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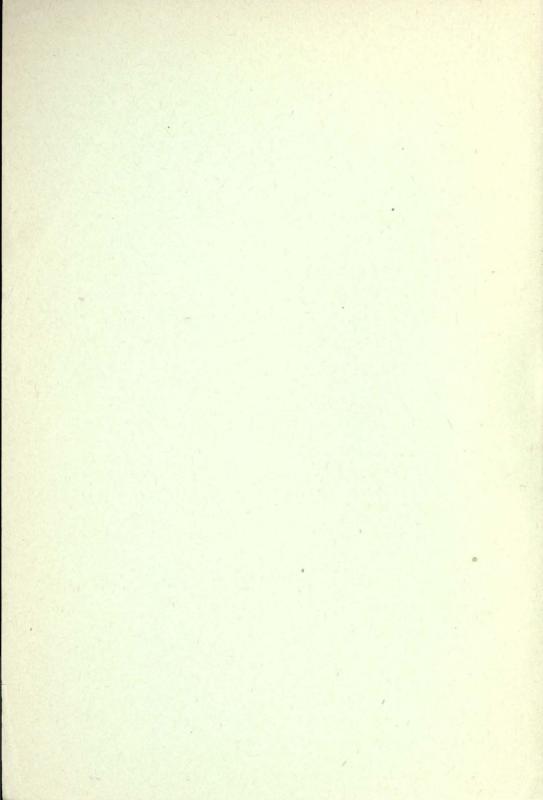
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PROCEEDINGS

The 30th Annual Session of the State Association of North Carolina Free Will Baptists convened with Malachi's Chapel Church, Tyrell County, September 16, 1942.

The Association began its session with congregational singing led by Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. R. Forrest.

Rev. K. W. Gaskill who was in charge of devotions delivered a wonderful sermon which was enjoyed by every one present.

The following Ministers and delegates were enrolled:

Eastern Conference: Duffy Toler, J. R. Forrest, L. H. Wetherington, K W. Gaskill, J. W. Alford, C. L. Bennett, and J. R. Bennett.

Central Conference: R. P. Harris, M. A. Woodard, R. C. Alexander, L. R. Ennis, T. F. Davenport, D. A. Windham, C. H. Denton, D. W. Alexander, N. D. Beaman and L. E. Ballard.

Western Conference: R. N. Hinnant, E. C. Morris, W. K. Jordan, Quillie Hansley Fred A. Rivenbark, James A. Evans, L. S. Joyner, W. A. Hales, W. E. Anderson, J. H. Worley, I. W. Jernigan, J. F. Parish, J. C. Varnell and Chester Pelt.

Cape Fear Association: C. H. Coates, M. E. Godwin, C. R. Biggs and M. L. Johnson.

French Broad Association: Willet L. Moretz.

Beaver Creek Association: L. M. Pierce.

DELEGATES

Eastern Conference: Fountain Taylor, Matilda M. Cannon, Mrs. S. L. Silverthorne, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Mrs. Henry W. Dixon, Mrs. J. W. Overman, Mrs. S. H. Hughes, A. J. Willis, R. R. Jones and Daniel Gaskins.

Central Conference: Herman Stox, Lester Garris, J. H. Allen, Mrs. Effie Jordan, Mrs. Annie E. Whitehurst, Mrs. N. E. Garris, L. H. Heath, Levi Hill, R. L. Spencer, F. C. Burroughs, D. H Furlough, David Ange, Mrs. Ruth Jennings, E. B. Armstrong, Jesse Gay, A. H. Jackson and Leonard Earl Harris.

Western Association: Charles S. Edwards, Mrs. C. S. Edwards, Mrs. R. N. Hinnant, Wiley T. Ferrell, Larry Boyette, and Henry Watkins.

Cape Fear Association: Mrs. Y. W. Eldridge, A. F. Balance and Mrs. M. E. Godwin.

Albemarle Union Meeting District: Alonza L. Reynolds.

Treasurer N. C. State Association: Rom W. Mallard.

Orphanage Board: W. A. Jackson.

The welcome address was delivered by the local pastor, J. R. Bennett. Response to the welcome address was made by Willet L. Moretz.

The following Committees were appointed:

Finance: C. H. Denton, M. A. Woodard and C. H. Coates.

Resolution: F. A. Rivenbark, W. K. Jordan and W. E. Anderson. Nominations: J. H. Harris, E. C. Morris and J. W. Alford.

On motion a temperance committee be appointed. The committee is as follows: Alonza Reynolds, Chester Pelt and Mrs. M. A. Woodard.

The minutes of the Executive Committee for the last fiscal year was read as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION

The Executive Committee of the State Association was called by the president, Rev. J. C. Griffin, and it met in Ayden, F. W. B. Church, October 21, 1941, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

Those present were as follows:

Rev. J. C. Griffin, President; Rev. D. W. Alexander, Vice-President; Rev. J. R. Bennett, Secretary; Brother Rom Mallard, Treasurer; Rev. M. L. Johnson, Rev. R. N. Hinnant and Brother W. A. Jackson.

The purpose of the meeting as stated by the president was to consider resolutions passed by the State Association in its 1941 session, and also resolutions passed by Exceutive Committee of the National Association, which followed the convening of the State Association. The report of the executive committee of the National Association was read at this time, as reported through the Gem Paper.

Rev. D. W. Alexander asked just what authority did the executive committee of the State Association have. Rev. L. R. Ennis responded to the question by stating that the executive committee could rightly suspend or lift any resolution that affected so vitally innocent institutions of our cause at large. Much discussion was carried on concerning our State and National work.

The meeting was recessed for lunch.

We reassembled for the continuation of business at 2:15 o'clock.

Rev. L. R. Ennis made an announcement of the ruling of the executive committee of the National Association to the effect that treasurers of the National Association, all subordinate organizations, and boards, and the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Association be bonded.

Rev. L. H. Wetherington asked why some from North Carolina were removed from their offices in the National Association at the 1941 session. No definite answer was given.

It mas moved and carried that the Executive Committee of the State Association go in private session.

Motion by Rev. R. N. Hinnant and seconded by Rev. M. L. Johnson that we retain, and go by the resolutions passed by the State Association until the sixty day period has expired as was stated in the resolution known as No. 1, after which time the president was requested to call the executive committees of the various associations and conferences that compose the State Association, and the executive committee of the State Association together, in order that a more complete decision of the position of North Carolina is taken concerning our National Program might be determined. This motion was passed.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. L. Johnson.
J. R. Bennett, Secretary.

The Executive Board of the North Carolina State Association met in call session, December 15, 1941, at Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, N. C.

A joint session was held with the Executive Committee of the various conferences and associations composing the State Association.

The President explained the purpose of the meeting. He stated that we were to consider resolutions passed by the Association in its 1941 session.

Members present, State Association: Rev. J. C. Griffin, President; Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Secretary protem; Rev. J. E. Wooten, proxy for Rev. J. R. Bennett; Rom W. Mallard, W. A. Jackson, Rev. M. L. Johnson, Rev. D. W. Alexander and Rev. L. H. Wetherington.

Western Association: Rev. J. F. Parrish, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Rev. Henry Melvin, proxy for Rev. C. F. Bowen, and Rev. W. B. Ferrell.

Cape Fear Conference: W. A. Jackson, Kirby West, Rev. M. L. Johnson and C. E. Lee.

Central Conference: Rev. L. B. Manning, E. C. Hines, M. H. Whichard and Rev. R. P. Harris.

Eastern Conference: Rev. J. C. Griffin, Rev. Duffy Toler, Rev. S. A. Smith, Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Wayne Mallard, proxy for H. M. Mallard.

Rock Fish Association: Rev. Walter Carter and Rev. O. M. Hilburn.

Visitors: Sun Clark, R. H. Mason, R. C. Wiggs, W. A. Dail, J. A. Evans, L. R. Ennis, J. C. Moye, H. M. and Lizzie McAdams, J. B. Ferrell, H. C. Wood and Levi Hill.

Rev. W. A. Dail led the opening prayer. Motion that the Resolutions of the State Association and also the Resolutions of the Executive Committee and Board of Education of the National Association held in Nashville, Tennessee, September 23, 1941, be read. Rev. R. N. Hinnant read all the resolutions.

On motion that the executive committee of the State Association refuse to accept the decision of the Executive Committee of the General Board of the National Association and appeal to the National Association in regular session, to be held in Columbus, Mississippi, for a final decision.

On motion the secretary pro tem furnish Rev. L. R. Ennis a copy of the above resolution signed by the president and secretary.

Lunch.

Prayer by Rev. J. A. Evans.

Motion we proceed with routine business.

Friendship, Jones County, and Malachi's Chapel, Tyrrell County presented petitions for the next session of the Association. Friendship withdrew and it was decided that the next session to go to Malachi's Chapel.

The following were appointed as 1942 program committee: Rev. M. L. Johnson, Rev. J. R. Bennett and Rev. D. W. Alexander.

Publicity Committee: Rev. R. N. Hinnant, W. A. Jackson and Rom W. Mallard.

Motion carried that the President write Rev. M. E. Tyson informing him that he was duly elected Field Secretary and the duties of such be performed. If he refuses to accept to notify the President and the President appoint one at once.

Motion Raymond Sasser be appointed to audit the books of the orphanage 1941 and 1942.

Rev. J. C. Griffin, President.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Secretary Protem.

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists met at Ayden, at the Press Office on April 24, 1942.

Present: Rev. J. C. Griffin, Rev. M. L. Johnson, J. H. Harris, Rev. L. H. Wetherington, Rev. D. W. Alexander, Rom W. Mallard, W..A. Jackson, Rev. J. A. Evans, proxy for Rev. J. R. Bennett, Rev. J. W. Alford, proxy for Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

Prayer was offered by Rev. M. L. Johnson.

The resignation of Rev. M. E. Tyson as Field Secretary of April 18, 1942, was read and accepted by motion and vote.

Rev. K. W. Gaskill was appointed Field Secretary for the unexpired term.

The following resolution was adopted by motion and vote:

RESOLUTION

We, the Executive Committee of the Free Will Baptist Association of North Carolina, in call session this, the 24th day of April, 1942, for the purpose of considering several matters of importance do hereby reconsider and pass the following;

Whereas, the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists, in regular session the 17th and 18th of September, 1941, at Free Union Church, Greene County, passed a Resolution, which was later styled "Resolution Number One," by the Executive Committee of the General Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and which Resolution was called, "Unethical, Unjust and Unfair" by the aforesaid Executive Committee of the General Board of the National Association, and,

Whereas, the aforesaid Resolution was based on "Reports," as plainly stated in the said Resolution and which "Reports" we had in our possession and do still have them as evidence, and,

Whereas, the Executive Committee of the General Board, of the National Association, preferred to question the defendants, and they hundreds of miles apart, without giving the plaintiff—the North Carolina State Association, the privilege to produce the evidence concerning the aforesaid "Reports," and;

Whereas the Executive Committee of the National Association, did not go by the Discipline of our Church, but passed their sentence by declaring "a state of non-affiliation to be in effect," and that about fifty days before the time limit of the "withdrawal of support upon the ignoring of the request made by the North Carolina State Association; thus signifying their attitude toward the aforesaid request and;

Whereas, the Executive Secretary has now warned the Program Committee in recent communication, to refrain from placing any person what-

soever, from the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists, on the Program for the 1942 session of the National Association, notwithstanding that the Executive Committee of North Carolina State Association, had given notice of an appeal, which action any minority group of any Free Will Baptist Church Conference or Association, has a perfect right to do, under a democratic form of government, and;

Whereas, North Carolina State Association, with its Auxiliaries, has faithfully supported the work ever since the organization of the set-up, when Eastern and Western Divisions merged, and being now, as always, ready to cooperate in a Christian and democratic way of Church government, do resolve:

First: That the motion passed December 15, 1941, be and here is, expunged from our minutes.

