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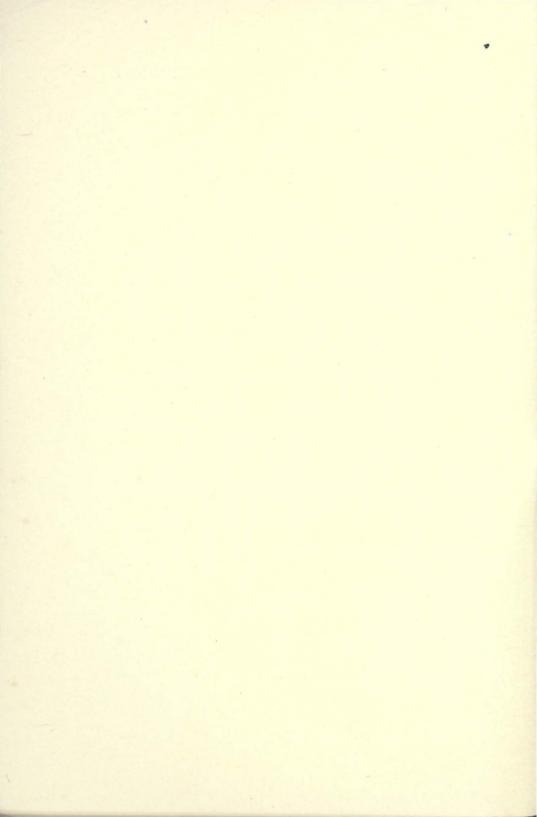
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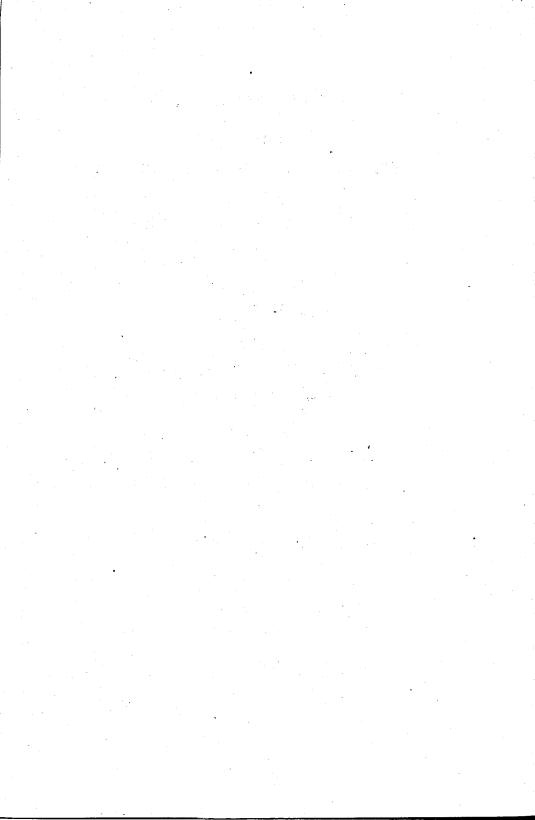
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Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Rev. C. H. Coates—Expires 1947

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. J. R. Bennett, Rev. M. L. Johnson, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Rev. J. C.
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BOARD OF MISSIONS

Mrs. Alice Lupton, 1945; Rev. J. R. Bennett, 1946; Rev. R. C. Wiggs, 1947;
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Rev. W. A. Hales, Rev. T. E. Beaman—Expires 1946
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REPRESENT PRESS STOCK

