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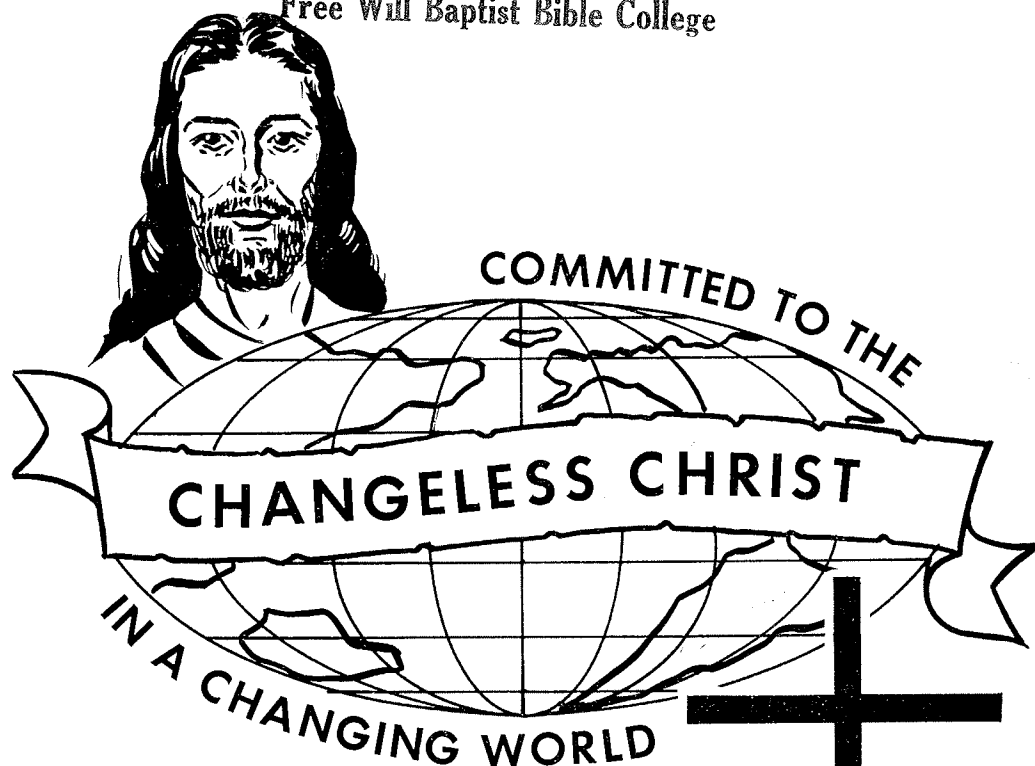
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25th Session Program

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25th Session Program

At our last National Association in Fresno, California, we suggested a special 25th Session Program that would be brought to our people in view of our coming twenty-fifth National Association to be held in Norfolk, Virginia, during the month of July, 1961. This suggested program was approved by the National Association and complete plans have been finalized.

The emphasis is to run for six months (January-June), with two months given to each part of the program. It is our desire that this program will reach and involve every Free Will Baptist. We have sought, therefore, to advance a program that will reach right into the local church. We have also refrained from setting dates, realizing that it would be difficult for all churches to follow the same time schedule.

Sincere prayer and hard work has gone into this program to make it a blessing to our people. We feel that it touches on some vital needs for us at this time. But, if this program is to really be successful and do the job we trust it will, we must have the cooperation of every pastor. *The pastor is the key* and our effectiveness in this effort will be determined by the number of pastors who give us their support and cooperation. We would like to encourage every pastor who reads these lines to take a moment right now and consider the worth of this program. If you find it to be good, schedule these suggestions for your church and help us bring this ministry to your people.

More will be forthcoming about this special emphasis, so determine right now to share with us that we might, together, strengthen the church and glorify our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Listed below is the suggested program.

I. COMMITMENT TO CHRIST. (January-February)

1. Have some group in the church become responsible for placing stewardship tracts (better still, a stewardship packet) in the home of every member.
2. Hold a special youth service with a challenge for life commitment. This could be done in connection with National Youth Week, January 29 through February 5.
3. Hold several cottage prayer meetings and give special attention to the spiritual needs of your church membership.

II. FAITHFULNESS TO THE GREAT COMMISSION. (March-April)

1. Conduct classes on personal soul-winning and give emphasis to visitation. If you do not have a visitation program, start one.
2. Plan a revival campaign during this period. Stress personal responsibility in this effort.
3. Have at least one special prayer service for our missionaries. The week before Easter (April 2) would be a good time.

III. LOYALTY TO THE CHURCH. (May-June)

1. Seek to enlist the total church membership into the various service auxiliaries of the local church.
2. Promote subscriptions for CONTACT, as well as state denominational papers, among your membership.
3. Set aside one Sunday as Loyalty Day. On this Sunday seek to enlist every member in the support of our total denominational program.

Expanding Our Horizons

In a recent publication, these statistics came to my attention. Figures may not always be accurate, but they indicate a trend that one needs to take note of and seek a change. Think on these: The FBI reports that approximately 1,500,000 juvenile delinquents came before our courts in 1960. Seven out of eight children stop attending church and Sunday school before they reach 15 years of age. A half of the children and youth of America are not reached by Christian teaching. One child out of 43 has a police record. One out of eight children is not living with both parents.

These figures present a challenge—a challenge that demands action NOW, because tomorrow will be too late for many of our young people. Surely the church, our church, has a responsibility to the young people in the community. If they are to early know Christ as Saviour and be trained in the way that is right, we must give ourselves to the task of reaching and training them.

The Free Will Baptist League, which has done so much for so many on so little,

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IN THE VINEYARD

■ **Ray Turnage**, National League Director, will be visiting churches in Florida during the month of January, and will attend "Leadership Training Conferences" at Boca Raton, Florida, January 16-20.

■ National Director of Home Missions **Homer E. Willis** conducted mission services in Thealka, Kentucky, November 26 and in Southside church, Paintsville, November 27. Mr. Willis preached in First church, Waipahu, Hawaii, on December 11. Services were also conducted by Mr. Willis at Horton Heights church, Nashville, and Oaklawn church, Pleasant View, Tennessee. He will preach the dedication message for the new church at Hazel Park, Michigan, on January 8. On January 14 Mr. Willis will be guest preacher for the conference at Anderson, Indiana.

■ **Mrs. Eunice Edwards**, WNAC Executive Secretary, will speak at Holdenville, Allen and Wewoka, Oklahoma, churches January 4-9, and at the district convention and quarterly meeting at Weleetka, Oklahoma. On January 27-30, Mrs. Edwards will attend an auxiliary workshop in Dothan, Alabama.

■ **Billy A. Melvin**, Executive Secretary, represented the Sunday School Board, by request, at the NSSA General Council in Chicago, December 6-7-8. Mr. Melvin will attend the Tidewater Conference of Virginia, January 7, preach the dedicatory message at Bethany church in Norfolk, January 8, and the evening message in Fairmount Park church, Norfolk, on January 8. The Virginia Steering Committee for the 1961 National Association will meet with Mr. Melvin in Norfolk on January 9-10, and he will attend a quarterly conference in Anderson, Indiana, on 14-15, and the Evangelical Press Association Convention in Chicago on January 24-25.

■ Foreign Mission Director **Rolla Smith** will hold services at McEwen, Tennessee, on January 8, and will be in a missionary revival, along with Mrs. Tom Willey, Sr., in the Liberty Association of Florida January 16-22. He will speak in a Bible conference at Olivet church, Tennessee, on January 27-29.

By Larry Ward



RELIGION IN REVIEW, 1960

WITH 1960 SILHOUETTED against the sunset sky, just ready to trudge over the horizon and take its place in the everlasting march of memories, one major question remained unanswered—whether the issue in the United States had been that of “religion in politics” . . . or a case of politics tossing its hat over into the province of religion.

Some observers saw signs of both.

The year was marked from its earliest weeks with statements from church leaders and resolutions from church bodies on the question of Church-State relationship, particularly how this would be affected if the United States named (as it did) its first Roman Catholic president.

As the year rolled on, such statements and resolutions increased in number, in fervor, in frankness.

But this specific issue was by no means the only instance of religion-in-politics (or politics-in-religion). The United States took a new look at its national purpose, and church spokesmen related this to Christian mission.

The nation continued its heel-dragging pace toward racial integration, and “sit-ins” in drug stores and libraries were paralleled by “Kneel-ins” in churches. The pulpit was by no means silent on the issue, one way or another, but many voices were raised to remind that the church itself in its visible form was still one of the least integrated of public institutions.