Second: That we appeal to the National Association in its next annual session in July, 1942, for a fair and impartial trial, and that we be given an opportunity to present the evidence which caused, or gave rise to the aforesaid "Resolution," styled "Number One" by the Executive Committee of the General Board of the National Association.

Third: That we do not relinquish our claim to affiliation with the National Association until a just and fair hearing is presented.

Signed,

J. W. Alford,

M. L. Johnson,

L. H. Wetherington.

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Association met at Malachi's Chapel Church, Tuesday P. M., September 15, 1942.

Those present: Rev. J. C. Griffin, President; Rev. D. W. Alexander, vice-president; Rev. J. R. Bennett, Secretary; Mr. W. A. Jackson, Rev. K. W. Gaskill, Mr. J. H. Harris, Rev. M. L. Johnson, Rev. R. C. Alexander, proxy for Rev. R. N. Hinnant and Rev. L. H. Wetherington.

Prayer by Rev. K. W. Gaskill.

The purpose for the meeting was stated by the President. The purpose was for the Executive Committee to hear the reports from Rev. J. C. Griffin and Rev. J. W. Alford, who were appointed representatives of the State Association to confer with the General Board of the National Association. Their report is as follows:

June 23, 1942

To the General Board of the National Association: Scheduled to meet in Columbus, Miss., July 14th, 1942.

Brethren, as the President of the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists, I wish to greet you in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ. Without the least part of ill-will against any one on earth, and because it is a duty assigned to me by the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Association, together with our co-labourer, Rev. J. W. Alford, a man who has laboured for the Free Will Baptist church for years—more even than your servant—and who has a wide experience in Church government and organizations, whom I feel is always ready to co-operate with Free

Will Baptist everywhere, as long as such co-operation is for the good of the denomination at large, hereby present to you facts and figures that have caused North Carolina to ask for certain regulations and information. We pray you to hear us patiently, as we read, then we leave the matter with you.

Possibly, many have thought that North Carolina did not want to work with other Free Will Baptist throughout the United States, but North Carolina, with the oldest Free Will Baptist Organizations in the United States, has always been ready to co-operate, but never willing to surrender its rights as a Democratic body to any organization. By our not being willing to surrender these rights, we have escaped the awful ravages of the North, when the most of the Free Will Baptist and all the property of the North went into the hands of the Northern Baptist. For more than two hundred years, we have been "plodding" along, doing mission work in a small measure, steadily increasing, though in a small way.

When we learned that all the Free Will Baptist, except our few down in the Carolinas, were not annihilated and destroyed, by the act of incorporation, which gave authority to sell out in 1910 to the North, which knowledge came to us gradually by such faithful men as Dr. T. E. Peden, of Ohio, and Dr. E. L. St Claire, of Georgia, we saw a prospect of combining our efforts together with these scattered forces and make another stand against aggression by others. Our dreams, through untiring labour and sublime faith, were being realized in a measure, while our National Program was bringing to us much joy, with the "Day Star" rising to the extent that Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Superannuation and our great hope of another Educational Program, after the miserable failure of the past, which failure hurts us even to think of.

But the devil saw an opportunity to disrupt, which disruption began before our last National Association—possibly with the Paintsville Association, so we have been drawn into this conflict. If we can get straightened out and work and pray together, we desire to go as far as possible without hesitation; therefore we offer the following grievances, based upon the earnest hope that we shall be understood, as we desire the very best for Free Will Baptist everywhere.

North Carolina Free Will Baptist are opposed to any form of competition that will tend to create divisions in the ranks of the Free Will Baptist Church.

In the year of 1940, the National Association of Free Will Baptist, in session at Paintsville, Kentucky, allowed to be passed, by motion, By-laws for the government of the National Sunday School Convention, in which it was stated on page No. 13 of the minutes of the National Association, this item; "The expense of publication incurred in this service shall be determined by the selection of the best competitive bid from at least, three (3) reliable Printers."

The State of Missouri—or the State Association of the said State, has a Denominational publishing house, which has been established by those who have made sacrifices for such a cause.

The Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, through its Conferences, Associations, local churches, together with donations from individuals, have a

publishing house, known as "The Free Will Baptist Press." We know but little about the Constitution of the Gem office, but we feel safe in saying that, IT WAS ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING MON-EY FOR INDIVIDUALS. We do know however, that the "Free Will Baptist Press" is chartered as "A non-profit sharing Institution," with certain stipulations that, "whenever there is a surplus, or dividend, above that needed for the enlargement and upkeep of said "Press" that such surplus or dividends shall be allocated to religious work in the bounds of the Free Will Baptist church of the United Stotes."

Since both of the above named Institutions are owned by Free Will Baptist and under the direction of trust-worthy management, we feel that there should be no competition between them. Neither should any orthodox Free Will Baptist Auxiliary, or any Institution of the Free Will Baptist Church, allow any law or By-laws to create in the least any competition.

However, we are sorry to say that such has been allowed, according to evidence which we have. We, the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist, passed a Resolution, based upon "Reports" and we herewith disclose the evidence in hand of said "Reports."

New Bern, N. C. October 20th, 1941.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier, First Vice-President of the National Auxiliary Convention, told me that "Rev. J. B. Rollins offered to print the Year Book of Programs, for 1939-1940 for five cents per copy and mail the same to the addresses and give a donation of five cents per copy to the Literature Department."

Respectfully,

Signed—Mrs. J. C. Griffin.

Bridgeton, N. C.
October 21st, 1941.

This is to say that we were present and heard Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier make the statement as made by Mrs. J. C. Griffin in the above certificate.

Signed.

Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Mrs. L. H. Wetherington.

After the above certificates were signed, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton wrote the following, at a later date, asserting the statement to be a fact.

"This is to certify that at our National Auxiliary Convention which met at Drumright, Okla., in July, 1941, that I heard Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier, 1st Vice-President of said Auxiliary Convention, say to the President, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, that "Mr. Rollins, Editor of the Gem, would have printed the Year Book of Programs of 1939-1940 for five cents per copy, including the mailing them out, and would have turned over to her the other five cents per copy, to help her carry on special work she had in view for her Department." At that time our Year Book of Programs were published by

the Free Will Baptist Press, of Ayden, N. C., and retailed for ten cents per copy, or One Dollar per dozen.

Respectfully,
Alice E. Lupton.

This December 14th, 1941.

These Certificates speak for themselves, however we are presenting some other facts.

The Year Book of Programs referred to in the aforesaid certificates was printed for some years by the Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, N. C. The "Press" agreed to print and distribute the Year Book of Programs for the Auxiliary Convention, at a time when this Auxiliary had no funds for the printing and the distributing of the same. The first two years this was done with no profit—actually a loss one year—because of the small number sold. They were sold at ten cents per copy, or One Dollar per dozen. Nearly all sales were by the dozen. When a profit was realized, the Manager, Mr. C. K. Dunn, Sr., made a donation to Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier, the said donation to be used as she saw fit. We understand that the donation was \$20.00 for one year. Mrs. Frazier admitted the receipt of some donations from Mr. Dunn, according to our information. Also a donation of \$15.00 had been given to Mrs. J. L. Welch the year before as compensation for editing the Year Book.

Competition or no competition, the Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, N. C., lost the printing job, not withstanding, this Press sacrificed much in order to begin the work and to help to promote this worthy cause. As the Press lost the Year Book, it also lost the Manual, another Book of the Auxiliary. Brethren, it is not the loss of a little finance that is considered, it is the principle of the thing which is done.

Late in the Spring of 1941 Rev. L. R. Ennis visited our home in New Bern, N. C., and proceeded to instruct Mrs. Griffin as to the way that she should govern the National Auxiliary Convention. In his advice to her he stated, "You should do away with your Book of Programs, for lessons written a whole year ahead of date becomes stale," and continued by saying, "The Gem office will run your Programs monthly, for twelve months, giving you four full pages for the small amount of \$300.00." He went on to say, "The Free Will Baptist Press prints the St. Claire Bible lesson, and the Gem ought to print the Year Book." To these statements Mrs. Griffin said, "But the Free Will Baptist Press does not make any charge for printing the St. Claire Bible Lesson." This closed the conversation and he went away. He has not visited my home since, however, in his talk, he left the impression that all arrangements for the Gem to publish the Programs had been made. At any rate the Year Book for 1941-1942 was printed by the Gem.

Another sign of competition is as follows: We have been informed that Mr. W. E. Cobille, the President of the National Sunday School Convention proceeded to get bids from both the Free Will Baptist Press and the Gem. We have been informed that the Free Will Baptist Press paid the way of Mr. Coville from Nashville, Tenn., to Ayden and return, also that the Press of-

fered to print the Sunday School supplies and sell them and give \$300.00 to the National Sunday School Convention. This was done as a counter offer to the offer made by Mr. Coville, which offer was in competition, and was in keeping with the design in the By-Laws as enacted at Paintsville, Kentucky. However, the offer was not accepted and the said supplies were published by the Gem.

We the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist say, "That no competition should exist between denominational institutions. If you allow it in our Publishing houses, it will, sooner or later be permitted, if not already started, between Orphanages and other Concerns. North Carolina is not blind to these dangers, and therefore North Carolina has asked that such "Un-Christ-like" competitions be stopped, before serious effects are caused. The answer we received was, "North Carolina was "unethical and false."

However, we do appreciate the fact that the Executive Committee of the General Board of the National Association did see fit to rescind the Resolution which declared a "State of non-affiliation existing between the National Association and that of North Carolina" so that we might have these facts set before you at this time.

We feel that a Committee on Publications and Literature—a Committee that will recognize both, the Gem Publishing House, and the Free Will Baptist Press, as Free Will Baptist Property, and who will not seek to destroy any of the periodicals now existing, or that have been published by the two houses, but rather encourage co-operation and reciprocation of all printing matter—that is if the Board of Publication shall see fit to award any part of its printing to either of the two Printing Houses, that the other shall sell the same article at the same price as agreed by the House doing the printing and the Board of publications, with an equal profit above expenses of the same by each publisher.

If we cannot co-operate and reciprocate in all matters, and if we are to continue to spread damaging propaganda concerning these Institutions, then it will be better for each of us to stay apart.

North Carolina is ready to co-operate and reciprocate. We are ready and have been ready to go along with all of the National Progrm, until the evidence, as we saw it, was so plainly set forth, that efforts by some individuals to destroy rather than to build up the work at large, was in action.

Our message, and our evidence is before you. If you want North Carolina to GO WITH YOU, GIVE US CO-OPERATION AND RECIPROCATION, and we will go as we did before this trouble started. We stand for truth, loyalty and devotion to our denominational interest, and to the teachings of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as we always have and we pray God that we always will.

Yours in Christ,
J. C. Griffin,
J. W. Alford,
Committee.

On motion made by W. A. Jackson and seconded by Rev. M. L. Johnson that we approve the action of the Committee appointed in the April 24th meeting of the Executive Committee, relative to the difference existing between the North Carolina State Association and the National Association as it effects Resolution No. 1 passed by the North Carolina State Association in 1941 in regards to publication and Literature.

