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As the new President of the West Virginia Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention looking forward to the year ahead, i believe it will be possible to establish many new Sunday Schools in our state this year and to increase the membership enrolled and make many improvements in the schools already established. This cannot be done unless every member gives the Convention their most hearty support and prayers.

Let us all work to the end that these things may be accomplished in our denominational Sunday School work this year through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

E. E. HAGLEY, President.



Looking back over the past year we feel that we have made nice gains in the Sunday School work in West Virginia, yet as we face the new year we realize that we have a great field that is yet untouched, a field that contains many Souls to be won for Christ. May we have the support of every member of the Free Will Baptist Church in West Virginia to the end that more Sunday Schools may be established and new gains in membership be made this year.

R. W. HENSON, Field Representative.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3—2:30 P. M.

Services were opened by singing and prayer, Bro. Alvin Brown being in charge of the devotional. Song, "The Kingdom Is Coming." Prayer was offered by the Rev. J. E. Shrives. Scripture lesson, Psalms 68 Chapter. A short talk was made by Bro. W. M. Booth of Beckley District Convention, also other Sunday School workers, after which Rev. R. L. Bradley brought a stirring message on the subject of "Thy Work Shall Be Rewarded."

Benediction by Bro. Virgil Vititoe.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3—7:30 P. M.

The devotional was conducted by Bro. Marcie Jarrell of Ona, W. Va. Song, "Running Over." Prayer by Bro. John K. Adkins. Scripture reading, Ruth 2 Chapter, after which the Rev. A. A. Collins of Milton, W. Va., was introduced as the evening speaker who brought a wonderful message on the subject "Finding Out For Yourselves." He was followed by Rev. J. E. Shrives. At the close of the message the congregation stood and sang while an altar call was made. Bro. E. B. Legg prayed the dismissal prayer.

SATURDAY—9:30 A. M.

Services opened by singing and prayer. Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. H. W. Howel. Song, "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand." Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Jeffrey. Scripture lesson, St. John 16th Chapter from 1st to 16th verses. Prayer was then offered by the Rev. R. L. Bradley. The Convention was called to order for business by the President, Bro. E. B. Legg. The address of welcome was given by the Rev. J. W. Jeffrey. Rev. J. C. Wilcox gave the response. The minutes of the previous session was read by the Clerk, and approved by the Convention. The Convention then proceeded to elect the following committees:

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Bro. W. M. Booth was selected as the Chairman. Rev. J. W. Jeffrey and Rev. D. E. Bias.

NEXT SESSION COMMITTEE

A motion was offered to elect five members to this committee to be selected from the body of Delegates. The motion was carried. Bro. Joe Mullins, Chairman. Sis. Lilly Brown, Sis. Edna Wood, Bro. Sidney Jarrell and Bro. F. E. Justice.

JUDGES OF FIVE-POINT SYSTEM ELECTED AS FOLLOWS

Rev. J. B. Workman, Chairman. Sis. Inez Henson, Rev. James O. Sizemore, Sis. Thelma Christian and Bro. Alvin Brown.

LETTERS READ FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

After the reading of letters the business was adjourned until 2:30 p. m. The morning message was brought by the Reverend D. E. Bias, pastor of the Thomas Memorial Church of Huntington, W. Va. The message was very inspiring. His subject, was "Occupy Till I Come." At the close of message Bro. Blain Pridemore pronounced the Benediction.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—2:30

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. W. C. Chapman. Special song service was rendered by the Mullins Quartette of Coal City, W. Va. Scripture lesson, St. John 14th Chapter. Prayer was offered by Mrs. James O. Sizemore.

Convention was called to order by the President, Bro. E. B. Legg. Letters from new Sunday Schools were read, and the Delegates were extended the hand of fellowship by the Rev. D. E. Bias in behalf of the Convention.

REPORT OF FIELD REPRESENTATIVE CALLED FOR

Bro. R. W. Henson submitted his report of extended field work which was heartily commended by the entire Convention.

CONVENTION SERMON FOR 1946

Rev. J. W. Jeffrey was selected to preach the Convention Sermon on Friday Evening, 8:00 o'clock. At Coal City Free Will Baptist Church.

DELEGATE TO YEARLY MEETING

A motion to report to West Virginia Yearly Meeting by letter and Delegate, carried. Sister Magie Bias was selected as Delegate. Sister Bias selected Sister Legg as her alternate. A motion was offered to send five dollars with the letter to Yearly Meeting, the motion was carried.