Another major issue in 1960 was birth control, and this too took on religio-political significance. The global birthquake continued, and the church studied its Christian

responsibility while government watched public response influenced largely by religious belief. Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU) said it would press a series of court cases in an effort to get a United States Supreme Court decision that birth control is a constitutional right. Dr. Billy Graham said birth control was one of the answers to the “terrifying and tragic” problems of overpopulation, but declared it should be handled by private foundations and agencies and not as a “political issue.” A poll in Minnesota revealed that 77 per cent of the Catholics interviewed were opposed to having the U.S. help other countries by teaching birth control methods, while 52 per cent of the Protestants queried were in favor of such assistance.

A man named Caryl Cheesman died, finally, in a California gas chamber—and many church spokesmen joined in the worldwide debate sparked by his execution.

And thus it went, throughout the fast-paced months of 1960: socio-political events and trends brought statements from religious leaders and action from church bodies.

But the strictly “intramural” aspects of religion also made big news in 1960. In the United States, church membership continued its upward spiral, with the 1961 *Yearbook of American Churches* statistics revealing an all-time record church and synagogue membership of 112,226,905. The boom in church construction continued, and year-end predictions were that the record pace would accelerate in 1961.

As always, denominational doings made big news. Church-State-and-Catholic-president statements enlivened the usual convention reports, but there was much significant action and decision in addition. There were mergers and rumors of mergers; one or two “emergers.”

A sampling of denominational activity: The United Lutheran Church in America declared in a 10,000-word Holy Communion guide that “the time is ripe for Lutherans to initiate theological discussion with other Christian bodies regarding intercommunion. The Church of the Nazarene counted over 16,000 persons in attendance at the largest assembly in its 52-year history. The Centenary General Conference of the Free Methodist Church of North America voted to organize overseas counterparts and an international fellowship. The Conservative Baptist Association accepted 81 churches applying for affiliation, with the 52 newly-organized churches in the group bringing to 690 the number of new churches the CBA has seen organized in the past decade. At its 75th annual meeting, the Evangelical Covenant Church of America mapped out plans for a “Decade of Dedication,” with an emphasis on building churches. And so it went, with big groups and small ones, making important statements, taking important steps.

But as always, names made news. Somehow 1960 seemed to be marked in an unusual way with familiar names from the world of religion in its obituary columns. Death claimed such church leaders as Reuben E. Nelson, former general secretary of the American Baptist Convention; Charles R. Erdman, moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. during the modernist-fundamentalist controversy of the '20s; “Dr. Ida” Scudder, third-generation Dutch Reformed missionary to India; William H. “Bill” Alexander, pastor of Oklahoma City’s “Church of Tomorrow” (First Christian); Benjamin Olmstead, editor of Free Methodist Sunday School literature; Halford E. Luccock, professor emeritus of Yale Divinity School who wrote under the famed pseudonym of “Simeon Stylites”; Mrs. Charles E. Cowman, noted devotional writer and missionary writer; and from the world of sacred music Phil Kerr and Alfred H. Ackley.

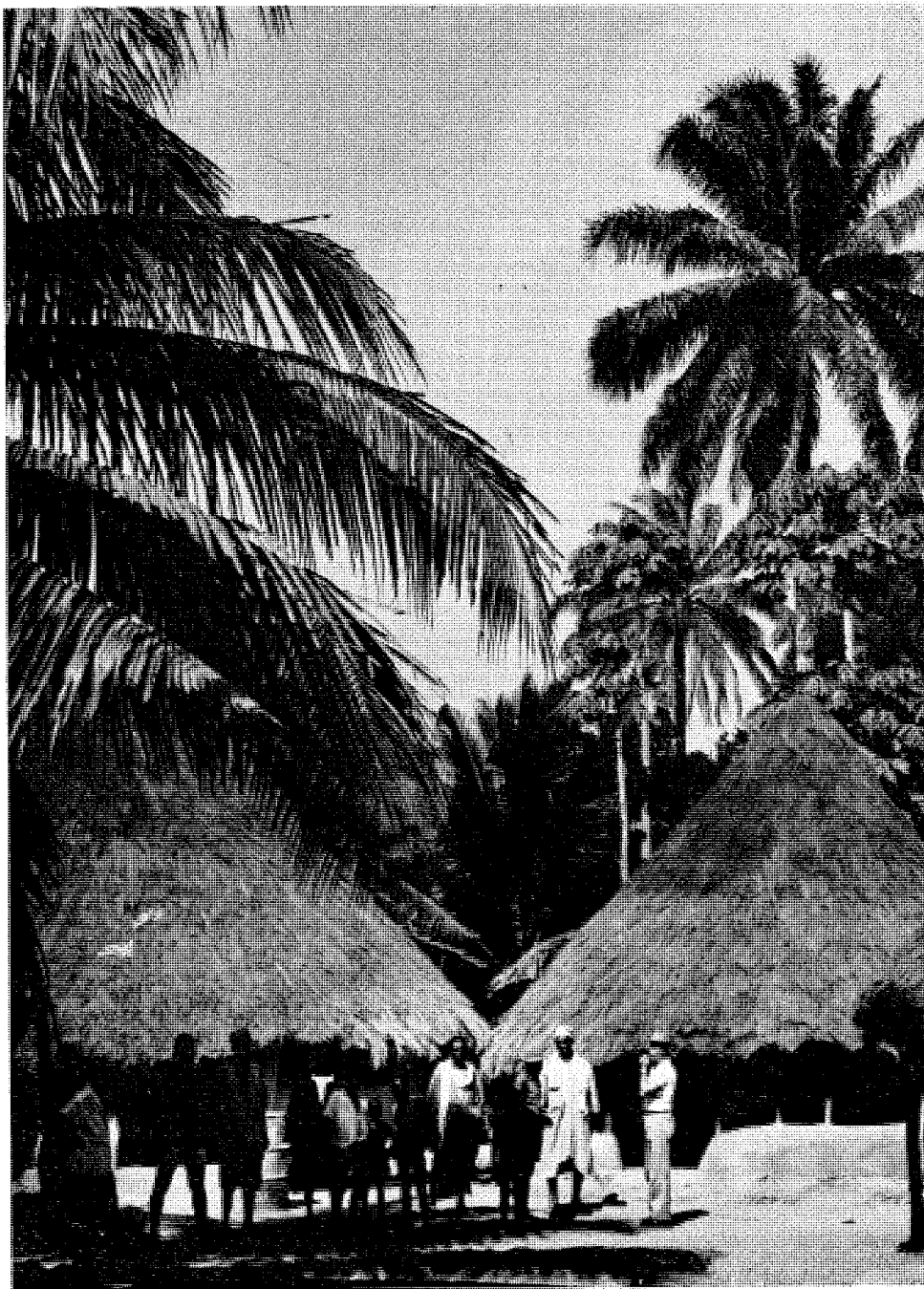
The waning weeks of 1960 found the evangelical Christian world saddened with the loss of two Philadelphia stalwarts: Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse and Dr. Percy B. Crawford.

Death also took religious leaders across the seas, such as W. E. R. Sangster, former president of the British Methodist Conference and of the London Free Church Federation; Toyohiko Kagawa in Japan; Methodist leader Peter K. Dagadu in Ghana; and the youthful Dean Denler, missionary in Hong Kong.

But the work of the Church went on . . . around the world. Evangelical enterprise in the United States moved steadily forward; Evangelist Billy Graham addressed record crowds in other countries; National pastors attended historic conferences in Japan, Colombia, Korea and Thailand.

There were setbacks. Minor rioting in the

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THE REVEREND AMOS SUTTON, D.D., a missionary from the General English Baptists, who are actually the parents of the Free Will Baptists in America, made an appeal to Free Will Baptists to begin missionary work in India in 1832. In a letter written from Puri Orissa, India, dated April 13, 1832 he wrote, "Come, then my American brethren, come over and help us!"¹

The *Free Baptist Cyclopaedia* has this interesting remark concerning the response to Dr. Sutton's appeal:

The leaders of the Free Will Baptist Denomination were full of missionary zeal (though as yet it had not been directed toward the heathen), so there was a quick response to Mr. Sutton's call; and after correspondence and Counsel, it was decided to organize a foreign mission society.²

The Reverends John Buzzell, Hosea Quinby and others at North Parsonfield, Maine called for a denominational meeting for the purpose of organizing a foreign mission society. By an act of incorporation obtained from the Maine State Legislature, and approved January 29, 1833, the organization became a reality. John Buzzell was the first president of the society and held this office for the next thirteen years.

The relation of the missionary society to the Free Will Baptist Church in America is described in article two of the constitution. It reads as follows:

The membership will consist, first of delegates from such churches of Christ, or associations of Christians, as hold salvation through faith and believers baptism, the same having been approved by a vote of the society, and having contributed \$100.00 to its fund during the current year, provided, that

¹ Burgess, G. A. and J. T. Ward, *Free Baptist Cyclopaedia Historical and Biographical* (Boston, Massachusetts: Free Baptist Cyclopaedia Co., 1889), p. 198.

