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of the

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

of the

State Association of Churches

of the (Original)

FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Held in

THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, MIDDLESEX,

NASH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

September 15, 16, 17—1943

And the Minutes

of the

Women's State Auxiliary Convention

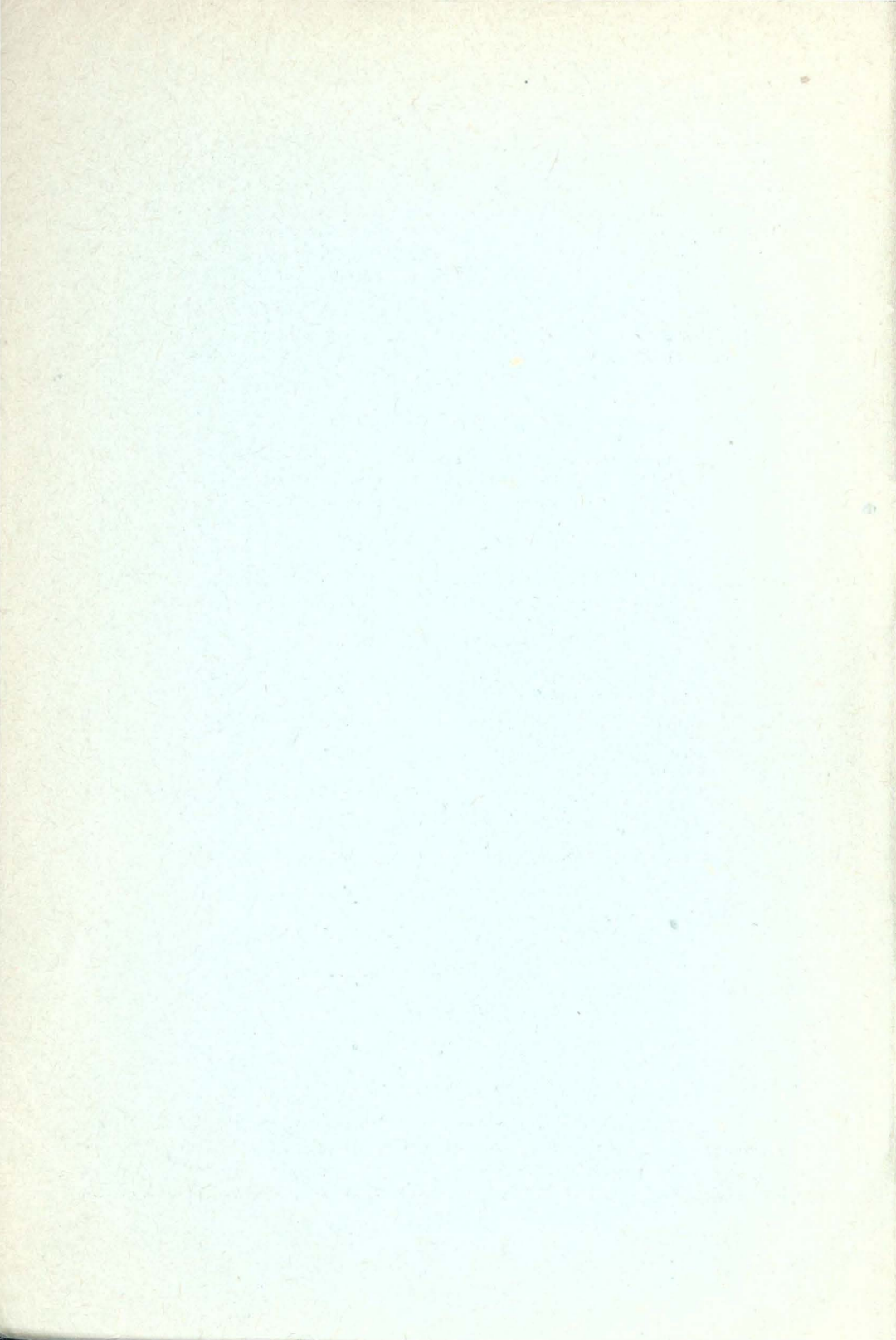
And the

State Sunday School Convention



1943

FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS
AYDEN, N. C.



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President -----	Rev. D. W. Alexander
Vice-President -----	Rev. J. R. Bennett
Secretary -----	Rev. R. N. Hinnant
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Field Secretary -----	Rev. J. C. Griffin

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Rev. W. R. Williams; Rev. C. H. Coates—Expires 1944

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Rev. L. H. Wetherington

SUPERINTENDENT OF ORPHANAGE

Rev. J. A. Evans

HISTORIAN

Rev. T. E. Beaman

MINISTERS PRESENT

D. W. Alexander, J. W. Alford, R. C. Alexander, T. H. Allen, W. E. Anderson, C. R. Biggs, N. B. Barrow, M. L. Baxley, T. E. Beaman, N. D. Beaman, J. R. Bennett, Wade Calvert, C. H. Coats, Robert Crawford, T. F. Davenport, W. A. Dail, C. H. Denton, L. R. Ennis, W. B. Everett, H. R. Fair-

cloth, Wiley Ferrell, J. R. Ferrell, J. R. Forrest, J. C. Griffin, M. L. Hollis, C. D. Hamilton, L. W. Humbles, R. P. Harris, W. A. Hales, D. W. Hansley, R. N. Hinnant, E. G. Holland, W. H. Ivey, R. H. Jackson, M. L. Johnson, Paul Jenkins, L. S. Joyner, W. K. Jordan, L. B. Manning, J. C. Moye, W. L. Moretz, R. H. Mason, Rommie Mitchell, J. F. Parrish, C. H. Pelt, F. A. Rivenbark, T. Renfrow, Willie Renfrow, R. B. Spencer, M. E. Tyson, Duffy Toler, J. D. Vernelson, J. C. Varnell, R. C. Wiggs, W. R. Williams, L. H. Wetherington, J. H. Worley, Bob Wooley.

R E P R E S E N T A T I O N

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Allen, J. A., Spring Hill.
 Bass, Leo, Cape Fear Union.
 Baker, J. E., Owens Chapel.
 Barnes, L. M., Pine Level.
 Bowen, Edward, St. Delight.
 Bennett, C. W., Sandy Grove.
 Crumpler, H. A., Smithfield.
 Carnegie, John, Long Ridge.
 Clark, N. A., Black Jack.
 Davis, W. H., Little Rock.
 Daugherty, U. W., New Bern.
 Davis, Milton, Rains X Roads.
 Edwards, C. S., Western Association.
 Edwards, Mrs. Lloyd, St. Mary.
 Flowers, Mrs. G. D., Tippetts Chapel.
 Fields, W. O., Pleasant Plain.
 Griffin, Mrs. Bertha, (Not Given).
 Grady, W. P., May's Chapel.
 Harris, Henry, Jr., Dawson's Grove.
 Harris, Mrs. N. E., Rocky Mount.
 Heath, L. H., Free Union.
 Harris, J. E., Kinston.
 Heath, C. W., Eastern Conference.
 Heath, R. B., Core Creek.
 Herring, H. G., Branch Chapel.
 Hines, E. C., Winterville.
 Hinnant, Dr. M., Micro.
 Pinton, C. W., Rock Springs.
 Hill, Levi, Hull Road.
 Holland, Mrs. Herman, Piney Grove.
 Jones, Arthur, Howell Swamp.
 Jones, David, Serecta.
 Jones, Mrs. J. S., Watery Branch.
 Jones, S. W., 3rd Union, E. Con.
 Jones, Miss Naunie, Watery Branch.
 Johnson, Mrs. D. H., Woodington.
 Jackson, J. A., Powhatan.
 Kirby, Mrs. M. H., St. Mary's.
 Lamm, J. C., Flood's Chapel.
 Lee, Marvin, Friendship.
 Lamm, Mrs. Icie, Milbourny.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Mallard, Mrs. H., Friendship.
 Mills, Nabe, Union Chapel.
 Mallard, H. C., Eastern Conference.
 Holland, Mrs. M., Holly Springs.
 McFalter, Moulton, Tee's Chapel.
 McLawhorn, Gene, Little Creek.
 Morris, Joe, Union Grove.
 Morris, Eugene, Gum Swamp.
 Measby, Mrs. Ada, LaGrange.
 Nobles, Elias, Piney Grove.
 Outlaw, Mrs. Charlie, Rooty Branch.
 Pate, Bishop, Stony Creek.
 Phillips, Elijah, Branch Chapel.
 Pittman, C. W., Daniel's Chapel.
 Pittman, Mrs. J. A., Piney Grove.
 Phillips, Isham, 1st Union (Western)
 Parnell, M., Edgemont.
 Parker, Fred, Prospect.
 Parrott, Mrs. Mae, Goshen Grove.
 Page, S. D., Milburney.
 Ratcliff, M. L., Free Union.
 Renfrow, Mrs. W., Stencil's Chapel.
 Martin, Royster, Riverside.
 Stanley, L. B., Pleasant Hill.
 Sasser, W. C., Selma.
 Stott, G. C., Marsh Swamp.
 Strickland, J. M., Union Chapel.
 Smith, Mrs. J. A., Elizabeth City.
 Taylor, Fountain, Whaley's Chapel.
 Warren, H. W., St. Paul.
 Watson, H. G., Kenlv.
 Williams, D. H., Goldsboro.
 Wooten, Marvin, Shady Grove.
 Wellons, A. A., Hopewell.
 Williams, T. B., Pleasant Grove.
 Willis, Mrs. Maggie, Davis.
 Willoughby, Mrs. A., Hickory Chapel.
 Woodall, Clarence, Cape Fear Con.
 Wood, H. C., Wintergreen.
 Worthington, Mrs. R. L., Reedy Brch.
 Warren, J. G., Oak Grove.

PROCEEDINGS

The Thirty-First Session of the State Association of North Carolina met in the Missionary Baptist Church at Middlesex, N. C., Wednesday morning, September 15, 1943.

Rev. J. F. Parrish conducted the devotions, using as an opening song "What A Friend." The opening prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Alford. Bro. Parrish read as a scripture lesson Mark 2: 1-8.

Report of the Program Committee was read by Rev. R. N. Hinnant, chairman, and approved.

The chair appointed the following committees:

Finance: R. B. Spencer, F. A. Rivenbark, U. W. Daugherty.

Resolutions: W. K. Jordan, R. C. Alexander, J. D. Vernelson.

Nominating: J. W. Alford, Z. M. Harrison, M. L. Johnson.

Temperance: W. R. Williams, J. W. Alford, W. H. Lancaster.

Report of Executive Board read and adopted:

Report of Executive Board of N. C. State Association

The Executive Board of the State Association of North Carolina met in the F. W. Church, Ayden, N. C., Thursday, November 12, 1942. "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" was sung by those present. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. J. Harris.

Members present: D. W. Alexander, R. N. Hinnant, J. C. Griffin, W. K. Jordan, R. W. Mallard, W. A. Jackson, L. H. Wetherington, Chester Pelt, Mrs. J. C. Moye, proxy for Mrs. C. B. Thompson, R. C. Wiggs, proxy for Raymond Sasser.