Rev. L. H. Wetherington, Rev. D. W. Alexander

HISTORIAN

Rev. T. E. Beaman

SUPERINTENDENT OF ORPHANAGE

Rev. J. A. Evans

MINISTERS PRESENT

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REPRESENTATION

Churches and Delegates Avery, Mrs. M. V., Pleasant Plain Anderson, G. A., Juniper Chapel Baggett, William, Shady Grove Barnes, F. T., Little Rock Banks, C. J., Friendship Blizzard, Mrs. J. J., Smith's N. He Boyette, Hugh, Marsh Swamp Bowen, C. H., St. Delight Brock, N. E., Oak Grove Clayton, L. H., St. Paul Cox, Nathaniel, Ephesus Alligood, Mrs. Pearl, Davis Arnold, W. S., Black Jack Dail, B. T., Grimsley Dail, W. H., South Norfolk Cowan, M. S., Rose of Sharon Creech, W. C., Branch Chapel Caroon, Mrs. W. O., Bethel Ellis, Evelyn, King's Chapel Edwards, F. A., Union Chapel Edwards, Mrs. Inez, St. Mary's Edwards, L. C., Rain's X Roads Ferrell, Doris, King's Chapel Fulford, L. A., King's X Roads Blizzard, Mrs. J. J., Smith's N. Home Ferrell, Doris, King's Chapel Fulford, L. A., King's X Roads Griffin, E. D., Greenville Gay, R. D., Spring Branch Griffin, Mrs. J. C., Bridgeton Horne, Mrs. A. D., Mt. Zion Harris, J. C., Kinston Hodges, N. O., Winterville Hollowell, Mrs. W. E., Goldsboro Hinson, W. C., Free Union Hart, Mrs. W. L., Edgewood Hansley, S. A., Folkstone Harris, J. H.. Dawson's Grove Hinnant, C. S., Western Association Hinnant, C. S., Western Association Herring, Marie, White Oak Grove Hogan, R. L., Wilson

Harrison, C. M., Hull Road Hathaway, J. F., Gum Swamp Jones, S. W., Sarecta Chapel Joyner, Mrs. F. E., Edgemont Jarman, W. A., Bethlehem Jones, Mrs. J. S., Watery Branch Jackson, A. H., Piney Grove Jones, R. R., Smyrna Keech, L. B., Free Union Kornegay, John. Long Ridge Keech, L. B., Free Union
Kornegay, John, Long Ridge
Minchew, Hilery, Friendship
Morris, J. J., Union Grove
Mallard, H. M., Eastern Conference
Mallard, E. L., St. Mary's
Mercer, W. E., Oak Grove
Moretz, Mrs. W. L., Swannanoa
Martin, J. W., South Norfolk
Moye, G. E., St. John
Nobles, J. L., Piney Grove
Norris, Mrs. Carric, Mosley's Creek
Pittman, W. F., Pleasant Grove
Phillips, Latham, Johnson Union
Paul, Mrs. R. O., South Norfolk
Prescott, E. M., Rock of Zion
Rouse, Ethel, 3rd Eastern District
Reynolds, A. M., Malachi's Chapel
Stroud, Vance, Gray Branch Reynolds, A. M., Malachi's Chapel Stroud, Vance, Gray Branch Smith, Mrs. S. A., Beulaville Sutton, W. C., Core Creek Shirley, Mrs. Frank, Howell Swamp Sasser, W. C., Selma Todd, Mrs. C. E., Hansley Chapel Thomas, Owen. Bethel
Temple, S. V., Friendship
Taylor, Cain, Whaley's Chapel
Tyndall, Hilda, British Chapel Whitehurst, Annie, Hickory Grove Worthington, Roy, Sweet Gum Grove Williams, Mrs. J., Woodington Willoughby, W. A., Hickory Chapel

PROCEEDINGS

The Thirty-Second Session of the State Association of North Carolina met with Reedy Branch Church, Pitt County, Wednesday morning, September 13, 1944.

Opening devotions were conducted by Rev. R. C. Alexander. Song: "More Like the Master," "Draw Me Nearer." The Scripture read was the 14th chapter of St. John.

Registration of delegates and ministers. (See Registration.)

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Resolution: L. B. Manning, R. C. Wiggs, F. A. Rivenbark, W. K. Jordan. Nominating: S. A. Smith, J. W. Alford, M. L. Johnson, J. A. Evans, Dr. M. Hinnant.

Temperance: W. R. Williams, J. H. Worley, J. E. Wooten, W. B. Everett, R. C. Alexander.

Credentials: J. W. Alford, Duffy Toler, Wiley Ferrell.

Motion the reports of the Executive Board be accepted and the part in the report pertaining to the amendment of the By-laws lie on the table for six hours before final vote.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of the State Association of North Carolina met in Annual Session in the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, November 18, 1943.