² Burgess, p. 198.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSIONS IN REVIEW

Part I - EARLY BEGINNINGS

Free Will Baptists have always had a desire to share the gospel with all the world. The story we present in this series had its beginning in 1832. May it serve to challenge us to greater missionary endeavor.

one delegate only shall be sent by each church or association; and, second, of any person who has been accepted by vote, and who has paid during the year \$20.00 into the treasury.³

The above quotation is important because it reveals a characteristic behind one of the most important denominational moves in the history of this church. From the very organization of this mission society it was an inter-church society. It was not confined to Free Will Baptists alone. And, indeed other churches of like faith, who were not Free Will Baptists at the time of the organization were ultimately led into a merger with this particular group of Free Will Baptists to form the General Conference of Free Will Baptist Churches. Even in these early days Free Will Baptist inter-church fellowship and co-operation were typical of her people.

Soon after the organization of the mission society Dr. Sutton came to America. At the session of the New Hampshire yearly meeting of Free Will Baptists in Gilford, June 1834, he addressed over three thousand Free Will Baptists in an appeal for denominational support of their newly organized mission society. Following the session an article appeared in the *Morning Star* (an official publication of the church) written by Reverend David Marks. It reads in part:

How criminal has been our ignorance and neglect of this holy enterprise, and wonderful that providence which has illumined our darkness!⁴

When Reverend Mr. Sutton sailed back to India, he took with him twenty new missionaries. Four of them were Free Will Baptist. Thus began foreign missionary work in our Church on September 22, 1835. Reverend and Mrs. Eli Noyes, and Reverend and Mrs. Jeremiah Phillips made this first venture of faith in the name of Free Will Baptists.

Other yearly meetings began to organize mission societies after this first venture. In 1856 Dr. Otis R. Bachelier led the New Brunswick Freewill Baptists into organizing a mission society. They later adopted Jeremiah Phillips, D.D., as their missionary. The Freewill Baptists of Nova Scotia organized a society in 1868.⁵ The Women's Missionary Society was formed in 1873, at Sandwich, New Hampshire. It had its own distinct treasury and the power to elect and support its own missionaries approved by the board of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

These rather independent efforts among our people continued for several years. In 1883 the constitution of the first organization was amended, and the name was changed to the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society. This was an effort to bring all the existing societies of the denomination which had been enlarged by the merger of

Free Communion Baptist, Free Baptist, and Freewill Baptist into the General Conference of Free Baptist Churches.

This accounts for the early organization of our mission efforts. What were their results on the mission field?

The India Mission

The first Free Will Baptist (Free, Free-will, and Free Will Baptist continue to be used in the northern wing of our church to designate the same people. In this paper the term Free Will Baptist will be used since this is the only official title used today, and for the sake of clarity unless the context demands otherwise.) missionaries landed in Calcutta, India, February 4, 1836. They went first to the General Baptist mission station in Balasore, 150 miles south west of Calcutta. They remained there for about eight months learning the language and gaining experience under the direction of seasoned missionaries. In October of the same year they went out to establish their own station in Sambhalpur in the western part of Orissa. There the work soon proved most too difficult for them. The climate was unsuitable. There were many health prob-

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lems plus financial problems that first year in the field. Mrs. Phillips and her child died. Reverend and Mrs. Noyes lost their sixteen month old baby, and narrowly escaped death themselves. Sambhalpur was not destined to become our first mission compound.

It was not until 1838 that this first group was situated, and well enough physically to do any real work. The General Baptists turned over the mission compound in Balasore to them and it became the first mission station in India. Other stations soon opened. Jellasure, about thirty miles northeast of Balasore was opened in 1840; Midnapore was opened in 1844; Santipore was opened in 1852; Bimpore, twenty miles northwest of Midnapore was opened in 1865; another station—the Chandbali, a seaport about fifty miles south of Balasore, was opened in 1873; and in 1877 Santipore and Metrapore became out stations, but neither had resident missionaries.

Statistics given in 1889 reveal the following results of the missionaries efforts:

MISSION CHURCHES ORGANIZED⁷

Name	Date of organization	members
Balaigadia	1880	21
Balasore	1838	207
Bimpore	1874	99
Dainmori	1880	19
Gadulata	1884	16
Jellasure	1840	35
Midnapore	1844	88
Palasbani	1880	10
Santipore	1867	129
Chandbali and Bhadrak	unorganized	30
	Total	652

Otis Robinson Bachelier, M.D., was our first medical missionary to India. He arrived in India in 1841 and remained there as a missionary for fifty-three years. The growth of the India mission is largely the story of his life. His daughter and son after receiving medical degrees in America returned to assist him in the hospital at Balasore.

This dispensary later became a medical school under his fine leadership. The native medical students proved to be valuable assistants in surgical and medical work. From this station they went out to Cuttack, Barhampore, and Calcutta to engage in medical practice on their own. To help these students Dr. Bachelier published a *Medical Guide*, at first in Oriya and subsequently a much larger edition in Bengali. So far as is known, these were the first medical books published in these languages setting forth the European system of medical practice.⁸

Bachelier's medical practice was only a part of his duties, however, for he was a first rate evangelist, and served as the principal of the mission's Bible School. During the years that followed the mission board sent the following doctors to assist him in the hospital. James L. Phillips, son of the first senior missionary to India, Mary W. Bachelier, and Harry M. Bachelier, Nellie M. Philips and Thomas W. Burkholder, all of whom rendered a blessed ministry to the ill bodies and souls of the natives in India.

The evangelistic missionaries were assisted in their work by a core of missionaries sent to do educational work. The Balasore station organized the first school to take care of missionary children and children of native Christians in 1863. In 1879 a mission school for girls was started by Mrs. Marshall, and in 1881 a teachers' college was added for the training of teachers. The Zenana work was started in 1869 by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hallam. These two ladies had organized four such schools before 1879. Mrs. Jesse Hopper was added to this work in 1887, and in the same year the first native teacher was given full responsibility and status with her American co-workers.

Other important work done in these early years was the translation of the Scriptures by Dr. Jeremiah Phillips. The Santas had no written language. Dr. Phillips began to study their language and to collect Santal vocabulary in 1841. During the next six years he continued his studies. His first publication in Santal was a primer of twelve pages, which included the Ten Commandments and the Lord's prayer. In 1850 he published the Gospel of Matthew and a catechism in Santal. In 1854 it was translated into Bengali. By November 10, 1854 he had completed the gospels and Genesis, plus the first twenty chapters of Exodus.⁹

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³ Ibid., p. 199.

⁴ Ibid., p. 695.

⁵ Ibid., p. 199.

⁶ Ibid., p. 200.

⁷ Ibid., p. 1.

⁸ Stacy, Thomas H., *Life of Otis Robinson Bachelier Missionary to India* (Boston Massachusetts: The Morning Star Publishing House, 1904), p. 84.

⁹ Burgess, p. 423.

Religious NEWSFRONT



POAU Slates Objectives

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — POAU (Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State), in a statement of "immediate objectives," has declared it will "publicize widely the statements made by President-elect Kennedy during the presidential campaign in regard to separation of Church and State."

The organization announced that it will support the new President in his program "to keep Church and State separate and to resist pressures for federal grants to parochial schools," and said it will endeavor to keep President Kennedy's statements opposing government aid to parochial schools constantly before Congressional committees contemplating legislation in this field.

Another new objective: outreach into Protestant theological seminaries with speakers and literature to keep students alert to Church-State issues.

NAE Convention Set

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — The nineteenth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals will be held here April 10-14, 1961, according to an announcement by Dr. Cordas C. Burnett, convention chairman. Sessions will be held in the Municipal Auditorium and Pantlind Hotel.

The convention will open with a great public rally in the Municipal Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 10, Dr. Burnett has announced. Dr. Harold John Ockenga, pastor of Park Street Church, Boston, and past president of the Association, will be the speaker. The convention theme, "Thy Word Is Truth," will be implemented by Dr. Ockenga and other speakers. Among them are NAE President Thomas F. Zimmerman, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Mo.; Dr. Henry Bast, president Calvin Seminary, Holland, Michigan, and Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today*, Washington, D. C.

Missionaries Murdered

ELIZABETHVILLE, Katanga (EP) — New Zealand Missionary Elton George Behrent Knaus, 50, and Edmund Hodgson, 62, of Blackpool, England, were hacked to death by fierce Baluba Tribesmen in North Katanga. And since the bodies of these two veteran Protestant missionaries cannot be found by UN troops, officials believed they may have become the victims of cannibals.

Reliable sources reported to UN soldiers that the two missionaries were attacked with

machetes and put to death near Mukaya, a small village about 150 miles from Albertville.

Mr. Knaus' wife and three children have gone to Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, to stay with friends. Mr. Hodgson was a widower.

NCC Meets in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (EP) — The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. met here December 4-9, in headline-making sessions.