The Executive Committee adjourned for supper.

The Committee reassembled for business, after the preaching service.

On motion the amendment to the By-Laws, Article 1, Section Six, beginning with line eight and word eight as offered by the President of the State Association be approved by the Executive Committee by the North Carolina State Association now in session and recommended for adoption by the State Association.

On motion we adjourned.

On Motion by Rev. W. A. Hales, seconded by Rev. D. W. Alexander that the minutes of the Executive Committee in all its proceedings including all correspondence and documents that led up to the action of the Committee, be adopted and published. Motion carried.

Association welcomed by the Pastor, J. R. Bennett.

Response to welcome was given by Rev. W. L. Moretz.

Song service by Dr. Harris.

Prayer by Rev. L. R. Ennis.

On motion the minutes were read and approved.

Sermon by Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

Closed by Rev. Pelt.

Adjourned for Lunch.

The Association reassembled for business at 1:15 o'clock.

Devotions led by Rev. R. P. Harris.

Visiting ministers recognized and welcomed.

President's message, by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

"OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

To the Ministers and Delegates Constituting this body, Greeting:

Indeed it is a pleasure to have the honor of being the President of the State Association of the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina and of an organization which stands for democratic rule in the best Institution on earth—The Church of Jesus Christ.

With the pleasure and honor of being your President there are great responsibilities; responsibilities, which your humble servant has always felt, very keenly, an inability to perform with absolute perfection, however, it has been, and is, my greatest desire to do that which is best for the Church and our denomination, therefore, I have striven to that end.

At this time with the World up-heaval—The nations of the whole world involved more or less in war, and a great crisis in which we know not the definite end, we are more than ever deeply moved with anxiety for such a constant and devoted fellowship with God and with each other that we may

be found with our "lamps trimmed and burning, and with oil in our vessels" to meet any occasion that may come to us.

I think it hardly necessary to remind you of the rules of order, and how that each of us should govern ourselves in order to expediate the business and deliberations of this session of the Association; however, I most humbly solicit your co-operation in the transaction of business, and I shall expect each and every one to respect the rules of order according to good business methods and the feelings of all persons connected herewith. I shall expect each Board, and each Committee to make their reports promptly, in keeping with your best judgment and the good of all concerned. Be ready, if possible, when you are called to report.

As your President I have been thinking about the future needs, as well as the present, of the State Association, and as I see it we can make great improvements in our method of business, and in the activities of our church, by stimulating and acquainting ourselves with that knowledge which God has provided, and will make possible through such co-operation as becometh Saints of God.

We find a growing need for efficiency in every phase of our work. We believe that a greater co-operation in all of our constituted bodies—the various Associations, Conferences and the Auxiliaries of our State will help us a great deal in solving some of our problems and in the making of a greater success in the future.

I am suggesting some changes in our Constitution and By-Laws, partly of which are corrections, other, new additions. My purpose in the offering of these corrections and amendments is to stimulate a greater interest in, and a better working force for the accomplishment of those principles and doctrines which are sacred to us; and as a safe-guard to future activities, and a greater benefit to all concerned.

My suggestions are as follows, which we hope will be accepted in the spirit as given.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

Section 6. (Beginning with line 8 and word 8). This Board shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Field Secretary, Treasurer and the Chairmen of all Standing Boards of the Association, together with the Presidents of The Woman's State Auxiliary Convention, The State Sunday School Convention and the State Free Will Baptist League Convention. This Committee shall meet Thursday after the Second Sunday in November each year to plan and to put in operation such resolutions and motions as passed by the Association in its annual session, and to attend to other business pertaining to the Association. Also may call meetings when deemed necessary, and upon the written petition of three of its members.

ARTICLE III.

Section I. Orphanage Board. The Board of Trustees for the manage-

ment and control of the Free Will Baptist Orphan home at Middlesex, N. C., shall be composed of five members elected for a period of five years, with one member retiring each year according to term of office, and the vacancy being filled by the Association in regular order.

I trust and pray that these suggestions may not seem untimely, but that they shall be considered carfully and actually adopted and inserted into our Constitution and By-Laws, and that they may prove to be a blessing to our State Association.

Respectfully submitted by J. C. Griffin, President.

THIS IS OUR REPORT, AS TO THE ATTITUDE OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday evening, July 14th, after the services at the Baptist Church, we assembled for the presentation of paper and evidences as signed by the individuals and our plea in common. The paper and the grievances set forth therein was read.

The General Board listened very attentively to the reading. Revs. L. R. Ennis and J. B. Rollins, and Brother W. E. Coville, all of whom were quoted in our argument were present. Their action and re-action to the indictments were very commendable. Not a one showed signs of resentment in an un-becoming way. Some made a motion that "We quash the whole matter right here" and this was done with the understanding that "co-operation and Reciprocation" would be practiced in all our relationship. And as a further evidence to the avoidance of future occurrences the "recommendation" offered by us of the "election of a Board of Publications and Literature" was accepted.

The necessary amendments for the setting up of such a Board were offered to the General Body, through the General Board, and the same accepted, during the session of the Association.

Our delegates from North Carolina were seated without any question. We received all the privileges becoming regular seated delegates.

Rev. J. W. Alford preached the Associational Sermon.

When the time came for the nomination and election of the members of the Board of Publications and Literature, your servant, (J. C. Griffin) was elected to the Board, and when these members assembled to elect their officrs, he was elected Chairman of the Board. This election to the Chairmanship placed him on the General Board, with equal benefits and obligations as others who are members of the said Board.

This Board is to have supervision over all Publications and Literature belonging to the National Association or that may be created by the National Association. They are to say who shall be awarded the contracts for such Publications and Literature, and to make disposition for the sale and management of the same. Both Publishing houses are to be both co-operative and reciprocative in such matters; and the sale an ddistribution of such periodicals as the National Association have and may create shall be without prejudice and as near the 50-50 basis as is possible.

In the deliberations of the Association, both Brother Alford and myself,

were recognized on the floor with the greatest amount of courtesy and the esteem accorded others. We certainly are members—North Carolina is recognized as a member in full fellowship.

It is now up to us to accept and appreciate the results, and to co-operate and reciprocate with the National Association according to our findings and the fellowship received as Special Committee, and delegates from North Carolina were received by the National Association.

Yours in Christ,

J. C. Griffin.

National Educational Report was given by Rev. J. W. Alford and discussed by Rev. L. R. Ennis.

An oral report of the State League work was made by Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

News of our Retired Ministers and Superannuation Report was made by Mrs. M. A. Woodard as follows:

Report of Superannuation Board for September 16, 1942.

T 1	A A B A B	
In treasury September 18, 1941, (date of last report)	\$ 23.89	
Received in September, 1941, (after report):		
Beulaville Women's Auxiliary		
Whaley's Chapel Church		
Spring Hill Church	3.00	
Appropriation from N. C. State Association	20.00	
Received during November and December, 1941, in special		
Superannuation drive from various churches and		
Auxiliaries	_ 136.88	
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Total	_\$192.27	e ja
Disbursements		
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December 20, 1941—		
		_\$161.50
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Respectfully Submitted, Superannuation Board N. C. State Association.

The Home Mission Board Report was made by Rev. James Evans as follows:

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Report of Home Mission Board

September 14, 1942

To: State Association	of Free	Will Baptist	Churches of	North Carolina,
held at Malachi's				

We	have	received	a large	r co	ntribution	this	year	for	which	we	are
grateful	to t	he organi	izations	and	individua	ls wh	o ma	de it	possible	э.	The
financia	repo	rt is as f	ollows:								

Balance on	hand, sta	rting 1942	session .	 	\$179.03
Receipts for	r the yea	r		 	272.84

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Total for which to account	\$47	1.87
Expenditures	18	7.99
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Balance on hand to date ______\$263.88

James A. Evans, Secretary and Treasurer.
Approved by:

W. K. Jordan,

K. W. Gaskill, J. H. Harris,

Board Members.

The Report of the State Sunday School Board was made by Mrs. L. E. Ballard for Raymond T. Sasser, as follows:

REPORT TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES OF THE FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

In Annual Session, September 16, 17, 1942

Since the Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools of North Carolina were organized into a State Sunday School Convention at the annual State Association held at Little Rock F. W. B. Church, Lucama, N. C., in September, 1940, we have held two annual sessions. Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April, 1941, at the Ayden church, and in April 1942, at Union Grove Church, Wayne County.

At the outset, our convention board of directors decided it was best to conduct Workers' Institutes at each annual session. These institutes are dedicated to training our Sunday School workers in the most effective methods of conducting and teaching Sunday School classes, and Sunday School administration.

We offer to all the Sunday Schools of the state a year round program of service. Each officer and director is constantly ready and willing to co-operate to help standardize our North Carolina Sunday Schools.

The following is our FOUR POINT PROGRAM for North Carolina Sunday School Convention:

Workers Institute—Held annually to train officers and teachers. Certificate is awarded to each person who attends each session.

Three Year Program of Progress—A North Carolina program which was adopted by the National Sunday School Convention last July. This is

a definite, planned program, by which any Sunday School may make certain steps each year, and at the end of a three year program become a Standard Sunday School. 250 large wall charts were mailed out from the Free Will Baptist Press to the Sunday Schools of the State. If you did not receive one at your School, write the Press for one. These charts explain this program, you need it on the walls of your church.

State Field Secretary—We have an active Field Secretary, ready and willing to visit your School and conduct training courses and help make yours a better school. Write Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Greenville, N. C.

Sunday School Camp—At the 1941 annual session in Ayden, our convention recognized the necessity of the Institute work. We also recognized that two days were not long enough to carry out our work. By a unanimous vote we started making plans to build a SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMP, where we can meet each year, for a week or two of STUDY, WORSHIP, AND CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, learning together, and from each other. At the time of this report we have raised \$388.60, and more funds are coming in from time to time. We want you to have a part in this work. Did you receive a bank? If so, what did you do with it? If you filled it and have sent it in, we appreciate your efforts, if not, we solicit your cooperation.

BROTHER MINISTERS, the rest of this report is directed to you.

Here are seven questions for you to answer, not aloud, but to yourself. Check up and see how well you are working to make yours a better Sunday School.

- 1. Did you attend Sunday School last Sunday?
- 2. If so, did you see our THREE YEAR PROGRAM OF PROGRESS chart on the walls of your church? If it wasn't, can we depend on you to see why it was not?
- 3. Have you met with the Officers and Teachers of your Sunday School recently?
- 4. Have they made any efforts to try to become a Standard Sunday School?
 - 5. Are they using the Six-Point Records?
- 6. Does your Sunday School have an active Workers' Council, consisting of the officers and teachers of the Sunday School? If not, it is like a ship without a steady rudder.
- 7. Has your School cooperated with the State Sunday School Convention in raising its quota of Camp funds?

That's all the questions, Brother Minister. How many could you answer in the affirmative? You may think that it will take a lot of your time to do all that was asked in these questions, but let me remind you, a strong, active Sunday School usually means a wide-awake church, doing things for our Master. It's up to you Ministers, your State Sunday School Convention is doing all it can, and we are pleased with the results, but we realize we can go only as far and as fast as you cooperate. May the Lord guide you, and direct you to work with the Sunday Schools more in the future than in the past.

The Report of the Church Finance Association, Incorporated, was made by Rev. L. H. Wetherington as follows:

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I beg to submit the following report from the Church Finance Association, Incorporated.