Song, "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross." Prayer by Rev. M. L. Johnson.

The Chairman explained the purpose of the meeting and welcomed all visitors.

Members present: D. W. Alexander, R. N. Hinnant, Rom W. Mallard, J. C. Griffin, L. B. Manning, M. L. Johnson, W. A. Jackson, L. H. Wetherington.

Visitors present: M. A. Woodard, R. C. Wiggs, T. E. Beaman, R. B. Spencer, Mrs. R. W. Mallard, J. A. Evans, Mrs. Alice Lupton.

Motion we accept the resignation of Rev. J. A. Evans on the Committee of Unified Ordination of Ministers and Rev. Bruce Barrow be placed on the Committee to fill the vacancy as Chairman of said Committee.

Motion a Committee be appointed to locate the next sitting of the Association and this Committee arrange a program for the 1944 session.

Committee for the above motion: R. N. Hinnant, Chairman; D. W. Alexander, R. C. Wiggs, W. A. Jackson, Rom W. Mallard.

Motion a Committee be appointed, one member from each Conference or Association in the State, to study and plan geographical boundary lines for each Conference or Association in North Carolina.

Committee for the above motion: L. H. Wetherington, Eastern Conference; T. E. Beaman, Cape Fear Conference; R. C. Wiggs, Western Association; R. B. Spencer, Central Conference; W. L. Jernigan, Pee Dee Association; Walter Carter, Rock Fish Association; J. J. Brooks, Beaver Creek As-

sociation; B. E. Guthrie, French Broad Association; W. W. Beam, Toe River Association; T. E. Woody, Jacks Creek Association.

Resolution: Since the North Carolina State Association has combined Foreign and Home Missions, and elected a board known as "Mission Board," with one Treasurer, and whereas, there are some misunderstandings as to the allocation of funds, Therefore be it resolved:

- 1. All undesignated funds be allocated 50-50, with one half going to Foreign Missions and the other half to remain in the treasury for State Home Missions.
- 2. That designated funds be handled according to the wishes of the donors.
- 3. That we urge all our ministers and churches to make special offerings in the months of March and April as per the Five-Point Program, and that all Mission offerings be sent to Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Treasurer, Ayden, N. C.

Report of Field Secretary: Attending of Conferences \$14.60. Trip to Ayden to get posters printed \$3.90; Postage on posters and otherwise \$4.50. Total \$23.00.

The reason of deficit—Machine broken down. Have had only one show since the State Association. I sent to the Orphanage \$99.09. I sent to the Unified Program \$99.09. I paid traveling expenses.

Gas and tire situation prevented me from making more. Had to turn down several invitations for this cause.

Respectfully,

J. C. Griffin.

Motion the Treasurer pay J. C. Griffin \$4.33 for expense.

Motion the Treasurer pay J. C. Griffin \$14.60 as expenses for attending Conferences and Associations in promoting the Unified Program of the National Association.

Motion that J. C. Griffin continue the Projector Program as he did the previous year but that each church visited must extend an official invitation, voted in conference.

Motion that Bro. Griffin's expenses for attending the remainder of the Associations and Conferences be paid from the funds allocated to the Unified Program at the regular sitting of the Association.

Motion to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. L. B. Manning.

D. W. Alexander, President, R. N. Hinnant, Secretary.

CALLED MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of the N. C. Free Will Baptist State Association met in the F. W. B. Church at Goldsboro, Tuesday, April 21, 1944.

Prayer was offered by Rev. L. B. Manning

Members present: D. W. Alexander, R. N. Hinnant, J. C. Griffin, W. A. Jackson, Mrs. Rom Mallard (proxy for Rom Mallard), L. B. Manning, L. H. Wetherington, Mrs. J. C. Griffin (proxy for Mrs. C. F. Bowen), M. L. Johnson.

Visitors: T. E. Beaman, L. R. Ennis, W. L. Moretz, Bruce Barrow.

Motion that Talmage Greene of Altamont, N. C., be placed on the Committee on Conference Boundary lines.

