His wisdom has called from our midst a number of our beloved brothers and sisters from the following Associations:

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| Indian Creek | 9 |
| S. E. Missouri | 14 |
| N. E. Missouri | 3 |
| Cave Springs | 19 |
| Laclede County | 8 |
| N. W. Mo. & N. E. Kans. | 5 |
| C. W. Missouri | 5 |
| Niangua | 8 |
| Liberty | 4 |

Be it resolved that this body stand in silent prayer in humble submission to God's will and in memory of our beloved departed ones.

Committee: Alta Mikel
Loraine Underwood Georgia McDaniel

Nominating Committee (For Youth Encampment Board Members)—

We, the Nominating Committee for the Youth Encamp-

ment Board, submit the following nominations:

Rev. O. T. Allred 5 years

Rev. Mark Lewis 4 years

Committee:

Rev. Harry Beatty

Thora H. Arbogast

Rev. LaVerne Miley

Nominating Committee (For delegates to the Nat'l. Ass'n.)—

We, the Nominating Committee, wish to submit the following reports:

We recommend that this body send as our delegates to the National Association which is to be held at Columbus, Georgia July, 1949 the following persons: Jewell Campbell, Eunice Miller, Lorene Miley, Thelma Lewis, Mrs. Dale Jones, Darlene Thomas, Thora Arbogast, Georgia McDaniel, Gladys Filmer, Mrs. Bob Hill, Lucy Ellen Wisheart, Myron Hyatt, Ottis Martin, Clifford McGraw and Roy Alyea.

Committee:

Burnice Davis

Mary Reigh

Lucille Beatty

Committees—

We, the Committee on Committees, submit the following report:

Pulpit Committee: Rev. LaVerne Miley, Ancil Alexander, Blaine Matthews, Ross Thomas, Helen McGraw.

Business Committee: Rev's. Mark Lewis, Henry Long, W. K. Weston, F. C. Zinn, Dea. Harry Filkins.

Obituary Committee: Alta Mikel, Georgia McDaniel, Loraine Underwood.

Foreign Mission: Damon C. Dodd, Lucy Wisheart, Harvey Hill. Advisory member, Winford Davis.

Home Mission: James F. Miller, Arthur Bailey, Harold Hoover.

Nominating Committee for delegates to Nat'l. Ass'n.: Lucille Beatty, Burnice Davis, Mary Reigh.

Special Music: Noel Greenway, Roy Alyea, Bob Hill, Darlene Thomas, Anna Mae Tucker.

Publication: Winford Davis, Paul Williams, Orville Dobbs.

Education: Albert Halbrook, Thora Arbogast, Evelyn Alyea.

Temperance: Will Gates, Clifford McGraw, Davie N. Combs.

Committee:

Mark Lewis

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SOUTHERN

| | Indian Creek | S. E. Missouri | N. E. Missouri | Cal. Laclede Spr. County | Har |
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| No. Churches July, 1948 | 10 | 16 | 11 | 12 | |
| No. Churches Reporting | 9 | 15 | 9 | 8 | |
| State of Religion | * | * | † | * | |
| Churches without Pastor | | | 3 | 3 | |
| Membership July, 1947 | 780 | 1,453 | 336 | 209 | |
| New Churches Received | | 1 | | | |
| No. Churches Disbanded | | | | | |
| Members Received | 35 | 184 | 14 | 32 | |
| No. Baptized | 30 | 133 | 12 | 25 | |
| No. Excluded | 36 | 2 | | | |
| No. Dismissed by letter | 12 | 26 | 7 | 3 | |
| No. Deceased | 9 | 14 | 3 | 8 | |
| Resident Members | 505 | 1,368 | 256 | 700 | |
| Non-Resident Members | 271 | 284 | 84 | 152 | |
| No. Churches July, 1948 | 10 | 16 | 11 | 11 | |
| Total Membership July, 1948 | 776 | 1,652 | 340 | 852 | |
| No. Tithers | 96 | 221 | 15 | | |
| No. Prayer Meetings | 8 | 16 | 5 | 4 | |
| No. Leagues | 4 | 12 | 2 | | |
| League Membership | 138 | 450 | 24 | | |
| No. Home Missions (Aux.) | 4 | 6 | 3 | | |
| Home Mission Membership | 86 | 87 | 124 | | |
| No. Sunday Schools | 9 | 16 | 8 | 9 | |
| Total S. S. Membership | 355 | 1,272 | 240 | 32 | |
| No. of Officers | 47 | 65 | 39 | 40 | |
| No. of Teachers | 46 | 93 | 40 | 38 | |
| No. of Ordained Ministers | 19 | 28 | 6 | 20 | |
| No. of Licensed Ministers | 17 | 15 | 1 | | |
| No. of Ordained Deacons | 34 | 47 | 16 | 27 | |
| Amt. Paid Pastor | \$ 4,665.38 | \$18,956.48 | \$ 2,173.33 | \$ 3,971.10 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Amt. Paid Evangelist | 1,028.79 | 5,998.95 | 715.02 | 431.00 | 500.00 |
| Amt. for Building & Repair | 867.79 | 9,526.01 | 2,601.13 | 411.00 | 300.00 |
| Amt. for Incidentals | 1,129.62 | 6,123.28 | 684.10 | 204.00 | 150.00 |
| Value of Church Property | 22,650.00 | 66,628.00 | 7,700.00 | 12,050.00 | 15,200.00 |
| Amt. for Foreign Mission | 607.59 | 2,371.77 | 690.47 | 71.00 | 15.00 |
| Amt. for Home Mission | 70.00 | 154.35 | 161.06 | 361.00 | |
| Amt. for Education | 122.50 | 1,416.74 | 186.12 | 121.00 | |
| Amt. for Superannuation | | | | | |
| Amt. for Publication | 432.25 | 1,227.74 | 273.86 | 315.00 | 207.00 |
| Amt. for Unified Fund | 565.65 | 1,495.48 | 170.40 | | |
| Amt. for budget | 45.60 | | 8.85 | | |