NEXT SESSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

We, your Committee on Next Session, have agreed that the 1946 session should be held with the Coal City Sunday School, carried.

REQUEST FOR CONVENTION

Bro. Virgil Vititoe of the Pleasant Valley Sunday School of near Ona, W. Va., has made a personal request for the 1947 session to be held there.

\$50.00 FOR ORPHANAGE

A motion was offered that this Convention draw an order on the Treasury for the amount of Fifty Dollars to be given to the West Virginia Free Will Baptist Orphanage. The motion was carried.

\$25.00 FOR FIELD WORKER

A motion that the field worker, Bro. R. W. Henson, be given Twenty-five Dollars to defray his expenses. The motion was carried.

"SHE HAS DONE WHAT SHE COULD"

Mrs. A. C. Kiser saved 316 pennies for the Orphanage.

An offering was taken for the Orphanage. The offering was \$25.00.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. R. L. Bradley whose term as Executive Committee expired at this session, was re-elected by unanimous vote.

A motion was offered that a letter be given Rev. R. L. Bradley, president of Boone County District Convention, signed by the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, showing that this, the West Virginia State Convention approves of the District Convention. The motion was carried.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Item No. 1—We, your Business Committee, recommend that a committee be appointed to revise the letter forms, and that the letters include space for Orphanage fund, Pastor's name and address, and a corresponding secretary.

Item No. 2—We recommend that Free Will Baptist literature be used in all our Sunday schools. Report accepted.

Bro. W. M. Booth, Chairman; Rev. J. W. Jeffrey, Rev. D. E. Bias.

REVISING COMMITTEE

Motion to elect a committee of three to revise the letter form, Rev. D. E. Bias, Chairman; Rev. J. C. Wilcox, Rev. James O. Sizemore.

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

A motion was offered to elect a field representative, and to furnish him with proper supplies and equipment for his work. Carried.

A motion was offered to elect Bro. R. W. Henson as field representative. The motion was carried.

FIVE POINT JUDGES REPORT

We, the Five Point Judges, find that the Sunshine Sunday School be given the No. One Banner, and the Thomas Memorial the No. Two Banner. The report was accepted.

Sister Inez Henson, Rev. James O. Sizemore, Bro. Alvin Brown, Sister Thelma Christian, Rev. J. B. Workman.

ELECTION OF CONVENTION OFFICERS

For President, the names of Bro. E. B. Legg, Bro. E. E. Hagley, and Bro. G. W. Hayes were offered as nominees. Bro. E. B. Legg

and Bro. G. W. Hayes declined the nomination, and Bro. E. E. Hagley was elected by acclamation.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Bro. E. B. Legg, Bro. Alvin Brown, Rev. R. L. Bradley and Rev. H. W. Howell were nominated. Bro. E. B. Legg was elected by majority vote.

Being elected as President of Convention, Bro. E. E. Hagley offered his resignation as Executive Board member. His resignation was accepted.

Bro. G. W. Hayes was elected to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Hagley, which is two years.

A motion was offered to adjourn until called by the president. The motion was carried.

After a song, Rev. James O. Sizemore of Huntington brought a soul stirring message. At the close of the message an invitation was extended to the lost. Three came forward for prayer. Closing prayer was offered by Rev. J. B. Workman.

SATURDAY EVENING—7:30

Devotional by R. A. Halstead. Song, "Saved Through Jesus' Blood." Scripture reading, 23rd chapter of Matthew. Prayer by Rev. J. B. Workman. Song, "The Kingdom is Coming."

President called convention to order for business.

A motion was offered that a committee be appointed to revise the five point system for which to judge the banner schools. The motion was carried.

A motion was offered that the committee on revising the letter forms serve also to revise the five point system. Carried.

Rev. D. E. Bias, Chairman; Rev. J. C. Wilcox, Rev. James O. Sizemore.

Motion to make adequate provisions for bearing expenses of the field representative in his work for the Sunday School Convention. The motion was carried.

By motion and second, that one Sunday's offering be set aside by each Sunday School that is a member of the convention and sent by money order to the clerk of convention to defray the expenses of Field Worker. The motion was carried.

Rev. J. W. Jeffrey, who was selected to preach the Convention sermon at Coal City, chose Rev. H. W. Howel as his alternate.

