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*We, a Committee of the Cumberland Association, take great pleasure in presenting to the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptist this sample copy of the Free Will Baptist Courier. It is the sincere desire of the members of this Committee that this small paper become a National Free Will Baptist paper in the near future.*

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# Report of the National Sunday School Board

PAINTSVILLE, KENTUCKY, JULY 18, 1940

We, the members of the National Sunday School Board, respectfully submit the following report and recommendations:

During the past year the members of the Board have made an extensive study of the condition of our Sunday School work. A number of articles, in the interest of Sunday Schools and their work, have been prepared and published in our Church papers. Through this medium, the Board has introduced to hundreds of ministers and lay-workers plans for the unification of systems and the coordination of efforts of our Sunday schools and Sunday school workers everywhere.

We recommend the adoption of the following Standard of Efficiency for Free Will Baptist Sunday schools:

## THE STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY FOR FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS

### SECTION I

#### LOCAL REQUIREMENTS

##### 1. CHURCH CONTROL

The Sunday school is the teaching department of the Church. The Church shall elect all officers and teachers; the school shall make written monthly reports to the church. All regular and special offerings shall go into the general church treasury.

##### 2. SOUL SALVATION

The pastor, superintendent, and every teacher shall be deeply burdened for the unsaved. Teachers shall feel and realize that their chief objective is to lead their pupils to Christ. The pastor and superintendent shall give frequent opportunities for pupils to confess Christ publicly.

##### 3. FREE WILL BAPTIST LITERATURE

The Sunday school shall use Free Will Baptist Literature throughout. All Scripture references used in the literature shall be taken from the King James Version of the Bible. If the School find that the Free Will Baptist literature does not meet every need, the matter should be referred to the Director of Literature of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

##### 4. RECORDS AND REPORTS

The standard school shall use the Six Point Record System. Reports shall be made on report blanks provided by the Director of Records and Reports of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

#### 5. ENROLLMENT AND GRADING

The enrollment of the school shall equal at least eighty (80) percent of the resident church membership, exclusive of the Cradle Roll and Extension departments.

The School shall be graded as follows: Cradle Roll, birth to 3 years; Beginners, 4-5 years; Primaries, 6-8 years; Juniors, 9-12 years; Intermediates, 13-16 years; Young People, 17-24 years; Adults, 25 years and over.

The first Sunday in October of each year shall be observed as Promotion Day, when all Sunday schools affiliated with the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention shall promote all pupils eligible for promotion.

#### 6. HOUSING

Beginners, Primaries, and Juniors shall have separate quarters. This may be done by use of walls, portable screens, or curtains. At least fifty (50) per cent of the remaining classes or departments shall have classrooms provided in the same manner as for the beginners, Primaries, and Juniors.

#### 7. USE OF BIBLES

Eighty (80) percent of pupils, teachers, and officers in attendance, above the Primary class or department, shall use their Bibles in the school. The King James Version is recognized as the Standard Bible for use in all Sunday schools of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

#### 8. PREACHING ATTENDANCE

Eighty (80) percent of the pupils, teachers and officers in attendance, above the Primaries, shall attend the preaching service.

#### 9. OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

All officers and teachers shall be Christians whose membership is in the church in which they hold office or teach.

The school shall maintain a monthly officer's and teacher's meeting attended by at least seventy-five (75) per cent of the officers and teachers. Seventy-five (75) per cent of the officers and teachers shall hold Sunday School Training Institute diplomas for having completed the course of at least one teachers' and officers' Training Institute during the year.

The school shall conduct or attend at least one Teachers' and Officers' Training Institute each year.

#### 10. DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES

The Standard Sunday school shall actively promote and support the following Free Will Baptist denominational works: Missions, Home and Foreign; Edu-

cation; and benevolent projects. The school shall carry on this work in keeping with the program as arranged by the Director of Denominational Enterprises of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention and shall as a school contribute each year to those worthy causes.

## SECTION 2

### ASSOCIATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The school shall be a member in good standing in its District Sunday School Convention.

The school, through its District Convention, shall be a composite part of State Sunday School Convention. If there is no District or State Convention in which the standard school may place its membership, it should cooperate with the Director of Organization of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention in an effort to organize a District and a State Convention.

The school, through its District and State Convention, shall be actively engaged in the work of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

The school shall support the program of work as outlined by the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

We recommend that a National Free Will Baptist Sun-

day School Convention be organized during this session of the National Association.

We recommend that the National Sunday School Board serve as a nominating Committee in the election of the Officers for the National Sunday School Convention. The officers to be elected are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Organization, Director of Denominational Enterprises, Director of Literature, Director of Records and reports, and Director of Publicity.

We recommend that the National Sunday School Convention meet annually on Monday of the week of the National Association.

We recommend that the officers of the National Sunday School Convention be empowered to outline and present the plan of work of the Convention for the ensuing year.