Please Note— * Good; † Fair.

OURI STATE ASSOCIATION

| County | Harmony | N. W. Missouri | C. W. Missouri | Niangua | Liberty | Total |
|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 12 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 109 |
| 8 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 91 |
| * | * | * | 1 | * | * | * |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 12 |
| 209 | 550 | 246 | 589 | 416 | 603 | 6,456 |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 32 | | 11 | 10 | 30 | 73 | 469 |
| 25 | | 11 | 9 | 36 | 36 | 341 |
| | | 3 | | | | 43 |
| 3 | | 9 | 5 | 7 | 30 | 113 |
| 8 | | 5 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 75 |
| 700 | 270 | 184 | 253 | 240 | 328 | 5,134 |
| 152 | 196 | 196 | 337 | 197 | 134 | 2,194 |
| 11 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 109 |
| 852 | 499 | 378 | 590 | 437 | 462 | 7,328 |
| | | 210 | 20 | | | 592 |
| 4 | 5 | | 3 | 2 | 4 | 55 |
| | | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 30 |
| | | 38 | 59 | 20 | 82 | 956 |
| | | 3 | 1 | | | 18 |
| | | 58 | 18 | | | 393 |
| 9 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 91 |
| 32 | 235 | 135 | 232 | 165 | 257 | 3,734 |
| 40 | 17 | 16 | 23 | 21 | 35 | 352 |
| 38 | 13 | 13 | 22 | 18 | 30 | 399 |
| 20 | 16 | 5 | 11 | 4 | 10 | 139 |
| | | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 37 |
| 27 | 14 | 6 | 22 | 16 | 22 | 257 |
| 1,000.00 | \$ 115.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,628.03 | \$ 670.03 | \$ 1,501.97 | \$25,688.01 |
| 500.00 | 460.35 | 237.88 | 224.65 | 385.25 | 232.89 | 10,221.70 |
| 300.00 | 90.00 | 592.87 | 97.16 | 86.74 | 5,558.40 | 20,131.10 |
| 150.00 | 23.04 | 65.74 | 178.32 | 161.99 | 118.16 | 1,438.75 |
| 15,200.00 | 5,100.00 | 12,000.00 | 7,200.00 | 5,400.00 | 24,000.00 | 177,978.00 |
| 15.00 | | 126.45 | 739.85 | 115.95 | 125.00 | 4,769.68 |
| | | 66.73 | 277.38 | 1.25 | 62.00 | 1,151.92 |
| | | 22.00 | 96.75 | | | 1,973.76 |
| | | | | | 157.91 | 157.91 |
| 207.00 | | 74.71 | 10.50 | 85.24 | | 2,600.00 |
| | | | | | | 2,231.53 |
| | | | | 1.70 | | 56.25 |

Rev. Kenneth Turner, Statistician

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| Lowell Martin | John D. McKown |
| Winford Davis | Henry Long |
| Woodrow Matthews | Orville Dobbs |
| | Arthur Bailey |

Business:

We, your Business Committee, recommend that:

No. 1. The Thursday night service of this session of the Association be a Youth Rally Service; and the Youth Camp Board be a Youth Rally Service; and that the Youth Camp Board be charged with the responsibility of arranging the program. The messenger is to be the choice of the Divine Service Committee.

