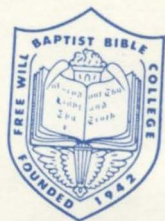


MINUTES
of the
VIRGINIA STATE
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



FOURTEENTH SESSION HELD WITH THE
BEAR WALLOW CHURCH, DANTE, VA.
JUNE 13, 14, 1952



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Damon Dodd

MINUTES

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Virginia State
Association

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held with

Bear Wallow Church

DANTE, VIRGINIA

June 13, 14, 1952

OFFICERS

REV. MACK BUTLER, *Moderator*
Dunganon, Virginia

MR. E. J. KILCORE, *Treasurer*
Coeburn, Virginia

MRS. M. C. FORAN, *Clerk*
Bristol, Virginia

EXECUTIVE BOARD

REV. S. M. McFALL
Clintwood, Virginia

REV. R. N. WAYCASTER
Kingsport, Tennessee, Route 4

REV. GROVER HAWKINS
Dante, Virginia

The next session will convene with Mt. Carmel Church, Woodway, Virginia, on Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1953. The opening time: 10 a. m. E.S.T.

PROCEEDINGS

Friday

The fourteenth annual session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with Bear Wallow Church, Dante, Virginia, June 13-14, 1952.

The opening song was "That Is Where I Want to Go." Rev. Homer Willis offered the opening prayer. The clerk then read twelve verses from John 15.

The business session began with the moderator, Rev. Mack Butler, in charge. Rev. Grover Hawkins was elected to the Executive Board to succeed Brother Cassie Meade whose term expired at this session. Rev. S. M. McFall's term expires June, 1953; Rev. R. N. Waycaster's term expires June, 1954; Rev. Grover Hawkin's term expires June, 1955.

It was voted that the Executive Board should decide who is to do the preaching during the association.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

Friday Afternoon Session

The opening song was "The Old Account." Prayer was offered by Brother W. H. Dail. Rev. Homer Willis then brought the introductory message based upon Acts 2:41. His subject was "The Works of the Early Church."

Ministers Enrolled—

Rev. R. N. Waycaster
Rev. Thelma Combs
Rev. Walter Glovyer
Rev. Earl James
Rev. Mack Butler
Rev. J. W. Brananan
Rev. S. M. McFalls
Rev. Tom Hall
Rev. Orville Oquinn
Rev. H. V. Johnson
Rev. James Cassel
Rev. J. T. Hartsock
Rev. Dela Salyers
Rev. Woodrow Richardson
Rev. Mack Fisher
Rev. Roy Kilgore
Rev. G. T. Francis
Rev. Lonnie Brown
Rev. Winston Sweeney
Rev. Ethel Robbins

Deacons Enrolled—

Robert Brewster
W. H. Dail, S. W. Va. Association
M. C. Foran, John Wheeler Association
Roy Helton, Sandy Valley Association
James Barnes
David James, Sandy Valley Association
E. J. Kilgore, S. W. Va. Association
Sherman Herndon
Garfield Taylor

Delegates Enrolled—

Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Waycaster
W. H. Dail
Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Foran
Olster Hartsock
Roy Helton
Bertha Helton
Mrs. Wayne Reese
Benna Evans
Della Salyers
Juanita Hopkins
James Hobbs
Bessie Richardson
G. D. Bennet
E. J. Kilgore
Mrs. Jackie Culbertson

Visiting Ministers—

Rev. Paul Woolsey
Rev. Homer Willis
Rev. Alva Dingus
Rev. Moores Napier

Ladies Auxiliary Delegates—

Jackie Culbertson
Goldie Kiser
Thelma Combs
Rosa Sherman

Delegates from the Various Associations

Sandy Valley—Roy Helton, Bertha Helton,
Earl James, David James, and J. W. Richardson.

Clinch Valley—James Hobbs, Juanita Hawkins, and Oscar Hartsock.

Southwest Virginia—W. H. Dail, Della Salyers, Juanita Reece, Garfield Taylor, Leslie Ketron, E. J. Kilgore, and Jackie Culbertson.

John Wheeler—Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Waycaster, Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Foran, Thelma Combs, Winston Sweeney, and Rosa Sherman.

Letters received from the associations as follows:

Clinch Valley—Letter and delegates with \$25 for state funds. Sandy Valley—Letter and delegates with \$24.33 for state funds. Southwest Virginia—Letter and delegates with \$25.00 for state funds. John Wheeler—Letter and delegates with \$25.00 for state funds.