W. E. COVILLE, *Chairman*

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(Proxy for Rev. H. P. Harris)

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(Proxy for Rev. Paul Purcell)

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## The Aim of the Women's Auxiliary

FANNIE POLSTON, *National Secretary*

Free Will Baptist Women are undertaking to make their work the basis of unity and cooperation with our churches in the taking of Christ and the fruits of his Gospel to the last.

The program insists on the powers of prayer. Money and methods are necessary but the power of God released in human lives is the one source for reaching the lost.

We so often feel our lack of talent and ability, and sometime much valuable time is lost, by trying to make excuses, and waiting for greater opportunities for service.

The thoughtful christian realizes that whatever graces have been given him or her are for service, self substance and service are blended together. Have you the gift of song? Use it to sing God's praises. Have you a talent for social leadership? Use it to bring the social life of your church into harmony with God's will. There are such a multitude and variety of tasks that all may find a place of service.

Then we may serve with our substance the material things we accumulate. When I became a member of the church I assumed certain responsibilities. If I fail to do my part, I make it burdensome for another and hinder the program of work. Since the days of Christ's earthly ministry women have received and are receiving increasing privileges, and in like manner responsibilities.

If each in her place does her part, the whole is strengthened. So let us keep at the task until our women are so well organized that we will be a great force in our churches; thinking, praying, working and giving to-

gether that Christ may be honored and that his kingdom may come.

We are proud to be laborers together in our great denominational program. We are looking beyond the greatness of the task and the limitations of our human resources, to the infinite power of God, and the unconquerable leadership of the Holy Spirit, which is made possible through prevailing prayer.

When Jesus was about to go back to take his place at the right hand of the Father, he gave orders for his disciples to carry the message of Salvation to the whole world. These orders are the same today as they were when he walked by Galilee and said unto them "follow me" and as they were when he appeared to many on the morning of the resurrection and said "go tell the disciples"

Our denominational program is before us. Let us lend all assistance possible in our local churches, district, State and National Association, by giving ourselves to service wherever needed.

### MORE TREATISE SOON

The Treatise of Faith and Practice of Free will Baptists are scheduled to go to press soon. The last printing has been sold out for a number of months, but now in a short time, they will be re-printed and ready for sale. There will be certain revisions made relative to our National Association.

# Record of the Proceedings of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention

PAINTSVILLE, KENTUCKY, JULY 18, 1940

Immediately after the Convention officers were elected by the National Association, the business of the Convention was undertaken. The officers elected were:

W. E. Coville, President  
 L. E. Duncan, Vice-President  
 Miss Mary Elizabeth Griffith, Secretary  
 Miss Nellie Huggins, Assistant Secretary  
 W. L. Williams, Treasurer  
 Rev. William Reeves, Director of Organization  
 Rev. L. C. Johnson, Director of Denominational Enterprises  
 Rev. L. H. Wetherington, Director of Records and Reports  
 Rev. K. V. Shutes, Director of Publicity

Motion sustained that the President and Secretary prepare and distribute two leaflets, one leaflet setting forth the organization of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention, the Constitution and By-laws as adopted by the Convention, and the scheme and scope of the program of work to be undertaken.

The second leaflet is to include a concise and orderly statement of the Standards of Efficiency for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools.

Motion sustained that the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention authorize a request be made for a contribution of \$40.00 from the National Association. This amount to be used for promotional service by the Convention. (This request was granted by the National Association, and the check for \$40.00 was given to the Convention.)

Motion sustained to adopt the Constitution and By-laws of the Convention, as follows:

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

### Constitution

*Preamble*—In order to encourage and inspire the Sunday schools of the Free Will Baptist denomination to engage in a definite plan of work, to labor together in unity, and to coordinate their efforts for a more successful plan of teaching God's Word, we a representative body of Sunday school workers, do here-by organize the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

### ARTICLE I

#### NAME

This organization shall be known as the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

### ARTICLE II

#### OBJECT

Section 1.—The object of this organization is the encouragement and promotion of Sunday school betterments throughout the churches of the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

Section 2.—Sunday School betterments shall include: A more definite object, uniformity of system, a fraternal interchange of ideas, and the bringing together of Christian workers to transact business to the glory of God.

### ARTICLE III

#### MEMBERSHIP

The Members of this Convention shall be the General Officers of the Convention, Free Will Baptist ministers in good standing, and delegates duly appointed or elected by the organization which they represent. It shall be the business of organizations sending delegates to see that said delegates bear proper credentials as required in Section 2 of Article II of the By-laws.

### ARTICLE IV

#### REPRESENTATION

State Conventions shall be entitled to three (3) delegates, District Conventions shall be entitled to two (2) delegates, and each Sunday school shall be entitled to one (1) delegate. All delegates to be elected or appointed from the laity.

### ARTICLE V

#### OFFICERS

Section 1.—The officers of this convention shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, a Director of Literature, a Director of Records and Reports, and a Director of Publicity.