No. 2. Whereas, In the year of 1937 there came about a difference of opinion between the Union Association of F. W. B. and the Missouri State Association; and

Whereas, We realize that no man in the flesh is infallible, it is possible that there could have been irregularities or error in the action of either the Missouri State Association or the Union Association or Both! Said action could have caused some persons in either body to be offended; and Whereas, the Union Association withdrew their membership at that time; and

Whereas, the Union Association at this time seeks a peaceful settlement and reinstatement with the Missouri State Association;

Be it resolved that this body in this the 1948 session exercise the happy prerogative of all Christians and vote that we are wholly willing to forgive and forget any and all irregular errors or ill will that might have come about by said difference of opinion as mentioned above.

If said Union Association is willing to take like action, this body would be happy to receive a petitionary letter from the Union Association asking to be reinstated as members of this body. It being understood "Clearly" that we are not to re-open the old differences: but, that ALL differences be forgotten forever.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be furnished the Clerk of the Union Association:

No. 3. We recommend that the Missouri State Association now in session, direct the Board of Home Missions to advance \$500.00 to the group in Kansas City for the purpose of making a down payment on a building offered them by the Church of the Latter Day Saints, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made to organize a

Free Will Baptist Church and buy the above mentioned property. Said Board of Home Missions is also directed to assist in organizing the church and buying the property.

No. 4. We recommend that Rev. Harry Beatty be paid \$25.00 for his expenses to Nashville, Tennessee as a delegate to serve with the Revision Committee, said sum to be paid from the general treasury.

No. 5. We recommend that the State Association accept the invitation from the Laclede County Association to convene with the Sunnyview Church in Laclede County, Missouri in the year 1949.

No. 5 We recommend that the officers of this Association be given a standing vote of thanks for their efficient and untiring service during this association.

No. 6. Resolution. Be it resolved that a standing vote of thanks be given the Sublette Church and the N. E. Mo. Association for their kindness and hospitality in the entertainment of this association. Be it further resolved that a special vote of thanks be given to other people of this or any other community who have made any contribution to the entertainment of the association, and a card of thanks be sent to Mr. Ira Pearce of Greentop for the use of the lumber which he donated; to Mr. Wm. Fulkerson who donated the use of the locker plant in Kirksville; to Mr. H. E. Mikel of Greentop for the use of gas stoves for cooking; to Ralph Stout of Monett for use of loud speaker system; and Mr. Glenn Estes and the Armory Board for the use of the chairs and other equipment.

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| Committee: | Mark Lewis |
| Henry Long | W. K. Weston |
| Harry Filkins | F. C. Zinn |

ENROLLMENT

VISITORS

Mrs. Russell Wellman, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Gates, Mrs. Roas Wimber, Mrs. Vesta Fleshman, Mrs. Goldie Elsea, Mrs. W. N. Dodgen, Mrs. Garland Tharp, Mrs. Bessie Fowler, Miss Freida Hale, Mrs. Gladys Fillmer, Mrs. John Thompson, Mrs. Jess Peterson, Eugene Campbell, Mrs. Burnie Dedenhoeffer, Mr. Raymond Williams, Al-

bert Dean Williams, Mrs. Dora Fugate, Mrs. Allie Ditmars, Mrs. Gertie Butler, Mrs. Ella Gregory, Mrs. Charlie Swanson, Charlie Swanson, John Thompson, Mrs. Era Wayman, Mrs. J. L. Welch, L. D. Gregory, Betty Lou Cooper, Flossie Gregory, Henry Paul Long, Ronnie Wilson, Kenneth Reeves, Maizie Sevits, Kendell Sevits, Clarence Brooks, Chas. Jr. Moyer, Alton Moyer, Myra Dawn Hyatt, Cora Casey, Mrs. R. M. Faris, Lola Filkins, Jerry Filkins, Mr. and Mrs. John Filkins, Wanda Filkins, Ted Sevits, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bridle, Eunice Briddle, Joan Gilliam, Martha Francis Buchanan, Kathryn Evans, Dan Jr. Gilliam, Donald Evans, Olena Filkins, Maude Peterson.

DEACONS

Will Gates, Ross Thomas, Garland Tharp, Blaine Matthews, H. Alexander, W. N. Dodgen, Ottis Martin, J. K. Stephens, M. H. Rhoads, W. W. King, B. H. Filkins, Wendal Sevits, Herman Miley, Harry Filkins.