By vote Brother W. H. Dail was elected treasurer of the association to succeed Brother E. J. Kilgore who has been very faithful through a number of years and requested to be relieved of his duty in order that he may be more capable of taking care of other duties assigned him.

The Executive Board announced that Rev. Tom Hall will bring the afternoon message at 3 p. m. and Rev. Mack Butler tonight at 7:30.

3 p. m. Service

The opening song was "What a Wonderful Time That Will Be." Prayer was offered by Brother R. N. Waycaster. Rev. Tom Hall

brought the message based on II Peter 2. The closing song was "Amazing Grace."

7:45 p. m. Service

The opening song was "I'm Moving Across the River Some Day." Brother Orville Oquinn offered the prayer. Brother Mack Butler brought an interesting message from Galatians 5 and Genesis 15:11. His text was "And when the fowls came down upon the carcass, Abram drove them away."

Saturday Morning Session

"I'm Not Ashamed of Jesus" was the opening song. Rev. Paul Woolsey offered the prayer. The clerk read the first Psalm.

Rev. Mack Butler, Moderator, conducted the business session. Motioned and carried that Brother and Sister Clyde Kizer be retained as league field workers for the association.

The Brothers R. N. Waycaster, S. E. Brooks, E. J. Kilgore, Mack Butler, who were sent to Norfolk last year to investigate some churches, make the following report: The churches organized the Tidewater Quarterly Meeting and joined with the Southwest Virginia Association in May, 1952, at Coeburn, Virginia.

By vote the Executive Board was chosen to visit the John Thomas Association on behalf of the association coming into the State Association.

By vote Brother Mack Fisher was elected moderator for the next association.

Motion carried that we get 600 minutes printed instead of the 400 as has been the custom.

By vote of the association, Brother W. H. Dail, the treasurer, shall pay out of the State funds all the necessary expense. Due to the lack of funds in the treasury it was recommended that each association send \$50.00 instead of \$25.00 as has been the custom.

Conference adjourned until 1:30 p. m. for the 11:00 a. m. service.

11 a. m. Service

Mrs. I. L. Stanley and the children from the Greenville, Tennessee, orphanage gave an impressive devotional in prayer and song. Brother Woodrow Richardson brought the message from John 5:28-29. The closing song was "I'll Fly Away."

Saturday Afternoon Session

Opened with a quartet singing and Brother H. V. Johnson offering prayer. The clerk read Hebrews 11.

Delegates appointed to the National Association were as follows: Sister R. N. Waycaster, Brother and Sister M. C. Foran, and Brother E. J. Kilgore.

Brother E. J. Kilgore was appointed delegate to the Kentucky Association which convenes with England Hill Church, Ashland, Kentucky, June 20, 21, 1952.

The Reverend Paul Woolsey and Sister

Woolsey gave an interesting program on their missionary work in India.

A collection of \$105.02 was taken for the Tennessee orphanage and given to Mrs. Stanley and the children.

Report of finances was \$83.32.

Brother Grover Hawkins will bring the message on Saturday night.

The Executive Board announced that the next session will meet with Mt. Carmel Church at Woodway on Friday before the third Sunday in June 1953.

The association adjourned for one year.

We, the delegates of the represented associations, visiting Brothers and Sisters offer our sincere and heart-felt thanks to the people of the Bear Wallow Church and community for their kind hospitality rendered us during our stay in your locality.

Respectfully submitted by the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists,

REV. MACK BUTLER, Moderator

MRS. M. C. FORAN, Clerk

Letters

Greetings to the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Bear Wallow Church, Dante, Virginia, June 13, 14, 1952.

We the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptists while in regular session with the Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Virginia, May 17, 1952. We have chosen the following delegates to sit with you in your work: Rev. Della Salyers, Brother W. H. Dail, Sister Jackie Culbertson, Sister Buena Evans, Sister Juanita Reece, Brother Garfield Taylor, Brother Leslie Ketron, Brother E. J. Kilgore.

Our standing is as follows: Number quarterly meetings 3; No. churches 40; membership 2061; No. Sunday Schools 35; Sunday School membership 2796; No. leagues 8; league membership 258; Ordained ministers 59; Licentiates 10.