Section 2.—All officers shall be elected at the beginning of each regular session of the convention.

## ARTICLE VI BOARDS

The Executive Board shall be composed of the General Officers, five of which shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

This convention shall meet annually at a time and place selected by the convention while in regular session.

## ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

The constitution of this convention may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting.

### By-Laws

## ARTICLE I

### DUTIES OF GENERAL OFFICERS

Section 1.—*President*: The President shall preside over all meetings of the convention or Executive Board, appoint temporary committees, call the members of the Executive Board together when necessary, and perform the other duties usually devolving upon such an officer.

Section 2.—*Vice President*: The Vice President shall preside over meetings in the absence or at the request of the President, and assist the President in the general supervision of the work.

Section 3.—*Secretary*: The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all meetings of the convention or Executive Board, edit the minutes, notify officers of their election, and act as assistant to the several National Directors.

Section 4.—*Assistant Secretary*: The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary at all meetings of the convention and Executive Board and shall act as assistant to the several National Directors.

Section 5.—*Treasurer*: The Treasurer shall have charge of all convention funds. Expenditures shall be made only upon authorization by the convention when in session or by direction of the Executive Board. All orders on the treasury for disbursements must bear the signature of the President. The Treasurer shall make an itemized written report to the convention annually. All treasury records are the property of the convention and shall be audited by the Executive Board at its discretion. The Treasurer shall be bonded in an amount sufficient to cover funds in his charge at all times.

## ARTICLE II DUES

Section 1.—Each Sunday School, either directly or indirectly affiliated with the National Convention, shall send to the National Treasurer the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) per month.

Section 2.—Regular payment of dues, together

with a letter of authorization and a report of the condition of the work, shall constitute the necessary credentials of the representatives.

## ARTICLE III EXPENSES

Expenses of the General Officers to all official call meetings shall be paid from the National Treasury. All other expenditures shall be made in accordance with Article I, Section 5, of the By-Laws.

## ARTICLE IV REPORTS

The Secretary shall prepare and submit a written report of all meetings of the Convention or Executive Board to the National Association at each regular session.

## ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting.

Motion sustained that the President and Secretary of the Convention secure the publication of such Sunday school supplies as they may deem adequate to an introduction of the approved Standard of Efficiency for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools and that they have complete charge of all sales and orders. The expenses of publication incurred in this service shall be determined by the selection of the best competitive bid from at least three (3) reliable printers.

Motion sustained that the National Convention accept the loan offer in the amount of \$200.00 from Mr. W. L. Williams, Bryan, Texas. This money is to be used as capital in the publication, sale, and promotion of Sunday school supplies. It is understood that this loan is to be non-interest bearing and of indefinite duration, but that it shall be paid in full or in part at any time that funds may be available and such application of said funds may be authorized by the officers of the National Convention.

Adjournment.

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## Attention Sunday School Workers

It is the desire of the National Sunday School Convention that all Sunday Schools of our denomination make plans to put into effect by the first Sunday in October, the "Standard" as adopted by the National Convention.

All supplies necessary for operation of the Six Point Record System will be in stock and available for delivery in time to reach you before the first Sunday in October.

For Prices and Information Write To  
Miss Mary Elizabeth Griffith  
1620 10th Avenue, North Nashville, Tenn.  
W. E. COVILLE, *President*  
National Sunday School Convention

## A Significant Meeting

BY MRS. J. E. FRAZIER, Nashville, Tennessee

*"I Will praise thy name, for thy hast done wonderful things! Isa. 25:1*

As the time approached for our annual meeting in Paintsville, Ky., we were again reminded of the goodness of God in granting us the privilege of another year's work for him and of hearing the reports and seeing some of the "fruits of our labors". So we looked forward with eager interest to the Auxiliary meeting which opened on Monday Night July 15, at the Free Will Baptist Church of Paintsville with an inspiring message by our Home Missionary, Sister Lizzie McAdams of Texas. After an hour of fellowship and worship, the delegates and visitors were assigned to their homes for the week.

Tuesday's session was a day of encouraging reports from the vice-presidents of the various departments and much interesting and constructive business. One of the most interesting as well as important item of business was the discussion and adoption of a revised hand book which is now to be called a Manual of Methods for Woman's Auxiliary. At the 11 o'clock hour Rev. Henry Melvin brought us some very challenging questions from Free Will Baptist Youth. Bro. Melvin in his unique style, brought us a most searching and challenging message.

Another interesting and instructive feature of Tuesday was the Stewardship Declamation Contest with four contestants from two states, Tennessee and North Carolina. It was decided to drop this phase of stewardship work and put more emphasis on tithing, tithers' bands, a study of stewardship books etc.

On Tuesday night the Association started off with the greatest sermon, according to the opinion of those present, in their experience. The crowd which listened to this profound, spiritual sermon "Living Waters" by Rev. L. R. Ennis of N. C. was too large to be accommodated in the F. W. B. Church, so the Methodist's invitation to use their more spacious building across the street, was very appreciatively accepted.