For the past twelve months we have had a very successful year. Our financial condition is in better standing than it was twelve months ago and we have been able to meet every obligation that we have assumed and paid our obligations as they came due.

Our books have been audited by capable authority which is done each year in order to satisfy the bonding company who has to be responsible for the bonding of our financial personnel.

Yours truly, in the cause of Christ,

L. H. Wetherington, Secretary of Finance Association, Inc."

. It was moved and carried that the reports of the various Boards be accepted.

Business period.

RESOLUTION: In regard to the Sunday School Camp movement be adopted. The following Resolution was offered and approved.

Request for a Resolution by the State Association of Churches of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina

Realizing that the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention is a subsidiary organization of the State Association of Churches of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, and

Realizing that we have already begun a statewide movement to raise funds to build a Sunday School Camp, which motion to set up the machinery for this camp was passed by a unanimous vote at our annual session in 1941 at Ayden, N. C., and

Feeling that the parent organization (the State Association of North Carolina) should endorse our movement, and that such endorsement would add weight and assist us in our endeavors, these endeavors being specifically to build a camp to be used for three purposes: 1. Conduct training institutes for Sunday School workers; 2. Hold annual meetings for our own Sunday School work; 3. To dedicate the camp for the service of all our organized Free Will Baptist bodies in North Carolina to further advance the cause of Christ in our denomination.

Therefore, in view of the above facts, we respectfully request that the State Association of Churches of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina pass a resolution endorsing and lending its support to our Sunday School Camp movement.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. M.L. Johnson, Chairman, Camp Committee, N. C. S. S. Convention. The Association was declared closed by the President at 3:33 P. M. Dismissed by Rev. C. H. Denton.

Song service by Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

Sermon by Rev. W. L. Moretz.

Benediction by Rev. J. W. Alford.

The Association met again on Thursday morning at 10:00 A. M.

Devotion by Rev. C. H. Coates.

Solo by Dr. Leonard Earl Harris.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The following motion was made:

"I move that this State Association now in session extend to Rev. J. R. Bennett a rising vote of confidence, thereby expressing its appreciation for his action in keeping with the expressed desires of the Association in regards to the National Educational Program."

Motion carried and the vote was 30 for and 5 against.

On motion and duly seconded that the Memorial Service be omitted.

The Foreign Mission Report was made by Rev. Chester Pelt and motion was carried that the Report be accepted, as follows:

"REPORT OF STATE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD as of dates Sept. 1, 1941, to August 31, 1942, to the STATE ASSOCIATION.

September Receipts	\$ 33.00
October Receipts	32.00
November Receipts	
December Receipts	70.00
January Receipts	35.00
February Receipts	26.68
March Receipts	10.89
April Receipts	
May Receipts	14.50
June Receipts	58.88
July Receipts	38.24
August Receipts	202.53
	
Total Receipts	\$681.18
Total Paid to National Treasurer	\$681.18
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W. L. Hart, Chairman.

W. B. Everette, Vice-Chairman.

Chester Pelt, Secretary & Treasurer.

On motion the report of the Orphanage Board by W. A. Jackson be accepted and that we extend the Superintendent a few minutes of courtesy to make his report. At this time Rev. J. C. Moye made an appeal and took an offering for the Orphanage.

The Report of the Orphanage Board by W. A. Jackson is as follows:

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND SUPERINTENDENT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE AT MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

For Year Ending August 31, 1942.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. A. Jackson, Chairman, Dunn, N. C.

Levi Hill, Vice-Chairman, Snow Hill, N. C.

Rev. J. C. Moye, Treasurer, Snow Hill, N. C.

Dr. M. Hinnant, Micro, N. C.

H. C. Wood, Cove City, N. C.

Regular meetings first Thursday in January, April, July and October at the Orphanage.

STAFF OF WORKERS

Administration

James A. Evans, Superintendent and Secretary to Board of Trustees. Mrs. Alice Tetterton, Head Matron. Miss Helen M. Pittman, Secretary and Bookkeeper.

INSTITUTIONAL CARE OF CHILDREN

Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, Dietitian.

Mrs. C. G. Pope, Boys Matron.

Miss Bettie Lee Ferrell, Girls Matron.

Mrs. James A. Evans, Laundry and Clothing Clerk.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Miss Faustina Shearon, Piano, Voice and Concert Class manager.

HEALTH

Dr. E. C. Powell, Physician, Middlesex, N. C.

Dr. V. M. Barnes, Dentist, Wilson, N. C.

Dr. L. M. Massey, Dentist, Zebulon, N. C.

Dr. T. J. Blackshear, Jr., (Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat) Wilson, N. C.

Carolina General Hospital and Staff, Wilson, N. C.

Duke Hospital and Staff, Durham, N. C.

State Board of Health, Dental Division (Dr. E. T. Koonce).

EDUCATION

Middlesex School System:

Primary, Grammar and High School.

P. G. Snipes, Bus Driver.

PLANT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AND FARM

Mr. Earl Tippett, Farm Manager and Maintenance.

DAIRY AND POULTRY

Mr. C. G. Pope, Dairy and Poultry.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage:

I am herewith presenting the twenty-second Annual report of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage with the full realization of the grea tresponsibility which has been entrusted to me as Superintendent. There is also a sense of pride to occupy a position of trust and to receive the confidence and support of the churches and people who are interested in the affairs of the Orphanage. In the name of Christianity, these precious fragments of broken families in our denomination have been gathered in a great program of human welfare for betterment, with the result that 288 boys and girls have been given a chance in life and that at the present time there is 71 in our family group who look to Free Will Baptists primarily of North Carolina for life's essential elements.

Each individual, Sunday School, Ladies Aid Society, League, Missionary Society and Church is to be congratulated in having part in this tender and important task. It is a continuing evidence that the hearts of the people of the Free Will Baptist denomination are kind and generous and that, with a program for progress and betterment along all lines, they heard the appeal of Orphan Children. The Free Will Baptist Orphanage represents an investment of resources, time, energy, and of love and affection which pays dividends that can not be measured in terms of dollars and cents. The value of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage to North Carolina can not be estimated in its strength and sustaining influence for Christianity.

I acknowledge with gratitude the loyal support of the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina and other states. The Board of Trustees have been prompt and sympathetic in their guidance and support. Many of the Auxiliaries and other organizations have remembered the needs of our children. The State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and County Welfare Officials have rendered valuable service. The Duke Endowment continues not only with its financial assistance but is alert with aid in an advisory way to raise the standard and increase efficiency. The Carolina General Hospital, and the Duke Hospital, with their staff and specialists, have ministered most tenderly to the needs of our sick children. We are indebted to Drs. E. C. Powell, V. M. Barnes, L. M. Massey, T. J. Blackshear, Jr., E. T. Koonce and Earnest A. Branch for their unselfish services. We acknowledge with gratitude the services of the ministers who have preached at the Or-The work of the year could not have been accomplished without the loyal support of the entire staff of workers in the Orphanage who continue their unselfish devotion to duty. The children of the Orphanage are sympathetic, cheerful and a cooperative spirit prevails.

At Thanksgiving and Christmas we received generous gifts from individuals, merchants, and business men. I have tried to thank each one separately. We are grateful to them for their thoughtful gifts. To that large number of others who have assisted us, many of them unknown, we extend by this method our genuine gratitude.

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ENROLLMENT AND PARENTAL STATUS

For Year Ending August 31, 1942

Enrollment:
Total Enrollment September 1, 194185
Admitted during period10
Discharged—during period24
Enrollment August 31, 194271
Days of Care:
Admitted during year1,723
Discharged during year5,475
Enrolled all the year25,915
Enrolled all the year25,915 Total days of care for year33,113
During the year Applications have been received from 10 families.
Number of applications approved during the year14
Number of applications disapproved during the year13
Number of Applications passed age limit9 Number of Applications under age limit0
Number of Applications under age limit0
Report in Reference to Children5
Report in Reference to Children5 Number of children going to relatives5
Number of pupils taking positions1
Number of pupils entering schools13
Number of students entering College1
Number of children placed in home of friends4
PARENTAL STATUS
Whole Orphans14 Mother Dead8 Father Dead49
NUMBER OF CHILDREN CARED FOR, SEPT. 1, 1942, to AUG. 31, 1942
From Association or Conference:
Western12
Eastern10
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Central 42 Pee Dee 1
Jack's Creek1
Cape Fear5
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CONCERT CLASS

The Concert Class continued their usual tour through North Carolina giving concerts in 120 churches. This agency of the Orphanage has been operating for a long time, and its influence in making the people Orphanage minded can not be estimated. The income compares favorably with that of recent years. The class under the direction of Miss Faustina Shearon left the Orphanage on April 27th and returned to the Orphanage on August 30th and for a short time the class will go out at night and give a concert but on

September 16th they will go out to stay again and give their program. The net income from the Class is of great help in financing the Orphanage. It brings the home in direct contact with thousands of Free Will Baptist and other people.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The work of our health department is in the hands of the local Health Board of Nash County. All pupils must be vaccinated against smallpox, diphtheria and other forms of immunization from disease by vaccination are carried out through the course of the years. Many of our children come to us undernourished and with minor ailments, most of which are soon corrected.

During the year several children were treated for minor cuts and bruises but no serious operation was necessary.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

The Principal and faculty are considerate of our children and their welfare. We are grateful to them for their attention to the children.

The children are served their noon day meal in the WPA Lunch Room.

SPIRITUAL TRAINING AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

The essential elements of Christian Religion are emphasized in the daily life of the Orphanage and we are endeavoring to make practical the life and teachings of Christ in the daily habits, contacts, and lives of both children and staff members.

We have an active church, Sunday School, Free Will Baptist League and daily devotions. Grace is offered at the table before each meal. The Superintendent is in charge of the Religious Activities of the Home. Occasionally, we have a visiting minister preach to the children here at the Orphanage. As often as possible, we take the children to near by churches for Religious Worship.

RECREATION AND SOCIAL

We realize that here in the Orphanage home that we have youth with all its attendant energy, desires and needs. In a well-rounded development of young life, we recognize the importance of training in the social graces and particularly the development of those qualities which enable young people to get along together and take their places not only here in the daily life of the home but in the days to come.

We are giving increased attention to the social development of our children. Parties, hikes, picnics, and social contacts are encouraged. It is interesting to watch our teen age boys and girls on calling nights and at other times when they meet each other in their social contacts.

The Athletic program includes various forms of activities. This is one of our outstanding needs, we have so little recreational facilities. The boys are encouraging baseball and other games in team work. Some of the girls go for basketball and the like.

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND EQUIPMENT

We have endeavored to beautify the grounds during the year. The grass and shrubbery have been a source of inspiration to those who visited the Orphanage this season.

Each of the buildings are insured. We strive to keep the buildings in good repair, this has been difficult to do. Much of the equipment here at the Orphanage is in need of repair and replacement. I trust that we may be able to make improvements in the future.

FARM, DAIRY AND GARDEN

We had 9 acres of wheat which yielded about 140 bushels. We have a good corn crop on 10 acres, hay crop on 17 acres. In the garden we grew a small crop of string beans, cabbage, tomatoes, beets, butter beans, squash, cucumbers, etc. We depend on potatoes and corn from farmer friends of North Carolina. We were able to can some fruits and vegetables during the year from our own patches. There was some canning done from the fruits and vegetables sent to us. We have on hand September 1st, 1942, the following: Estimated value.