DELEGATES

Thora Arbogast, Georgia McDaniels, Mary Wellbaum, Lena Johnson, Lola Anna Williams, Helen McGraw, Hazel Scott, C. C. Butler, Mae Fultz, Lucy Shaffer, Gussie Hamblin, Mary McFarland, Marie McFarland, Blanche Matthews, Frances Harbison, Bertha Souden, Rosie Sharp, Emma Bebout, Mrs. Will Gates, C. C. Bebout, Ozella Wilson, Leona Thompson, Iva Eichman, Mrs. Tony Davis, Ruby Smith, Mrs. Quenton Thomas, Dorayne Thomas, Freda Coffey, Adeline Whiteley, Dorothy Danman, Ora Wuerfile, Gertie Dudley, Ralph Stout, Minnie Hunt, Julia Gammon, Minerva Bailey, Ollie Martin, Tony Davis, Christina Fryman, Alice Finn, Ancel Alexander, Lizzie Filkins, Clifford McGraw, Elba Harbison, Lucy Wisehart, Lorraine Underwood, Ruth Thodes, Lloyd Durbin, Alice Durbin, Albert McFarland, Anna Mae Tucker, Evelyn Alyea, Mary Regh, Ethel Houghton, D. H. Houghton, Ethel Thompson, Ollie Butts, Mrs. A. A. Caylor, Oral Buchanan, Milo James, Nettie Herril, Roy Alyea.

MINISTERS' COMPANIONS

Mrs. F. C. Zinn, Mrs. James F. Miller, Mrs. LaVerne Miley, Mrs. Woodrow Matthews, Mrs. Ora George, Mrs. Albert Halbrook, Mrs. C. B. Dees, Mrs. Clyde Butts, Mrs. A. A. Taylor, Mrs. Bob Hill, Mrs. Cecil Campbell, Mrs. D. S. Jones, Mrs. Lola Long, Mrs. Myrtle Long, Mrs.

John McKown, Mrs. Harold Dunlap, Mrs. Mark Lewis,
Mrs. Harold Hoover, Mrs. Noel Greenway, Mrs. Winford
Davis, Mrs. Harry Beatty, Mrs. Archie Cooper, Raymond
Dickey, H. E. Mikel, Myron Hyatt.

MINISTERS

Mark Lewis, Myrtle, Mo.
Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.
W. K. Weston Monett, Mo.
F. C. Zinn, 306 Cedar St., Flat River, Mo.
Harvey Hill, 120 E. Loretta, Lemay, Mo.
John Long, Patton, Mo.
Effie Matthews, Desloge, Mo., Box 247
Mildred Gilliam, Greentop, Mo.
C. E. Butts, Climax Springs, Mo.
LaVerne Miley, Kirksville, Mo.
Harry Beatty, Fredericktown, Mo.
Harold Dunlap, 4238 Swan, St. Louis, Mo.
Bob Hill, 132 E. Loretta, Lemay, Mo.
Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.
Mary Wellbaum, Haddam, Kans.
Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo.
C. B. Dees, 505 Low St., Flat River, Mo.
Henry Melvin, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.
B. R. Scott, Mountain Grove, Mo.
Homer B. Smith, Mountain Grove, Mo.
Albert W. Brooks, Mountain Grove, Mo.
Chas. Moyer, 213 4th St., Flat River, Mo.
Damon C. Dodd, 601 Buckley, Flat River, Mo.
Archie Cooper, Kirksville, Mo.
Noel Greenway, Desloge, Mo.
W. Reeves, Irondale, Mo.
Edgar N. Mercer, Richwoods, Mo.
Alice Dickey, 3914 Norledge, Kansas City, Mo.
Charles Phillips, LaPlata, Mo.
Orville Dobbs, Kirksville, Mo.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with Sublette Church near Sublette, Mo., Wednesday, September 15, 1948. The President took charge and gave the theme, "Glorifying the King", and watchword,

"that the generations to come might know." (Psalms 78:6).

Devotional led by Mrs. Ruby Dunlap.

Evelyn Alyea was elected Clerk pro tem in absence of Imogene Dunklin.

The following Committees were appointed:

Appreciation: Mrs. Will Gates, Hazel Scott, Lowell Martin.

Obituary: Mrs. James F. Miller, Maizie Sevits, Thelma Lewis.

Business: Ozella Wilson, Marie Hyatt, Mary Wellbaum.

The following were elected for the Nominations Committee: Thora Arbogast, Mrs. W. K. Weston, Lucy Wiseshart, Gertie Butler, Christine Dees.

The Convention message was delivered by Rev. Mrs. Mary Wellbaum. The text of her message was John 14:31; Joshua 13:1. An inspirational message was given.

Wednesday Afternoon

Song service led by Darlene Thomas.

Prayer by Rev. Kenneth Turner.

Solo, The Love of God, by Mrs. Quenton Thomas.

Declamation by Lucy Wiseshart.

Motion carried that we receive the reports and seat the delegates that have been names, and all auxiliary workers present.

President's message by Alta Mikel.

Report from First Vice President, Mrs. Jewell Campbell followed by topic "Enlisted Prayer-Power", by Mrs. Marie Hyatt.