Wednesday morning routine business began with the appointment of committees and the seating of the delegates from the fifteen states representing as follows: Ala., Miss., Texas., Okla., Ill., Ohio., Ky., Tenn., Ga.; S.C., N.C., Va., W. Va., Mich., Missouri. There were 291 registered for entertainment each paying the registration fee of \$1.00 as asked by the National Association. The church at Paintsville had a real task entertaining this large crowd but it did a fine, noble and splendid piece of co-operative work. A lovely spiritual atmosphere and harmony prevailed everywhere throughout the Association. Our people, we feel sure were drawn closer together in the producing of some wonderful plans for a greater work this new-year.

At 11 o'clock Wednesday Bro. G. D. Dunbar, of Tenn. in his usual impressive manner urged us to rise up and re-build our walls. His message was "Answering the Challenge" by which he very interestingly lead us to review the historical setting of our denomination.

Many inspiring devotionals came to revive us and refresh our spiritual bodies.

Wednesday afternoon we listened to many inspiring reports from the various boards showing increased interest and efforts of our people everywhere for which we just praise his name.

On Wednesday night our returned Missionaries Bro. and Sister T. H. Willy had charge of the services. After his message and her graphic description of the "Black Christ" of South America, an offering amounting to \$82.65 was taken for foreign missions.

Thursday morning brought more and better reports of work well done through the efforts of the Home Mission, Superannuation, and League Boards, the Denominational Publications and our two orphanages already established and others that are to be in the near future. These inspiring reports were climaxed with a real soul-stirring message by Bro. Clarence Bowen of North Carolina with power and influence he delivered his message based on the action of the prophet of God on Mt. Carmel.

The Foreign Mission report with its features of encouragement and the one discouraging fact of Bro. and Sister Willey' detention herefor lack of funds was brought to our attention Thursday afternoon. Some worthwhile recommendations were made by this board, among them was the \$600.00 apportionment for Tennessee this year and that our missionaries make quarterly reports of their work and same be published in church organs.

The Sunday School Board came next with the encouraging information that this Board was dissolved and a National Sunday School Convention organized with some able officers and some 63 enthusiastic ministers and men interested in the promotion of this approved program of standard Sunday School Work.

Bro. Bert Rogers, a young and very enthusiastic minister of Wewoka, Okla. preached the sermon on Thursday night to an unusually large attentive crowd. This was the last of these excellent spiritual feast which we had been enjoying since Monday night. Two to four such feast daily takes one to such mountain height that you feel you must tarry there until He comes. But the calls and cries from the valley of service below was soon remembered and so after Thursday night's services many turned toward home and service in a larger, more effective way than ever in their lives.

Finally after much labor, prayer, and spiritual feasting in the committee room, the Educational Board made its report Friday to a rather small but very interesting group of delegates, ministers and visitors. This board may not have done what some expected nor what others demanded that they do to get their support but they did all that you and I and all the rest of the 125,000 Free Will Baptists have made it possible for them to do. They ask that you and I and the other 123,000 Free Will Baptist send in to them as soon as possible as we want a school \$15,000.00 (this is the small sum of 12 cents from each of us) They should have asked us for at least

\$150,000.00 which is only \$1.20 from each Free Will Baptist. Then this board presented the best plan of organization ever presented to any F. W. B. Association, this delegate has ever attended or even read about in the history of our church plans, however, are no good unless worked. So we were sent back to our local churches and Associations with two excellent plans to work and some worthwhile recommendations to carry out. What are we going to do with them? You will decide that with your interest and activity in your church and Association this year. Your report next year at Drumright, Okla.

will show what your concern about our advancement with these excellent plans and recommendations have been.

The next annual session of the National Association will be held with the Free Will Baptist Church in Drumright, Okla. to which all were extended a most cordial welcome by Bro. H. E. Staives the present pastor and also by the officials of the city.

May each of us be faithful to our tasks as we are associated with our co-workers in their work and responsibility of carrying out the program of our National Association.

## The Unselfish Sunday School

By MRS. JESSIE HAYS, Olivet Sunday School

You would think that a Sunday School which is composed of Christian people, most of them church members would not need such a topic as "The unselfish Sunday School" mentioned. We would usually think of such a group of people as not knowing selfishness, or as having no selfish acts; but in a world such as our world has been developing into for centuries, we have reached the place where selfishness has gained a foot-hold not only in our lives as individuals in our homes, the place where we should set a good example for our children, neighbors and friends, but all it is encamped in our churches and Sunday Schools of to-day.

In order to turn our hearts to an unselfish Sunday School we must ever be conscious of the evil or prejudice, that is forever present to creep in and ruin our hour of worship and we must ever have before us some goals to work forward to.