29 head of cattle	\$1,500.00
100 head of hogs	
5 head of work stock	560.00
970 chickens	771.50

ALUMNI

The Annual Home Coming Day under the auspices of the Alumni Association was not held this year due to the War conditions. Several of our boys are in the Armed Services of our Country and with the tire and gas situation, traveling conditions are difficult. We are hoping that conditions in the year, 1943, will permit us to hold our Home Coming Service. The officers are: Robert Brewer, President; Haywood Howell, Secretary; and Mrs. Frank Hollowell, Treasurer.

STAFF

I am striving to create an atmosphere of security, both for staff members and children, and to create the feeling of friendly cooperation. In matters of discipline and dealings with behavior problems, we are endeavoring to accept each pupil as a personality, strive to analyze each case and determine cause of misconduct and set about with corrective measures.

POPULATION

Our capacity is fixed at 75 but we have been caring for an average of 85.

There is a turn over of about 10 or 12 annually.

SPECIAL FUNDS AND SERVICES

The clothing fund which is sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary Convention meant a great deal toward clothing our children.

We had what was known as the mattress or bed fund, which Mr. R. C. Baggett really put across. Mr. Gaggett visited the Orphanage and saw that we were in need of the beds and we were only a short time getting them. These mattresss were made by Lee's Chapel Committee of Cape Fear Association.

We now have a fund started to re-furnish rooms in girls and boys dormitories. We have already received response from a few of the societies, and we feel that this campaign can be of as great help as any one we have launched yet.

We are anxious to have additional funds started and especially one to help boys and girls get established when they are ready to leave the Orphanage.

GIFTS AND LEGACIES

We are emphasizing and urging our people to consider the Free Will Baptist Orphanage in their wills and in Life Insurance, and by special gifts, of Defense bonds. Memorials to loved ones may be made permanent by these methods. And friends are urged to keep this matter in their minds and to suggest it to others. Free Will Baptist wealth can be invested in Free Will Baptist boys and girls by these methods and become permanent living monuments and extend a perpetual help to those who might not otherwise have a chance in life.

OUR NEEDS FOR 1942-43

It is my purpose to make some permanent improvements and additions each year. With the idea of increasing our population and effectiveness of our program and enabling us to do a better quality of work. There are certain outstanding needs for our Orphanage which must be met before we can boast our plant, that is adequate for a full program for child care and training. I take the liberty of mentioning the outstanding needs, in the hope that someone will become interested and will supply one or more of them.

- 1. Build a Chapel.
- 2. Heating plants repaired.
- 3. Rebuild dairy barn.
- 4. Repaint roofs and exterior of main building.
- 5. Remodeling of the girls building.
- 6. Arrange for recreational equipment.
- 7. Repair and re-equip laundry.
- 8. Refurnish rooms.

FINANCES

The financial statement pages which constitute the last of this report are submitted for the reader's careful consideration. There is no need to go into detail as each reader may study and make his own analysis. I have operated on as near the income as was possible. It was necessary to borrow for a short time a small sum of money. Some of it has been repaid and a small balance is carried forward into the new year.

The sources of our income can be readily seen from the reports, but it is to be remembered that we must always depend largely upon Free Will Contributions from churches and friends. And the annual visit from the singing class, and especially from the Christmas and Thanksgiving offerings which are made each year.

CONCLUSIONS

The Orphanage is one of the outstanding achievements of the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina. It is the practical expression of the heart and soul of Christianity as it reaches out over the state and gathers the precious human fragments from among the broken ruins of North Carolina Homes. One may point to the Orphanage and say, "There is Christianity at Work." It is an investment in North Carolina boys and girls, it is an abiding opportunity for voluntary, individual and personal expression of a feeling and desire to help others. It will remain as long as needy children of our state are bereft of their homes.

Closed for Dinner.

Benediction by W. E. Anderson.

We reassembled for business on Thursday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock.

Song service was led by Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

Devotions were led by M. E. Godwin.

Prayer by Elder J. H. Worley.

Report of The Press by C. K. Dunn, Sr. On motion we accept Brother C. K. Dunn's report as information.

The report of K. W. Gaskill, Field Secretary, was given and by motion the report was accepted as a whole, as follows:

"I hereby beg to submit my report to the State Convention.

Having been elected to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. M. E. Tyson, this report is for the past approximate six months.

During this time I have written over four hundred letters, the expense for the same, postage, stationery and typing as follows:

Postage, Stationery, Typing, Gas, a total of _____\$32.25

K. W. Gaskill.

On motion the State Association sanction an invitation on the part of the Pittman Memorial Institute to the National Christian Workers' Institute to hold a session in North Carolina.

Report of the State Auxiliary work was made by Mrs. J. C. Griffin.

A report of the Temperance Committee was made and by motion we adopted the Report and copies are to be sent to Honorable Leon Henderson, Congressman Bonner, Our State Senators, State Associated Press and our own Church Paper. The report is as follows:

Report of the Temperance Committee

WHEREAS; The Free Will Baptist Denomination has always been opposed to the use and sale of intoxicating liquors in any form, and

WHEREAS; sugar is the greatest source of alcohol and is being used for that purpose in our national defense program, and

WHEREAS; Alcohol made from sugar is vital to our national defense in the manufacturing of explosives and maintaining our national health, and

WHEREAS; sugar is being rationed for food purposes and is not being restricted from use by distilleries in the manufacturing of intoxicating beverages, and

WHEREAS; intoxicating beverages are not essential to national defense and are detrimental to our national health,

THEREFORE: We recommend that the State Association of Free Will Baptist assembled at Malachi's Chapel, Columbia, Tyrrell County, North Carolina, this 17th day of September, 1942, go on record in opposition,

- 1. To the sanction, use, and public sale, legal or illegal, of intoxicating beverages.
 - 2. To the use of sugar in the manufacturing of alcoholic beverages.

 Committee:

Chester Pelt

Alonza L. Reynolds, Mrs. M. A. Woodard.

A very timely Temperance message was delivered by Rev. J. W. Alford. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Church and Community. Motion was approved that we adopt the amendment in its entirely.

On motion the Program Committee make out program for three days for the sessions in the future.

Amendment was approved to the effect that the Executive Committee arrange the Procedure of business.

The report of the Nominating Committee is as follows:

"The Committee on Nominations begs to submit the following:

- D. W. Alexander ______ President
 J. R. Bennett ______ Vice-President
 R. N. Hinnant ______ Secretary
 Rom Mallard ______ Treasurer
 - E. C. Morris, J. H. Harris, J. W. Alford."

Rev. J. C. Griffin was elected Field Secretary of the State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Finance Committee Report. Motion was made and seconded for a report and an allocation of funds be made for National Education. The Finance Committee Report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF FINANCE

Recording Secretary, E. T. Phillips\$ Assistant Secretary, J. R. Bennett Minutes National Association (1943) Delegates Expense F. W. B. League, for Mrs. L. E. Ballard	25.00 80.00 10.00 37.50
F. W. B. League, for Mrs. L. E. Ballard	

Durham, N. C. Home Missions, Rev. James Evans Superannuation, Mrs. M. A. Woodard	20.00 20.00 25.00
Education (National Program held in treasury, released at will	
of Executive Committee	20.00
Orphanage Funds	35.00
Expense Account (See Bills)	149.89
Church Finance Corporation, M. L. Johnson	25.00
Field Secretary, 6 Point Program	
Public Offering for the Orphanage	116.56
Total Allocated	618.95
Balance	2.82
Grand Total	621.77

Appointed by the President.

Board of Finance—L. H. Wetherington, W. K. Jordan, 1945; J. E. Wooten, M. A. Woodard, 1943; W. R. Williams, C. H. Coates, 1944.

Board of Home Missions-K. W. Gaskill, Lloyd Vernon, 1944; J. H. Harris, J. A. Evans, W. K. Jordan, 1943.

Board of Foreign Missions—Chester Pelt, W. L. Hart, 1944; R. N. Hinnant, R. C. Kennedy, 1943.

Board of Superannuation—M. L. Johnson, F. A. Rivenbark, 1945; W. A. Hales, W. L. Moretz, 1943; C. P. Bowen, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, 1944.

Orphanage Board—Levi Hill, 1947; H. C. Wood, 1943; J. C. Moye, 1944; W. A. Jackson, 1945; Dr. M. Hinnant, 1946.

To represent stock of North Carolina State Association, Rev. L. H. Wetherington was appointed.

Delegates appointed are as follows:

Delegate Eastern Association—J. R. Forest.

Central Conference—R. C. Alexander.

Western Association-R. N. Hinnant.

Cane Fear Association—M. L. Johnson.

Rock Fish, Beaver Creek, Jack's Creek, French Broad, Pee Dee Associations—J. A. Evans.

National Association—Mrs. N. E. Garris, Levi Hill, Rom Mallard, W. A. Jackson and A. F. Ballance.

The Report Blank as offered by Rev. J. C. Griffin is adopted, as follows:

CHURCH LETTER AND STATISTICAL REPORT

This letter is arranged for use in Free Will Baptist Churches for making annual reports to their respective Annual Meetings, and if used will give to the District and State Associations, and to the National Association, the much needed information in compiling a Year Book, such as is in demand by our church, and also, will meet the request of the Bureau of Religious Statistics of the United States.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1

Continued Central Conference

Churches	Counties	Clerk's Names and Addresses	Male Members	Female Members	Total Membership	Value of Church Bldg.
St. Paul Rocky Mount Mt. Olive Union Chapel Mt. Tabor Elm Grove Black Jack Ayden Gum Swamp Parkers Chapel Hickory Grove Reedy Branch Winterville Pleasant Hill Hickory Chapel Hull Road Free Union Spring Branch Little Creek Grimesley St. Delight Malachi's Chapel	Pasquotank Edgecomb Washington Washington Washington Washington Pitt Pitt Pitt Pitt Pitt Pitt Creene Greene Bryrrell Tyrrell Wilson Beaufort	W. D. Harris, Enfield, N. C. Mrs. J. W. Copeland, 121 W. Burgess, E. G. Mrs. N. E. Harris, Rocky Mount, N. C. L. D. Ange, Jamesville, N. C. J. H. Allen, Plymouth, N. C. D. H. Furlough, Creswell, N. C. C. B. Garris, Ayden, N. C. J. S. Dixon, Rt. 3, Greenville, N. C. T. D. Caton, Ayden, N. C. Floyd P. Harris, Rt. 4, Greenville, N. C. J. K. Barnhill, Stokes, N. C. E. W. Smith, Rt. 2, Greenville, N. C. E. W. Smith, Rt. 2, Greenville, N. C. E. C. Hines, Winterville, N. C. H. H. Stox, N. C., Route 3 L. C. Didday, Rt. 4, Ahoskie, N. C. Roye Barrow, LaGrange, N. C. W. L. Heath, Box 223, Snow Hill, N. C. R. R. Bailey, Walstonburg, N. C. B. T. Dail, Snow Hill, N. C. K. L. Wooten, Rt. 1, Ayden, N. C. E. T. Dail, Snow Hill, N. C. C. A. Voliva, Columbia, N. C. Mrs. J. A. Proctor, Saratoga, N. C. Mrs. J. A. Proctor, Saratoga, N. C. F. H. Woolard, Pinetown, N. C.	73 187 2000 388 388 165	199 52 999 151 226 287 75 81 258 210 149 80 97 167	91 5 3 102 5 102 102 102 102 102 102 102 102 102 102	00 2,500 00 3,000 00 3,400 00 5,000 00 2,500 00 2,500 00 2,500 00 2,500
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		Pee Dee Association				
White Oak	Bladen	J. W. Bowen, Bladenboro, N. C.	53	95	148 \$10.	00 \$ 2,700
		Beaver Creek Association			* .	
Goshen Grove	Gaston	Rev. L. M. Pierce	104	188	292 \$ 5.	00 \$ 4,500