Motion that the report of Committee on Unified Ordinatioon of Ministers be accepted:

Whereas, An enlightened loyalty to the doctrines and practices of Free Will Baptists is deemed essential to an edifying Christian fellowship among the ministers of the denomination and indispensable to an efficient pastoral service and fervent evangelism: therefore be it

Resolved, That this North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists, now in session this the____day of September, 1944, does hereby amend its By-Laws as follows:

(Article I)

Section 11. The duties of this State Board of Examiners for Ministers shall be the administration of a uniform examination for all ministers duly recommended by the respective churches of which they are members and the ordaining councils of the conferences or associations with which they are severally affiliated. This Board shall have power to organize at will and regulate the work for which it is constituted.

(Article III)

Section 5. State Board of Examiners for Ministers. This Board shall be composed of nine members elected as follows: the first three for a term of one year, the second three for a term of two years, and the third three for a term of three years. Successors in office shall be elected as the order of retirement demands, each for a term of three years.

Motion a Committee be appointed to write by-laws for the work of the Examining Board as set out in the above report.

Committee appointed: T. E. Beaman to be assisted by L. R. Ennis.

The location and program of the 1944 session of the Association was accepted as reported by the Committee on Arrangements.

Motion that the By-Laws and Constitution of the Association be printed in the Minutes of the Association each year.

Motion a committee be appointed to investigate the advisability of the publication of an Annual for the F. W. B. Church of North Carolina.

Committee appointed as follows: L. H. Wetherington, M. L. Johnson, J. C. Griffin.

Motion to adjourn and benediction by W. A. Jackson.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, President, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Secretary.

REPORT OF FIELD SECRETARY

To the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist in session at Reedy Branch Church, Pitt County, September 13, 14, 1944, Greeting:

The Free Will Baptist of North Carolina have moved forward in many respects during the past year. Missions, both Foreign and home, have reached higher ground than many believed would be reached. Our people are becoming more MISSIONARY-MINDED. Pastors and evangelists are preaching more evangelistically and the results are more, interest by the laity in the "GREAT GO YE COMMAND."

Superannuation has never been agitated and encouraged so much as it has for the past year. Our retired and disabled ministers are now receiving monthly checks, rather than the little Christmas presents in the past, and a little gift occasionally from Union meetings and conferences. The National Superannuation program as it enterlocks with the State work will make it possible for the younger ministers to be able to take care of themselves, if they avail themselves of the opportunity as now set forth.

Christian Education is being talked more and more. Not only is it being talked, North Carolinians are responding in a financial way. And with many of the laity, there is a demand for better educated ministers and missionaries. Such a demand will bring progressive results.

Our Orphanage at Middlesex continues to go forward under the wise supervision of Rev. James A. Evans. As, we the people of North Carolina grow, the Orpahnage, along with every phase of the church and its auxiliaries will grow. The seed must be sown, germinate, spring up, grow and bring forth fruit to the glory of God and the advancement of His cause; and the responsibility of FRUIT rest largely on the Ministry. It must be a GOD-CALLED Ministry, one that will make the cause of Christ SUPREME in life's activities.

As your Field Secretary, I have tried to keep the FIVE-POINT PROGRAM BEFORE THE PEOPLE. I have tried to get a poster into every church, as far as I could conveniently do so. Some of the addresses of the various clerks of the local churches could not be found. However, I have visited some churches where the cards, or poster had not been tacked up, nor had the peoople heard much about the "FIVE-POINT PROGRAM." But there is a growth in the interest in general as set forth by the program.

I have traveled 750 miles visiting of the various conferences, associations, union meetings, and auxiliaries. One reason for not doing more visiting is that I have not been allowed sufficient gasoline, and I could not travel on bus, or on railroads, without more funds.

The year of 1942-43 I made my expenses and turned into the treasury of our church approximately \$200.00. The past year, for ten months, my pro-

jecting motion picture machine has been out of commission. Since I have had it ready for use, I have been too busy in my regular work to do State Associational work, as I have to live out of my work, something that cannot be done when only expenses is allowed.

I have written 35 letters in the interest of the FIVE-POINT PROGRAM to various ministers and officials in which they were requested to place the State Program before the Union Meetings and other meetings. Some of which netted good results.

FACTS THAT WE SHOULD KNOW.