Auxiliary report: No. Auxiliaries 16; Membership 256; Home Missions \$756.00; Superannuation \$87.00; Orphanage \$486.00; co-labor Band \$49.00.

Value of church property \$99,800.00. State of religion—good. Minute fund enclosed—\$25.00.

Note: The third quarterly meeting in our conference is the Tidewater. It came in at our last association and at the present time their report is incomplete.

Done by order of the Southwest Virginia Association.

REV. MACK BUTLER, Moderator

REV. MACK FISHER

LESLIE KETRON, Clerk

Ministers of Southwest Virginia Association

C. C. Arney, Herald, Va.

G. L. Addington, Coeburn, Va., RFD 1.

J. W. Addington, Coeburn, Va., RFD 1.

Hobert Addington, Wise, Va., RFD 2.

Willie E. Adams, Inman, Va.

Mack Butler, Dunganon, Va.

J. W. Brannon, Pennington Gap, Va.

W. A. Blevins, St. Charles, Va.

Edgar Baltimore, Calvin, Va.

Willard Bowman, Derby, Va.

Palmer Blivens, Coeburn, Va., RFD 1.

Monroe Bolling, Esserville, Va., RFD 1.

H. E. Bevins, Bontown, Va.

S. R. Ball, St. Charles, Va.

Geo. N. Collins, Ramsey, Va.

Robert Dixon, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Carson Dotson, Glamorgan, Va.

Tillman Dairy, Olinger, Va.

Gillus Francis, Pound, Va.

James Fields, Inman, Va.

L. J. Fields, Norton, Va.

Mack Fisher, Wise, Va.

Virgel Griffith, Dunbar, Va.

W. H. Gibson, Olinger, Va.

Silias Gibson, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Ray Gardener, Esserville, Va.

W. B. Galloway, Big Stone Gap, Va.
S. H. Jackson, Dorchester, Va.
H. V. Johnston, Norton, Va., RFD 2.
C. L. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.
Roy Kilgore, Dunganon, Va.
J. B. Maggard, Denhams, Ky.
Hansford Mullins, Pound, Va.
Charlie Mullins, Wise, Va., RFD 2.
L. H. Martin, Jonsville, Va.
Paul Harry Miller, Big Stone Gap, Va.
J. L. Meade, Herald, Va.
B. R. Powers, Wise, Va.
W. R. Powers, Wise, Va.
David Powers, Norton, Va.
Beecher Powers, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elmer Parsons, Jonsville, Va.
Lacy Powers, Norton, Va., RFD 1.
James Rose, Coeburn, Va., RFD 1.
James Ramsey, Ramsey, Va.
Earnest Ramsey, Kingsport, Tenn.
Mrs. Ethel Robbins, Norton, Va., Box 231.
Cova Robinette, Wise, Va., RFD 1.
Mrs. Della Salyers, Dorchester, Va.
Andrew Stidam, Ramsey, Va.
J. T. Sturgill, Pound, Va.
W. R. Surett, Exter, Va.
C. G. Turner, Glamorgan, Va.
V. B. Thacker, Fort Blackmore, Va.
S. M. McFall, Clintwood, Va.
Curtiss Wynn, Exter, Va.
Wythe White, Herald, Va.
Sulvian Wilson, Big Stone Gap, Va.
Jake Welch, Wise, Va., RFD 1.

Licentiates as follows:

Jessie Cowden, Tom's Creek, Va.
V. L. Collins, Ramsey, Va.
J. T. Greear
Elmer Haga, Nicklesville, Va.
Raymond Smith, Inman, Va.
Willie Adams, Inman, Va.
James West, Flat Gap, Va.
Otis Keith, Big Stone Gap, Va.
Homer Richardson, Tom's Creek, Va.
Earl Miller, Glamorgan, Va.

Greetings from the John Wheeler Association to the Virginia State Association which convened with Bear Wallow Church at Dante, Va.

We send as delegates our beloved brothers and sisters; Rev. and Sis. R. N. Waycaster, Bro. and Sis. M. C. Foran, Rev. Parley Bryant, Rev. Jennings Wilson, and Rev. E. F. Mitchell, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid in your deliberations.