FINANCIAL STANDING OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR DELEGATES WESTERN ASSOCIATION

Churches	Counties	Delegates	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Orphanage	Education	Superannuation	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Young People's Work	Building and Repairs	All Other Expenses	Total
Spring Hill Stoney Creek Union Grove Selma Micro Holly Springs Kenly Stancil Chapel Marsh Swamp St. Mary Tippett's Chapel Edgemont	Wayne Wayne Johnston Johnston Johnston Johnston Johnston Wilson Wilson Wayne	By Letter J. A. Allen By Letter By Letter By Letter Mrs. R. N. Hinnant By Letter H. G. Watson R. L. Peel Larry Boyette By Letter Charlie Edwards Wiley T. Ferrell By Letter Lynwood Clements By Letter	120.00 192.00 300.00 120.00 325.00 165.00 300.00 75.00 300.00 250.00 120.00	25.00 50.00 90.00 24.75 100.00 38.12 	182.40 28.00 92.37 65.73 50.00 30.00 227.17 75.00	2.00 50.00 12.00 116.08 20.00 14.31	11.03 15.00 1.59 17.30	\$ 44.38 12.50 21.29 9.00 2.00 244.54	\$	27.62 25.00 10.08	\$	\$ 68.00 43.00 100.35 25.00 83.60 28.00 133.58 50.00 280.78 20.00 128.53	\$ 668.00 166.50 242.00 807.75 783.10 702.45 359.04 1,062.63 120.00 1,138.17 632.00 280.00 3,392.50 2,092.18 374.20 1,705.19
Black Jack Ayden Gum Swamp	Pitt Pitt Pitt	CENT Lester Garris Fleet Burroughs By Letter By Letter J. O. Johnston		50.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 10.00 10.00	\$ 5.00 11.11 7.72	11.00	40.14 15.00		\$105.00 \$360.30	118.85	1,150.40 705.00 590.91
Hickory Grove Free Union Hickory Chapel _ Hull Road Free Union Spring Branch Little Creek	Pitt Beaufort Hertford Greene Greene Greene	Mrs. Annie E. Whitehurst Henry Webster By Letter Levi Hill Luther Heath Jesse Gay By Letter	180.00 168.00 539.91 360.00 210.00 240.00 200.00	55.00 105.00 80.00 65.00 63.00	100.00 25.00 184.07 320.00 184.00 215.59 54.00	148.00 7.15	6.00	24.00	5.00 36.00 		168.61 120.00 106.78 100.00 6.00	29.00 204.07 90.00 20.00 68.80 5.75	457.65 462.00 193.00 1,111.87 1,095.00 594.00 595.39 343.90
Sts. Delight Malachi's Chapel Sound Side Saratoga Mt. Tabor Mt. Olive Rocky Mount	Greene Tyrrell Tyrrell Wilson Washington Washington Edgecomb	Herbert Graves K. L. Wooten R. L. Spencer E. B. Armstrong, Sr. W. Preston Proctor D. H. Furlough David Ange Mrs. N. E. Harris Ruth Jennings	120.00 210.00 330.00 361.00 180.00 179.56 166.16 153.50 780.00	40.00 110.00 170.50 65.00 55.00 84.43 50.00 12.83	75.00 46.42 28.42 78.04	8.55 5.00 5.00	5.00 10.00 5.25 5.00	3.00 10.00 10.00 5.00 3.00 5.00	7.50 5.00 17.00 5.50 10.00	5.00 50.00 3.50	75.00 651.16 20.00 400.00 74.00	10.00 150.00 130.92 70.00 60.00 35.55 8.43 68.19 144.15	235.50 675.00 1,361.08 728.00 770.00 345.96 335.56 334.81 1.198.31

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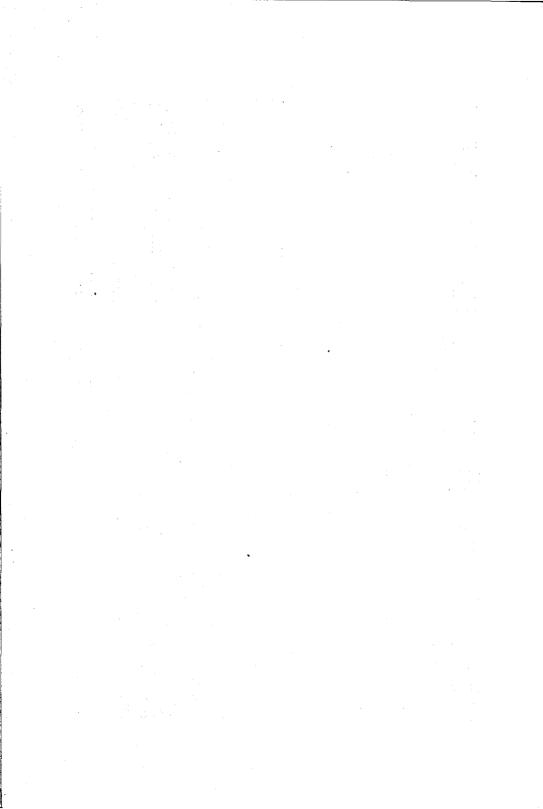
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Core Creek	Craven W. C. Si	itton	300.00		154.91		6.50		55.00			113.21	629.62
Juniper Chapel _	CravenBy Letter		96.00		15.00					 			111.00
Oak Grove	Craven H. T. Co	x	120.00	50.00	57.35	8.72		4.38					294.08
Macedonia	Craven Mrs. Let	ha Spruill	335.00	96.87	132.00	9.25		58.64	67.50	l -	156.00		972.64
Sts. Delight	Craven By Letter		150.05		4.75		10.50					89.65	275.05
Antioch	Craven Daniel Ga	askins	176.91	30.00	73.91			3.60				[16.80]	301.22
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Edward's Chapel	Carteret By Letter		60.00								15.00	_ _	76.00
Sound View	Carteret By Letter		60.00		15.00				10.00				86.00
Pilgriam's Rest	CarteretBy Letter		200.00	50.00	36.00								286.00
St. Johns Chapel	CarteretBy Letter		300.00		104.30						68.00	42.00	514.30
Holly Springs	Carteret Mrs. Mat	ildaCannon	206.57					16.22	10.00				257.99
Morehead City	Carteret Mrs. S.	H. Hughes	860.00	35.00	50.88			5.00	1		80.00		1,045.28
Sarecta	DuplinS. W. Jo	nes	90.00	30.00	40.00		2.50	3.50	3.50			25.00	194.50
Rooty Branch	Duplin By Letter		120.00	40.00								32.15	197.55
Snow Hill	Duplin By Letter			45.00	10.00		2.00	1.00	1.00		15.00		284.00
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Beulaville	DuplinBy Letter		180.00	55.00	35.00		1.75				210.00		555.25
Long Ridge	Duplin By Letter	•	120.00	47.85	34.00				l		16.50		231.35
Smyrna	Beaufort R. R. Jo	nes	141.00		50.27			3.70	1]		100.98	295.95
Union Chapel	Beaufort Mrs. Hen	ry Dixon	352.00		188.87						100.00		740.87
Sidney	Beaufort Mrs. Kat	ie Roper	170.61	40.35	55.13			4.61	5.32		200.00		606.02
Mt. Olive	Beaufort J. L. Jar	vis	104.50	30.00	26.00	2.00	1.50	1.00	1			11.27	176.27
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	Beaufort By Letter				38.80			2.60	2.00				168.90
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The 16th annual session of the North Carolina State Auxiliary convention met with Pleasant Grove Church, near Pikeville, N. C., Wednesday, May 20th, 1942.

The devotionals were conducted by Mrs. Deanie Morris. The Theme for the day was "OVERCOMING WITH CHRIST." The meeting opened with the Auxiliary Song, "Jesus calls us," after which prayer was offered by Mrs. M. A. Woodard.

Mrs. Morris, in a very able and impressive manner, spoke on "Overcoming the Handi-caps and hindrances of a full-rounded growth in the Spiritual Life, as it pertains to ',Overcoming with Christ." In her remarks, she compared the hindrances in both physical and spiritual growth, and especially emphasized the fact that "sin" was the direct cause of spiritual handi-caps, and that the requisites to growth are: Light, warmth, soil and nurture, quoting that Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." She asked the question, "How big a Christian would you like to be"?, and continued by saying that "Christ is the Supreme Pattern, by which the highest and most satisfying purpose of any life should be that of growing into the likeness of the Man of Galilee."

The foundation of her remarks were taken from St. John 16: 23-33.

BUSINESS SESSION

The business session opened with the President, Mrs. C. B. Thompson, presiding, who made a few timely remarks regarding the purpose and the work before us, urging that each delegate take careful note of the transactions of the day, in order that the local Societies may be informed relative to their part in the on-going of the Kingdom work of the Master.

Greetings were extended by the local Church, with response by Mrs. C. F. Bagley.

The President's message to the Convention was heard at this time, which was largely directed to the Officers, giving stress to her desire for strict support and co-operation during the day, and also in greeting and welcoming Ministers, delegates and visitors.

Officers of the National Auxiliary Convention were recognized and an invitation extended to the President, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, to address the Convention. Mrs. Griffin graciously acknowledged the greeting from the State President, and made a short talk on the work of the National Auxiliary.

Rev. L. R. Ennis, Field Secretary to the National Association was called upon for remarks, which he gave, explaining a few outstanding goals of the Association and commending this body for its co-operation in past years.

The following Ministers were registered:

Revs. J. C. Griffin, Jas. A. Evans, J. W. Alford, W. K. Jordan, C. B. Thompson, M. E. Tyson, R. C. Wiggs, R. P. Harris, W. E. Anderson, J. H. Worley, L. R. Ennis, E. C. Morris, M. L. Godwin.

Miss Laura Bell Barnard, our Missionary to India, was recognized at

this time by the President, who assured her of our pleasure in having her with us to-day.

The following Committees were appointed:

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Minett Godwin, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. Chester Pelt, Mrs. Paul Thigpen, Mrs. E. C. Morris.

Finance Committee: Mrs. Herman Nobles, Treasurer and Chairman; Mrs. Luther Kirby, Mrs. H. R. Harrison, Mrs. O. C. Merritt.

Petitions Committee: Mrs. S. H. Styron, Chairman; Mrs. Jim Edmondson, Mrs. A. F. Rowe.

Resolutions Committee: Mrs. C. W. Burrus, Mrs. Oliver Smith, Mrs. R. B. Malpass.

Rev. J. C. Griffin was requested to lead the congregation in singing at this time, after which the report of the 1st Vice-President was heard. (See Reports.)

At 11:30 o'clock, business was suspended for a devotional period. Congregational singing, "Higher Ground." Prayer was offered by Rev. W. E. Anderson.