Actually, it was an event not on the original agenda that monopolized the early headlines and claimed continuing attention thereafter: a proposal made by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, in a sermon at Grace Episcopal Cathedral, for the merger of four of the largest Protestant denominations in the United States. The churches involved, he said, would be the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ.

The churches "cannot afford the luxury of our historic divisions," he declared in calling for the merger of the four churches which together have 18, 311, 587 members, 41,802 churches and 63,581 clergymen with pastoral charges.

Dr. Blake emphasized that he was making the suggestion on a personal basis as one of the ministers of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

No Threat To Tax Exemption

WHEATON, Ill. (EP) — Dr. George L. Ford, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, and Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, NAE Secretary of Public Affairs, have joined here in a statement to the NAE constituency that the organization's tax exempt status is not in jeopardy.

Reference was made to recent news stories which indicated that the NAE was under investigation by the Internal Revenue Service because of the NAE's concern with the Church-State issue in the recent political campaign. The inference was that the loss of tax exempt status was involved, which would tend to discourage gifts to the organization.

Text of the statement is as follows: "The NAE has never been contacted by an investigator of the Internal Revenue Service relative to this. Furthermore, we have just been advised on good authority that the Internal Revenue Service will not revoke the tax exempt status of any of the many legitimate religious and other non-profit organizations for statements on 'the religious issue.'"

No Regrets

NEW YORK (EP) — Lt. Col. Adolf Eichmann, Nazi Gestapo officer who rounded up millions of Jews for execution during World War II says "I regret nothing."

"I will not humble myself or repent in any way," he is quoted as saying in the second installment of his memoirs published in last week's issue of *Life*.

"I could do it too cheaply in today's climate of opinion. It would be too easy to pretend that I had turned suddenly from a Saul to a Paul. No, I must say truthfully that if we had killed all the 10 million Jews that (Gestapo boss Henrich) Himmler's statisticians originally listed in 1933, I would say, 'Good, we have destroyed an enemy.'"

Eichmann gave his story to a German journalist in Argentina before the ex-officer was abducted last spring by Israeli agents. He is now in Israel awaiting trial.

'World Day of Prayer'

WHEATON, Ill. (EP) — With a strong emphasis on the Bible as the Word of God and evangelism as the mission of the Church, evangelicals will gather in their churches Feb. 17 to observe the 1961 World Day of Prayer.

"A Sower Went Forth" is the theme for the observance this year. A prayer booklet to be used as a guide for the services has been written by Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, dean of the graduate school at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. The booklet contains devotional thoughts, responsive readings and hymn selections, with an introduction by Dr. Armin Gesswein, chairman of the Spiritual Life Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The materials, including the worship booklets and advertising posters, can be obtained by writing the National Association of Evangelicals, 222 East Willow Ave., Wheaton, Ill. All orders should specify the quantity needed.

Vatican Objects

VATICAN CITY (EP) — Through diplomatic channels the Vatican has sent word to Haiti's President Francois Duvalier objecting to his ouster of Archbishop Francois Poirier of Port-au-Prince and hinting that he may have incurred automatic excommunication.

Archbishop Poirier, highest-ranking prelate in the Negro Catholic republic, was forced out his See allegedly for having given \$7,000 to a Communist-aided Catholic student organization seeking the overthrow of the Duvalier regime. Poirier has pleaded innocent to the charges.

In Paris, where he arrived after a brief stop-off in New York, Archbishop Poirier described the situation as "too delicate for comment." He issued a statement denying sympathy with Communism, but declined to answer reporters' questions.

DANGER

Signals On Your Dates



By Ted W. Engstrom

WHETHER YOUR date book is full or not, you still agree with me that dating is here to stay. Dating is more than a social pastime for teen-agers: it's an important part of life. Your dates today are helping to prepare you for adult responsibilities tomorrow, like courtship, marriage, and parenthood. You may not realize it, but every fellow or girl you date is helping you decide what kind of mate you want for the rest of your life!

Or, maybe you've quit "playing the field," and, like many teen-agers, you're going steady. "Going steady" means different things to different young people, I've discovered, so I can't give a blunt yes or no answer to that off-repeated question. "Is it wrong to go steady?" But whether your dates are with that same terrific guy or gal every week, or whether you "take 'em or leave 'em," you've got to watch out for the danger signals on your dates.

Dating is delightful (and sometimes delirious!), because God made it that way. But it's also dangerous! If you're a normal, red-blooded teen-ager, you have certain physical drives down inside than can make you or break you, depending on how you handle the controls. I'm talking, of course, about sex, which, whether we admit it or not, is pretty well the cause of such wonderful things as love and marriage. Love has its spiritual side, too. These danger signals apply to guys as well as gals, and any self-respecting fellow ought to know when to put on the brakes to avoid a life-smashing collision with sin. A girl is so made that she responds quickly to sexual stimuli (like heavy petting) and the boy who deliberately leads her in that direction is asking for trouble. Pay attention to these danger

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signals and you will not get detoured into sin.

1. **"I'll permit it."** This is the first red light to watch out for, because love is never permitted, it's always given. Even if you do permit a good-night kiss, and it's okay with Mom and Dad and your conscience, you still can't afford to give things away cheap that God meant to be precious and satisfying. Any date who requires you to lower your personal standards and "permit" selfish gratification ought to be erased from your little black book. Kisses are not permitted, they're given; and the kind of physical affection that belongs to marriage is never "permitted" beforehand. Real love is a two-way street with both of you happily going in the same direction. Any other arrangement leads to a moral smash-up. "Love is of God," says the Bible but your interest in the opposite sex right now is primarily due to certain changes going on in your body, changes that are getting you ready for adulthood. That's why I say that dating can be dangerous, because this period of transition is also a time of temptation, and too many fellows and girls have run through the red lights instead of putting on the brakes. The results are sin, shame, and a future pretty well wrecked. Nearly half of the unwed mothers in the United States are teen-agers, and the numbers of girls graduating from our high schools "in absentia" is on the increase.

Before I list these danger signals, let's be clear on this: the fellow is just as much to blame as the girl, and maybe more. I know it "takes two to tango," but one of the two has to start the music, and nine times out of ten it's the fellow.

2. **"We can always stop when we please."** The teen-ager who says this just doesn't understand his own physical make-up! The sex drives in your body are different from

the other drives, like hunger and thirst, because sex effects every part of your personality, and once the wheels start turning, it gets harder and harder to put on the brakes. Your mind may scream. "Stop!" but once your body gets aroused, it's not easy to quit. The only safe policy is this: never get started at all. Playing with sex is always a down-hill proposition, and the longer you do it, the faster things move until only a collision can stop you—and then it's too late.

3. **"I'm glad nobody's around!"** It's a pretty safe rule that teen-agers should do nothing on their dates that they wouldn't do if Mom and Dad were with them. Perhaps your parents wouldn't hit the ceiling if you indulged in a good-night kiss and some handholding, but beyond that—well, you know the answer. If during a date it suddenly hit you, "Boy, I'm glad nobody's around!" then you've had a danger signal and it's time to stop. You can fill you parent's heart with pride by what you do, or you can break their hearts, too. If you and your date start thinking up excuses to get alone, then beware. It's a danger signal! And don't forget that you'll never find a spot where God can't sit in on your date and watch what you're doing!

4. **"What about tomorrow?"** If you find yourself worrying about the consequences tomorrow, then there's something wrong. Real love can be shared over and over again, and it gets more wonderful all the time. Real love doesn't worry about tomorrow. But the teen-ager who plays with sin, is always asking the question, "What's going to happen?" The girl who permits a few moments of pleasure today is only auctioning off tomorrow's happiness at the lowest possible price. Many a teen-ager is wearing the devil's price tag: "Slightly

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EXPANDING OUR HORIZIONS

League Board Launches New Campaign in 1961

EXPANSION is a sign of progress!

It is seen on every hand. Churches are enlarging facilities. Newspapers inform us of new industries moving into the community, while established companies remodel and enlarge present operations. New subdivisions are springing up overnight in nearly every town. Millions of dollars are being spent each year for research in education, medicine, nuclear science, and other fields. This is progress.

Time and time again people have said, "Why don't you expand the work of the National League Department?" With much embarrassment the answer has come, "We cannot expand because we do not have sufficient funds." In fact, the income for this department has been so limited that it has hardly met operating expenses.

At a recent meeting the National League Board decided to launch a one-year expansion campaign beginning January 1, 1961. This will be the first time in the history of Free Will Baptists that a campaign has been presented for promoting this phase of the work. Although several projects in interest of other causes have been sponsored by the League Board, no financial gain has been realized by the department itself. Actually, these projects incurred extra expense to the department, such as bookkeeping, printing, banking charges, postage, and additional publicity expense.

There are four major goals to be achieved in this campaign. They are:

1. A Training Program in Every Church
2. New and Improved Literature
3. Life Commitments to Christian Vocations
4. Increased Income—Increased Service

A Training Program in Every Church

There is still the tremendous need for effective leadership in almost every church throughout the denomination. This need will continue to exist until Free Will Baptists catch the vision of training for service in the local church. One purpose of this campaign is to awaken every Free Will Baptist to the benefits derived from a properly functioning League.