First, do you invite people to your Sunday School? We want to ask any outsider, who is not a member of any church, to join us. Probably this a young person whose parents have never united with any church, or maybe they haven't even been interested enough in religious services to even attend therefore their children have grown up in ignorance of the spiritual side of life, and need only an invitation to come to Sunday School to help them get on the right road to travel. So let's open our eyes and see if such a case is true in our neighborhood.

Many times a stranger moves into our community. He wants to go to church as has been his custom, but feels that maybe that church which is in his new neighborhood doesn't want any new members. He thinks over it and decides to wait a few days and see if any member will come and invite him, but he waits in vain. Every member waits for the other to ask him. "Everybody's business is nobody's business," so Sunday after Sunday rolls by and finally the newcomer decides he is not wanted and gives up the idea of going. Now if we are not selfish, why didn't we go and welcome a prospective member? Make them feel that we need them in such a way that they will be assured that their presence is a help to our Sunday school as well as our work a help to them. So

let's be sure to see that we invite people to our services and not act selfish in that respect.

The other day I read about a man asking another to play golf with him on Sunday. The reply was, "I have to attend services at my church." The golf player then said, "I do not know what your religion is, but you are good at keeping it to yourself. I have asked you to play golf half a dozen times, but you have never invited me to your church.

Do the people with whom you associate know what church you attend? How many times a week do you invite people to your church and Sunday school? Many churches want a pastor who can draw, when the members rebel; but what we need more is an unselfish hospitality in our churches.

Now let's look at a new member who has come into our circle. Are we slow to give him the place to which he belongs? Maybe he can sing or teach or pray. Put each new member to work in some way and they will be better satisfied.

In our work we need each member cooperating. Not one bunch striving against the other. Let's not be all for ourselves, let's recognize that after we have taught a class for a year that the next teacher elected is as good or better than we. Don't feel resentful towards her because she has your place. God will be just as well pleased with us as pupils as He is with us as teachers. All he expects of us is to do our best, whether our task is great or small.

Because they think they do not possess great gifts, some people will not use what gifts they have. Because they have not great ability to do great things, some people will not use what ability they have in doing little things. God cannot use all people as leaders or as preachers, but God has a place for every man, woman, boy and girl, and for all degrees of talents. Thank God, Jesus can use the smallest as well as the greatest, the ignorant as well as the wise. It does not matter how limited one's education, what few talents he may possess, how timid and backward, or how poor, God can use him; God has a place he will fit. There is no need of any person not being used of the Lord. God wants us to serve the church



right where we are, with what we have right now, until He moves us somewhere else, and gives us something else more worthwhile to work with him. It is our unselfish duty to work, and to give others a chance to work for God. We want to respect the schedule of our sister churches. If we know that a neighbor church is having a special program—maybe a revival is in progress, or Children's Day being observed—we should dismiss our Sunday school promptly on time and urge our members to attend the other service.

Maybe many are thinking, oh, our Sunday school doesn't need to hear such a lecture on unselfishness, but are you sure that all your members are free from jealousy, malice, gossiping, sneering, etc.? This to me should all be classed as selfishness. Individually we are all members of some kind of community. Consequently as members of Sunday schools of different localities, we have ourselves to blame if those communities are not moving definitely forward toward complete unselfish Christianization. A faithful Sunday school teacher is a valuable asset to our church. She should be unselfish enough of her time to prepare her lesson well enough to make it interesting to her class. She probably becomes discouraged by our blank faces, but a faithful attendance, a carefully studied and prayerfully taught lesson, earnest petition for the spiritual well-being of the members of the class; these and all other efforts seem to produce little results in some lives. In such times of discouragement, there are certain facts it is well to remember. For one thing the results are not our responsibility. Our duty is to sow the seed as faithfully as we can, keeping in mind Paul's word, that it is God that giveth the increase." Again we should remind ourselves that God's promises are not to those who secure spectacular results, but to those who are found faithful. We may or may not see the fruits, but there will be fruits nevertheless.

What made Esther beautiful? The old saying of "fine feathers make a fine bird" was not true in her case. She was a woman of faith, deep piety, and patriotism; and those traits coupled with the grace and charm of simple matters, and her determination to be of service to her people at the risk of her life, endowed her with a beauty with which outward ornamentation and finery could not compete. There is a story about seven days' hard battle during the civil war. Many wounded soldiers were dying and others were suffering agonies. There appeared in the hospital a homely woman, plainly dressed, her hair disheveled in excitement, sleeves rolled up as she went from cot to cot, washing wounds, putting fresh bandages on splintered limbs, and saying soothing words to suffering soldiers. Thus she put in her time for weeks. Although she was homely, it is said that the soldiers in that hospital thought she was one of the most beautiful women they had ever seen. That is beauty—beauty of unselfish service. All hail to such beauty! You may think an unselfish Sunday School is impossible, but we have a God that hangeth the earth upon nothing, we are told in Job 26:7. It is to him we are looking to help us keep selfishness out of our hearts and minds. With God we realize that there is nothing too great for us, so let's increase our love and so send forth the unselfish missionary spirit that it may be sufficiently developed until every responsible person in the Sunday school realizes that "Go ye into all the world" applies directly and individually to each and everyone of them.