The afternoon minutes of the last day of the Association were read and accepted.

Motion that the chairmen of the various boards, not organized, call together members of his board and organize. Then the chairman is to notify the Field Secretary as to the chairman elected.

Motion that the minutes of the State Sunday School Convention be allowed to be printed under the same cover of the State Association minutes.

A motion that we adopt a resolution requested by the Central Conference in getting out a uniform letter for all churches of various Conferences and Associations to represent on to their respective district Conferences and Associations.

A committee was appointed to get out the letter: J. C. Griffin, Chester Pelt, W. A. Jackson. L. R. Ennis and Mrs. J. C. Moye were asked to assist the committee.

Mrs. Lizzie McAdams was presented to the Board as a Field Worker of the National Association, representing the auxiliaries of our church.

Motion that this Board recommend Mrs. McAdams to the churches of N. C., as the Promotional Secretary of the National Association and Women's Auxiliaries.

Motion that this Board direct the use of the Projector Program as is sponsored by the Field Secretary. That we elect a special committee of three members to whom the Field Secretary may refer special matters which may arise between sessions of the Executive Committee and the State Association in annual session.

That all funds collected by the Field Secretary other than funds desig-

nated for special purposes be allocated as follows: 25 per cent to the Orphanage at Middlesex; 25 per cent to the Unified Program of the National Association; 50 per cent held in State Treasury for promotional work in the State the same to be used upon call of the Field Secretary, when endorsed by the President of the State Association and the Committee named with this motion.

The committee appointed for the above motion: D. W. Alexander, Mrs. J. C. Moye, L. H. Wetherington.

Prayer by Rev. L. R. Ennis.

Motion that the Board of Directors of the Pittman Memorial Institute be dissolved.

Motion that the Executive Board of the State Association petition the Board of Trustees of the Pittman Memorial Institute to extend the Christian Workers' Institute an invitation to hold its first session in this state in the F. W. B. Church in Ayden, N. C.

Motion that the 1943 session of the State Association be held in the town of Middlesex, N. C. The F. W. B. Orphanage is to serve as host. The building in which the Association will assemble is to be arranged by the Superintendent of the Orphanage.

Motion that we have display cards printed, showing the six-point program as adopted by the State Association, and that these cards be placed, as far as possible, in every church in North Carolina.

That we ask every auxiliary to join in a cooperative campaign with the State Association in special designated months for each of the six-point program. The following months be designated as follows: February, Home Missions; April, Foreign Missions; June, Christian Education; August, Church Finance Corporation; October, Superannuation; November and December, Orphanage.

Motion that letter heads and envelopes be printed and the names of the Executive Board and their addresses be printed on the letter heads.

A committee on "Order of Business" was appointed and R. N. Hinnant was named with J. C. Griffin and W. J. Jordan to assist.

Motion that we ask the Board of Superannuation to work out an adequate plan for superannuation, and present it to the next Association.

Motion that we appoint a committee of three from this Association and one member of the Ordaining Council from each of the various Conferences and Associations in the state, to ~~study the question~~ of ordaining ministers and draw up plans for a unified ordination of ministers.

The committee was as follows: J. A. Evans, L. H. Wetherington, Mrs. J. C. Moye, R. C. Wiggs, L. R. Ennis, Duff Toler, M. L. Johnson, W. L. Moretz, T. E. Woody, J. J. Brooks, W. L. Jernigan, Walter Carter, W. M. Beam.

Motion we adjourn. Benediction by Mrs. McAdams.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, *President*.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, *Secretary*.

The Executive Board of the State Association met in the F. W. B. Church at Ayden, N. C., Thursday, March 11, 1943. Song, "My Jesus, I

Love Thee" was sung. Prayer by Rev. M. L. Johnson. Members present: D. W. Alexander, R. N. Hinnant, J. C. Griffin, R. W. Mallard, Chester Pelt, M. L. Johnson, W. K. Jordan, W. A. Jackson and L. H. Wetherington. Visitors, Brother J. A. Evans, George Dail and R. B. Spencer.

Minutes of the December 12, 1942 meeting was read and approved.

Motion that the Field Secretary be allowed 5c per mile for projector work, same to be drawn from fund set aside from the 50 per cent placed in Treasury from his program and not in excess to this amount. Motion carried.

The Field Secretary made his report and accepted with bills allowed.

The Program Committee read the program for adoption. The program for the 1943 session was turned over to Rev. J. C. Griffin, the field secretary, for completion and publication.

The treasurer gave his report and a motion was made for it to be approved. The two items needing attention in his report was the \$20.00 appropriated for the Ministers Institute. The other was a bill of \$100 for the minutes. It was decided that the \$20.00 from the Ministers Institute be added to \$80.00 appropriated, making \$100 for the minutes.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, chairman of the Board of Superannuation gave his report and made plans for the campaign to help the 18 retired, disabled ministers, now listed on roll. The report was adopted and endorsed the work of the committee.

Rev. W. K. Jordan rendered his report of receipts as chairman of Home Missions Board and a few statements concerning the work. The report was received as information.

The ordaining council committee through its chairman, J. A. Evans, gave a letter that had been mailed to the other members requesting them to study the needs of this phase of work. He also asked for an appropriation to finance this work. The answer from the president was, do the work and present the bill at the State Meeting, motion was made by Chester Pelt and seconded by M. L. Johnson that report be received.

Business of the meeting having been finished a motion was made by Rev. Chester Pelt and Rev. M. L. Johnson that we adjourn. One stanza of "Blest Be the Tie" was sung and benediction was by W. A. Jackson.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, *President*.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, *Secretary*.

Rev. M. M. Turner, pastor of the local Baptist Church, was presented to the Association by Rev. J. A. Evans, and he extended a hearty welcome to the body in session. After Rev. Turner had finished Rev. J. A. Evans extended a welcome on behalf of the town, churches of the town and business men.

The President in his message asked the people for their undivided cooperation during the setting of the present session and also called attention to some rules of procedure. He stated his intention to preside impartially; all having the same consideration.

Recess for ten minutes.

Songs "Hail to the Brightness," "My Saviour's Love," "To the Work,"

were led by Rev. R. P. Harris. Prayer by Rev. W. E. Anderson. Song " 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Rev. D. W. Alexander presented Rev. M. E. Tyson as the Minister to preach the Introductory sermon. Brother Tyson used as a subject: "Damned, Doomed, Destroyed." Text used, Mark 3: 25.

Song "Trust and Obey," and benediction by Rev. L. H. Wetherington.

Lunch.

After the lunch hour the devotions were conducted by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark. Song "Jesus is All the World to Me." Scripture was read from Romans 12: 1-10. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Vernelson.

Report of Field Secretary adopted.

REPORT OF FIELD SECRETARY

To the State Association of Free Will Baptists: Greeting:

Owing to the fact that I have been trying to pastor five churches and be your Field Secretary for the past year, my report is short. However, I have tried to keep before our people the Six-Point Program as arranged by the Executive Committee, in regular session last November, which session I attended.

I have visited the Cape Fear and Western Associations, the Central Conference, the Second Union of the Central Conference; the Albemarle Union meeting; the Carteret County Union meeting, and Sunday School Convention of the Third Union Meeting district of the Eastern Conference. Also represented the State work in the Ladies Auxiliary of the Eastern, Western, Cape Fear, Central and Albemarle Districts, where I was on the program, as your Field Secretary.

I have written to the Clerks and some of the Moderators of the Pee Dee and Rock Fish Conferences. Written to the Clerk's of the Beaver Creek, French Broad, Jack's Creek and Toe River Associations; also to some Ministers whom I happened to know. From several of these there have been response that is encouraging. The program of the State and National Associations have been kept before all in my visits and in my letters as far as possible.

I have visited the Orphanage four times during the year, Camp Leach once, and twenty-eight churches, beside my own, where I talked the State and National Associations as to their relationship and stressed the Six-Point Program of North Carolina. Along with my lectures I have shown pictures of the various Conferences, Bible School in Nashville, Tenn., our Press at Ayden, and the Orphanage at Middlesex.

In making, showing pictures, and other Field work I have traveled 3,626 miles and collected \$396.36, which according to plan gives, the Orphanage \$99.09; the Unified Program of the National Association, \$99.09; and paid the expense of travel and left \$16.88 in the treasury. This money has been turned over to Brother Mallard, (except \$15.00 that has been collected since we had our settlement, September 9th).

I had printed according to order 300 placards of the Six-Point Program and mailed these to the various churches of the State. Also stationary for

our own use, some of which was mailed to the officers of the Association for their use.

I have spent in my picture out-fit, \$266.40. Of this amount \$139.87 was for Projector, Camera, tripods, screen and extension cords, sockets, etc., which has at least a 90 per cent value. \$109.05 for film which depreciates much, however, I have about twelve hundred feet which is in good shape and can be used for another year. \$20.48 have been spent in light bulbs, postage, express, and repair work. I value the outfit at \$200.00.

I have received, on the expense the following from

Rev. C. H. Denton -----	\$ 1.00
Rev. J. A. Evans ----- Three hundred feet film and	27.45
Lloyd Moore -----	5.00
Mrs. J. H. Oglesby -----	1.00
Rev. R. C. Kenney -----	10.00
Mrs. Mark Register -----	1.00
Dock Worthington -----	5.00
Mrs. Cora Smith -----	5.00
Mrs. Parker -----	1.00
Roy C. Hill -----	1.00
Davis F. W. B. Church -----	25.00
Free Will Baptist Press, plus mileage one trip to Ayden -----	7.42
Rev. R. B. Spencer -----	1.00
Total received on outfit and expense -----	\$ 90.87
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Amount spent -----	266.40
Less -----	90 87

This leaves the amount spent by me to ----- \$175.53

I am greatly indebted to those who have helped in a personal way with their finance and prayers.

Received from Churches as follows:

Friendship (Jones County) -----	\$ 15.00
Macedonia -----	11.64
Core Creek -----	11.65
Arapahoe -----	7.25
Re-Union Chapel -----	10.25
Sandy Plain -----	10.25
Cabin F. W. B. Church -----	15.00
Beulaville F. W. B. Church -----	10.00
Piny Grove (Duplin County) -----	11.00
Holly Springs (Carteret) -----	5.00
Dublin Grove -----	11.00
Shiloh -----	15.00
Elizabeth City -----	15.44
St. Mary's (New Bern) -----	20.00
Free Union (Beaufort) -----	17.11

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Friends and Orphanage Staff -----	11.25
Black Jack -----	10.05
Union Chapel -----	12.00
Antioch (Craven County) -----	10.51
Oak Grove Church (Craven County) -----	6.50
Oak Grove F. W. B. League -----	10.00
Mosley's Creek -----	10.05
Reedy Branch -----	7.00
Ayden -----	15.00
Daly's Chapel -----	10.00
Rain's Cross Roads -----	15.00
Smithfield -----	6.30
Rock Spring -----	5.00
Hull Road -----	12.26
Winterville F. W. B. Church -----	3.00
LaGrange -----	10.00
Kinston F. W. B. Church (leads) -----	25.00
Bridgeton Church -----	10.00
Beaufort F. W. B. Church -----	12.10
Total -----	<u>\$396.36</u>

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Griffin, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (*Adopted*)

Rev. L. R. Ennis

Seven years of Free Will Baptist history have established the fact that the National Association evolved from the intelligence of the denomination. Consecrated intelligence has put us together in the mission and work of Christ on a world scale. The need of the church and the world is thus met in us on a small scale. Let us pray that grace may abound toward Free Will Baptist, and that they may not hinder its flow to mankind.