Ray Turnage is National League Director.

New and Improved Literature

Good materials are essential in building effective programs. The cycle of themes which was introduced a year ago has already proved to be helpful in creating new interest in League work. There is certainly room for additional improvement along this line. Definite steps are being taken to provide more and better materials. These plans include the publishing of beginner-primary program materials. Another improvement in League literature is to be seen in the current issue of *The League Pointer* (formerly *The League Monthly*), the official publication of the National League Board.

Life Commitments to Christian Vocations

The impact of League has been felt throughout the denomination in the lives of individuals as well as in the total church program. Many have been converted, others have committed themselves to dedicated Christian living, while still others have answered God's call to various fields of Christian service. These results have been achieved not only through local activities, but also through district and state organizations.

By Ray Turnage

Scores of young people have realized God's purpose for their lives through the influence of the Nationwide League Conferences. Hundreds are anticipating the greatest conference yet when the Ninth Nationwide League Conference meets June 20-22, 1961, in Albany, Georgia.

Increased Income—Increased Service

Since the League Board began functioning as a service department, it has had to operate on a minimum of finance. Therefore, the services provided by the department have been limited to necessary correspondence and some promotional materials, and the growth of the *League Pointer* has been retarded because printing costs could not be met. For these and other reasons, the department has not been as effective in promoting the League work as it should

have been. It is simply impossible to promote without finance.

Consistent financial support would enable the department to carry out plans for increasing the output of helpful materials. More study courses could be taught, and additional workshops could be conducted. Thus, the over-all League program could be revitalized.

Expansion Is Contingent

A goal of \$7,500 has been set for this expansion campaign. There are more than eight hundred and fifty active League organizations in the denomination. If the Leagues in every state would share in the responsibility of consistently supporting this work, future financial embarrassment would be eliminated.

Suggested state quotas are given below. Begin sending your gifts for this campaign as soon as possible.

Mail all contributions to: League Expansion Campaign, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee

Expanding Our Horizons Campaign Suggested State Quotas

Alabama	\$ 350.00
Alaska	10.00
Arizona	25.00
Arkansas	350.00
California	400.00
Florida	200.00
Georgia	350.00
Hawaii	10.00
Illinois	200.00
Kansas	95.00
Kentucky	140.00
Louisiana	10.00
Michigan	200.00
Mississippi	100.00
Missouri	850.00
New Mexico	50.00
North Carolina	1,500.00
Ohio	75.00
Oklahoma	1,000.00
South Carolina	275.00
Tennessee	850.00
Texas	250.00
Virginia	150.00
Washington	10.00
West Virginia	50.00
	\$ 7,500.00



This is a portion of the congregation that worships at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Waipahu. Most of these have been won to the Lord by Pastor Sanders.

Hawaii As I Saw It

By Homer Willis

ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, I left Nashville, Tennessee, for a visit to our 50th state. The purpose of this trip was to survey the present missionary work and to explore the possibility of more work in the Islands. Brother and Mrs. Sanders, Brenda, and some of the people of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Waipahu, gave me a royal welcome. Nothing can equal a Hawaiian welcome!

I was greatly pleased with the way Brother Sanders had been used of the Lord in Hawaii. I found evidence of much faithful work on the part of our missionary family the short time they have been on the field.

I was also impressed with the opportunity on every island to get out the Gospel message. The radio ministry of Brother Sanders is a real blessing. By radio many can be reached that it would be impossible to reach in any other way. Please pray for this ministry.

Sunday morning there were 36 in Sunday School and 37 present at the church for preaching. Most of these are members of the church and many of them are in the Armed Forces. Sunday night a deacon was ordained for the church. I feel that this man will be a great blessing to our work.

Nineteen years ago (December 7, 1941) Pearl Harbor was bombed by the Japanese. We have heard much about "Remember Pearl Harbor." Now, I want to discuss with you the matter of "Remembering Pearl Harbor" in another way. We must have

Homer Willis is Director of our National Home Mission work. He has served in this capacity for the last four years.

property in Hawaii on which to build our church. Land is very scarce and most expensive. It will take at least \$50,000.00 to secure land for our mission work. The most reasonable land I saw was three dollars A SQUARE FOOT. We are asking all our people to buy one square foot of land to help us erect a Free Will Baptist Church building in this place. Send your offering to the National Home Missions office clearly marked "Remember Pearl Harbor Fund."

We should have entered these Islands years ago with our message. Now we are far behind. We must do something and do it now if we are to reach these people with the Gospel of our blessed Lord. May I again ask you to "Remember Pearl Harbor" . . . send your gift today.

On my last day in Waipahu, I had the privilege of meeting the ship on which the Calvays were sailing back to Japan. They were glad to see the Sanders and the people from the church who met them. We are grateful that our mission work in Hawaii can serve as a bridge for our work in the Orient. In the years to come, many more missionaries will be stopping over here as they pass back and forth between America and their field of labor.

Brenda is a little missionary in her own right. She led a little native girl to the Lord on Saturday morning in a very precious service. Brenda is going to a Japanese school each day after her regular classes at English school. Since the population of the State of Hawaii is a mixture from many lands, you can readily see that many languages are spoken.

Hawaii as I saw it is a real mission field!



Children of several nationalities attend the Saturday morning Bible Club taught by Mrs. Sanders. Many of these are being reached for Christ.



Rebecca finds the sun too bright and Jonathan is up to his usual tricks as they pose with mom and dad (missionaries Wesley and Aileen Calvary), along with the Sanders, during their stop over in Hawaii while on their way to Japan.

What's Your Problem?



BY LOUIS H. MOULTON

that he had to have certain anointing and washing before he was healed. In 2 Kings chapter 20 God added 15 years to Hezekiah's life but in the healing process Isaiah said in verse seven of that chapter "... Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil and he recovered." We believe indeed that God can and often does heal without means but it may not always be His will to do it that way. I do not believe that God is displeased in your going to a surgeon if he can help you.

Q. I was brought up in the church and had what I believed to be a conversion experience even before I became a teen-ager. I try to live right. I pray and read the Bible daily and in all my activities have tried to do those things which becomes Christ-likeness. Now I have recently become very upset because of one verse of Scripture. My attention was called to Deuteronomy 23:2 and I was told that this one verse says an illegitimate child cannot be saved. Is this true? No one knows that I was born out of wedlock, that is among my friends and church acquaintances, but is it possible that I have been kidding myself all these years about my being saved?

A. You write as though you have had a genuine born-again experience and from what you say you give every indication of being saved. This doubt which has come into your mind is a trick of the devil. There is not one thing in the Bible which indicates that a child born out of wedlock cannot be saved. Jesus said in Revelation 22:17 (and this invitation at the close of the Bible seems to climax all the other invitations in God's Word) "... Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely". He did not say, "Whosoever will except those born out of wedlock." But he says, whosoever will just in simple faith receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior may come, and that includes you.

Q. I have some friends of the Holiness faith who have tried to discourage my going to a hospital for a needed operation according to my doctor. They know I am a Christian and they tell me that if I am looking to man for healing how can I say that my trust is in the Lord?

A. In Matthew 9:12 Jesus said, "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick." He seemingly is saying that when we get sick we should call a doctor. It certainly is no reflection on your faith and trust in God when you seek out the help of a doctor who has been trained to minister to the physical body. Actually all healing comes from God and the doctor and various medicines are the means He uses. In John 9:6 Jesus anointed a blind man's eyes with clay and then told him to go wash in the pool of Siloam. In Luke 18:42 Jesus simply spoke and a blind man received his sight. Using the argument of your friends I wonder what was the matter with the faith of the man in John 9:6

Q. Crops in our section this year produced one of the best yields that we have had in many a year. Some of our neighboring farmers plant or sow according to a certain phase of the moon. Is there anything in the Bible to substantiate this?

A. I do not know of anything either pro or con concerning this in the Bible. To some people, what you have said is just so much superstition. To others it is their way of life and they just absolutely would not plant except on certain positions of the moon. I do not know of anything in the Scripture which forbids them doing this.

Q. Occasionally I hear Christians praying fervently for the return of the Lord. Is it right for us to do this in the light of the fact that there are still so many who are not saved and need to be?

A. It very definitely is right. The hope of the Christian today is the soon and very soon return of the Lord Jesus. Perhaps you have not thought of, or been made acquainted with, the fact that the heathen population of the world is by far outnumbering the Christian population. Every day that the Lord withstays his coming, there are thousands upon thousands that are coming into the world who will ultimately be lost. So the sooner Jesus comes, the less the number that will eternally be shut away from God in hell.