Report from Second Vice President, Mrs. Harry Beatty, followed by topic, "What Then, Can This Child Be?" by Thora Arbogast.

Report from Third Vice President given by Lucy Wiseshart followed by topic, "The Searching Heart," by Lola Anna Williams.

Report from Fourth Vice President by Mrs. Burnice Davis followed by topic, "Purposeful Programs," by Mrs. Christiana Halbrook.

Report from Fifth Vice President by Mrs. Gussie Hamblin followed by topic, "Paths of Service," by Mrs. Lowell Martin.

Congregational singing.

Prayer by Alta Mikel.

Motion carried that we receive the Southeast Mo. Aux-

iliary Convention into our State Convention.

Motion carried that we accept the report of the Nominating Committee.

Motion carried that we receive report of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2 of Business Committee.

An offering of \$41.66 was given to Foreign Missions.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Obituary Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Appreciation Committee.

Delegates elected to National Woman's Auxiliary Convention were: Jewell Campbell, Lucille Beatty, Burnice Davis, Christine Dees, Eunice Miller, Lucy Wisehart, Lucy Schaffer, Hazel Scott, Thora Arbogast, and Gussie Hamblin.

Report of National Woman's Auxiliary Convention given by Marie Hyatt, President of W. N. A. C.

Motion carried that we send Lucy Wisehart to our National Auxiliary Convention in July, 1949. She is to represent our State Convention in the Declamation Contest at the National Convention.

Motion carried to leave the selection of speaker for 1949 Auxiliary Convention in the hands of the Program Committee.

Motion carried to adjourn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee—

We, your Nominating Committee, wish to submit the following names for State Officers in 1948-49:

President, Alta Mikel, Greentop, Mo.

1st. Vice Pres., Jewell Campbell, Wheaton, Mo.

2nd Vice Pres., Lucille Beatty, Fredericktown, Mo.

3rd Vice Pres., Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.

4th. Vice Pres., Ruby Dunlap, 4238 Swan, St. Louis, Mo.

5th. Vice Pres., Lucy Shaffer, Cantwell, Mo.

Corr. & Rec. Secy.,-Treas., Evelyn Aleya, Monett, Mo.

Committee:

Christine Dees

Thora Arbogast

Frances Weston

Lucy Wisehart

Business—

We, the Business Committee, present the following recommendations:

No. 1 That we continue the Co-laborer Band plan as a means of financial giving according to the National Auxiliary Convention plan.

No. 2. Realizing the need of our general treasury in the Foreign Mission department; we recommend that an offering be given this afternoon from this body.

No. 3. As our Auxiliary Convention Treasury has \$54., 78 on hand, we recommend that we give \$20.00 to our College Expansion Program, \$10.00 to the clerk, and \$5.00 for printing of minutes.

Committee: Marie Hyatt
Ozella Wilson Mary Wellbaum

Obituary—

We, your Obituary Committee, in listening to the reports find that none of our members have deceased.

Be it resolved that this body stand in silent prayer and thank God for His watchful care over us and pray that he will continue to shower His blessings upon us.

Committee: Maizie Sevit's
Eunice Miller Thelma Lewis

Appreciation—

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to submit the following:

No. 1. We wish to express our appreciation and gratitude to the Sublette Church and all others who contributed to our temporal and spiritual needs.

No. 2. We wish to thank the officers who have served the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Missouri.

3. We wish to thank the Program Committee for their work.

No. 4. We wish to thank the Gem Office for printing of programs free of charge for our Convention.

Committee: Mrs. Will Gates
Lowell Martin Hazel Scott

Treasurer's Report—

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| On hand Sept. 15, 1948 | \$33.38 |
| Received from Indian Creek Aux. Con. | 10.60 |
| Received from Northeast Mo. Mission | 5.60 |
| Received from Fellowship Aux. | 1.80 |
| Received from Fredericktown Ladies Home M. | 3.40 |

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| Total Receipts | \$54.78 |
| Disbursements: | |
| College Expansion Fund | \$20.00 |
| National Con. Dues | 10.70 |
| Clerk | 10.00 |
| Printing of Minutes | 5.00 |
| Total Disbursements | \$45.70 |
| Total Amount in Treasury | \$ 9.08 |

Evelyn Alyea, Treasurer

LEAGUE PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State League Convention met at the Missouri State Youth Camp near Niangua August 6, 1948.

Song service conducted by Rev. Bob Hill.

Rev. Harry Beatty led in special prayer for our missionaries that are sailing for India today.

Solo, The Love of God, by Lucy Wisehart was very inspirational.

Devotional led by Rev. Bob Hill.

In absence of the President, Rev. Paul Williams, the Vice President, Rev. Harvey Hill, took charge of the service and the house was called to order for business.