The 1943 session of the National Association revealed an aggregate increase over the previous year of 100 per cent in funds contributed to all purposes. A total of \$31,469.03 was given to all objects and enterprises of the association. Of this amount \$8,769.71 was given to Foreign Missions, and \$18,131.03 to the Free Will Baptist Bible College, of Nashville, Tennessee. Approximately \$5,000 of the total receipts of the National Association came from North Carolina Free Will Baptists, and we are richer for having made this investment.

The last session of the National Association wrote into its proceedings plans and acts which are destined to become basic to the development of a very efficient program of unified service. The Executive Office was transferred from Goldsboro, North Carolina to Nashville, Tennessee. The wisdom of this change will be recognized from the centrality of the location and the accessibility of the Executive Secretary to the people of all the states.

The manifold duties of the Executive Secretary were considered reason enough for his employment on a full-time basis.

Included, also, among the important acts of the Association was the adoption of constitutions and By-laws for the government of the Board of Superannuation and the Board of Publications and Literature. Among the documents reviewed and adopted by the National Association have none perhaps received more grateful approval. The literature service of the National Association is now the responsibility of the National Board of Publications and Literature. I am sure that this unit of organization is hailed as an answer to a great need among Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

Since the Board of Superannuation of this State Association will probably include in its report a detailed description of Superannuation plans adopted by the National Association, I shall omit further mention of this phase of the National program.

As a means of stabilizing our mission work in Cuba, the National Association directed the Foreign Mission Board to proceed as seemed most practical with the opening of a Cuban School of Missions for the purpose of training the natives in definite Christian service. An appropriation of \$5,000 from Foreign Mission funds was authorized by the Association for this purpose. Within a few weeks the school in Cuba will become a reality. We now have nine missionaries in Cuba who are serving congregations at forty-two places. God is greatly blessing in the evangelization of this heart-hungry people.

The Free Will Baptist Bible College is now a benediction and challenge to our denomination. There were twenty-nine students present for the opening of the second year on September 8, including the fourteen who were there at the close of last year. If the Lord tarries, our prayers will be answered—we shall have trained Christian workers.

The President recognized all visiting ministers and allowed each to speak in response to the welcome extended.

Motion the chair appoint a Credentials Committee, whose duty shall be, to examine any organization wishing to unite with this Association.

The following were appointed: Revs. J. W. Alford, L. H. Wetherington, L. R. Ennis.

Report of Credentials Committee adopted:

The Committee on Credentials beg to recommend that Rev. T. E. Woody be recognized as a member of this Association and Jack's Creek Association be admitted to membership in this body.

We have examined the following brethren: Rev. Wade Calvert of the Beaver Creek Association and Rev. Simon B. Johnson of the Toe River Association, and recommend that they be seated in this Association.

We further recommend that the Field Secretary visit each of the above Associations in their next annual sessions and advise with them in session as to the desirability and advisability of their making regular representation in the North Carolina State Association.

A report of the Board of Superannuation was given and also a proposed By-Law and Constitution for the management of the said board and the report with the By-Laws and Constitution was adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION FOR THE
YEAR SEPTEMBER 16, 1942—SEPTEMBER 1, 1943

To the N. C. State Association of Free Will Baptists:

We, your Board of Superranuation, are happy to submit the following report:

The year now closing has been the best year in the history of this Board, as can be seen by comparing this report with reports of other years.

The following is a statement of funds collected and paid out:

On hand September 16, 1942 -----	\$ 42.81
Received from all sources from Sept. 16, 1942, to Sept. 1, 1943 -----	624.74

Total for the year -----	\$667.55

Disbursements:

December 22, 1942—Checks to 18 Retired Ministers -----	\$326.00
January 30, 1943—Checks to 17 Retired Ministers -----	71.50
July 7, 1943—Checks to 18 Retired Ministers -----	125.00
September 1, 1943—Paid out to date -----	\$522.50
September 1, 1943—Balance on hand -----	\$145.05

By the Board of Superannuation.

Signed:

M. L. Johnson.
F. A. Rivenbark,
Willet L. Moretz,
W. A. Hales.

BY-LAWS

Proposed by the N. C. Board of Superannuation

SECTION I.

The Officers of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Association of Free Will Baptists shall be, a Chairman-Treasurer, an Assistant Chairman-Treasurer, a Secretary and an Executive Committee. These shall be elected at each annual meeting following the State Association. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman-Treasurer, the Assistant Chairman-Treasurer and the Secretary.

SECTION II

The Chairman-Treasurer shall perform the combined duties of the Chairman and Treasurer. He (or she) shall have charge of the work of the Administrative Office and shall receive all funds collected for the board, and pay out funds as directed by the Board or it's Executive Committee. The Chairman-Treasurer shall endeavor to promote the work of Superannuation in general under the direction of the Board or it's Executive Committee. All administrative expense shall be paid out of the general fund of the Board. The Chairman-Treasurer shall be allowed an equitable salary for service

rendered, if, and when the Board sees fit to allow such salary which shall be paid out of the general fund of the Board.

The Assistant Chairman-Treasurer shall do the work of the Chairman-Treasurer in his absence.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all business transacted by the Board or its Executive Committee, and assist the Chairman-Treasurer in correspondence when such assistance is needed.

The Executive Committee shall be charged with the work of the Board, not otherwise provided for, between the meetings of the Board and subject to the approval of the Board. It shall make a complete report of its work and achievements at each session of the Board. It shall have power to fill any vacancy on the committee that may be found necessary between the meetings of the Board.

SECTION III

There shall be two annual meetings of the State Board of Superannuation each year. There shall be one meeting held just before the convening of the N. C. State Association at such time and place as the Board or its Executive Committee shall determine. At this meeting a general report, financial and otherwise, covering all phases of the work done, and promotional plans to be launched, shall be reviewed and approved for subsequent adoption by the State Association.

A second meeting shall be held within one month after the State Association at which time the officers shall be elected and any recommendations of the State Association set in operation.

Special meetings, for business only may be called at any time by the Executive Committee or the Chairman-Treasurer.

Any member of the Board who may not be able to attend any meeting may represent by proxy bearing written authority. It being understood that proxy representation be restricted to a minority of the Board Members.

The number of duty qualified members of the Board required to constitute a quorum shall be four.

SECTION IV.

The administration of the Benevolent Superannuation shall be impartially and equitably regulated. The Board shall consider only those ministers, worthy of help, who are certified by the moderator and clerk of his (or her) conference or Association as being:

1. In good standing and retired or
2. In good standing and disabled.

The Board shall keep a list of all ministers so certified and shall make whatever inquiry, as to their needs and merits, that shall be deemed wise to equitably regulate the work of Superannuation in this State, in keeping with the constitution under which this Board is created.

SECTION V.

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members.

present at any meeting of the Board and approved by the N. C. State Association.

CONSTITUTION

Proposed for Free Will Baptist Superannuation Boards of State or District Associations

PREAMBLE

Whereas, The Superannuation of ministers of the Free Will Baptist denomination is now accepted as a mutual obligation incumbent upon both ministers and laymen; and the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the United States, through its Board of Superannuation, has established a Minister's Protection Benefit in the form of all-purpose life insurance for eligible ministers; and said National Association now recommends that its affiliated state associations and district associations within states which have no state association inaugurate a system of Benevolent Superannuation for retired ministers; therefore, be this Constitution established as a basis of cooperation with the Minister's Protection Benefit administered by the National Board of Superannuation, and as a means of regulating and executing an adequate system of Benevolent Superannuation for Free Will Baptist ministers affiliated with this N. C. State Association of Original Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE I

This Board of Superannuation of the State Association of Free Will Baptists in North Carolina shall consist of the following members and their successors in office, as provided in the Constitution of said State Association: M. L. Johnson, F. A. Rivenbark, W. A. Hales, W. L. Moretz, C. F. Bowen, and Mrs. M. A. Woodard.

ARTICLE II

It shall be the purpose of this Board to organize and unify all superannuation work throughout this State Association. It shall encourage the abolition of duplicated district boards; and, as a central agency charged with the administration of all Benevolent Superannuation service within the Association, seek the commendation and authoritative representation of all Free Will Baptist organizations engaged in superannuation work in the State. It shall support and promote the patronage of the Minister's Protection Benefit of the National Board of Superannuation and strive through educational means and judicious management to make a Benevolent Superannuation service available to every disabled and retired Free Will Baptist minister affiliated with this North Carolina State Association.

ARTICLE III

This Board shall adhere to democratic principles in organization and management. It shall elect its own officers, choose its seat of administration,

and prosecute the purpose for which it was constituted. It shall have right to sue and be sued, to receive, hold, convey, disburse, and utilize all properties, real and personal, acquired by gift, trust, bequest, purchase, or otherwise, consistent with the will of the benefactor, the approval of this State Association, and the stipulations of this Constitution.

ARTICLE IV

A strict account of all funds received and disbursed shall be kept in the administrative office and reports of same shall be made *monthly* through denominational papers and *annually* to this State Association. There shall be a monthly allocation and payment made of 25 per cent of all general funds received, with deductions for expenses, to the National Board of Superannuation for the maintenance of the Minister's Protection Benefit. Benevolent gifts and pensions shall be paid periodically on a merit basis to retired and disabled Free Will Baptist ministers of the Association; also temporary loans for personal, medical, hospital, and surgical expenses shall be allowed at the discretion of the Board on adequate security with interest at the rate of 1 per cent per annum. The Chairman of the Board (who may be also elected as Treasurer) shall be charged with the duties of the administrative office and shall, at the direction of the Board or the State Association, furnish indemnity bond equal to his (her) liability.

ARTICLE V

All salaries and expenses deemed essential to the successful administration of this State program of Benevolent Superannuation shall be paid out of the general treasury of this State Board of Superannuation.

ARTICLE VI

This Constitution may be amended, or revised, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual session of this North Carolina State Association.

Motion to adjourn until the evening session. Song "Take the Name of Jesus With You" and benediction by Rev. J. R. Bennett.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Devotions by Rev. R. P. Harris. Report of Home Missions by Rev. W. K. Jordan as follows:

Balance September 31, 1942	\$263.88
Received during year	660.32
Expenditures	99.80
Balance on hand August 31, 1943	\$824.40

Motion to accept the report.

The Foreign Mission report was given by Rev. Chester Pelt. The report was adopted. Due to other duties Rev. Pelt offered his resignation to the Association and it was accepted.

Motion we extend a rising vote of thanks to Bro. Pelt for his splendid work as treasurer of the Mission Board.