Our standings are as follows:

Churches having prayer services, 11; churches having Sunday schools, 10; ordained ministers, 32; licentiates, 13; deceased ministers, 1; deceased members, 5; paid pastors, \$2,241.06; orphanage, \$100.00; evangelist, \$388.17; Home Mission, \$102.85; Foreign Missions, \$7.59; church property, \$38,000.00; enclosed for finance, \$25.00.

Done by order of the John Wheeler Associa-

tion while in regular conference session with
Free Zion Church, Saturday, May 31, 1952.

REV. E. F. MITCHELL, Moderator

MRS. SARAH B. FORAN, Clerk

**Ordained Ministers of the John Wheeler
Association**

E. F. Mitchell, Holston, Va., RFD 1.
H. H. Whittaker, Bristol, Va., RFD 2.
R. L. Carr, Abingdon, Va., Gen. Del.
H. R. Rouse, Pristol, Va., RFD 4.
Elmer Adkins, Indians Springs, Tenn.
W. G. Henley, Abingdon, Va., Box 128.
Lula Henley, Abingdon, Va., Box 128.
Palmer Graybeal, Abingdon, Va., RFD 1.
R. N. Waycaster, Kingsport, Tenn., RFD 4.
Dewey Foran, Abingdon, Va., RFD 2.
Albert Prator, Bristol, Tenn., 6th St.
E. A. Wagner, Bristol, Tenn., 145 Lee Hgy.
J. W. Chesnutt, Bristol, Va., 520 Page St.
Charles Rorak, Abingdon, Va., Box 122.
C. C. Norris, Abingdon, Va., RFD 1.
W. A. Howington, Bristol, Tenn., RFD 3.
Joe E. Tolliver, Bristol, Tenn., RFD 2.
Amos L. Pope, Abingdon, Va., RFD 1.
Preston Rorak, Abingdon, Va., RFD 1.
Jennings Wilson, Abingdon, Va., RFD 1.
George Newman, Bristol, Tenn., RFD 2.
H. H. Daniels, Telford, Tenn.
Thelma Combs, Bristol, Tenn., Shelby St.
Virginia Brannan, Bristol, Va., Texas Ave.
W. S. Broyhill, Meadowview, Va.
Parley Bryant, Itmann, West Va.

Andy Rutherford, Kingsport, Tenn., Box 127,
RFD 2.

Claude Lethcoe, Glade Springs, Va.

Demple Jones, Bristol, Tenn., 1115 Ceader
Street.

Louise Gilreath, Bristol, Tenn., RFD 1.

Charles Richards.

John Vonnoy, Glade Springs, Va.

C. A. Hawks, Tampa, Fla., 8421 Edison Ave.

Dan Jackson, Abingdon, Va., RFD 2.

Aileen Quailles, Bristol, Tenn., 114 East St.

Licentiates—

Douglas Offield, Bristol, Tenn., RFD 1.

David A. Martin, Kingsport, Tenn., Box 72-
R, RFD 7.

George Shepherd, Fordtown, Tenn.

Everett Dollar, Bristol, Tenn.

T. A. Ingram, Holston, Va.

W. A. Skeens, Bristol, Va.

Winston Sweeney, Bristol, Tenn., 1106
Southside Ave.

Sylvia Catlett, Bristol, Tenn., RFD 4.

Mable Qtey, Abingdon, Va., RFD 1.

Johnny Wolfe, Galde Springs, Va., Box 95,
RFD 2.

Cecil Clifton, Holston, Va., RFD 1.

Wilma Baumgardner, Alvarado, Va., RFD 1.

Deceased—

Rev. E. T. Tolliver, Bristol, Va., 321 Boone
Street.

Greetings from the Sandy Valley Association which convened with Bear Wallow Church, Dante, Virginia, June 13-14, 1952. We send as delegates our beloved brothers and sisters; Arnold Walker, Howard Hess, Bessie Richardson, Ethel Godly, Elizabeth Whitt, Bertha Helton, and Monnie Johnson whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations.

Our standings are as follows: Number of churches, 15; membership, 700; donations to orphanage, \$49.30; value of church property, \$16,400; ordained ministers, 34; number of Sunday schools, 10; number of quarterly conferences, 2; young people leagues, 2.

Done by order of the Sandy Valley Association while in regular session with Mangus Chapel Church at Amonota, Virginia.

REV. R. P. REEDY, Moderator
MONNIE JOHNSON, Clerk

Ministers of Sandy Valley Association

S. E. Brooks, Richlands, Va.

Hassel Boyd, Putnam, Va.