Motion carried to receive letters and seat the delegates and all league members as delegates.

Motion carried that we nominate and elect officers from the floor.

Officers elected were: President, Bob Wilfong, Esther, Mo.; Vice President, Bob Hill, Lemay, Mo.; Secretary-Treasurer, Evelyn Alyea, Monett, Mo.; Ass't Secretary, Lucy Wisehart, Myrtle, Mo.

The following committees were appointed:

Business: Harvey Hill, Billie Jean Powell, Rose Anne Lewis, O. D. Matthews, Clare Thomas.

Promotional: Damon Dodd, LaVerne Miley, Joan Jones, Harold Dunlap, Dorothy Hardt.

Special program by Daily Vacation Bible School pupils under the direction of Marie Wright and Thora Arbogast was an inspiration to everyone.

Trio number by Rev. and Mrs. Noel Greenway and Roy Alyea.

Congregational song.

Benediction by M. C. Menge.

Eleven O'clock Service

Song service led by Rev. O. D. Matthews.

Prayer by Rev. Wm. Reeves.

Message, "God Approved Youth", (Eph. 2:10) by Rev. Damon Dodd. A glorious consecration service was held and the Lord surely blessed.

Friday Afternoon

Congregational singing led by Roy Alyea.

Prayer by Mrs. Harry Beatty.

Topic, "A God Approved Training Program", was given by Rev. Bob Hill.

Motion carried to receive the Constitution and By-Laws for discussion.

Article No. 4. Meetings. Motion carried that we amend this article to read as, "this convention shall meet annually at a time and place designated by the Convention."

Article No. 6. Motion carried that we amend Article 6 by striking out "one person".

Article 1. Motion carried that we amend Article 1 of By-Laws, strike out "temporary" and put in "all" committees.

Motion carried that we adopt the Constitution and By-Laws with amendments.

Motion carried that we have our Constitution and By-Laws printed and if not enough money in treasury to take a free will offering.

Motion carried that we accept the Executive Board's minutes.

Motion carried that we adopt the report of Business Committee.

Motion carried to accept report of Promotional Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1 of promotional Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2 of promotional Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3 of promotional Committee.

Rev. Bob Wilfong elected for State League Evangelist.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 4 of promotional Committee.

Motion carried that we place this money of the promo-

tional work in the Youth Camp Treasury.

Topic, "God Approved Stewardship", was given by Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

Topic, "God Approved Consecration", was given by Mrs. Marie Hyatt.

Minutes of this session read and approved.

Benediction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business—

We, the Business Committee, make the following report:

No. 1. We recommend that the League Convention continue to meet in conjunction with the Youth Camp indefinitely.

No. 2. We recommend that each local league cooperate in fulfilling the request of the National League Convention that we send 10% of the offering to National League Secretary quarterly.

No. 3. That the minutes of this Convention be prepared now and printed with the State Minutes; it being understood that this Convention pay their proportionate part of the cost of printing.

No. 4. That we urge all local leagues to use F. W. B. literature and the seven point system.

No. 5. That the General Executive Board prepare the program for 1949 session.

No. 6. That we give our clerk \$5.00 annually or until otherwise deemed necessary to change.

No. 7. That this League Convention go on record as approving the splendid work of the Youth Camp.

No. 8. That we give the Niangua Church and community a standing vote of thanks for their splendid cooperation during this year's session of our Youth Camp, State S. S. and League Conventions.

Committee:

Billie Jean Powell

Rose Anne Lewis

Harvey Hill

O. D. Matthews

Clara Thomas

Promotional—

We, your Promotional Committee, recommend:

No. 1. That this body elect a State League Evangelist whose duty it shall be to promote young people's work through youth revivals during the vacation season; said evangelist to be elected annually.

No. 2. We further recommend that these youth revivals be financed by free will offerings—75% of the offerings to be paid to the League Evangelist as his support and 25% to be allocated to the Youth Encampment Fund.

No. 4. It is the suggestion of your Promotional Committee that the body elect Bob Wilfong as State League Evangelist.

No. 5 Inasmuch as the first nation-wide, League Conference held at Nashville, Tennessee last June was such an outstanding success, and Inasmuch as all indications are that the next one to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma in June, 1949 shall be even better, and Inasmuch as these meetings are sources of great inspiration, much needed information, and deep consecration,

We, therefore, recommend that every League in the State of Missouri who can possibly do so plan now to attend.