A letter from Rev. Winford Davis was read in the interest of Missions.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FOREIGN MISSION BOARD TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS TO BE HELD IN MIDDLESEX, SEPT 15-17, 1943

An itemized report has been made monthly through the Free Will Baptist paper, and a check mailed to the National Foreign Mission Treasurer.

The following is a report of the total received each month during the year 1942-43.

September -----	\$ 76.11	July -----	101.13
October -----	58.90	August -----	90.47
November -----	46.11		
December -----	61.72	Total received -----	\$1,513.53
January -----	30.17	Total paid to National	
February -----	32.12	Treasurer -----	\$1,513.53
March -----	76.57	Balance on hand -----	\$76.00
April -----	319.04		
May -----	423.97	EXPENSES	
June -----	197.22	Postage -----	\$2.81

Monett, Missouri.

To the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists, Greetings:

Thinking of you at this time and desiring to be with you I take this means of making contact with you by correspondence.

As would naturally be expected I am writing in the interest of our worthy Foreign Mission cause which of course lies very near my heart. We have some outstanding needs confronting our missionary department at this time as I am sure most of you know. Two of the most urgent needs are the establishing of our Bible School and Mission Center in Cuba, and that of getting Miss Barnard to India. I advanced \$1,000.00 toward the Cuban School of Missions on the 21st day of this month, August. If and when Miss Barnard is granted passage to India that will mean perhaps the upwards of another thousand. So you see we must have funds. Our people have been very gracious during the past year, and I feel they are going to continue to be. It is most wonderful the way the Lord is blessing our missionary cause. May we not retard the progress of this good work in the least by our neglect or otherwise, but may we faithfully meet every challenge.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the people of North Carolina for your splendid cooperation and liberality during the past year. May the Lord bless you for it, and I am sure He does.

I trust you will take a special offering for missions at some opportune time during the sitting of your Association, and that you will return to your fields of labor resolved to do more for this worthy cause during the coming year than ever before.

Please keep us as a board on your prayer list, and may the Lord give you a very splendid State Meeting is and shall be my prayer.

Sincerely,

Your humble servant,
Winford Davis.

THURSDAY MORNING

Song service and devotions were conducted by Rev. R. C. Alexander. Song "There Is a Name I Love to Hear." Scripture—John 14: 1-14. Song " 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Minutes of Wednesday's session were read and approved.

The President appointed Revs. Charlie Hamilton, Levi Humbles, Randall Jackson, and W. L. Baxley as ushers for the day.

A verbal report on the Women's State Auxiliary work was given by Mrs. J. C. Griffin.

Mrs. Chester Pelt spoke briefly on the Young People's work of the state. She used as a Scripture lesson, II Timothy 2: 15.

A message in song was brought by Brother George Dail.

Report of the Church Finance Association, Inc., adopted.

I beg to submit the following report for the Church Finance Association, Inc. It is gratifying to know that your organization is constantly growing. New individuals and organizations are coming to our rescue in helping to build a permanent organization which will answer the need which has been felt in our church as a whole.

We have been able, this year, to take care of every written obligation for funds and have also kept our present obligation up to the minute. The organization is young in its operation but we feel that so far, it has done a great work and it has only begun and we see great opportunity and progress for it in the future.

We are certainly grateful to each of those churches which have responded this year to our Church Finance Month. We are in a position to know that there will be quite a few yet who have not completed their report.

Brethren, I appeal to you to come and rally to this noble and most worthy work. With the progress which we are now making, we know that every Free Will Baptist in North Carolina will be proud of it.

I leave with you the following figures:

Balance from last year	\$ 288.79
Amount received from members this year	764.41
Payment received on loans	1,024.10
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Total	\$2,077.30
Paid obligations	\$1,673.13
Balance on hand on September 10, 1943	\$404.17

Membership

144 members

25 new members during the past year

75 memberships completed.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. Wetherington, *Secretary.*

Rev. M. L. Johnson addressed the body on the subject: "Construction of Better Church Buildings."

Rev. M. L. Hollis brought greetings from his home states, Alabama and Mississippi.

Song "When the Roll Is Called up Yonder."

Address: "Our Method of Distributing Christian Literature" by Rev. R. B. Spencer.

Song "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story." Mrs. Chester Pelt sang a solo, "One Day."

The Vice-President, Rev. J. R. Bennett, presented the speaker of the hour, Rev. J. W. Alford, who preached the Associational sermon. Brother Alford used as a text Exodus 14: 15. The message emphasized the need of progress in a well supported program of our church.

An offering was taken in the amount of \$300.50 for the Orphanage.

Benediction by Rev. L. R. Ennis.

LUNCH

Devotions conducted by Rev. R. C. Wiggs. Song "The Kingdom Is Coming." Prayer by Rev. L. R. Ennis. Scripture lesson Romans 12: 1-4.

Report of Temperance Committee adopted:

The Temperance Committee recommends that the State Association of North Carolina Free Will Baptists go on record as being eternally opposed to the manufacture, sale, and use of alcoholic drinks as a beverage.

A report on the work of the F. W. B. School was given verbally by Rev. L. R. Ennis for information.

Rev. R. B. Crawford, Executive Secretary, addressed the Association on the subject: "Trained Christian Workers." Brother Crawford stressed the national need of such workers.

Moved that we go on record as approving the work of the National Program; that 25 per cent of all funds coming into this State body, annually, be allocated to the Unified Program of the National Association.

Motion that a more complete church letter for the Association be drawn for the ensuing year; these letters to be sent to the various clerks of the various churches, each year, the clerks fill them out accurately and with the church donation returned to the Secretary of the Association. This letter to be approved by the Executive Board.

Rev. R. B. Spencer was appointed as chairman of a committee to draw up the above mentioned letter, and he shall call to his assistance any assistance needed.

Motion that the Secretary's salary of the Association be increased to \$35.00 dollars per year.

Report of State Sunday School work:

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

By Raymond T. Sasser, President N. C. Free Will Baptist Sunday School
Convention and Workers' Institute

The Sunday Schools of North Carolina, through their state convention, are rendering a constructive *four point program* of service to our denomina-

tion. Ours is a year round program, dedicated to the task of standardizing our efforts as a denomination, in the all important function of "teaching the little child" and the older folks as well. Our *four point program* is as follows:

1. *Workers' Institute*—Held annually to train officers and teachers. Certificates are awarded to each person who attends each session.

2. *Three Year Program of Progress*—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.

3. *State Field Secretary*—We have an active Field Secretary, ready and willing to visit your school and conduct training courses and help start your school on the road to become a Standard School. Write Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Elizabeth City, N. C.

4. *Sunday School Assembly Grounds*—We used to call it the "Sunday School Camp," but our Convention voted last April to change the name to "Assembly Grounds." Regardless of what we call it, our denomination is behind this movement. We realize as never before that we need to have a place in North Carolina reserved for our conventions, workers institutes, and study courses, where the young and old alike can meet each year, to **WORSHIP, STUDY, AND PRAY** together. The Free Will Baptists of North Carolina through their Sunday School Convention have already dedicated over \$600.00 to this great cause.

We solicit your prayers, that our efforts will be rewarded to the Glory of God.

Rev. W. A. Hales addressed the Association on the State Sunday School work.

Motion to recommend to the Conferences, Associations, and Union Meetings the allocation of 25 per cent of their funds to the Unified Fund of the National Association, and that the Field Secretary of this Association be charged with the responsibility of taking this recommendation to the aforesaid bodies.

Recommendations governing the control and management of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage were read by the Superintendent of the home. These recommendations were adopted.

NOTE: These recommendations will be found in permanent records at the Orphanage.

Motion to adjourn until evening session.

Song "My Jesus I Love Thee." Benediction by Rev. N. D. Beaman.

EVENING SESSION

Devotions by Rev. Chester Pelt. Songs "Trust and Obey," "We're Marching to Zion." Prayer by Rev. J. W. Alford.

Rev. J. A. Evans presented Miss Faustina Shearon of the Orphanage staff who directed the orphan children in rendering several musical numbers.

Mr. W. A. Jackson read the report of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and it was adopted. (See Report)

The Superintendent read a message containing information vital to the operation of the home; giving information of the accomplishments of the year 1942-43. Brother Evans asked that the budget for the year 1943-44 be set at \$50,000.00.

A recommendation by the Board of Missions was submitted and laid on the table for further consideration as per constitutional requirements.

Pictures were shown by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

Song "Glory to His Name." Benediction by Rev. T. F. Davenport.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

September 1, 1942 through August 31, 1943

Balance on Hand September 1, 1942 ----- \$ 498.63

RECEIPTS

Religious Organizations -----	\$16,466.37
Parents and Relatives -----	435.00
Concerts -----	8,842.25
Other Individuals -----	1,618.50
Farm, Dairy and Garden -----	4,394.26
Duke Endowment -----	2,290.20
Refunds -----	719.68
Fraternal Organizations (Lions Club) -----	32.00
Endowment Funds (War Bonds) -----	3,678.20
Materials and Junk sold -----	43.05
Student Loan payments -----	45.00
Money Borrowed for operating purposes -----	2,479.29
County (Lenoir) -----	50.00
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Total Receipts for year -----	\$41,093.80
Total Cash to account for -----	\$41,592.43

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries -----	\$ 5,845.14
Food -----	3,659.12
Office Supplies -----	221.17
Telephone and Telegram -----	178.15
Laundry -----	139.36
Household Supplies -----	629.96
Recreation -----	26.34
Transportation -----	812.56
Health Supplies and Fees -----	221.45
Education Supplies -----	384.62
Fuel and Lights -----	459.63
Plant replacement and repair -----	4,190.39
Concert Class expense -----	316.90

New equipment, furniture and fixtures -----	1,775.00
New Buildings, and additions to old ones -----	2,136.75
Other Items -----	4.50
Student Loans -----	45.00
Farm Supplies -----	6,836.87
Farm replacement and repair -----	456.73
Replacement of Livestock -----	913.50
Repayments of Money borrowed -----	4,044.20
Conference and Board Expense -----	134.10
Interest on Short Term loans -----	69.21
Insurance -----	877.23
Financing and Publicity -----	202.84
Clothing -----	2,222.90
Plant Operation, Other items -----	75.00
Superintendent's Travel -----	274.81
Maintenance in Other Institutions (Hospital) -----	110.00
Refunds -----	38.36
Total cash disbursed -----	\$37,300.88
Bonds -----	3,678.20
Cash on Hand August 31, 1943 -----	613.35
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	\$41,592.43

INVENTORIES

Livestock

11 Milking cows -----	\$ 1,405.00
2 dry cows -----	190.00
1 bull -----	200.00
6 heifers -----	360.00
9 calves -----	270.00
Total -----	\$2,425.00

Team

1 Pair horses -----	\$ 450.00
1 Pair mules -----	340.00
1 Pony -----	30.00
Total -----	\$ 820.00

Hogs

25 Pigs -----	\$ 250.00
30 Fattening Hogs -----	600.00
9 Sows -----	225.00
2 Boars -----	75.00
1 Bar -----	40.00
Total -----	\$ 1,190.00

Poultry

150 White Leghorns -----	\$ 300.00
137 Anconas -----	274.00
57 Pullets -----	85.00
12 Hampshire Reds -----	24.00
98 Barred Rock Friers -----	49.00

Total -----	\$ 732.00
Farm Supplies and Equipment -----	\$ 2,216.49
Plant Equipment and Supplies -----	3,799.30
School Supplies -----	24.15
Food Bought -----	209.79
Food Donated -----	790.50
Household Supplies -----	62.58
Health Supplies -----	7.16
Furniture and Equipment (Store Room) -----	371.60

Grand Total ----- \$12,648.57

DONATED COMMODITIES

Sept. 1, 1942 through August 31, 1943

Food -----	\$1,745.69
Clothing -----	323.99
Other -----	1,140.87
Total -----	\$3,210.55

FRIDAY MORNING

Devotions by Rev. W. L. Moretz.