I feel that I should present to you some facts as to our status in North Carolina. I have not been able to take sufficient time to make a thorough survey of the whole State. In fact I have not been able to get minutes, nor information from other sources, so that I can give such facts as I would like for you to know. But, I have gone over the records of the Eastern, Central, Western and Cape Fear Associations. 1942-43 minutes show that 108 churches represented directly to this body. Of this number 39 had no increase in membership, and 9 of these, decreased 22 in membership. In the four associations the increase was 533. But there was a decrease of 180, which left a net increase of 353 in these districts. There are 75 churches that did not represent in the State Association from these four associations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that-

- I. Our various districts that compose the State Association, be tabulated separately—both churches and ministers be so arranged that the location may be known when read in the minutes.
- II. That a Year Book be arranged by the printing of the minutes of each Conference and Association composing this State Association, together with the minutes of the State Association.
- III. That plans be inaugurated as early as possible for the setting up of a State Secretaryship with the combining of all treasuries.
- IV. That we urge, pray and insist, all moneys for all purposes as State and National, be sent to this Secretary-Treasurer and distributed to the respective institutions and purposes on a unified plan, similar to that now in the National Association.

When number four of these recommendations has been adopted that a budget committee be elected from the body to prepare this Unified plan for the consideration of this State Association.

V. That we begin to plan, pray and work to the securing of a whole time Field Representative to work in connection with the office of the Secretary-Treasurer. This person should take the place or the office of Field Secretary, whose salary and expenses, shall be set by the Executive Committee of the State Association.

FIELD SECRETARY'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Settlement with Rom W. Mallard, Treasurer, Novemb	er 18, 1943.
Letters written since November 18, 1943—35.	
Postage since November 18, 1943	\$1.05
One trip to Ayden (78 miles, 2 ways)	3.90

\$4.95

NOTE—Received from Rom Mallard, Treasurer, \$50.00 on delegates expenses to the National Association. No delegates showed up at the National, and as there was no appropriation made last year for representation fee, in the National, I used \$45.00 of the amount for the registration fee, I did this after consulting with the ministers from North Carolina who were in attendance at the National Association. We ask you to accept the work as done.

Yours respectfully,

J. C. Griffin.

Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Pastor of local church, extended a welcome to all delegates, ministers and visitors. The welcome was very cordial.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, in the Moderator's address, expressed his appreciation to the officers, ministers, and delegates for their co-operation during the past two years of his office. In his address he recommended the increase in the Orphanage Board from five to nine members.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Contrary to any adverse opinion, the place of woman in the ranks of Free Will Baptists has definitely been established. She has discovered her best avenue of service for her Lord in the Woman's Auxiliary. While this is certainly true throughout the extent of our denomination, it is emphatically true in the State of North Carolina. That we may have tangible evidence of this, let us review a few statistics gathered in the reports made at the recent session of the North Carolina Auxiliary Convention at Stony Creek. Despite the accepted handicaps associated with travel these days, sixty-six auxiliaries were represented by more than two hundred delegates and visitors. The total membership of these auxiliaries is 1,267. Funds received in this session from all sources amounted to \$277.82. While we do not have the actual figures of the total funds raised by these auxiliaries during the year, we may well be assured that they'run into the thousands.

But mere figures do not quite explain the nature of this great work. Lest you be misled, permit me to remind you that our real interests lie in the direction of missions; benevolences, including orphanage and superannuation; and general stewardship ideals. No phase of our denominational work is entirely excluded in our endeavors, and all of them are considered to some extent.

Let it be understood that we do not intend to try to usurp the work of this Association. The Woman's Auxiliary does not hope to do the work that the church itself should do. When the auxiliary reaches the place that it directs the activities of the church itself, then it has expanded beyond its rightful place. We want the church to lead us. We want this Association to challenge us. We are willing and anxious to follow. You have but to suggest the task and we "can do all things through Him" who is our strength. We do not intend to work independently of this august body but shall at all times be attentive to its progress and eagerly awaiting the opportunities to lock arms with you and walk gloriously victorious toward great achievements for the glory of One whom we both love. Lead us; we are ready to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Clarence Bowen, President,

North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Motion the Chair appoint a Committee of three to work with the State Sunday School Assembly Ground Committee.