## Report of the Tennessee State Association

Wednesday Morning August 28-29, 1940

- 9:30 Devotions—Rev. W. B. Davenport, Ashland, City
- 9:45 Association called to order; Moderator takes charge
- 9:55 Welcome Address—Rev. G. W. Randolph, Sparta
- 10:05 Response—G. W. Fambrough, Neptune
- 10:15 Business Period—Enrollment of Ministers and delegates; appointment of Credential Committee; Finance Committee to receive Association dues; Temporary Committees, etc.
- 11:00 Song and Prayer Service—I. L. Stanley, Leader
- 11:20 Associational Sermon—Rev. J. C. Howington
- 12:00 Adjournment for Lunch—

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00 Devotions—Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Ashland City
- 1:10 Moderator's Message—Rev. J. L. Welch, Nashville
- 1:30 Business Period—Report of Credentials Committee, Temperance Committee, Obituary Committee, Publicity Committee, Petitions and requests Committee.
- 2:00 Report of Home Mission Board—Rev. C. Y. Elkins
- 2:10 Report of Foreign Mission Board—Rev. G. D. Dunbar
- 2:20 Report of Sunday School Board—Mr. Loyd Binkley
- 2:30 Report of F. W. B. L. Board—Mrs. Mary Welch
- 2:40 Report of Educational Board—Rev. Paul Woolsey
- 2:50 Report of Superannuation Board—Rev. J. C. Howington
- 3:00 Report of Orphanage Board—
  1. Control Board—Mrs. E. D. Parker
  2. Trustee Board—Rev. G. D. Dunbar
- 3:30 Report of Executive Board—Rev. E. M. French
- 3:40 Report of Delegates to National Association—I. L. Stanley
- 4:00 Adjournment—

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

- 7:45 Song and Prayer Service—I. L. Stanley
- 8:05 Sermon—Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Nashville

### THURSDAY MORNING

- 9:00 Devotions—Rev. J. S. Burgess, Chucky
- 9:00 Business Period—Reading of Minutes, etc. Election of Officers, Board Members, Delegates
- 9:40 Report of following Committees—Enrollment, Finance, Executive, apportionment, Resolutions,
- 10:50 Report of Woman's Auxiliary work—Mrs. Pulston
- 11:00 Song and Prayer Service—I. L. Stanley
- 11:20 Sermon—Rev. W. H. Oliver, Nashville
- 12:00 Adjournment for Lunch—

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00 Devotions—Rev. Alva Hall, Sparta
- 1:10 Business Period—Reading of Minutes; Final Report of all Committees; Decision on number and distribution of Minutes; Appointment of Program Committee. Completion of all unfinished Business
- 2:30 Report of Statistician—
- 2:40 Round Table Discussion of Program of National Association and suggestive plans of various Boards for more effectively carrying out this program in 1940-41
- 3:00 Miscellaneous—
- 3:30 Final Adjournment—

# National Foreign Missionary Report

By the Board of Foreign Missions of National Association

The Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists prayerfully and gratefully submit the following report of the year July 1, 1939, to June 30, 1940.

## Financial Report

### ALABAMA

By Rev. M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Alabama	\$ 7.71
Union Hill, L. A. S.	2.00
<b>Total from Alabama</b>	<b>9.71</b>

### GEORGIA

Martin Union by W. E. Lane, Iron City	\$ 7.81
Georgia League Rally	1.00
Auxiliary Convention	6.93
South Georgia Association and Union	10.00
Cedar Springs, L. A. S.	5.00
Glennville Church	24.00
<b>Total from Georgia</b>	<b>\$55.24</b>

### MICHIGAN

First Church, Hazel Park	\$16.00
Highland Park Church	15.00
<b>Total from Michigan</b>	<b>\$31.00</b>

### MISSISSIPPI

By Rev. M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Ala.	\$42.29
<b>Total from Mississippi</b>	<b>\$42.29</b>

### MISSOURI

State Association by Rev. Winford Davis	\$723.26
<b>Total from Missouri</b>	<b>\$723.26</b>

### NORTH CAROLINA

State Association by Rev. W. L. Morets	\$510.07
League and League Union	36.21
Eastern Auxiliary Convention and L. A. Societies	39.00
Individual Churches	8.00
George Webster, Washington, N. C.	100.00
Mrs. N. O. Hodges, Winterville, N. C.	1.00
<b>Total from North Carolina</b>	<b>\$694.38</b>

### OKLAHOMA

State of Oklahoma by Rev. B. F. Rogers	
Wewoka, Oklahoma	\$63.94
W. S. Gardner, Springler, Oklahoma	10.00
<b>Total from Oklahoma</b>	<b>\$73.94</b>