Song "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Prayer by Rev. R. B. Crawford. Scripture read from Rom. 12: 1, 2.

Report of Resolutions Committee:

Whereas: there is now definitely before our people a need for a better system for our superannuation work that will get results, and at the same time cause no overlapping of activities; and

Whereas, this State Association has approved a plan, recommended by the National and State Boards of Superannuation, that is designed to meet the need of superannuation. Therefore, be it resolved

1. That this N. C. State Association recommend to all Conferences, Associations, Union Meetings, and all other F. W. B. organizations in this state that they recognize the work of the State Board of Superannuation;

2. That we recommend to all these organizations that they forward all funds collected for superannuation to the treasurer of this board.

3. That we recommend to these organizations that they maintain a Superannuation Committee or director to promote the cause of superannuation locally in cooperation with the State Board.

4. That we ask all of our people to give more liberally to the cause of superannuation.

5. That the chairman of the Board of Superannuation be asked to bring this resolution to the attention of as many F. W. B. organizations in the state as possible, for their consideration.

Signed:

M. L. Johnson,
W. A. Hales,
Mrs. M. A. Woodard.

We, the committee on resolutions, recommend that this State Association now in session ~~extend to the Methodist and Baptist for the use of their church buildings, and to the business men of the town of Middlesex; to the Free Will Baptist Orphanage and to Rev. James A. Evans, host Minister, and to the community at large, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality and the fine spirit of cooperation which has existed through the sitting of this association.~~

Motion the Field Secretary be asked to have the Five Point placard placed in each church by November 1, of each year.

Rev. Clarence Bowen delivered an address on "The Superannuated Minister." Bro. Bowen used as a text Eccl. 9: 14, 15.

Moved the chair appoint a committee of 3 to arrange the place and time to hold a Christian Workers' Institute in this state.

Committee appointed for the above motion: J. C. Griffin, R. C. Wiggs, D. W. Alexander.

The Committee on Ordination, created by the Executive Board, reported and a motion to continue the Committee was made and passed.

The amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws regarding missions was read for the second time and approved.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

1. We would recommend that By-laws in 1940 minute, page 17, article 3, sections 4 and 5 be changed or amended to read Board of Missions. The Board of Missions shall be composed of five members. The term of office being one, two, three, four and five years. The first man named being last to go off or the fifth man, the others in similar order.

2. With reference to article one, sections 10 and 11, the duties of the Board of Missions shall be to regulate and supervise all mission work in North Carolina and the Foreign Mission program as sponsored by the National Association. It shall be further their duties to raise money for the Mission program and to build sentiment favorable to missions.

3. That the rules for the government of missions be the same as approved by State Convention in the 1925 session.

By the Committee,

W. K. Jordan,
J. H. Harris,
J. A. Evans.

REPORT OF BOARD OF FINANCE ADOPTED

Recording Secretary, E. T. Phillips -----	\$ 10.00
Assistant Secretary, R. N. Hinnant -----	35.00
Minutes -----	110.00
National Program -----	201.80
Delegates expense National Association, \$10.00 each -----	50.00
Orphanage fund -----	180.00
Expense accounts -----	86.55
Church Finance Association, Inc. -----	100.00
Field Secretary, 5 Point Program -----	50.00
Expense of Ordination Committee for State Association -----	10.00
Superannuation -----	50.00
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Total allocated -----	\$883.35
Balance in Treasury -----	\$ 18.37
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Received -----	\$901.72

L. H. Wetherington,
C. H. Coats.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1942-43 SESSION OF N. C. STATE
ASSOCIATION

	Paid Out	Balance
Receipts -----	\$	\$505.21
Collection for Orphanage (Public) -----		116.56
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Total received -----		\$621.77
E. T. Phillips (Secretary Emeritus) -----	10.00	
Secretary -----	25.00	
Minutes -----	80.00	
National Association fee (1943) -----	10.00	
Delegates expense to National Association -----	37.50	
Free Will Baptist League -----	10.00	
Home Missions -----	20.00	
Foreign Missions -----	20.00	
Superannuation -----	25.00	
National Education -----	20.00	
Orphanage Fund -----	35.00	
Expense Account -----	149.89	
Church Finance Corporation -----	25.00	
Field Secretary for 5 Point Program -----	35.00	
Orphanage Collection -----	116.56	
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Total Disbursements -----	\$618.95	
Balance on Hand -----		\$ 2.82

Report of Nominating Committee adopted:

The Nominating Committee nominates each elective officer to succeed himself for the next year.

Motion we extend a vote of thanks to the officers of the Association for their efficiency during the past year.

Motion the Field Secretary be made a delegate to the various State Bodies.

Delegates to National Association: J. D. Ballance, W. A. Jackson, Mrs. N. E. Harris, Rom Mallard, R. McLeod.

Motion that a Historian be elected to compile a history of the State Association and place it in one volume.

Rev. T. E. Beaman was elected for the above mentioned work.

Memorial services were conducted by Mrs. J. C. Moyer. One minute of silent prayer concluded by Rev. W. L. Moretz. Song "Be Silent" sung by Marguerite and Jimmie Moyer. Memorial message by Rev. M. E. Tyson. Trio "Crossing the Bar" by Marguerite, Jimmie and Mrs. Moyer.

The following were appointed to place the obituary of deceased ministers in the permanent record of obituaries: D. W. Alexander, C. J. Harris; J. R. Bennett, M. C. Prescott; R. N. Hinnant, L. T. Phillips; O. K. Jordan, Ed Taylor.

Motion to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. C. H. Denton.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, *President*.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, *Secretary*.

Membership and Growth of Churches

Churches	Counties						
		Male members	Female Members	Total Membership.	Baptized	Increased	Decreased
White Hill	Beaufort	66	82	148	--	--	--
Union Chapel	Beaufort	195	295	498	7	8	--
Free Union	Beaufort	--	315	18	19	3	--
Morehead City	Carterett	28	57	85	2	3	1
Edwards Chapel	Carterett	30	34	64	6	6	6
Pilgrims Rest	Carterett	9	37	46	1	--	--
Beaufort	Carterett	25	62	89	--	--	1
Davis	Carterett	67	87	154	--	--	4
Sound View	Carterett	2	9	11	--	--	2
White Oak	Bladen	48	80	133	2	3	1
Oak Grove	Craven	42	48	90	1	2	1
Core Creek	Craven	133	145	278	28	30	2
Macedonia	Craven	78	140	220	19	19	3
Bridgeton	Craven	33	74	119	9	9	1
Mosley's Creek	Craven	21	71	92	4	--	--
Wintergreen	Craven	--	--	123	5	6	1
St. Marys	Craven	106	216	322	14	25	1
Gethsemane	Craven	50	75	125	5	6	--
Rooty Branch	Duplin	21	46	67	--	--	--
Serecta	Duplin	--	--	125	4	4	1
Pearsall's Chapel	Duplin	25	55	80	2	--	--
Beaulville	Duplin	48	80	128	--	--	1
Snow Hill	Duplin	--	--	102	--	--	--
Long Ridge	Duplin	29	50	79	--	--	--
Kings Chapel	Durham	--	--	52	6	7	--
Edgemont	Durham	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hansleys Chapel	Durham	101	121	222	12	20	5
Free Union	Greene	200	210	410	--	--	--
Hull Road	Greene	179	250	433	--	1	5
Sts. Delight	Greene	--	--	339	--	--	6
Howell Swamp	Greene	55	67	122	3	5	2
Spring Branch	Greene	76	150	234	8	8	4
Little Creek	Greene	60	35	95	6	6	1
Dawson Grove	Halifax	25	30	58	--	2	--
Hickory Chapel	Hertford	72	81	153	1	1	2
Hickory Grove	Hoke	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pleasant Plain	Johnston	58	128	186	1	3	4
Pine Level	Johnston	--	--	--	--	--	--
Branch Chapel	Johnston	103	170	273	7	7	7
Holly Springs	Johnston	91	165	276	1	1	6
Powhatan	Johnston	83	101	184	4	4	7
Bethel	Johnston	69	120	189	4	5	2
Selma	Johnston	15	22	37	2	7	2
Friendship	Johnston	82	120	202	1	1	2
Micro	Johnston	176	181	357	36	42	4
Smithfield	Johnston	--	--	--	--	2	--
Yelverton Grove	Johnston	26	57	83	19	24	2
Kenly	Johnston	--	--	178	2	3	5
Stancil's Chapel	Johnston	13	42	56	1	3	--
Piney Grove	Johnston	40	70	110	--	1	3

Hopewell	Johnston	96	157	253	1	1	11
Rains X Roads	Johnston						
Prospect	Harnett	83	118	202	2	2	2
Kinston	Lenoir	27	59	86		4	2
Hugo	Lenoir						
Smith's New Home	Lenoir	34	70	104			
Dailey's Chapel	Lenoir	90	126	216	5	5	
LaGrange	Lenoir						
Woodington	Lenoir			41			2
Whaley's Chapel	Jones	191	113	304	15	16	1
Pilgrims Home	Jones			103			2
Friendship	Jones	101	103	204	4	4	
Rocky Mount	Jones			29		1	
Union Chapel	Nash	15	15	30	7	7	3
Free Union	Nash	40	45	85	3	3	1
Rocky Springs	Nash	27	61	88			2
Flood's Chapel	Nash					5	6
Tee's Chapel	Johnston	86	108	194			
Goshen Grove	Gaston			235			
Jacksonville	Onslow			12		12	
Folkstone	Onslow	35	45	101	10	11	
St. Paul	Pasquotank	32	65	97	8	12	7
Bethel	Pamlico			115			
Wardens Grove	Pamlico			45			
Mt. Zion	Pamlico			192			2
Hickory Grove	Pitt			94	3	4	
Piney Grove	Pitt				1	1	2
Sweet Gum Grove	Pitt	90	110	200	5	5	2
Parker's Chapel	Pitt	44	72	114			2
Pleasant Hill	Pitt	49	68	117	12	20	1
Winterville	Pitt	43	83	126		1	
Gum Swamp	Pitt						
Black Jack	Pitt	98	239	337	31	31	5
Sandy Grove	Robertson						
Elwood Lane	Rowan	46	30	76	6	9	7
Oak Grove	Sampson	57	92	149			
St. Paul	Sampson			202	16	18	3
Shady Grove	Sampson	84	218	302	2	2	2
Gum Neck	Tyerrell						
Malachi's Chapel	Tyerrell	164	166	330	6	6	7
Sound Side	Tyerrell	63	80	147	9	9	3
Mt. Tabor	Washington	90	101	192	3	3	
Union Chapel	Washington						
Tippett's Chapel	Wake			178	3	5	2
May's Chapel	Wayne	14	21	35			
Goldsboro	Wayne	25	50	75	3	3	2
Spring Hill	Wayne	20	29	49			
Stoney Creek	Wayne	31	77	108	11	14	2
Indian Springs	Wayne	11	31	43	2	2	1
Dailey's Chapel	Wayne						
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	78	162	240			2
Union Grove	Wayne	89	166	255	17	18	2
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	55	125	182	5	6	
Little Rock	Wilson	98	177	276			1 4
Mt. Zion	Wilson	45	105	150	14	18	4
Owens Chapel	Wilson					6	
Oak Grove	Wilson					5	
St. Marys	Wilson	55	86	141	2	2	2
Daniel's Chapel	Wilson			125	4	4	
Watery Branch	Wilson	20	36	56	2	2	3
Milbourney	Wilson						