Lester L. Gilley, Honaker, Va.

H. D. Hess, Honaker, Va.

R. E. Hilton, Putnam, Va.

Holand Miller, Unknown

Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, Va.

Aaron Justice, Honaker, Va.

Woodrow Richardson, Amonata, Va.

LaFern Honaker, Putnam, Va.

Rena Hale, Richlands, Va.

H. A. Hess, Bristol, Tenn., Shelby St.
W. L. Rudy, North Tazewell, Va.
A. H. Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Mose Napier, Putnam, Va.
Earl James, Venia, Va.
Estel Sanders, Venia, Va.
Orville Oquinn, Council, Va.
R. A. Ryder, Bristol, Tenn., 22 12th St.
Hobert Bostic, Swords Creek, Va.
Truell Brown, Lynn Springs, Va.
Lacy Miller, Swords Creek, Va.
Clarence Miller, Swords Creek, Va.
Simpson Perkins, Putnam, Va.
Jacob Mangus, Amonata, Va.
Elmer Hankins, Cedar Bluff, Va.
John Hensley, Jr., Amonata, Va.
Frank Addison, Amonata, Va.
Arnold Bostic, Amonata, Va.
John J. Johnson, Amonata, Va.
Oliver Osborne, Richlands, Va.
R. H. Rhudy
R. P. Reedy
Luther Coleman, Honaker, Va.

Greetings to the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists which convened with Bear Wallow Church, Dante, Virginia, June 13-14, 1952.

We send as delegates our beloved brothers: Oscar Hartsock, J. W. Pierson, R. F. Quillen, Vonda Dorton, and Thurman Sproles, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations.

Our standings are as follows: Number of churches, 18; number of members, 927; number of quarterly meetings, 3; number of Sunday schools, 14; number of ordained ministers, 33; value of church property, \$25,000.

Done by order of Clinch Valley Association.

REV. TOM HALL, Moderator

L. E. SEXTON, Clerk

Ministers of Clinch Valley Association

W. H. Frazier, Horton Summit, Va.

Wayland Owens, Mabe, Va.

James A. Boatright, Verdi, Va.

Tom Hall, Kingsport, Tenn., RFD 6.

A. D. Edwards, Dante, Va.

Elmer Baker, Natural Tunnel, Va.

L. E. Sexton, Kingsport, Tenn.

W. H. Glover, Dante, Va.

Pat Bishop, Mabe, Va.

James Casell, Clinch, Va.

Emory Cook, Dante, Va.

W. C. Vickers, Kingsport, Tenn., Highland Ave.

W. C. Timpliton, Mabe, Va.

J. H. Patrick, Hansonville, Va.

Deceased—

R. A. Dingus, Dante, Va.

June 14, 1952

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

Bal. Carried Forward from 1950	\$ 7.61
Rec. of State Assoc., 1951	118.25
Total Receipts	125.86

DISBURSEMENTS

Rev. Mack Butler	\$100.00
Mrs. M. C. Foran	15.00
State Minutes	50.00
National Association	30.00
Total	\$105.00
Bal. in Treasure as of June 14, 1952	\$ 20.86

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. KILGORE, *Treasurer*

VIRGINIA STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

JUNE, 1952

RECEIPTS

From E. J. Kilgore, balance from last year ...	\$ 20.85
Virginia State Association June 14, 1952	83.33
Russel County Quarterly Meeting, 6/20/52	17.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$121.18

EXPENDITURES

National Association	\$ 30.00
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BALANCE ON HAND

\$ 91.18

Received from Tidewater Quarterly Meeting

Home Missions	\$ 61.00
Foreign Missions	79.77
Christian Education	200.80
Orphanage	40.00
Superannuation	65.00

TOTAL

\$446.57 \$446.57

Received from Sunday School Convention

Home Missions	\$ 3.00
Foreign Missions	51.09
Christian Education	6.00
Orphanage	38.00
Superannuation	3.00

TOTAL\$101.09 \$101.09

Received from League Convention

Foreign Missions	\$ 8.00
Christian Education	6.00
Orphanage	8.00

TOTAL\$ 22.00 \$ 22.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS\$569.66

BALANCE ON HAND\$660.84

If all our Quarterly Meetings will join this move we can go forward for Christ. Your State Treasurer is willing to go all the way for this cause. All he needs is your prayers and support. Can I depend on *you*? We are in need of funds for our State work and we are asking each one that will, to send one dollar to the Treasurer each year for this work. We can do this can't we? Ask the Lord what he would have *you* do.