Q. My husband is a real source of grief to me. He is in his sixties and has never been saved. Do you think that it is ever too late in life for a man to come to God? My husband goes to church with me but the Gospel just rolls off him like water off a ducks back. I get heartsick when I think of him being in hell eternally.

A. I have seen men older than your husband come to the Lord and be saved. Nothing is too hard for the Lord (Genesis 18:14). Don't despair but hold on to God for the salvation of your loved one and pray for him without ceasing. "Whosoever will may come" is still the invitation and for a person to get beyond the point where he can repent would mean that he is completely, spiritually dead. Because of your husbands interest in going to church with you there seems to be an indication that he has not reached this point yet. Pray as you have never prayed that God will break down his stubborn will and get through to his hard heart. We'll join you in praying for him.

Cooperative Receipts Down This Month

After two good months, the Cooperative receipts were down for the month of November. Actual Cooperative receipts totaled just over \$3,000.00. This will work a hardship on some of the departments of our work as they try to close out their operation for the year.

Since income to all departments of our work is usually slow during December and January, it is hoped that each church will be faithful in their Cooperative giving. Your generous gift at this time will mean so much.

If your church supports through the Cooperative Plan and you have not received your church certificate, please address your request to Cooperative Plan, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee

NOVEMBER COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

ALABAMA			
First church, Dothan	76.01		
Goodwater church, Slocomb	5.00		
State association	19.45		100.46
ARKANSAS			
State association			585.76
CALIFORNIA			
State association			404.07
FLORIDA			
State association			183.10
GEORGIA			
State association			192.05
ILLINOIS			
State association			272.84
MISSOURI			
Rev. D. S. Jones, Aldrich	10.00		
Macedonia church, Purdy	79.44		89.44
NORTH CAROLINA			
Fellowship church, New Bern	81.13		
Swannanoa church	98.00		179.13
NEW MEXICO			
First N.M. Association	8.00		
First church, Grants	30.41		
First church, Hobbs	70.85		109.26
OHIO			
Mr. Dobbie Lawson, Dayton			4.00
OKLAHOMA			
State association			648.74
TENNESSEE			
Dunbars Chapel, Adams	7.14		
Oakgrove, Charlotte	19.26		
Wooddale church, Knoxville	41.13		67.53
TEXAS			
State association			149.84
VIRGINIA			
Bethany church, Norfolk			64.87
			3,051.09
DESIGNATED			
Florida	502.48		
Tennessee	80.88		
Ohio	2.00		585.36
Total to Disburse			3,636.45
DISBURSEMENTS			
Sunday School Dept.	155.55		
Superannuation Board	91.56		
League Dept.	93.57		
Headquarters Trustees	91.57		
Home Mission Dept.	539.41		
Bible College	869.95		
Executive Dept.	742.27		
Foreign Mission Dept.	1,040.59		
Designated to WNAC	11.98		
			3,636.45

Missions In Review

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The Mission Press

Dr. Bacheiler established a mission press at Midnapore in 1863. During the mission years of 1866-67 the press turned out 367,000 pages of printed matter into the language of the people. Most of the printing done was for religious purposes, however he had established it for more than one reason. Job printing was also done. This provided enough income to train and provide permanent jobs for native Christians. The press proved to be very prosperous and was in continuous service until 1900.

According to statistics published in 1889, Free Will Baptists had sent twenty-six missionaries to India—eleven men and fifteen women. They served for an average of about eight years, or about two missionary terms.¹⁰

W. C. Million in his book, *A History of Free Will Baptists* makes the following statement in regard to the progress made:

When we remember that the membership of the Free Will Baptist Church was only 87,017 in 1900 the statistics given below take on a greater significance to the reader.¹¹

INDIA MISSION IN 1900

Resident missionaries in India	17
Home on Furlough	8
Native Assistants	63
Fully organized churches	18
Ordained ministers	45
Membership of the churches	1,487
Number enrolled in S. S.	4,365
Number enrolled in Day Schools ...	4,437
Seminary Endowment fund	\$10,000
Number of high school pupils	196
Permanent fund on reserve for India	
	\$82,033.48

Other Early Missionary Efforts

Around the turn of the century Free Will Baptists sent out a missionary from Storer College, Harper's Ferry, West Virginia. Free Will Baptists had organized this school in 1867 as part of their effort to aid the freed men. The missionary, Lewis P. Clinton, went to Liberia, West Africa, to do missionary work among his people. He was sponsored by the Young People's Society of the Free Will Baptist Church, an organization much like our present day Young People's Auxiliary.¹²

His work in Africa was a very successful one, but it is impossible for me to document it at this time. I have been told that this information can be obtained from Crozer Theological Seminary. The little in-

formation that I have in no way adequately covers, or does justice to his work, but this much we know for certain. He was primarily an evangelistic missionary, but his work included the establishment of a boys industrial school for the Bassa Tribe. How long his ministry continued is impossible to say. This mission along with the India field and others went to the Northern Baptist Convention in 1911.

Barbados Island Mission

The only other mission field the church entered, to my knowledge, before the turn of the century was the Barbados Island. Here they had four churches, four missionaries, and 316 members in the churches. The mission conducted a home for unwed mothers, and a free school with three teachers and two hundred pupils.¹³

¹³ Million, p. 99.

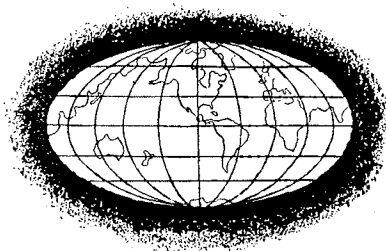
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¹¹ Million, G. W., *A History of Free Will Baptists* (Ayden, North Carolina: Board of Publications and Literature National Association of Free Will Baptists, 1958), p. 98.

¹² Mrs. Eunice Edwards (comp.), *Young People's Auxiliary Yearbook of Programs* (Nashville: Woman's National Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptists, 1960) p. 31.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

Revival in Miami Church

MIAMI, FLA.—The Golden Glades church of North Miami recently closed a week's revival in which seven persons were converted, two lives rededicated and one person added to the church membership. The pastor of Golden Glades church is Rev. Theo J. Buck, and the evangelist was Rev. Bill Travis of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Georgia Woman's Auxiliary Meets

BAXLEY, GA.—Ninety-five persons registered at the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention at the Baxley church on November 15. Ministers registering numbered 19, and the congregation counted it a great blessing to hear Rev. Tom Willey, senior missionary to Cuba, preach two messages.

Increase Noted

BEAUFORT, N. C.—First church here is rejoicing in the progress revealed in the records which indicate an increase of 72 in Sunday school attendance from the same date one year ago. Five persons were saved in the service just previous to this reporting and church attendance is very good. Pastor of the church here is Rev. Randy Cox.

Reports League Study Course

COTTONWOOD, ALA.—The Howard's Grove church recently sponsored a study course on Free Will Baptist League work. Mr. Ray Turnage, national director of Free Will Baptist Leagues, was instructor for the study which consisted of two forty-five minute classes each evening for one week.

Average attendance for the study was twenty-four, and fifteen Leaguers qualified for study course certificates.

Sponsors of the study course feel that a great deal of progress and incentive as well as needed information was gleaned from the study. Rev. L. R. Curtis is pastor of Howard's Grove church, and Mrs. Gladys Hagler is General Director of the League.

Homecoming Event Held

SUMTER, S. C.—A young church here, Cherry Vale Free Will Baptist, held its second annual homecoming on November 6. Rev. Benny Turner was guest minister who conducted services for the day.

History of the church reveals that Cherry Vale Mission held its first service November 23, 1958, with 18 in Sunday school and 23 for worship services. Six months later the mission was organized into the present church with charter membership of 12. Present membership is 37.

The church is buying three lots and hopes to occupy its own building in a few months.

The church observed its first Mission Day on January 6, 1959, with Miss Eula Mae Martin, missionary to Brazil, present. The church has been privileged to host other visiting missionaries in the persons of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey, Jr., and Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.

Auxiliaries of the church include the Marvis Eagleton Woman's Auxiliary, Sunday school, Free Will Baptist Leagues, and a newly organized Master's Men group.

The pastor of Cherry Vale church is Rev. H. Reedy Saverance.

Revival Held

WASHINGTON, N. C.—The new pastor of Fellowship church here conducted a revival in the church December 5-11. Rev. Charles Bryant has accepted the pastorate here and comes to Fellowship church from the mission work he was previously serving in Indiana.

Church Notes Progress

TULSA, OKLA.—Lewis Avenue church here reports 20 conversions and thirty-three persons joining the church in the past quarter. The church led the association in giving to causes outside the local church this quarter in contributing \$760 to missions, the Cooperative Plan of Support, and other causes.

The Master's Men of the church have raised \$150 for the Oklahoma Free Will Baptist College in compliance with the plan of receiving one dollar per church member for support of the college. The pastor here is Rev. Paul W. Inbody.