Financial Standing of Churches

Churches	Counties	Paid Pastor	Paid Orphanage	Contribution	Superannuation	Missions	Building Value	Nat. Unified Program	Incidentals	Total Paid Out	Balance on Hand
White Hill	Beaufort	\$ 120	\$ ---	\$ 5.00	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 1,000	\$ ---	\$ 12	\$ 132	\$ ---
Union Chapel	Beaufort	424	276	10.00	2	4	3,000	---	123	600	379
Free Union	Beaufort	170	---	3.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sidney	Beaufort	---	---	5.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Morehead City	Carteret	1,300	124	5.00	---	---	4,800	50	---	2,264	60
Beaufort	Carteret	360	---	8.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Edwards Chapel	Carteret	91	---	3.00	---	---	1,000	---	---	---	---
Pilgrims Rest	Carteret	300	111	3.00	---	24	---	---	---	---	---
Davis	Carteret	1,090	230	25.00	40	410	8,000	---	---	2,875	1,400
White Oak	Bladen	434	205	10.00	---	164	2,000	---	---	---	---
Oak Grove	Craven	180	20	6.00	---	15	---	---	---	---	---
Core Creek	Craven	300	238	5.00	---	148	5,000	---	106	---	165
Macedonia	Craven	245	213	---	13	65	---	---	244	1,117	145
Bridgeton	Craven	440	128	14.00	20	78	5,000	---	125	1,578	128
Mosley Creek	Craven	180	105	5.00	---	---	---	---	---	545	---
Wintergreen	Craven	180	---	5.00	---	10	3,000	---	---	---	---
St Mary's	Craven	1,305	368	25.00	60	100	10,000	---	809	4,221	875
Gethsemane	Craven	300	40	5.00	---	---	15,000	---	---	---	---
Rooty Branch	Duplin	120	100	5.00	---	---	---	---	---	240	---
Sarecta	Duplin	170	25	3.00	---	---	5,000	---	---	170	11
Pearsalls Chapel	Duplin	180	137	5.00	8	44	1,300	196	57	489	45
Beulaville	Duplin	240	79	10.00	10	---	1,500	10	64	881	116
Snow Hill	Duplin	175	61	5.00	3	13	---	---	43	326	---
Sound View	Carteret	20	12	5.00	---	8	1,500	---	---	208	60
Long Ridge	Duplin	180	58	5.00	---	1	1,500	14	248	252	---
Kings Chapel	Durham	150	100	5.00	---	---	4,000	---	---	363	---
Edgemont	Durham	2,340	---	5.00	---	300	30,000	---	---	---	---

Rock Springs	Nash	120	17	5.00	8	550			203		
Flood's Chapel	Nash			5.00		1,000					
Tee's Chapel	Johnston	250	87	10.00	10	15	2,500	59	641		
Goshen Grove	Gaston	1,200	60	5.00		44	5,500		1,722		
Jacksonville	Onslow			3.00					260		
Folkstone	Onslow	250	50	10.00			1,000	35	495	15	
St. Paul	Pasquotank	1,105	130	5.00	12	24	15,000	280	2,134	131	
Bethel	Pamlico	180		5.00							
Wardens Grove	Pamlico	126	48	10.00		11					
Mt. Zion	Pamlico			3.00							
Hickory Grove	Pitt	180		5.00							
Piney Grove	Pitt	240	75	5.00		12	2,000				
Sweet Gum Grove	Pitt	553	300	10.00	5	10	3,500	100	1,008	300	
Parker's Chapel	Pitt	180	36	5.00			1,000		336		
Pleasant Hill	Pitt	180	41	12.55		10	1,500	12			
Winterville	Pitt	240	75	10.00		20	2,500	5	50	440	100
Gum Swamp	Pitt			5.00							
Black Jack	Pitt	485	75	15.00	25	75			150	2,865	
Sandy Grove	Roberson			1.00							
Elwood Lane	Rowan	1,125	73	5.00			3,000		1,677	40	
Oak Grove	Sampson	300	61	5.00			2,000	56	479	59	
St. Paul	Sampson	420	55	3.00			4,000	49		50	
Shady Grove	Sampson	270	181	10.00	27	83	5,000				
Gum Neck	Tyrrell			5.00							
Malachi's Chapel	Tyrrell	360	184	10.00	2	10	5,000	3	455	1,197	282
Mt. Tabor	Washington	297		5.00		14	2,000		38		
Sound Side	Tyrrell	600	120	6.00		20	4,000			888	
Tippett's Chapel	Wake	120	50	11.00			3,000				
Union Chapel	Washington			5.00							
May's Chapel	Wayne	124	42	6.10		9	1,000		18	236	
Goldsboro	Wayne	1,300	27	10.00			2,500			2,002	
Spring Hill	Wayne	123	27	5.00		12	1,000		28	251	
Stoney Creek	Wayne	192	21	5.00	10	16	2,000		49	412	51
Indian Springs	Wayne	75		6.00		12	1,000			177	10
Dailey's Chapel	Wayne			5.00							
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	360	222	5.00		10	5,000		58	780	435
Union Grove	Wayne	360	360	10.00	9	6	6,500		127	828	189
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	605	236	10.00	2	48	3,000	120	65	1,280	588
Little Rock	Wilson	360	60	10.00		18	5,000	150		788	37

Mt. Zion	Wilson	25	25	2.00		1,500		121	10
Owens Chapel	Wilson	156		5.00	18	. 950			
Oak Grove	Wilson			1.50					
St. Marys	Wilson	120	174	5.00		2,000			
Daniel's Chapel	Wilson			5.00					
Watery Branch	Wilson	72		2.00	7	2,500		421	
Milbourney	Wilson			5.00					
Rock Fish Assn.				5.00					
2 Union W. Assn.				5.00					
1 Union W. Assn.				10.00					
3 Union E. Conf.				5.00					
French Br. Assn				5.00					
5 Union E. Conf.				10.00					
Jacks Creek Assn.				3.00					
Eastern Conf.				5.00					

MINUTES

of the

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION
OF NORTH CAROLINA**

held with

SHADY GROVE CHURCH

Sampson County, North Carolina

MAY 20, 1943

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PROCEEDINGS

The sixteenth annual Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina met with Shady Grove Church, Sampson County, Wednesday, May 20, 1943.

The devotions were conducted by Mrs. M. L. Johnson. Opening Hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story," after which Mrs. Johnson read the 5th chapter of First Corinthians, making a short talk on the lesson. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Griffin. "Praise Him, Praise Him," was sung by the congregation.

BUSINESS SESSION

Greetings were given by Mrs. L. B. Wilson, of Newton Grove, with response by Mrs. J. H. Oglesby. The Minutes were read and the roll call of officers. The President recognized and welcomed the following ministers: Revs. J. C. Griffin, L. R. Ennis, R. H. Mason, Mrs. McAdams, W. K. Jordan, J. W. Alford, M. E. Godwin, (the Pastor,) Thos. E. Beaman, Chester Pelt and W. R. Williams.

After the registration of officers and delegates the following Committees were appointed:

Finance: Mrs. Herman Nobles (Treasurer), Mrs. Paul A. Johnson, Mrs. R. C. Wiggs.

Resolution: Mrs. Lilly Smith, Mrs. E. L. Beane, Mrs. Oliver Smith.

Nominating: Mrs. Chester Pelt, Mrs. D. L. Wilder, Mrs. M. A. Woodward.

Petitions: Mrs. C. C. Wheeler, Mrs. L. B. Wilson, Mrs. M. A. Clark.

Mrs. Thompson, the President, gave a very encouraging talk at this time, with instructions to delegates regarding their duties for the day, and expressed her regret at moving away from North Carolina, and of the splendid co-operation she had had during her presidency of the Convention, closing her remarks with best wishes for the on-going of the Convention work in this State, and asking an interest in our prayers.

Report of the 1st Vice-President was heard, and on motion, was adopted. The 2nd Vice-President reported the Educational work for the year, and made some recommendations for future activities.

It was moved and carried that all District 2nd Vice-Presidents, with the 2nd State Vice-President, compose the Committee to have charge of the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, the State 2nd Vice-President acting as Chairman. Mrs. Louise Bedsworth was appointed to conduct the Memorial service during the afternoon, for deceased members.

Rev. L. R. Ennis brought a message on the National work, giving detailed information relative to the Bible School at Nashville, Tenn., the Missionary Program and other vital interests, in which our Auxiliary can take part. Mr. Ennis said "It is the ability and not the capacity we have that determines our status in the service of the Lord." He said also that "we need an Auxiliary revival," regarding all of our National work, that we may become better acquainted with our vast opportunities in promoting Christ's kingdom, pointing to world conditions to-day as a result of neglect-

ing, or forgetting to take God in all of our plans for the upbuilding of His kingdom."

The President spoke words of appreciation to Mr. Ennis for his talk and said she hoped each one present had caught a clearer vision of our denominational needs, and would resolve to apply ourselves more diligently to Christian service.

At this time, the Pastor, Rev. M. E. Godwin spoke a few words of welcome to visiting ministers and delegates, with information relative to the lunch hour.

Mrs. McAdams brought a very inspiring message on "Why we should give ourselves whole-heartedly to the cause of Christ and His kingdom work," after which we adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 o'clock the Convention re-assembled for the resumption of business. Mrs. L. E. Ballard opened the devotional service, and after congregational singing, "He is a Wonderful Saviour," "Uncle George Dail" sang "Glory to Jesus." Miss Reece Graham then read the 7th chapter of St. Matthew, after which she made an impressive talk on "Faith and Prayer," closing with the singing of "Sweet Hour of Prayer." At this time the 3rd Vice-President made a verbal report, saying that for some reason, the District 3rd Vice-Presidents had not submitted reports to her regarding their missionary activities, except in a promiscuous way, so she was unprepared to give definite statistics as to what had actually been done in the field of Missions this year. Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Promotional Worker, made a very good report of the territory travelled and the various interests she had promoted. (See reports.)