Committee for the above motion: R. P. Harris, W. A. Hales, S. A. Smith.

The Chair appointed Brother Elbert Prescott to work with the Board of Finance in the absence of L. H. Wetherington for this session only.

Special prayer was offered for the following brethren that were home, sick: L. H. Wetherington, C. H. Coats, E. T. Phillips, H. C. Wood.

An offering was taken for Rev. L. H. Wetherington, amounting to \$66.25.

Motion the Board of Finance draw on the Treasury for enough money to make the offering to L. H. Wetherington \$100.00.

The business of the Association was suspended and Rev. S. A. Smith led the Association in a devotional service. Song, "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," was sung by the congregation and prayer by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark. A duet was sung by Revs. R. P. Harris and Albert Harris. The speaker was presented by Rev. J. W. Alford. Brother Lloyd Vernon delivered the Introductory sermon, using as a text, Matthew 5: 14. The minister depicted the church as a satellite of Christ, reflecting His light to all the world.

Motion we adjourn for lunch. Song, "Faith is the Victory." Benediction, Rev. E. H. Harden.

LUNCH

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. Henry Melvin opened the afternoon session with devotions, using the hymn, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." The Scripture was read from Rom. 12: 1-21. Mrs. J. C. Moye and Mrs. P. C. Clark sang "Holy Spirit, Breathe on Me."

Report of Committee on Conference Boundary Lines. Committee to be continued.

"We have made satisfactory progress in the course of our work. We have several worthwhile movements in process of development and these

movements are in thorough co-ordination with all of our denominational projects and institutions.

We will continue the pursuit of our task and make our final report upon the completion of the work."

T. E. Beaman, Secretary to Committee.

Report of Historian (Adopted).

I beg to report that I have made some progress with the task assigned me. I have been able to locate minutes of the Association from the first session 'till 1943, except the years of 1914-16-17-21-24-25. The possession of these minutes are necessary before we can complete the history.

I shall be glad to continue the work if it is the wishes of the Association until the task is complete, or relinquish the office to someone else should that be the wishes of the Association.

T. E. Beaman, Historian.

Report of Credentials Committee: (Adopted)

We recommend that the Piedmont Association be admitted to the full fellowship of the North Carolina State Association.

J. W. Alford, R. P. Harris, Wiley Ferrell-Committee.

Rev. G. C. Bland of the Church of Christ and Rev. Edward Cole, Baptist minister of Winterville, were recognized and both spoke briefly, expressing pleasure in being present.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, President of the National Auxiliary work, gave a verbal report and it was received for information.

Motion that this Association invite the National Association to North Carolina and a Committee be appointed to locate same.

Committee appointed: J. C. Griffin, L. E. Ballard, R. C. Wiggs.

Motion that a Committee of three be appointed to draw a resolution to amend the By-Laws to the Constitution to increase the members of the Orphanage Board from Five to Nine.

The report of the Committee was defeated.

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

Your Mission report from October 1, 1943, through August 31, 1944. Our report shows an increase over previous years for that we are happy to report.

The Money has been given as you have sent it to your treasurer, as was designated. Money sent in for Mission was listed as such, and at the end of the month was divided half for Foreign Missions and half for Home Missions. All money sent in designated for Foreign Missions was paid out to the National treasurer, with the 50% from the Mission fund. All money sent in de-

signated for Home Missions, with the 50% from the Mission was deposited in the First National Bank of Ayden, N. C.

Many places have been visited during the year in the interest of Home Missions. Money has been paid out during the year for churches that have recently organized. The work is growing in our state, and many places are calling for help. We as a Mission Board hope to answer this need through and by your prayer and your giving.

Our goal for foreign missions for this year is \$40,000. We are trusting the Lord through our people for this amount, to spread the Gospel in other lands.