A special selection in song, "Take up Thy Cross," by Mrs. Chester Pelt, after which, Mrs. J. H. Oglesby presented the speaker, Miss Laura Belle Barnard, who spoke very feelingly of her pleasure and appreciation for the opportunity of addressing us on this occasion. In her remarks, she dealt largely with India, its customs, habits, its beautiful buildings, its different stages of idol worship and its needs. She pictured very vividly the great need of religious training, saying that there were twenty-seven million children and young people who were not under Christian influence, and that many of them were hungering for spiritual leaders. Miss Barnard emphasized the fact that we need to look beyond the marble walls of splendor, and try to visualize the vast number, estimated to be about seven hundred billion, in India without Christ, and that no church could be an overcoming Church, without vision and sacrifice. We cannot indulge in luxuries and be an overcoming people or church, but with the spirit of God leading, we would surrender our lives and all we possess to the spread of the Gospel of Christ, regardless of whether at home or abroad."

At the close of Miss Barnard's address, Mrs. Oglesby asked for an offering for the Mission Cause. The offering amounted to \$32.68. Mrs. J. C. Moye led in the singing of "Rescue the Perishing, Care for the Dying."

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

We re-assembled at 1:15 o'clock and the devotional service was led by Mrs. Katie Sawyer Jackson. Prayer was offered by Rev. Jas. A. Evans.

The business session opened with the report of the 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. L. H. Wetherington. (See Reports.)

Mrs. Wetherington made a stirring appeal in behalf of Christian Education, followed by Mrs. Katie Jackson, who spoke very impressively in behalf of the support of Christian training for our youth.

The report of the Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, was made

and an urgent appeal for a more united effort in the Department of Missions was stressed by Mrs. Oglesby. (See Reports.)

At this time, Mrs. L. E. Ballard presented Miss Reece, an Indian girl, who spoke very feelingly of the needs of her people, how anxious they are to learn more of the Free Will Baptists and the various auxiliaries, and she also gave information concerning their activities and closed her remarks with a plea that we send some one to them who could instruct them and help them to understand our methods and plans of Church government and to lead them into greater fields of service. There was a motion that some one be named to visit the Indian Reservation, Western North Carolina, and other places in the interest of Home Missions, or Promotional work. Motion carried.

At this time the Nominating Committee made report, as follows:

Mrs. Deanie Morris, President.

Mrs. Clarence Bowen, First Vice-President.

Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, Second Vice-President.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Third Vice-President.

Mrs Maude Harrison, Fourth Vice-President.

Mrs. J. C. Move, Fifth Vice-President.

Mrs. T. E. Beaman, Sixth Vice-President.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Herman Nobles, Treasurer.

Mrs. Morris expressed her regrets at not being able to serve in the capacity of President, so Mrs. C. B. Thompson, present incumbent, kindly consented to accept re-election. It was moved and carried that the report be received, with this change, and the above named officers were elected for the ensuing year.

The Fifth Vice-President made her report on the Orphanage work, which was very interesting. Mrs. Moye is planning greater things for the Orphanage and urged the support and co-operation of each auxiliary in behalf of this great cause. (See Reports.)

Mrs. T. E. Beaman made the report for the Sixth Vice-President, who could not be present. (See Reports.)

At this time Mrs. L. E. Ballard resigned from her newly elected office of Third Vice-President, and a motion was made that Mrs. J. H. Oglesby be elected in her place. Motion carried.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. L. E. Ballard be elected as Field or Promotional Worker, that she be instructed to visit the Indian Reservation, and other points where she is needed, that she work in co-operation with Mrs. Oglesby in the interest of Home Missions, and that \$10.00 per week be paid her when she is at work.

It was moved and carried that this salary be taken from the Home Mission funds.

The Secretary read a letter of appreciation from Mrs. J. E. Frazier, First Vice-President of the National Auxiliary Convention, in reply to a telegram sent by the Executive Committee of this Convention some time ago, while she was critically ill.

At this time business was suspended for a Program by the Orphanage

class. After some remarks and information relative to the progress and plans of the Orphanage by the Superintendent, Rev. J. A. Evans, a splendid program was rendered by a class of boys and girls from the Orphanage, which was thoroughly appreciated and much enjoyed by all. An offering was taken, amounting to \$16.94.

A discussion on the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, its purpose, the nature of the loans and to whom made and the need of a better understanding of the uses made of the fund, was engaged in, during which time the question arose as to why more of our young graduates from the Orphanage were not taking advantage of this opportunity to help them enter a larger field of educational advantages. The Superintendent, Mr. Evans, explained this, by saying that many of the boys and girls graduating from the Orphanage, hesitated to try to secure the necessary indorsers for a loan from this fund, as some have been told, when they had applied for such security, that "they would rather advance the money themselves, than to have to go through so much red tape in order for them to get the loan," so with this information. and with able talks made by Mrs. Katie Jackson and others, a motion was made that any worthy boy or girl, graduating from the Orphanage and desiring to continue their education in some College, with a recommendation from the Superintendent, or Orphanage Board, be allowed to borrow from the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, on their Personal note, with no co-signers. Motion carried. It was also moved and carried that should any boy or girl fail to replace the funds borrowed, that the State Auxiliary Convention, through its various branches shall reimburse the Anna Phillips Loan Fund Treasury.

The Field Secretary made a splendid report of her work during the year, and the President expressed to Mrs. Ballard, her personal appreciation for her good work, saying she felt that all of us felt justly proud of her efforts.

The Recording Secretary made report of the number of letters, cards and report blanks sent out, together with expense of same. Moved and carried that report be received.

The Treasurer made her report at this time and motion was made that it be adopted. Motion carried. (See Reports.)

The Petition Committee reported that no invitation had been extended for the 1943 Session of the State Auxiliary Convention. Mrs. M. E. Godwin invited us to meet with Shady Grove Church in our next session. It was moved and carried that we accept the invitation with thanks. The Resolution Committee made report, and the Resolutions were adopted one by one, by motion and unanimous vote.

The Registration Committee reported that 17 Ministers, 102 delegates and visitors were enrolled during the day.

Nine officers of the State Auxiliary Convention were present.

REPORTS

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

With only two Districts reporting, I have been unable to make complete

report, however in these two there are 947 members enrolled. There has been 38 Temperance Programs given, Number of pieces of religious Literature distributed, 9,340; Number of subscribers to the Free Will Baptist Paper, 737, to the Free Will Baptist Gem, 17. Twenty-three Gospel's of St. John have been sent to boys in the service.

Respectfully,

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, 1st Vice-President.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Amount of funds raised and reported to me for the National Education Program, \$108.46. Amount of loans from the Anna Phillips Loan Fund for students, \$16.00. Donations to Pastor's for expense at Pastor's Institute, \$38.00. Total amount sent to the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, \$144.60. Number of Vacation Bible Schools conducted, 3. Number of Young People's organizations and activities directed, 11. Number of daily Bible readers reporting, 207. Number of special studies of Manual conducted, 36.

Respectfully,

Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, 2nd Vice-President.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

Only one full report was received from the various Auxiliary District, namely, the Western, which I submit herewith;

Number of Auxiliaries reporting to Mrs. Deanie Morris, Third Vice-President for the Western District, 13. Mission programs conducted, 35. Number of Mission services conducted, 18. Number of Auxiliaries observing the Week of Prayer, 13. Number Auxiliaries observing the 9:00 o'clock Prayer Hour, as sponsored by our National Auxiliary Convention, 1. Total amount reported from these 13 Auxiliaries for Home Missions, \$277.22. Amount for Foreign Missions, \$107.85. Total amount for Missions reported \$385.07. Eight of the thirteen societies reported having Study Courses in Missions.

Mrs. Deanie Morris, 3rd Vice-President of the Western Auxiliary.

My general report of cash received from various Auxiliary Districts: Amount received and reported for Home Missions, \$360.21. Amount received and reported for Foreign Missions, \$183.48. Amount received and reported for Jehoida Chests, \$15.00. Amount received and reported for Missionary to Cuba, Rev. Thos. Willey, \$55.76. Amount received and reported for Missionary to India, Miss Laura Belle Barnard, \$103.79.

Total cash received and (or) reported for Missions, \$718.224. Special Projects sponsored: Horse, Radio, Bicycle and Wardrobe for the Missionaries.

Respectfully,

Mrs. J. H. Oglesby,

3rd Vice-President for State.

FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT

Number of District reporting in full, 1. Number of Stewardship talks

made, 23. Stewardship Programs given, 11. Stewardship class taught, 25. Number of tithers reporting, 40; Average attendance at classes, 148. Names of Books reported as having been studied, "Stewardship in the Life of Women," "Parables of Jesus," and "He that Giveth."

Mrs. Henry Melvin, 4th Vice-President.

REPORT OF FIFTH VICE-PRESIDENT

From reports received, we have 52 children at the Orphanage being clothed by Ladies Aid Societies and District Conventions. The Superintendent, Rev. Jas. A. Evans, reports however, that all of the children are being clothed by various Auxiliaries, and inquiries are coming in for others to be adopted. (This was good news.)

From September 1st, 1941, to April 1st, 1942, there was \$1,157.17 sent in from these Auxiliaries for clothing for these adopted children. We received \$33.50 on the mattress fund. (Baggette)? We have received from April 1st, 1941, to April 1st, 1942, from Coupons, \$208.28.

I have received letters from three Auxiliaries, asking for information regarding the needs of a room, each, that they wish to refurnish. I have received responses from four or five Auxiliaries regarding doing some canning for the Orphanage the coming season.

Respectfully,

Mrs. J. C. Moye, 5th Vice-President.

REPORT OF SIXTH VICE-PRESIDENT

I am submitting an incomplete report, as all of the Districts have failed to report to me their activities for the aged Ministers. Amount on hand for Ministerial Relief at the last Convention, \$142.66. Received during the year 1941-1042, \$49.50. Total \$192.16. Paid out to retired Ministers, \$114.00. Balance on hand, \$78.16.

Mrs. M. L. Johnson, 6th Vice-President.

REPORT OF FIELD SECRETARY

I have visited 17 churches and Six District Conventions, have delivered 25 messages, taught the Manual of Method twice, traveled 6,300 miles and received \$66.22. There has been five new Auxiliaries organized within the districts of North Carolina. Expense account, \$25.00.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Field Secretary.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

After due deliberation, and prayer, we herewith submit the following to serve as officers of our State Auxiliary Convention for the ensuing year.

For President-Mrs. Deanye Morris.

1st Vice-President-Mrs. Rose Bowen.

2nd Vice-President-Mrs. L. H. Wetherington.

3rd Vice-President-Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

4th Vice-President-Mrs. W. H. Harrison.

5th Vice-President-Mrs. J. C. Move.

6th Vice-President-Mrs. Thomas E. Beaman.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Alice E. Lupton. Treasurer—Mrs. Herman Nobles.

Committee,

Mrs. M. E. Godwin, Mrs. Chester Pelt, Mrs. Paul Thigpen.

Note—Some changes were made in these recommendations, as will be seen in the Minutes.—Sec.

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 22nd, 1941, Balance in General Treasury, \$270.50. Total receipts for the year, \$258.70.

In treasury May 22, 1941, for Superannuation, \$142.66, C. Education, \$25.55, Missions, \$60.92; Total, \$499.63.

Orphanage, \$52.20; Superannuation, \$49.50; C. Education, \$327.38; Missions, \$146.54. Total, \$1,104.32.

May 20th, 1942, Total in General funds, \$529.20.

Orphanage fund, \$52.20. Superannuation, \$192.16. C. Education, \$352.93. Missions, \$477.46. Total, \$1,603.95.

DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR

From General funds, \$242.07. Orphanage, \$52.20. Superannuation, \$114.00. C. Education, \$307.98. Missions, \$411.80. Total disbursed, \$1,-128.05. Balance in Treasury May 20th, 1942—General, \$287.13. Orphanage, none. Stewardship, none. Literature, none. Superannuation, \$78.16. C. Education, \$44.95. Missions, \$65.66. Total, \$475.90.

ANNA PHILLIPS LOAN FUND

May 22, 1941—Balance in Treasury\$290.74 Receipts for year 258.60
Total\$549.34 Disbursements77.50
Balance in this Fund May 20th, 1942\$471.84 JEHOIDA CHESTS AND PENNY JARS
Receipts June 8th, 1941, to May 20, 1942, Jehoida Chests\$84.38 Penny Jars\$172.55
Total received\$256.93

Disbursements

From Jehoida Chests, \$84.38. From Penny Jars, \$172.55. Balance on hand—NONE.

Mrs. Herman Nobles, Treasurer, State Auxiliary Convention.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Realizing the need of conservation in the prosecution of the war which is now upon us. Therefore be it resolved:

That the North Carolina State Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary of Free Will Baptists, in session to-day, May 20th, 1942, accept gladly the call of the Food Administrator, Mr. Leon Henderson, of the U. S. A., in the use of sugar conservatively for household necessities only, and that we petition our Government to ration sugar to the "distillers, brewers and manufacturers of all intoxicating beverages, that the allowance thereof shall be limited to medical purposes only for the duration of the war.

2nd. We ask that all members of our Church and its various auxiliaries and societies to utter a word of prayer at 9:00 o'clock each day in behalf of our Auxiliary work, our National interests, our denomination and for victory over our enemies in this great world confict.

3rd. That this body give a rising vote of thanks and appreciation to Pleasant Grove Church, its Pastor and to the community, for the hospitality shown to us during this session and for the splendid spirit of co-operation throughout the day.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Oliver Smith,
Mrs. R. B. Malpass,
Mrs. C. W. Burrus,

Committee.

At this time a rising vote of thanks and appreciation was tendered Pleasant Grove Church, its Pastor and to the community, for their co-operative spirit throughout this session of the State Auxiliary convention, and for their splendid entertainment and hospitality.

It was moved and carried that these minutes stand approved as read. A motion was made that we adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with praise and prayer.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson, President.
Alice E. Lupton, Recording Secretary.

May 20th, 1942. 2 2

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Second Annual session of the North Carolina Sunday School Convention-Institute, convened with the Union Grove Sunday School on April 24 and 25, 1942.

The convention opened with congregational singing, followed by the Welcome Address given by Mr. Preston Valentine of Union Grove S. S., and Rev. R. P. Harris responding.

Rev. Chester Pelt, Director of Denominational Enterprises lectured on "Why We Need to Standardize our F. W. B. Sunday Schools."

Enrollment of Ministers:

Rev. J. H. Worley, Selma, N. C., Western Association.

Rev. Chester Pelt, Durham, N. C .- Western Association.

Rev. James A. Evans, Middlesex, N. C.-Western Association.

Rev. L. E. Ballard, Greenville, N. C.—Central Conference.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, Goldsboro, N. C .- Cape Fear Conference.

Rev. L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C., Central Conference.

Rev. R. Mitchell, Fremont, N. C .- Western Association.

Rev. L. R. Ennis, Goldsboro, N. C.—Central Conference.

Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Pink Hill, N. C .- Eastern Association.

Enrollment of Delegates:

U. W. Daugherty, New Bern, N. C.—Eastern Conference.

W. C. Hill, Mt. Olive, N. C .- Eastern Conference.

Margaret Lewis, Greenville, N. C .- Central Conference.

Mrs. L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C.—Central Conference

L. B. Dairs, Goldsboro, N. C.—Cape Fear Association.

Mrs. W. A. Dildy, Walstonburg, N. C.—Central Conference.

Mrs. Preston Creech, Smithfield, N. C .- Western Association.

Mrs. Carl Bagley, Jr., Selma, N. C., Route 2-Western Association.

Mrs. L. H. McDade, Durham, N. C.-Western Association.

Peter Deanes, Deep Run, N. C.-Eastern Conference.

F. H. Woolard, Pinetown, N. C .- Central Conference.

R. L. Norville, Farmville, N. C.—Central Conference.

I. C. Tugwell, Farmville, N. C.—Central Conference.

Mrs. W. D. Move, LaGrange, N. C.—Central Conference.

Mrs. Etta Frost Renfrow, Wilson, N. C .- Western Association.

W. C. Sasser, Selma, N. C .- Western Association.

Miss Nannie Lou Little, Winterville, N. C .- Central Conference.

C. G. Pope, Middlesex, N. C.—Western Association.

Mrs. McCoy Tripp, Winterville, N. C .- Central Conference.

Miss Lorena Waller, Mt. Olive, N. C .- Eastern Association.

J. L. Barnhill, Stokes, N. C .- Central Conference

Ashley Heath, Deep Run, N. C .- Eastern Association.

Mrs. Fountain Taylor, Richlands, N. C .- Eastern Association.

Mrs. J. H. Oliver, Kinston, N. C., Eastenn Associotion.

Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Maury, N. C .- Central Conference.

Mrs. Rashie Kennedy, Pink Hill, N. C.—Eastern Conference. H. L. Spivey, Maury, N. C.—Central Conference.

Business:

Appointment of committees:

Finance-Floyd Morris and Mrs. Sadie Peedin.

Banks-Gladys Moore, Mrs. Floyd Morris.

Nominating—Mrs. Willoughby, Miss Nannie Lou, Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Mr. C. G. Pope and Mr. Daughty.

Camp Committee—Rev. J. A. Evans, Mrs. Edgar Morris, and Mr. R. C. Baggett.

Digest Report Committee-Mrs. R. T. Sasser, Rev. Harris, and Mrs. Norville.

Rev. L. R. Ennis, National Executive Secretary, delivered the convention address, his subject being "Relationship."

Arjournment for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The convention assembled at 1:00 o'clock and after congregational singing, delegates, ministers, officers and visitors assembled in various class rooms for the Institute work. The purpose being to endeavor to educate and train our Sunday School workers to adopt and use certain sections of the "Standard of Efficiency" and to apply these sections to each group or class.

Subjects: 1. Six Point Record System No. 4, taught by Mrs. Floyd Morris, Director of Records and Reports. 2. Organized classes, No. 9 & 5, taught by Rev. Harris, Director of Organization. 3. Good Literature, Nos. 3 and 7, taught by Mrs. Georgie F. Barnes, Director of Literature.

At 2:30 all reassembled in auditorium for congregational singing.

Rev. L. E. Ballard, Director of Publicity, lectured on "Why Your Sunday School Needs an Active Workers' Council."

Rev. Clarence Bowen spoke on "How to Organize a Workers' Council." Adjournment.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Conferences were held at 6:30. Sunday School Convention Directors, with Superintendents and Pastors, composed one group, their objective: A State-wide Program of Sunday School Promotion.

All General and Class Secretaries met with Mrs. Floyd Morris. Their objective: Uniformity in Using the Six Point Record System.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, National Director of Organization and Sunday School Education spoke on "Master Workmen Working Together."

Adjournment.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Standard Sunday School at 9:45 o'clock.

The Convention Sermon was delivered by Rev. M. L. Johnston. His subject "The Lord's Master Workman." "Study to show thyself approved

a workmen that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

"Work for the Night is Coming" was sung by the congregation.

President Sasser encouraged the adoption of banks for saving Camp
funds.

Business.

Report of the Field Secretary:

18 churches visited.

25 visits made in behalf of Sunday School work.

29 messages delivered.

2 Institutes held.

2,225 miles traveled.

4 districts visited.

\$45.00 amount received for expense, etc.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

The above report was adopted by the convention.

REPORT OF DIGEST COMMITTEE

The Digest of Reports Committee recommend that a letter be written to each of the following churches commending them for the work they have done so far and urging them to cover the other points necessary to obtain their certificate of progress.

Entwistle Church, M. L. McGill, Supt., East Rockingham, N. C.

Marlboro Sunday School, Sam Tugwell, Supt., Farmville, N. C., Route 1. Sandy Plain Sunday School, Arthur Kennedy, Supt., Pink Hill, N. C.

Signed Committee

On motion this report be adopted and that the certificate of progress be given Sunday Schools as soon as they have reached the Point of Progress.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President-Mr. R. T. Sasser, Wilson, N. C.

Vice-President-Mr. Preston Valentine, Kenly, N. C., Route 1.

Secertary-Mrs. Chester Pelt, Durham, N. C.

Assistant Secretary-Miss Geneva Hines, Winterville, N. C.

Treasurer-Mr. Fountain Taylor, Richland, N. C.

Field Secretary-Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Greenville, N. C.

Directors-

Organization-Rev. R. P. Harris, Enfield, N. C.

Denominational Enterprises-Rev. Chester Pelt, Durham, N. C.

Records and Reports-Mrs. Floyd Morris, Fremont, N. C.

Publicity—Rev. L. E. Ballard, Greenville, N. C.

Literature—Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, Wilson, N. C.

Signed Committee

On motion this report be adopted.

On motion that a copy of the Standard of Efficiency be sent to each Sunday School through the Press.

On motion that a minimum of \$2.00 per day and expenses be paid by the local church to the field Secetary and that the Convention contribute to her for churches who cannot pay up to \$5.00.

On motion that this convention give Mrs. Ballard a gift of \$25.00 for

work done during the past year.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your Finance Committee submit the following report.

40 Sunday Schools representing with a contribution of _____\$102.05
Signed:

Mr. Floyd Morris Mrs. Sadie Peedin

REPORT OF TREASURER		
On HandReceived at this Convention	\$ 1.27 102.05	
TotalBills paid at this session	\$103.32 32.85	
Balance on hand On hand in Camp Fund Recieved from Registration Fees Received from Dime Banks	34.55 97.00	
Fountain Taylor, Treasurer	\$291.05	
REPORT OF BANK COMMITTEE		
Amount contributed34 Sunday Schools contributed. Signed Committee REPORT OF REGISTRARS	\$144.94	
Saturday		
MinistersSunday Schools suptsOfficersDelegatesVisitors	7 30 9 37	
Total	131	
Sunday		
Ministers	3	

Sunday School Supts.

Teachers	17
Officers	
Delegates	18
Visitors	23
Total	76
Registration fees	\$97.00
Report of National Committee was given by Mrs. Ballard.	·
On motion all of the preceding reports be adopted.	

On motion that the banks be used and left at home next year for the Sunday Schools to tre amount of \$5.20 to the Convention with their report. Individual Sunday Schools may purchase their own banks at dime stores.

29 Sunday School Institute certificates were presented by the convention The Executive Board will locate a home for the 1943 Convention.

On motion that the Convention extend a rising vote of thanks to Union Grove Sunday School, church and community for the splendid way in which they entertained the convention.

The convention was favored with a duet by Mrs. Ballard and Rev. Harris. Delegates appointed to National Convention were President Sasser, Vice-President, Preston Valentine, Kenly, N. C., and Mr. R. McCloud, Route 3, Dunn, N. C.

On motion that \$5.00 be sent to National Convention as a donation.

On motion the treasurer pay each delegate \$10.00 to help defray expenses to National Convention.

Adjournment.

Rev. Evans dismissed the convention.

R. T. Sasser, President
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Pollard, Secretary