Termination Announced

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Christian News Associates this week announced the termination of publication of the periodical *Perception*. The disclosure was made by Mr. Dennis Wiggs, editorial assistant, spokesman for the staff.

This move was the result of the resignation of Editor Jerry Ballard on November 1 to accept the job of promotional secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

"We terminate *Perception* because the staff feels it to be the most feasible thing to do at this time," explained Mr. Wiggs. "It is not because we feel that the ministry of this publication is no longer needed. It simply is not possible at the present time for us to continue its publication and distribution."

The spokesman added that all files of Christian News Associates were being kept intact in the event the staff feels a return of *Perception* is both obligatory and ex-

pedient. A word of caution was included by Mr. Wiggs, "No publication appearing under the name *Perception* or Christian News Associates in the future is authentic unless containing the endorsement of all members of the present staff."

A financial statement covering the operation of Christian News Associates from its inception in August, 1959, until its termination is available to all desiring it. Requests should be addressed to: CNA, P.O. Box 1562, Columbia, S. C. Requests will be honored through January 31, 1961.

Chaplain Promoted

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Executive Secretary Billy Melvin reports that word had been received of the promotion of a Free Will Baptist Chaplain. Chaplain John B. Narron, F.W.B. chaplain serving in the Air Force, was promoted to the rank of Captain in October. Chaplain Narron is a member of Central F.W.B. Conference, North Carolina, and is currently serving at Selfridge AFB, Michigan. The monthly activity report of Chaplain Narron indicates: Services held—7, Other religious services—9, Marriages—3, Hospital patients visited—120, Pastoral and other calls—11, Interviews—93, Number visits to Civilian churches—1, civilian clergy—5, articles written—1, and over 300 pieces of literature (Bible, tracts, etc.) distributed in October.

Florida Institute Begun

PANAMA CITY, FLA.—The Florida state association in its annual meeting in November, 1960, approved plans for the establishment of a Bible Institute to be located near Cottdale, Florida, on U.S. Highway 231. Board of directors for the institute is Ernest Owen, Clyde Owen, Harold Harrison, Chester A. Huckaby, and Harvey Henderson. The board appointed Rev. Harold Harrison as Administrative Dean, and Rev. Clyde Owen as secretary-treasurer.

The buildings and other facilities are now being repaired and remodeled with plans to open the institute early in 1961 for night classes. Additional information may be obtained by writing Rev. Harold Harrison, Chimpley, Florida.

Presents Cantata

WINTERVILLE, N. C.—The Reedy Branch church enjoyed a Christmas Cantata, "Night of Miracles", by John W. Peterson, presented by the Chancel Choir and the youth of the church. The Cantata embraced the miraculous truth of the Incarnation and seven nativity scenes. Rev. Henry Melvin is pastor of Reedy Branch church.

Missionary Conference Held

GUYMON, OKLA.—Rev. J. B. Fletcher, pastor of First church here, reports a successful missionary conference held at the church November 18-20. Missionaries participating in the conference were Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, appointees to Africa, and Rev. and Mrs. Roy Thomas, Home Missionaries to Colorado. The pastor

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reports that each challenging message was well received and several souls were saved. An offering of \$170 was received for the missionaries and the church plans to designate a "Missions Sunday" each month of 1961.

Property Given Youth Camp

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Cumberland Association's youth camp recently received a building 160 x 60 feet donated for use at Hillmont Assembly. The former 4-H Club building of Columbia, Tennessee, was given for only the cost of moving. The contact was made by Rev. W. B. Hughes, pastor of Loyal Chapel church of Columbia, and Mr. Price, General League Director of the church who is also owner of Price Construction Company, is clearing the property and moving the building.

Trustees of the assembly grounds hail this as a wonderful addition to the grounds since it is the first improvement to be erected on the property being purchased by churches of the Cumberland Association.

In Revival Work

SOUTH ROXANA, ILL.—Rev. William Buster who has held a series of revivals since resigning his pastorate in August, may be contacted at Box 47, South Roxana, Illinois, for open revival dates, or possible interest in a pastorate.

Planning Session

DAYTON, TENN.—The facilities of William Jennings Bryan College were courteously offered to the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Board of Tennessee for a historic meeting recently. Pastors, Superintendents, Teachers, and other interested in a Sunday school teacher training program, met for an all day study and planning effort. Under leadership of Rev. Don Hill, state Sunday school board member and professor at Bryan College, plans were formulated for a teacher training program.

Sword Drill Announced

NASHVILLE, TENN.—It is not too early to begin preparing your contestant for the Intermediate Sword Drill to be featured during the Ninth Nationwide League Conference, June 20-22, 1961, Albany, Georgia, according to Ray Turnage, National Director.

Each state is urged to be represented at this Conference. Only one contestant between the ages of twelve years, six months, and sixteen years, six months at the time of the Conference is allowed to participate in the Sword Drill.

You may write the National League Board, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, for a copy of the suggested Sword Drill and rules. Names of contestants must be in the League office by March 31, 1961, in order to qualify and appear in the program. A fee of \$3.00 must be paid by each contestant. This covers the cost of costume and Bible to be used during the drill.

Property Purchased

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Negotiations were completed here the last of November for the purchase of a house at 515 North Nelson Street in Arlington according to Home missionary Ken Walker. The property will be used as a place to hold prayer meetings, teacher training courses, socials, class meetings, etc., as well as a parsonage.

The house consists of three bedrooms, bath, front room, dining room, kitchen, full basement, and garage. Purchase price was \$16,500.00.

Consistent growth has been enjoyed by the church with 40 presently enrolled in the Sunday School. The worship hour averaged 42 for the month of November, while Prayer Meeting attendance averaged 15.

It is reported that the purchase of this property has been a great encouragement to the people. Plans are to organize the group into a church in early 1961.

Accreditation Granted

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C.—Mount Olive Junior College was granted regional accreditation at the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president, has announced.

The college has been working toward this goal since its founding in 1951 and particularly since 1958 at which time it was accredited by the North Carolina College Conference. Statistics show that only 55% of the junior colleges in the nation are regionally accredited.

Mount Olive College is owned and operated by the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, and has shown a steady growth in enrollment, endowment and assets of all kinds since its establishment. Since its founding, the college has concentrated its efforts toward providing a superior academic program with a qualified faculty.

The college has acquired a 50-acre tract of land located in Mount Olive and is at present planning a building program.

Earlier in its life, Mount Olive College was accredited by the State Department of Education in North Carolina and the North Carolina College Conference. It is also approved by The Veterans Administration, The United States Office of Education and the United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service for Foreign Students Training. The local college holds membership in the American Association of Junior Colleges, The Southern Association of Junior Colleges and The North Carolina Council of Church-Related Colleges and The Collegiate Academy of The North Carolina Academy of Science.

New Magazine Makes Debut

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The first issue of the CO-LABORER magazine, new program material for the Woman's Auxiliary, came off the press last month. The magazine, a quarterly publication, replaces the familiar Yearbook of Programs and contains monthly programs, special programs, program ideas, missionary information, and youth helps, plus special features of interest to the auxiliaries.

Due to the number of late orders which arrived after December 1, stock for the first quarter is completely depleted. Auxiliaries ordering now will therefore need to order only for the second and subsequent quarters. If your auxiliary needs more copies of the CO-LABORER during the year due to an increase in enrolment, drop us a note asking us to add the number required to your original order. Cost will be only 25 cents a subscription per quarter for any additions to a standing order. Regular subscription rates are \$1.00 per subscription per year when ordered in lots of five or more. Single subscriptions are \$1.25; single issues 35 cents.



Located in Arlington, Virginia, this is the property recently secured by our Home Mission Board in an effort to establish churches in the Washington, D. C. area. Rev. Kenneth Walker is the pastor.



Millennial Studies—George L. Murray, Baker, 207 pp., \$2.95.

There are many books on the market today dealing with eschatological beliefs. Most preachers have a few, if not many of these, in their libraries which they have given some measure of attention. Here is a book, however, that will demand more than a casual reading. It is a book that can be read and reread with a great deal of profit.

The author is committed to the a-millennial position, which according to the preface, was accepted only after years of serious study. The reader will find the author's presentation to be in a gracious spirit with charity toward all who disagree.

One of the striking things to this reviewer was the style of the author. Many times writing which deals with theology is "hard reading," but not so in this instance. The easy style of the writer makes the book a pleasure to read and should be readily accepted by the layman.

Though this reviewer is not fully persuaded concerning all the conclusions of this book the exposition of Matthew 24 was especially appealing. Every sincere student of the Word should be interested in Dr. Murray's comments on this very important chapter in Matthew.

In summary, a well written book which should enjoy a wide circulation.—Billy A. Melvin

Religion In Review

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Congo flared up in sudden violence and warfare; mission agencies were driven out of fields in which they had labored for three-quarters of a century. Church groups in Korea held stormy sessions for the second year in a row. But by year-end, it appeared that the Church in both countries was returning to "business as usual."