Committee:

Harold Dunlap
Dorothy Hardt

Damon Dodd
Joan Jones
Laverne Miley

Treasurer's Report—

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| On hand August 6, 1948 | \$ 2.21 |
| Received with letters | 11.80 |
| Total receipts | \$14.01 |
| Disbursements: | |
| Clerk | \$ 5.00 |
| Minutes | 5.00 |
| Printing of Constitution and By-Laws | 4.00 |
| Total disbursements | \$14.00 |
| Balance | \$.01 |

Evelyn Alyea, Treasurer

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State S. S. Convention met in its 8th annual session August 5, 1948 at 9:30 a.m. at the F. W. B. Youth Camp at Niangua, Mo. in joint session with the Youth Encampment and Mo. State League Convention.

Called to order by singing.

Devotional led by Rev. Mrs. Myron Hyatt.

Prayer by Mrs. LaVerne Miley.

Scripture lesson, John 4:7-15.

Reading of Constitution and By-Laws.

Letters were read from Triumphant, Madison Co., and Northeast Mo. Conventions; Union Third Fork, Merl's Chapel, and Monett Sunday Schools. These letters were received and delegates seated.

Motion carried to seat all S. S. workers as delegates for this session only.

The following committees were appointed:

Nominating: LaVerne Miley, Eunice Edwards, Marie Wright, Harold Dunlap, O. D. Matthews.

Business: Mark Lewis, O. T. Allred, Marie Hyatt, M. C. Menge, Mildred Dobkins.

Promotional: Damon Dodd, Harold Dunlap, Edwin Hill, Robert Wilfong.

Congregational singing.

Special program given by the Daily Vacation Bible School directed by the teachers, Thora Arbogast and Marie Wright displayed the splendid work taught in the school.

Eleven O'clock Service

Devotional led by Rev. M. C. Menge.

Prayer by Rev. Damon Dodd.

Scripture lesson, Romans 15:1-6.

A testimony service was enjoyed.

The message was delivered by Rev. LaVerne Miley. The text of his message was II Cor. 5:20: Subject, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ". An inspirational message was given.

Afternoon Session

Congregational singing.

Devotional led by Rev. Winford Davis.

Business Committee's report read and received.

Item 1. That the minutes of this Convention be prepared now and printed with the minutes of the Mo. State Association. It being understood that we pay our proportionate part. (Adopted).

Item 2. That this Convention continue to meet at Youth Camp in conjunction with the Encampment session until deemed wise to change. (Adopted).

Motion carried that we instruct our secretary to make a report of our Youth Camp session and then of our plan to continue meeting at the Camp.

Item 3. That this S. S. Convention go on record as approving the splendid work of our Youth Encampment. (Adopted).

Item 4. That our Convention continue to urge the use of F. W. B. literature in our local Sunday Schools. (Adopted).

Item 5. Be it resolved this session of the Convention accept notice of subjective change of Article No. 7 of the Constitution to read as follows: "This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting." (Adopted).

Item 6. That LaVern Miley be appointed delegate-in-chief to the National S. S. Convention with power to appoint any others that might be present as delegates up on our limit. (Adopted).

Motion carried to adopt report of Nominating Committee. The officers elected were: President, Rev. Harvey Hill, 120 E. Loretta, Lemay, Mo.; Vice President, Rev. Robert Wilfong, Esther, Mo.; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Wm. Reeves, Irondale, Mo.

Promotional Committee's report read and received.

Item 1. We recommend the appointment of a Promotional Committee of five members whose duty it shall be to foster and promote through the medium of the S. S. such as Youth Camp support, improvement in our literature, training classes for our S. S. teachers and officers, and any other phase which tends to more closely correlate our State and National S. S. Program. (Adopted).

Item 2. We recommend this committee to serve for one year. (Adopted).

Report of Promotional Secretary read and received.

Motion carried that if it meets the approval of State League Convention and Youth Camp Board the treasury of the Promotional program be placed in the Youth Camp treasury.

Motion carried to have cuts made of Youth Camp pictures which were taken by Rev. Kenneth Turner.

Youth Camp financial plan presented.

PROGRAM

Congregational song.

Topic 1, "What our denomination has meant to our youth in the past", by Rev. Wm. Reeves.

Topic 2, "What of the future of our F. W. B. Youth", by Rev. D. C. Dodd.

Nominating Committee (For Promotional Committee to serve for one year) read and accepted.

Committee: Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. Harold Dunlap, Rev.

LaVerne Miley, Rev. Marie Hyatt, Miss Thora Arbogast.
Minutes read and approved.
Adjournment.

President, Rev. Harvey Hill
Secretary-Treas., Rev. Wm. Reeves

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

2. The object of this Association shall be for the bringing together of the free Will Baptists of the State of Missouri in one great annual gathering, so they can get better acquainted with each other, and for the upbuilding of the Free Will Baptist Churches of Missouri and for the salvation of souls.