Yours for His service,

WILTON H. DAIL, *Treasurer*
309 Graydon Ave.
Norfolk (7), Va.

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We the FREE WILL BAPTISTS of the State of Virginia, realizing the importance of a higher degree of co-operation and a greater spirit of unity do ordain and constitute this Constitution and By-Laws for the Government of the State Association of Virginia.

Article I

Name: The name of this Association shall be known as the VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

Article II

Purpose: The object or purpose of this organization shall be to unify the efforts of various local Associations of this State and adjacent territory.

Article III

Section 1

Representation: All ministers in good standing in the denomination in the State shall upon application become members in full standing.

Section 2

Each Association within the State shall be entitled to five (5) representatives to be chosen from the laity of the local Association and

additional delegates for each Quarterly Meeting to be chosen by the respective Quarterly Meetings.

Article IV

Discipline: The State Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or usage that may properly come before it from any Association, Quarterly Meeting or Church composing said State Association of the Free Will Baptist Church, or act upon any appeal that may be made by anybody belonging to said State Association. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent Body or Bodies. Such appeals are to come before the State Association after having been appealed from the lower body to the next higher body.

Article V

Section 1

Officers: The officers of this State Association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Recording Secretary, an Assistant Recording Clerk, a Treasurer and an Executive Board, each of which shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote of the body at the close of each regular session—excepting the Clerk which shall be for a period of four (4) years or during good behavior—and the Executive Board which shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

Section 2

The State Executive Secretaries of Depart-

mental Work shall be as follows: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Young People's Work, Sunday Schools and Education, and shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote of the body at each regular session.

Section 3

Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the Chair unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until work is completed or until their successors are elected and installed.

Article VI

Section 1

Executive Board: An Executive Board of three (3) members shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote of the body. The first member named shall serve one (1) year, the second member named shall serve two (2) years, the third member named shall serve (3) years, and one elected annually, as order requires, to serve for a three year term.

Section 2

This Executive Board shall have power to act in behalf of and for the State Association from one regular session of the Association to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the State Association.

Section 3

This Executive Board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its body, and shall also have power to fill any vacancies that occur in any department of work. It shall be the duty of this Board to make written reports of all its work to the next regular session of the State Association.

Article VII

Time of Meeting: This State Association shall hold its regular meetings annually. The time of the meetings shall be Friday before the third (3) Sunday in June each year and shall continue in session until its work is completed—providing notice shall have been served to the Clerk of each Association composing the State Association—said notice to have been given ten (10) days previous to the time of the meeting stating the time and place of meeting. Adjourned sessions may be called when conditions demand.

Article VIII

Denominational Enterprises: It shall be the right and purpose of this State Association to establish and maintain Home Missions, Publishing Houses, Orphanages and Aged Ministers' Homes, and Summer Camps for Young People.

Article IX

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of this State Associa-

tion of Free Will Baptists by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, provided that a specific notice has been given at the last previous session.

BY-LAWS

Article One

The Moderator, or in his absence the Assistant Moderator, shall call the Association to order and if a quorum is present shall proceed with the business.

Article Two

Any minister in good standing from any Association composing the State Association shall be eligible for membership upon application, and any delegate legally appointed or elected by any Association and Quarterly Meeting of that Association composed of State Association shall be eligible to membership in this Association.

Article Three

It shall be the duty of each body belonging to this Association to send a letter to every annual session of this Association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any local Association which fails to report itself for two successive sessions, will be considered dropped from this association.

Article Four

Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

Article Five

By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of a Moderator can be overruled.

Article Six

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

Article Seven

This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.

Article Eight

Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission of the Moderator.

Article Nine

It shall be the duty of all members of this Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the Moderator.

Article Ten

No member shall absent himself from the Association during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the Moderator.

Article Eleven

No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

Article Twelve

The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

Article Thirteen

Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.

Article Fourteen

The "yeas" and "nays" may be taken on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

Article Fifteen

No member of this Association will be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission of the Moderator.

Article Sixteen

It shall be the duty of the Moderator to seat the delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

Article Seventeen

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this State Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