OFFERING FOR PRESIDENT

An offering was taken for the outgoing President Bro. E. B. Legg while Rev. R. L. Bradley sang "I Am A Little Christian." The Congregation responded with \$25.10 for which Bro. Legg graciously thanked them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS, 1945

Name of School	Superintendent	No. On Roll	Avg. Att.	Amt. To Conv.	Amt. To Orph.
Sunshine	Lucian Spencer	195	73	\$40.20	\$25.00
Thomas Memorial	E. E. Hagley	234	150	56.00	104.15
Kenova	Bascom Pack		50	5.00	25.00
Rock Creek	H. H. Skeens	36	25	2.00	-----
Magazine	Albert Adkins	60	40	5.00	-----
Susannah	Arvil Chapman	155	41	2.00	-----
Gordon Union	Alvin Brown	185	97	25.00	75.00
Elizabeth	Green Gunowe	79	58	2.00	-----
Pleasant Valley	Pinie Chapman	85	40	2.00	-----
Bull Creek	John I. Adkins	42	35	2.00	20.68
Laurel City	O. F. Droody	77	42	4.00	-----
Quinland	Ira Jarrell	53	33	15.00	8.68
Hopkins Fork	B. A. Halstead	96	31	1.00	5.00
Blooming Rose	S. J. Burgess	80	45	.50	4.00
Cazy	E. M. Kuhn	103	81	5.00	-----
United Baptist	W. E. Lambert	45	30	-----	-----
Boone Dist. Conv.	R. L. Bradley	-----	-----	10.00	-----
Beckley District --- Convention reports the following Sunday Schools:					
Kilsyth	Rev. Basil Godby	114	70	7.00	-----
Berry's Branch	Rhoda Edwards	30	25	-----	-----
Ghent	James Whitely	50	42	4.80	-----
Grassy Bank	Caudle Meadows	75	51	5.00	-----
Iroquois	Arley Reece	-----	-----	-----	-----
Grace Chapel	Grover Hughart	40	20	2.40	-----
Maynor	Robert Barley	60	35	5.00	-----
East Gulf	Mary Thompson	89	48	5.00	-----
Bethel	W. B. Aldridge	73	50	5.00	-----
Sophia	Tom Reid	170	144	17.28	-----

Coal City	Roy Hodges	93.	68	11.16	-----
Killarney	Wm. Basham	40	26	5.00	-----
Lilly Brook	Ray Whitt	101	60	12.12	-----

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

Sunshine Y.P.M.	Garnett Newman, Pres.	100	44	2.00	-----
Thos.Mem.Y.F.C.	Lyle Sowards, Pres.	25	30	1.00	-----

LADIES' AIDS

Willing Workers	-----	-----	-----	-----
Thos.Mem.Church	Callie Scarberry	35	15	1.00
Beckley District Convention's 1944 Report Seven Schools with \$35.00 in report.				
Collection for Orphanage	-----	\$ 25.32	-----	-----
Collection for President	-----	25.10	-----	-----
Balance brought forward	-----	12.12	-----	-----

Total amount in Treasury	\$358.00
Disbursements	187.42

Total	\$170.58
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DISBURSEMENTS

For President	\$ 25.10
Field Representative	25.00
Minute Books and Tags	14.00
For Orphanage	75.32
No. 2 S. S. Banner	7.50
Printing Minutes	25.00
Report Blanks	5.50
Clerk Fee	10.00

Total	\$187.42
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RECEIPTS

Amount received in letters	-----
For Orphanage	\$267.51
Donation by Mrs. A. C. Kiser	3.16
Given by S. S. Convention	75.32
Total	\$345.99

THE FIVE POINTS



The five points by which the Sunday Schools shall be judged for the banner:

1. Increase of Attendance.
2. Neatness of letters to Convention. This includes cleanliness and orderliness of the letter forms and correctness of wording and spelling.
3. Increase of Classes.
4. Improvement of equipment. Shall consist of new Sunday School rooms or improvement of old ones, the addition of banners, flannel boards, the use of our denominational literature, and the addition of any other material used in the extension of Sunday Schools.
5. Amount sent to Convention.

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Rev. J. C. Wilcox, Sec'y, 222 Buffington St., Huntington 2, W. Va.

Mrs. Inez Henson, Treasurer, 209 6th Ave., Huntington 2, W. Va.