North Carolina State Mission Report

October, 1943	\$47.75	Foreign Missions	
Foreign Missions		Home Missions	96.97
Home Missions		April, 1944	\$450.74
November, 1943	\$07.00	Foreign Missions	
		Home Missions	225.37
Foreign Missions		May, 1944	\$238.20
Home Missions		Foreign Missions	
December, 1943	\$53.00	Home Missions	
Foreign Missions	26.50	June, 1944	\$117.68
Home Missions		Foreign Missions	58.84
January, 1943		Home Missions	58.84
Foreign Missions	34.50	July, 1944	\$28.88
Home Missions		Foreign Missions	14.44
February, 1944		Home Missions	
Foreign Missions	29.25	August, 1944	\$73.00
Home Missions		Foreign Missions	
March, 1944	\$193.94	Home Missions	36.50
	Foreign Mis	sions Report	
October, 1943	\$90.89	National Treasurer	75.00
National Treasurer	80.00		
•	· ·	Balance	\$ 4.89
Balance	\$10.89	February, 1944	\$87.87
November, 1943	\$169.94	National Treasurer	75.00
November, 1943 National Treasurer	160.00	Expenses	8.37
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Balance December, 1943	\$ 9.94	Balance	\$ 4.50
December, 1943,	\$83.09	March, 1944	\$167.42
National Treasurer	75.00	National Treasurer	167.42
		April, 1944	\$508.58
Balance	\$ 8.09	National Treasurer	508.58
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National Treasurer	90.00 July, 1944		\$104.84
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Balance	\$101.57 August, 194	4	\$88.00
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Half for Foreign and H	Iome Missions, each		\$ 713.84
Total received for Forei	gn Missions		\$1,859.65
Total sent National Tre	easurer		\$1,859.65
Total received for Hom	e Missions		\$1,577.96
Total paid out			593.26
Total in Treasury			\$ 984.70
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"Special" Christmas Funds			10.15
Total for the year			\$2,231.88
Expenditures		•	
Paid to Retired MinistersPaid to National Board			
Operating Expense:	·	_ 401.10	
Office Expense (Bond, Postage, Supplies, etc.) Travel by Chairman-Treasurer	\$80.36		•
(3c per mi. for 795 miles)	23.85	•	
Travel by Board Members (3c per mi. for 1120 miles)	33.60		
Total Operating Expense		\$ 137.81	
Total Paid Out	-		\$1,733.09
Balance now on hand			_\$ 498.79
Report to National Boar	rd		
Total "Regular" Receipts Total Operating Expense			\$1,888.91 137.81
Balance			\$1,751.10
25% of above BalanceAmount paid to National Board			\$ 437.78
Signed:			-24 231110

M. L. Johnson, Chairman-Treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Secretary.

- 2. With sincere regret we report the death, during the last year, of two of our Retired Ministers. They were:
 - 1. Rev. Solomon Duff, (Eastern Conference) Age 95.
 - 2. Rev. W. R. Glover (Cape Fear Conference), Age 83.
- 3. We are happy to report that in the will of the late Mr. George P. Best of Wayne County, there was left to the F. W. B. a nice farm to be used as a Disabled Ministers Home. This is a very nice gift, and we are very grateful to Mr. Best for this gracious act. We regret, however, to report that some of the heirs of Mr. Best have seen fit to contest the will in Court. There fore, at this time we can not give further information as to the nature or plans for the use of this property. However when the case is settled in our favor, as we believe it will be, we shall furnish further information.
- 4. We ask that this Association approve a budget of \$5,000.00 for next year, to be raised for Superannuation, by the various groups in the State.
 - 5. We ask that every Pastor of our churches give special mention to the

Superannuation drive, in October, by Sermon, special announcement, special program or etc. We further ask that each Church, S. S., Union, etc., take a special offering for Superannuation in October.

6. May we as a people get away from the thought that our Superannuation work is a work of CHARITY promoted out of Necessity, but instead let us see it as a WORSHIPFUL service rendered to our Lord, in helping to provide the Social Security for our Retired Ministers, that their unselfish service entitles them to.

Signed:

M. L. Johnson, Chairman-Treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Secretary.

Motion we adjourn. The congregation sang, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Benediction by Rev. J. R. Bennett.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The evening devotions were conducted by Rev. R. B. Spencer. Rev. R. N. Hinnant led the congregation in singing the following songs: "We're Marching to Zion," "Stepping in the Light." Prayer by Mrs. Lizzie McAdams "One of God's Days," was sung as a duet by Revs. R. N. Hinnant and Henry Melvin.