### OHIO

State of Ohio by Mrs. James Peach, of Sciotoville, Ohio	\$293.00
Ohio River Association by Rev. M. B. Hutchison, of Zaleski, Ohio	5.25
M. B. Hutchison (personal)	1.00
Ohio Sunday Schools by Delbert Gould, Wellston, Ohio	10.00
<b>Total from Ohio</b>	<b>\$309.25</b>

### SOUTH CAROLINA

S. C. Union by Rev. E. P. Kirby, Cades	\$ 90.00
S. C. Women's Auxiliary Convention	9.00
W. J. Gibbs, Pamlico	5.00
<b>Total from South Carolina</b>	<b>\$104.00</b>

### TENNESSEE

Cumberland Ass'n by G. W. Pambrough, Neptune, Tennessee	\$440.66
Women's Auxiliary Convention of Cumberland Association	42.50
Mrs. Redding, Adams	5.00
Carrie West, Cookeville	1.00
<b>Total from Tennessee</b>	<b>\$489.16</b>

### TEXAS

State Ass'n by C. F. Goen, Bryan, Texas	\$119.55
First Church, Fort Worth, by Gee Moore	46.89
North Zulch League	25
<b>Total from Texas</b>	<b>\$166.00</b>
Public Offering at last National Ass'n (1939)	\$ 127.15
<b>Total Receipts for the Year</b>	<b>\$2,826.07</b>
Balance brought forward	619.24
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,445.31</b>

## Disbursements

T. H. Willey (Salary)	\$1,250.00
T. H. Willey (Miscellaneous expense)	119.80
Miss Laura Belle Barnard (for salary)	700.00
Miss Laura Belle Barnard (as special gift)	29.50
Miss Bessie Yeley (for salary)	450.00
Miss Bessie Yeley (passport to Venezuela)	200.00
I. J. Blackwelder (traveling expense)	27.50
Postage and Phone Calls	9.25
Cablegrams to India	24.03
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$2,810.08</b>
Balance in Treasury	\$ 604.23

Recommendations

First. We recommend that Miss Laura Belle Barnard be given a furlough, beginning as early as it is convenient for her to leave India, probably the first of September, 1940.

Second. We recommend the continuation of Miss Bessie Yeley's salary at \$50.00 per month for the next year.

Third. We recommend that Brother and Sister Willey return to Panama next month, and thus resume the work they have begun. If they cannot re-enter Panama, we recommend that they go to Columbia and begin work among the Choco Indians of that country. Moreover, we recommend that the Willey's salary be continued in the amount of \$100.00 a month, and that they be allowed the necessary amount for traveling expenses and passports.

Fourth. We recommend the following budget for the year, July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1941:

Missouri .....	\$ 700.00
Texas .....	300.00
Ohio .....	400.00
South Carolina .....	150.00
Alabama .....	100.00
Mississippi .....	50.00
Kentucky .....	50.00
Florida .....	50.00
Tennessee .....	600.00
Oklahoma .....	250.00
Virginia .....	100.00
Georgia .....	150.00
Illinois .....	50.00
North Carolina .....	1200.00

Finally, We recommend that our missionaries give reasonably complete reports of their work at least quarterly. These reports are to be published in our church organs.

BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. B. F. Rogers .....	Wewoka, Okla.
C. F. Goen .....	Bryan, Texas
Rev. C. B. Thompson .....	Goldsboro, N. C.
Rev. I. J. Blackwelder .....	Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. Winford Davis .....	Monett, Missouri

How Can the Church Evangelize the World

1. By Missionaries.

*"How shall they hear without a preacher."*

2. By contributing of your means and money to help send others.

*"How shall they preach except be sent."*

3. By prayer.

*"Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will trust forth laborers into the harvest."*

Upon the Church of Jesus Christ rests the responsibility of praying out missionaries and paying in money to send them.

Attention, Free Will Baptists Everywhere

The National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention has prepared two leaflets as information for all Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools.

One leaflet contains the organization and scheme and scope of the program of work of the National Convention. The other leaflet is a concise and orderly statement of the Standard of Efficiency for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools.

These leaflets will be sent to you free of charge upon request.

Please send for yours and send the names and addresses of as many others whom you know that are interested in bigger and better Sunday Schools.

Address all mail to Miss Mary Elizabeth Griffith, 1620 10th Avenue North Nashville, Tenn.

Blind Woman Composer of Hymns

The Fanny Crosby Home at 1088 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn., would not be there today if a blundering doctor had not made a mistake. Living in it are 32 elderly men and women.

It happened this way. A good many years ago a child six weeks old had an affliction of the eyes. A country doctor was called in. He knew practically nothing about eye trouble, but that did not keep him from prescribing. He ordered "hot poltices day and night until the infant shows decided improvement." Well, the child did not show any improvement, let alone "decided improvement." She went blind.

Blind at the age of six weeks! How hopeless the life of such a person could be. But Fanny Crosby's life was not hopeless. The years revealed that she decided to accomplish something in spite of her dreadful handicap.