A very touching memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Louise Bedsworth for the deceased members. Verbal reports were heard from the 4th and 5th Vice-Presidents. Only one report from the 4th Vice-President was rendered, which came from the Eastern Auxiliary District. Mrs. Moye, the 5th Vice-President, urged that we get the habit of making monthly donations to the Orphanage, also that we take part in the re-furnishing and painting of the Home, in order that everything may be in readiness for the State Convention in September.

Rev. J. A. Evans, Superintendent of the Orphanage brought encouraging news from the Institution, speaking of the work being done to beautify and equip the buildings, the Bond issue for the Chapel, the need of saving Coupons, and said, "The best thing yet is the fact that we have fruit jars to distribute" and urged that as much canning as possible, be done during the coming months. Mr. Evans announced that they would be hosts to the State Association in September, and that as this Body was the parent of the Institution, he was anxious to be as well prepared as possible to entertain it. An offering was taken, amounting to \$22.91. Shady Grove Church announced that they were to purchase collection plates for the new Chapel, when needed.

Rev. J. C. Griffin, Chairman of the Board of Publications and Literature of the National Association, spoke at this time, and reported that \$578.05 had been raised during the year in North Carolina for Home Missions, and \$611.00 for Foreign Missions. (This does not include the amount raised by Auxiliaries.) He also announced that June was Christian Education Month and that August was Church Finance Corporation month, and asked that we all do our best in behalf of these objects.

The 6th Vice-President reported \$131.72 had been received for Retired Ministers fund, and it was moved and carried that this money be appropriated to the 18 retired Ministers in various parts of the State.

The report of the Secretary was given and on motion adopted.

The Treasurer made report and on motion was received as read.

The Finance Committee rendered their report. On motion it be adopted. Two petitions were heard for the next Convention, one at Stony Creek, the other Oak Grove. It was voted that we hold the next session with Stony Creek Church, with appreciation to Oak Grove for the invitation. There was a motion that Mrs. L. E. Ballard and Mrs. E. L. Beane, represent us in the National Auxiliary Convention, and that each delegate be allowed \$15.00 on their expenses. The motion carried. The report of the Nominating Committee was heard, and on motion it be adopted. The elective officers were voted on one by one.

The Resolution Committee reported, and there was a motion that these be voted on singly. Motion carried. At this time there was a rising vote of appreciation given to the local Church, also to Oak Grove and the community for their hospitality and fine spirit of co-operation during the sitting of this Convention. There was a motion that the President appoint a Nominating Committee one year ahead, to select officers for ensuing year. Motion lost. It was moved and carried that the Executive Committee have charge of this, and discuss it in their next meeting.

On motion, we furnish a room at the Bible School at Nashville, Tenn., the same to cost \$105.00, and that it be paid out of the general funds of the Convention. Motion carried.

A rising vote of thanks and appreciation was tendered to the out-going officers, for their loyal support of the Auxiliary work, and for their untiring service in the promotion of its activities.

Timely remarks were made by the Pastor, Rev. M. E. Godwin, on the splendid co-operation given his church by the Oak Grove Church and by the community at large, and how much he appreciated the Christian spirit that had been exhibited during the session.

The minutes were read and approved.

It was moved and carried that we adjourn.

Benediction by Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson, *Retiring President*,
Alice E. Lupton, *Retiring Secretary*.

REPORT OF FIELD WORKER

Greetings to the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention:

I respectfully submit the following report as your state field worker and home missionary:

I have delivered 89 messages, visited 43 churches, held 6 institutes, conducted 3 Daily Vacation Bible Schools, attended 9 conventions. In performing this work, I have traveled 3,824 miles.

I have drawn on the state treasurer for ----- \$ 70.00

I have received from the field ----- 334 24

Total Receipts ----- \$404.24

Total expense for traveling ----- \$ 72.99

Postage, etc. ----- 4.70

Total Expenditures ----- \$ 77.69

Net Receipts ----- \$326.55

I have heard from the Pee Dee district, which reports that two new societies have been organized and the Western district reports one Junior Woman's Auxiliary has been organized.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, *Field Worker.*

REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

To the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention in session May 20th, at Shady Grove:

Only one District reported to me and I am giving the report as sent to me. This is the report of the Western District.

Societies reporting 16; No. members, 312; Average attendance, 215; No. Temperance programs given, 4; No. subscribers to the Gem, 1; No. Bibles given, 36; No. religious tracts given, 598.

I am sorry that I am not able to be in the convention with you today but due to circumstances that could not be prevented, I was not permitted to attend. You may be assured that I am thinking of you and praying that it will be the best convention ever.

May I suggest that you give your full cooperation to the National Convention and do anything that you are called on to do. Let me urge you to use the Year Book for your devotionals. Also study the Manual of Auxiliary Methods. There is also a book at the Press, "Working with Our Youth," that will help in organizing the young people of your church. There are some tracts that were written by one of our own women from Missouri and may be secured from the press at Monett. All of this literature helps you make your society an A-1 Society. Now is the time for us as women to do our part for the cause of Christianity.

Yours to serve,

Mrs. Clarence Bowen, *First Vice-President.*

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Date: May 20, 1943—State: North Carolina

Donations to National Educational Program	\$338.99
Donations or loans to students	43.00
Donations to Bible School piano fund	165.00
Amount paid for books	20.00
Amount raised for Anna Phillips Educational Loan Fund ..	191.30
Loans repaid to Anna P. E. L. Fund	300.00
Special donations to pastors	20.00
No. Societies planning programs in advance	43
No. Vacation Bible Schools conducted	10
No. young people's organizations and activities directed ..	63
No. Study Classes conducted for youth	59
No. Daily Bible readers	243
No. Special Studies of manual conducted	48

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

This is the report of three districts located in eastern North Carolina. I failed to get reports from other districts.—Mrs. L. H. W.

Only verbal reports from 3rd and 4th and 5th Vice-Presidents of State Auxiliary.

The 4th Vice-President of the Eastern Auxiliary reported the following for her district:

REPORT OF FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT OF EASTERN DISTRICT

Number of Stewardship talks made	40
Number of Stewardship Programs given	24
Number of Stewardship Classes conducted	22
Average attending classes	260
Number of Tithers	176

Mrs. Louise Bedsworth, *Fourth Vice-President of Eastern District.*

A few reports came in from districts that should have been submitted to the State Vice-Presidents. Consequently we are left without any statistical knowledge as to the work accomplished in the State during the year. That a gratifying interest has been shown toward all departmental work is known, but without the necessary reports coming from the right source, we are helpless to give accurate account of it. See.

Education	48.65	Missions	318.38
Stewardship	None		
Publication and Literature ..	None		
Superannuation	10.00	Total	\$657.23

Balance in Treasury at Opening of this Convention—Each Department

General	\$350.14
Orphanage	None

Stewardship -----	None
Publication and Literature -----	None
Superannuation -----	131.72
Education -----	82.90
Missions (Home) -----	253.46

Balance in Bank ----- \$818.22

Anna Phillips Educational Loan Fund

Balance on hand—May 20, 1942 -----	\$469.34
Received in 1943 -----	515.00

Total Receipts -----	\$984.34
Disbursements, 1943 -----	.47

Balance on hand—May 26, 1943 ----- \$983.87

Mrs. Herman Nobles, *Treasurer.*

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THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

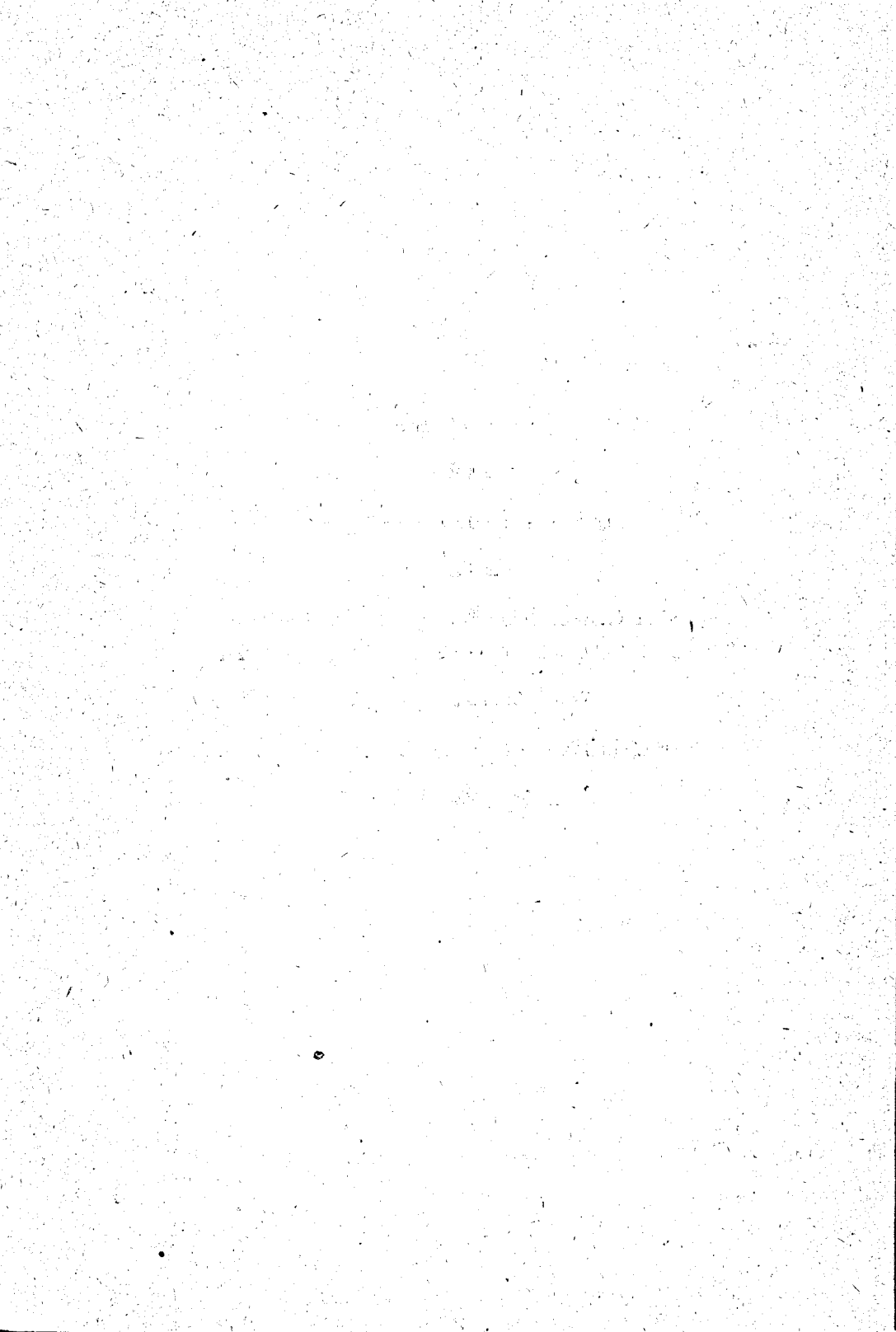
of the

**NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION-INSTITUTE**

Which Convened with the

WINTERVILLE F. W. B. CHURCH

APRIL 23, 1943



PROCEEDINGS

The 3rd annual session of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute convened with the Winterville Free Will Baptist Sunday School, April 23, 1943.