3. The Association shall be composed of duly elected delegates, elected by the body holding membership in this body.

4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, and a Secretary-Treasurer, said officers shall be elected annually at the beginning of each session and hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified; a board of trustees of five members whose terms of office shall be as follows: One for one (1) year, one for two (2) years, one for three (3) years, one for four (4) years, and one for five (5) years; and at the expiration of these terms, one is to be elected for a term of five years who shall hold office until his successors are elected; and further, if any vacancies occur between sessions of the Association, the Board shall fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next Ass'n.; who shall perform the following duties: First, shall be the legal corporation of the Association with the corporate name of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists; to be a Board of Missions and Church Extension, to secure, hold, use and convey money, homes or lands for the propagation of the gospel in connection with the Free Will Baptist denomination. Second, to receive, hold, manage, use, control, or convey any property entrusted to the Association for and in accordance with the donor's purpose. Said Board of Trustees shall also compose the Home Mission Board. They may be chosen from ministers, deacons, or delegates.

5. This Association shall not usurp any authority over

the Quarterly Meetings, or Associations that shall be under its supervision, but shall be an advisory body to help them.

6. Seven or more ordained ministers or deacons from two or more bodies, belonging to this Association shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

7. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk, and in their absence, the senior minister in age, shall call the Association to order for business, and call the Moderator or Assistant Moderator to the chair, and if neither Moderator nor Assistant Moderator is present, then the senior minister in age shall act as moderator. On taking his chair, the Moderator shall call for the reading of the letters from the different bodies composing this Association, and after letters are read he shall seat the delegates. After the delegates are seated, the election of officers shall be in order.

8. Any organized Quarterly Meeting, Yearly Meeting or Association of Free Will Baptists may unite with this body at any regular session, through a letter or delegates by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

9. This Constitution may be added to, amended or changed at any regular session of this body by a two-thirds vote of all members present, after written notice of the contemplated change has been published in the official paper three months previous to the session at which such change is to take place.

BY-LAWS

1. All business meetings shall be opened by singing, reading a portion of God's Word and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

2. All business, except routine, shall be brought before the body by committees, but should any committee refuse or fail to present to this body any business given to it by any member of this Association, then such business may be presented to the body by any member, but cannot be discussed unless by a vote of this body.

3. No one shall speak more than five minutes or more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the Moderator.

4. Any member of this body can appeal from the decision of the Moderator to the Association, and by a majority vote thereon, the objection shall be sustained

or rejected.

5. No one shall leave the Association without the consent of the Moderator.

6. Anyone desiring to speak shall arise and say, "Brother Moderator, but shall not speak further until he or she is recognized by the Moderator.

7. The Moderator shall stop all discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it is likely to lead to discord and division.

8. The officers of this body shall submit, at every annual session, a report of the work done for this Association.

9. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all business-transactions; be responsible for all funds received and disbursed; shall superintend the printing of the Minutes and shall receive an honorium of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per year.

10. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

11. All officers of this Association shall be nominated from the floor and elected by standing vote unless otherwise requested or ordered by the body.

12. All resolutions and reports shall bear the names of all the members of the committee who favor them; and if the names be not a majority of all members of such committee, then the Clerk shall not read the resolution or report.

13. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, but any appointment may be changed by a two-thirds vote of this body.

14. All business coming before this Association shall be decided by secret ballot when there is any opposition or objection.

15. A majority of all votes shall be final upon all subjects except to ammend the Constitution, receive Quarterly Meetings or Associations, and the changing of the members of the committees appointed by the Moderator, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.

16. The number of delegates to the State Association shall be one delegate for the association and in addition, one delegate for every fifty resident members or major fraction thereof.

17. The standing delegates to this Association shall be all ordained ministers and their companions, provided t^e companion is a member in good standing in some

Free Will Baptist Church belonging to this State Association; all ordained deacons; and Associational Clerks.

18. These By-Laws may be amended or changed at any regular session of this Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible.—The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. God—There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. Christ—Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God; in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever-present Saviour and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit—The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide, and Sanctifier of men.

5. The Government of God—God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. The Sinfulness of Man—Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherits a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin and become guilty before God.

7. The Work of Christ—The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation through faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation—The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it; 2. Faith, or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God; 3.

Continued faith and obedience until death.

9. Election—God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. Freedom of the Will—The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation Free—God desires the salvation of all; the Gospel invites all; and the Holy Spirit strives with all and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. Perseverance—All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances—Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation and to be administered to all true believers.

14. The Christian Sabbath—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart, from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works, and activities and personal communion with God.

15. War—War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore we are opposed to war.

16. Resurrection, Judgement, and Final Retribution—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things; to avoid all appearance of evil; to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ''.

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love endeavoring to keep the unity of spirit in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions and the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.