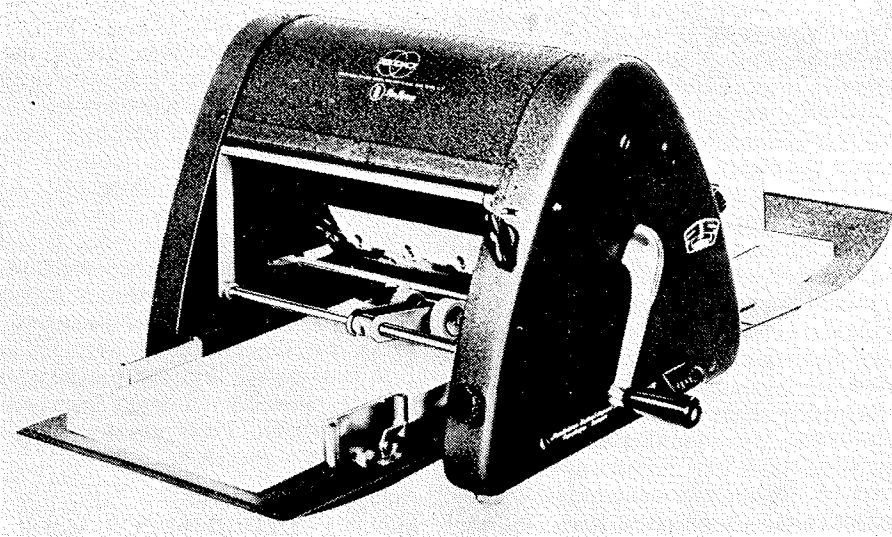
And as 1960 faded away, it left an "inheritance" of problems for youthful 1961.

Some Protestants, still smarting under the label of "bigot," were wondering if they had to rebuild their "image" in the public eye. The religious aspects of the birth control issue, ignored for a time for the larger political issue, were still unresolved. Racial integration was still in the news and on the Christian conscience.

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Dear Editor:

Thank you for the good Home Missions issue of CONTACT. Also, please know that I for one appreciated your stand regarding the election. It certainly will not go unrewarded. Many will see the wisdom of our stand. Let us pray that they will not wait too late. . . .

Sincerely,
R. Eugene Waddell
Garner, North Carolina

Renews Subscription

Dear Editor:

I appreciate your calling my attention to the expiration of my CONTACT subscription. I am enclosing a check for renewal. Since I have changed pastorates I hope to be able to subscribe to the "Family Plan" soon.

Yours in Christ,
Thurman Pate
Knoxville, Tennessee

Continuous Subscriber

Dear Editor:

In reply to your letter regarding my CONTACT expiration, I will say that I am aware of my paper expiring each October because I started with the first issue of CONTACT and like it very much and do not want to be without it.

Sincerely yours,
Elsie Vaughan
Hindsville, Arkansas

Danger Signals

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soiled, greatly reduced in price." It is the old mistake of sacrificing the permanent on the altar of the immediate. So, if you catch yourself asking, "Will I be sorry for this tomorrow?" you've seen a danger signal and you'd better do something about it. Chances are you're degrading and debasing this wonderful thing called sex, and you can't play with fire without getting burned.

How can teen-agers today escape this kind of sin, when sex is exploited on TV, in books and magazines, and almost everywhere they go? How can you keep clean when the very atmosphere around is polluted? The Bible gives a three-fold secret of victory:

Observation: "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak" (Mark 14:38) is what Jesus commands. Keep your eyes open, and when you see temptation around the corner, make tracks! "Flee youthful lusts!" Paul warned young Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:22.

Amputation: "And if thy hand offend thee (cause you to stumble), cut it off!" says Jesus in Mark 9:43. What He means is, be drastic when you deal with sin. If some friend, some favorite magazine or occupation, causes you to fall into sin, then cut it out of you life immediately. If you don't kill sin, it will kill you. This may mean saying "No" to certain dates, or refusing to go to certain places; but it's the only way to keep clean.

Dedication: "For to me to live is Christ." I firmly believe that no teen-ager can get through his teen years unscathed without the power of Jesus Christ in his life. Christ will give you victory over temptation and your life will have a new thrill when He's in control. It isn't enough to make resolutions or have good intentions: you need a power within you to keep you clean. Give your heart and life to Christ today and that power is yours. Spend time daily in the Word of God and you'll find new strength and victory. "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

So teen-ager, when you're on that next date, don't just look at the stars in the sky or even the stars in your date's eyes. Keep your eyes open for these danger signals. You'll have a lot more fun today—and you'll be glad you did tomorrow.

Do You Stay For Church?

It is high time that some members of our church woke up to the sinister influences they are exerting. When a member of a Sunday School class marches home regularly after Sunday School and has nothing to do with the worship services, you can put it down in your little book that here is a church member who is kidding himself. *He hasn't been to church. He has not worshipped.* He has not joined hands with the church to carry on the Lord's work. What he has done is put himself in the position of pretending to be enlisted so that the church cannot work on him as a lost person, and yet he is not a church worker. Furthermore, he has deceived himself into doing something religious, sat in Sunday School class which salves his conscience and keeps him from realizing that he is actually unchurched. I tell you the truth, I would not attend Sunday School if I could not stay for church. I honestly believe that attending church is the greatest hindrance to the real growth of Christ's Grace that evangelical churches are tolerating.

If I were a Sunday School teacher, and my pupils did not stay for Church I would so preach against such a "substitute religion" (which really amounts to a civic club) that the pupils would get mad and quit—then we would work on them as we would any other people who are lost to the spiritual cause—or they would get converted and start working in the church. I mean this.

How long has it been since your Sunday School class won one soul to Christ, baptism or church membership? Well, brother (or sister), you had better turn your class into a prayer meeting.

If you can get to only one service on Sunday morning, attend the worship service. You might get converted there, and then you would want to be taught the Word in Sunday School. But when you attend Sunday School for years but never get interested in the rest of the church, you are like the Negro who was out hunting and saw the tombstone which read, "I am not dead, I sleep." As the Negro took to his heels, he exclaimed, "You ain't fooling nobody by yo'-self."

Let's get on the beam in this matter. If you love your church, say so and act so.

—Selected

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Expanding Our Horizons

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is one arm of the church which affords each of us a wonderful opportunity to reach and train those for whom we are responsible. In this issue of CONTACT you will read an article titled "Expanding Our Horizons" in which our League Board outlines a special campaign for 1961. Because of the challenge and the need for effective Leagues throughout the church, our League Board is launching this program. They are to be commended for this effort.

Read this article carefully and then determine, by the grace of God, that you will do your part to strengthen and expand the work of our League Department.

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MAKE TEACHERS' MEETING

interesting!

Everyone knows that monthly staff meetings are essential for a growing Sunday School. But the same type of program month after month kills enthusiasm, dulls interest.

Staff meetings should be well planned by a committee—Christian Education Committee, Sunday School Board, or similar group. If your Sunday School does not have such a committee, why not select a special committee of qualified persons to plan your teachers' meetings for the coming year?

For effective results and interesting programs, your committee should list all of the things which you want to accomplish in your Sunday School during the coming year. Then, determine how to carry out these plans and the best way to present them to your staff.

At your meeting keep business matters to a minimum. Never take the time of the entire group to discuss business matters which concern only a few persons, or which can be handled by a Sunday School committee.

Plan your meetings to enthuse and instruct your staff. Here's a sample schedule:
JANUARY — How to win pupils to Christ
FEBRUARY — How to prepare a lesson, or Why have a Scripture memorization program?

MARCH — Present missionary program for the Sunday School

APRIL — How to reach new families for the Sunday School (through the Cradle Roll ministry)

MAY — How to keep good attendance during the summer

JUNE — Non-projected visual aid demonstration

JULY — Projected visual aid demonstration

AUGUST — Present fall attendance-building program in detail

SEPTEMBER — How to bring back absentees, or How to bring adults into the Sunday School program

OCTOBER — Should teachers stick to one method of lesson presentation?

NOVEMBER — Importance of pre-session activities

DECEMBER — How to personalize the lesson
In each teachers' meeting, there should be a brief time for devotions and also necessary business. Sometimes it is desirable to have a time for departmental conferences after the regular session.

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Well-planned, enthusiastically-presented programs will result in better teachers' meetings and bigger attendances.



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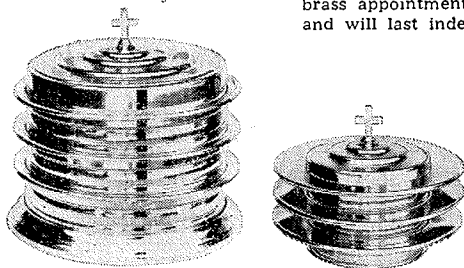
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