She attended the New York Institute for the Blind, and, later, became a teacher there. Not only that; in a world full of discouragement and trouble this remarkable woman started in to give people hope and to encourage in them a braver attitude toward life. She was so filled with this idea that she went on the lecture platform and told it to audiences. And there she stood before them, a living example of what she was teaching!

Crowds thronged to hear her. Fired with the flaming ambition to carry her message to those who needed it, she decided that music would prove an inspiration. So at the age of 44, she scribbled down a hymn. She had it copied and sent it to a publisher who accepted it. This hymn she passed out among the people who sang it with feeling.

She wrote other hymns which became popular. She herself could be in only one place at a time, but here hymns could go everywhere. They were filled with the

assurance that there was another life and that we must all face our troubles with an unquaking heart.

More and more hymns came from the blind woman's pen. In fact, in all, nearly 6,000. That is equal to writing a hymn every day for sixteen years. There were so many that the publishers said they mustn't all be put under her name. So she signed her initials, or used a pen name.

You have sung her hymns, here are five of them;  
Safe in the Arms of Jesus.  
Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine.  
All the Way My Savior Leads.  
Rescue the Perishing.  
I Am Thine, O Lord.

Even in old age and confined to her bed, people came to see her because she cheered them and gave them hope. She never talked about her own problems. That was one reason why she was so happy; and it was one reason why she lived to be 95.

Today in the Fanny Crosby Home, 32 elderly men and women are spending their last days, contentedly and peacefully, due to Fanny Crosby's decision to make the most of her life.

## Magnify Missions

Next to the Master himself, Paul was the Master Missionary. He planted the gospel at strategic points upon two continents. Out of the missions he started have gone influences that to this day are being felt around the world. And John, the beloved disciple, fulfilled a great ministry in Asia Minor, and from the Isle of Patmos was permitted to behold and to report the greater mysteries of earth and heaven.

With the lives of these star characters before us and with their thoughts fertilizing our minds and hearts, we can but magnify Christian missions in our modern world. Let us do so by prayer and proclamation, by gifts and influences, supporting and strengthening the hands of missionaries at home and abroad. One fine day—and may God hasten that day—the whole round earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the deep.—*Selected.*

## Juvenile Delinquency

In Washington, D. C., it was found that more than 72% of all juvenile probationers came from crowded or congested dwellings, says the United States Housing Authority, which finds that much juvenile delinquency is linked with slum homes. Some time back a judge of a juvenile court declared that of all the delinquent children coming through his court, less than 5% of them were found to have been Sunday school pupils. Put these two together, delinquency in slum districts and delinquency of non-Sunday school pupils, and we have a real reason for missions. Most of our slum sections are within reach of Baptist Churches and there is no reason why these churches should not operate mission Sunday Schools in these sections.

*Southern Baptist Home Mission*

## The Work of the Church

One of the most disappointing things observed in the last session of our Association was the meagerness of the reports sent in by the churches. No one has the interests of our work on his heart could feel satisfied with what was done last year. As the reports were read a sense of conviction crept over all of us because we had so little to report for our Lord.

We could not help noticing how little was given to the pastors for their services; the small amounts given for missions; the littleness of the sums sent for minutes and associational dues and what was spent for local church expenses. Then, too, the accounts of evangelistic work were far from what they should have been.

As we stop to think of what was done, or rather left undone, last year we are led to ask, "Who is responsible for this condition of things?" Some might say the pastor is. Others might say the church members are. Perhaps it would not be easy for any one of us to answer that question satisfactorily. If we should venture a suggestion it would be that "Neglect" is the principle cause. Things that should be done at the beginning of the year are neglected until near the close of the year's work, and then it is too late.

Each pastor should call his people together immediately after he returns from the association and lay before them his plan for the work. In his plan the pastor should include a "budget" for operating expenses, such as pastor's salary, local expenses, associational dues and missions. If this is done, the people will have some idea of what they should do. Then this amount should be divided among the members according to their ability to pay, or give. Pastors, *plan* your work, and then *work* your plan.

The churches, too, should rally to the support of the pastor in his efforts to lead in the work. No man can be a leader unless the people follow. The pastor cannot succeed unless he has the cooperation of his members. Therefore we say that the church members must make it possible for any church plan to succeed.

This appeal is sent to all pastors and churches alike. Let's begin early and work hard this year for greater success in the service of our Lord. Remember you are disappointing Him when you fail to do your best. Undertake great things from God; expect great things from God."

*For God so loved the world, not just a few,  
The Wise and the Great, the noble and the true,  
On those of favored class, of race or hue,  
God loved the world. Do you?  
God loved the sinful world, not just the good,  
Ah, none were good till they had understood  
His love for them, and felt the power that could  
Make all of life anew. Do you?  
God loved the world. He saw that we might be  
Made like himself. He stooped to set us free,  
And did not spare the cost of Calvary.  
God loved man so. Do we?*