The Convention was opened by singing "I Want to Be a Worker," led by Rev. R. P. Harris who also offered prayer.

Mr. E. C. Hines, Superintendent of the Winterville Sunday School, extended to the Convention a most hearty welcome. Mr. Sasser, the presiding officer responded and gave a few remarks on the program for the day. The theme was "Daring to Defy Difficulties"; text, II Tim. 2: 3; hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal"; aim, Victory Through Christ.

The congregation was led in a song, "Lead on, O King Eternal."

The following temporary committees were named: Finance—D. B. Sasser, W. B. Everett, Mrs. Archie Willoughby; Resolutions—J. C. Griffin, W. C. Sasser, James Evans; Digest of Reports—R. P. Harris, W. C. Sutton, Mrs. R. T. Sasser; Nominating—Mrs. H. L. Spivey, W. A. Hales, Leah Fleming.

Rev. R. P. Harris, director of organization, gave a talk on the Second Year of Progress. Rev. L. E. Ballard, director of publicity, led the Institute Forum, using as a subject, "Facing War-Time Problems of the Sunday School." Suggested means for keeping Sunday Schools going were: pooling cars, walking, bringing in new members to replace men going into service.

The congregation was led in singing, "Stand Up for Jesus," after which Rev. W. A. Hales of Elizabeth City delivered the Convention message. His subject was, "The Challenge of Difficulties."

Enrollment of Ministers.

Central Association: Rev. W. A. Dail, Rev. R. H. Mason, Rev. W. B. Nobles, Rev. L. E. Ballard, Rev. R. P. Harris.

Eastern Association: Rev. T. E. Beaman, Rev. W. B. Everett, Rev. J. C. Griffin, Rev. W. A. Hales.

Western Association: Rev. J. H. Worley, Rev. J. A. Evans, Rev. Chester Pelt.

French Broad Association: Rev. W. L. Moretz.

ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES

Central Conference

Reedy Branch—Carrie Cannon, Clarence Vincent.

Elm Grove—Mrs. J. T. Beddard.

Hickory Grove—Christine Davenport.

Winterville—Arlene McGlohon.

Rose of Sharon—M. S. Cowan, W. B. Wyers.

Hugo—Mrs. C. A. Eubanks, Mrs. Selma Humbles.

Maury—Mrs. H. L. Spivey, H. L. Spivey.

Kings X Roads—Mrs. I. C. Tugwell.

Ayden—Mrs. Wilbur Worthington; Mrs. R. H. Mason, Mrs. A. L. Davidson.

Piney Grove—H. P. Tyson, G. S. Daniels.
 Little Creek—Mrs. F. L. McLawhorn.
 Daniels Chapel—Howard Pittman, Jesse W. Jomp.
 Black Jack—Heber Dixon, Marvin Harper.
 St. Paul—Mrs. H. I. Fowler.
 Pleasant Hill—Mrs. R. P. Gaskins.
 Greenville—Leah Fleming.

Eastern Association

Smith New Home—Mrs. C. Whaley.
 Whaley's Chapel—Mrs. A. T. Taylor, Mrs. Fountain Taylor.
 St. Mary's—U. W. Daughtery.
 St. Paul—Mrs. J. A. Smith, J. A. Smith.
 Kinston—Mrs. J. C. Hill.
 Core Creek—C. W. Heath, W. C. Sutton.

Western Association

Marsh Swamp—Pattie Davis.
 Selma—Mrs. W. C. Sasser, W. C. Sasser.
 Goldsboro—Mrs. G. B. Wiggans.
 Wilson—Helen Barnes, Dalen Saulter.

Albemarle Association

Ahoskie—Mrs. Archie Willoughby.

Total Ministers present, 13; Total delegates present, 44; Total visitors present, 40; Convention officers present, 8; Local officers present, 11; Superintendents present, 8.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Chester Pelt. An impressive skit was rendered under the supervision of Rev. L. E. Ballard.

The minutes of the 2nd annual session were read. A motion was carried to adopt these minutes after all corrections had been made to put them in order. The corrections follow: Rev. L. R. Ennis, National Executive Secretary, delivered the convention address, his subject being, "Relationship of the Sunday School to the Morning Worship."

R. T. Sasser spoke on "How to Organize a Workers' Council."

Two Sunday Schools had reached 1st Year of Program of Progress, Wilson and Durham; One Sunday School had reached the Standard, Davis Shore.

The Three Year Program of Progress was adopted.

Motion to be responsible to the Field Secretary up to the amount of \$50.00 for her years work.

Delegates to National Sunday School Convention were Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Easser, R. McLeod.

Camp Committee elected: Rev. M. L. Johnson, Chairman, Fountain Taylor, Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

REPORT OF FIELD SECRETARY

Report of the Field Secretary read and approved, as follows: Sunday Schools visited, 17; Conventions attended, 6 (spoke in behalf of Standard); S. S. Institutes conducted, 4; S. S. talks made, 38; Miles traveled, 1,175; Money collected, \$95.00; Expenditures, \$28.58; New S. S. organized, 1.

A verbal report was given by the director of Denominational Enterprises. Support of the National Bible School was emphasized. A Bible School will open in Cuba in September of 1943.

A verbal report was given by the director of Publicity. A large chart has been made and displayed at several conventions.

DIRECTOR OF LITERATURE

Report of the director of Literature was adopted, as follows: Our Presses have on hand sufficient supplies of quarterlies, teacher helps, Bible games, etc., to supply our needs for the present. May I respectfully suggest that you contact them when in need of literature supplies.

As your director of Literature, it was my privilege to also serve as delegate to the National Sunday School Convention in Columbus, Miss. Through the efforts of our delegates to this convention, the Three Year Program of Progress was introduced to the National Body, and a motion was carried to adopt it.

The National S. S. Convention not only adopted this Program, but through a motion carried, it instructed its National director of Literature to have the Program and the Standard of Efficiency printed in our quarterlies. You will recall having seen this in the first quarterlies of the year.

Further improvements and forward steps in the line of literature are being planned, until they are complete. Let us make the best use of our present supplies, and strive to make every Sunday School in North Carolina a Standard Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. T. Sasser, *Director Literature.*

Note: The Book adopted by the State Sunday School Convention is "Sunday School Teaching and Management," and may be obtained from the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's report was adopted as read.

My activities may be briefly summarized as follows:

1. Made a report of the Sunday School Convention work to the State

Association of churches, at the annual session September 16, 1943. A copy of this report appeared in the minutes.

2. Served as a member of the Executive Board of the State Association, representing the State Sunday School Convention.

3. Attended the National S. S. Convention as a delegate at the 1942 session at Columbus, Miss.

4. Prepared a 10 x 12 wall chart of the North Carolina Three Year Program of Progress and the National Standard of Efficiency. A copy of this chart was mailed to each Sunday School in the state, in accordance with the motion carried at the last session.

5. Kept in close contact with other officers and directors of the S. S. Convention through extended correspondence and personal contact.

6. Assisted with the planning of the program for the 1943 session—wrote 20 letters, 10 cards, trip of 50 miles to special meeting.

7. Prepared a new convention report blank, conforming to the six-point grading system of the National Sunday School Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. Sasser, *President.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report of the Finance Committee adopted as read:

Received today—

Camp funds -----	\$161.70
Dues -----	85 00
Denominational Ent. -----	4.00
Registration fees -----	44.00
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Total receipts -----	\$294.70
Paid to treasurer -----	\$294.70

D. B. Sasser,
W. B. Everett,
Mrs. Archie Willoughby.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

No. 1. Whereas the money known as Camp Fund is not being used and cannot be used for the duration, and, whereas the treasurer is having to pay tax on the same, be it resolved—

That the Camp Committee be empowered to place the money on savings where it will produce interest, or loan with collateral and good security.

This resolution was adopted as read.

No. 2. Resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the officers, and committees of Winterville and Reedy Branch churches, together with the community for this arrangement and hospitality to the delegates and visitors of the Sunday School Convention at this the 1943 session.

This resolution was adopted as read.

DIGEST OF REPORTS COMMITTEE

Report of the Digest of Reports Committee was adopted as read:

No. Sunday Schools reporting, 53; Average enrollment last year, 4003; Average present, 2793; Average on time, 1924; Average studied lesson, 1276; Average making offering, 1562; Average bringing Bible, 439; Average attending church, 1452; No. Workers' Councils held, 108.

One new Sunday School represented: Shiloh, Beaufort County.

Certificates: Union Grove (Wayne), First Year; Kenly, Third Year; Greenville, Second Year; Pine Level, Third Year.

R. P. Harris,
Mrs. R. T. Sasser,
W. C. Sutton.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Motion carried to accept report of the Nomination Committee and elect the following as officers for another year:

President—R. T. Sasser, Wilson, N. C.
Vice-President—Preston Valentine, Kenly, N. C.
Secretary—Mrs. Chester Pelt, Durham, N. C.
Assistant Secretary—Genevra Hines, Winterville, N. C.
Treasurer—Fountain Taylor, Richlands, N. C.
Field Secretary—Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Elizabeth City, N. C.

DIRECTORS: Organization—R. P. Harris; *Denominational Enterprises*—Chester Pelt; *Records and Reports*—Mrs. Floyd Morris; *Publicity*—L. E. Ballard; *Literature*—Mrs. R. T. Sasser.

Mrs. H. L. Spivey,
W. A. Hales,
Leah Fleming.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND—

On hand	\$ 1.31
Received at this union	89.00
Total	\$ 90.31
Bills paid and allowed for	25.99
Balance	\$ 64.32

CAMP FUND—

On hand	\$403.09
Received at this session	205.79
Total	\$608.79

Fountain Taylor.

Motion carried to refund Mrs. Ballard \$28.28 for traveling expense (as a gift).

Motion carried to print minutes with State Association minutes.

Mr. Sasser, Mr. and Mrs. Ballard elected as delegates to National Sunday School Convention with \$5.00 to each on traveling expenses and \$5.00 dues to the Convention.

CAMP COMMITTEE

A motion was carried to adopt report of Camp Committee:

I. REPORT:

Camp Fund on hand to date -----\$403.09

Our people in general in favor of the camp idea.

Due to the uncertainties of the times, because of war time restrictions, we do not deem it wise to try to purchase property at this time.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS:

We recommend that each Sunday School continue to raise money for this fund by paying 10c for each Sunday in the year, and that their money be sent to the Secretary of the Convention-Institute. All Sunday Schools of 75 members or more be asked to contribute \$10.00 (this means 75 in attendance).

We also recommend that this fund be known as Free Will Baptist Assembly Ground fund and not camp fund as heretofore called.

M. L. Johnson, *Chairman.*

The President stated that the Assembly Grounds committee is a standing committee until Convention sees fit to make a change.

Motion carried to adjourn.

The Executive Committee will make an announcement as to where the Convention-Institute will meet in 1944.

Raymond T. Sasser, *President.*

Mrs. Chester Pelt, *Secretary.*