Rev. Bob Woolley brought the evening message, using as a subject "The Need of the Hour." The text was taken from 1 Cor. 14: 1-9; II Tim. 4: 2. Brother Woolley delivered an inspiring message.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Association was opened with devotions conducted by Rev. R. B. Spencer. Song, "Draw Me Nearer" by the congregation and prayer by Rev. D. W. Alexander. The 14th chapter of John was read and prayer by Rev. Harden.

Motion that the Minutes of the State Sunday School Convention be printed under the same cover as the State Association.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc.

The Church Finance Association, Incorporated, of North Carolina, being a part of the Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina, does hereby submit the following report to the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist.

- 1. We are happy to report that the Church Finance Association, Inc., continues to enjoy the growing support of our people.
- 2. We have set our goal for the next five years, to sell the equivalent of one \$25.00 Membership per church, in the State, per year.
- 3. We invite all churches and church organizations as well as all interested persons to help reach this goal, by buying a Membership in the Association.

5. We offer the following Financial Report of our wo	
No. Members to date	132
No. \$25.00 Certificates paid for and issued to date Total Membership Dues collected	\$3,925.14
No. Loans made to date Total amount of Loans made to date	\$9.947.45
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No. Loans repaid in full	4
No. Leans now running	22 05 200 40
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Signed:

M. L. Johnson, Treasurer.

Rev. R. B. Crawford, Executive Secretary of the National Association, made a report of the National work and stated that North Carolina could have another Christian Workers Institute held in 1945 should the State desire it. He also stated the National work was making great success and promoting unity in the church,

Motion the Association invite Brother Crawford to hold a Christian Workers Institute in the State in 1945.

Motion the Chair appoint a Committee to arrange the time and place for the holding of the Institute.

Committee appointed: J. C. Griffin, L. E. Ballard, M. L. Johnson.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

We, the Committee on Resolutions recommend that this State Association, now in session, extend to the Reedy Branch Church, and all other

tertainment of this Association, a rising vote of thanks for their generous hospitality which has existed through the sitting of this Association.

Committee:

J. R. Bennett, R. C. Wiggs, F. A. Rivenbark.

churches and individuals who have co-operated in any way toward the en-

RESOLUTION

We of the Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina believe that the Doctrine of our Church is second to none, from the standpoint of True Bible Teachings.

We believe that we are capable of planning a General Program in keeping with our Great Doctrine.

We further believe that when our Doctrine is Earnestly Preached, and our program properly promoted, that our Church will prosper, and We and our work will be a Blessing to Mankind.

We also believe that the Service of a FULL TIME Promotional Director could help in a great way to reach the above mentioned goal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS NORTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST IN SESSION AT REEDY BRANCH CHURCH SEPTEMBER 13, 14, 1944:

FIRST: That we go on record as desiring the service of a Full Time Promotional Director.

SECOND: That this office shall replace or continue the present office of Field Secretary.

THIRD: That we refer this matter to the Executive Committee, and ask that they prepare such plans and recommendations, as will be necessary for the establishment of this office, to our next Annual Session. It being understood that their plans and recommendations shall include such things as needed amendments to our Constitution, the proper name for this office, the manner of selection, the plan for raising the finance necessary, the duties of the office, and any other plans that will help bring this about as early as practical.

Signed:

M. L. Johnson,

J. C. Griffin.

REPORT OF ASSEMBLY GROUNDS COMMITTEE

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We, the Assembly Grounds Committee of the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist wish to make the following report:

1. That we have met with, and assisted in the organization of a Central Assembly Ground Committee, composed of official Assembly Ground Committees of the State S. S. Convention, State Women's Auxiliary Convention, and the State League Convention.

- 2. That the purpose of this Central Assembly Ground Committee is to coordinate the work of the committees of all the auxiliaries in promoting the program of purchasing and operating of an assembly ground site for the denominational use of the F. W. B.'s of North Carolina.
- 3. That in order for this Central Committee to begin active operation of its plan and purpose, we the Assembly Ground Committee of the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist do hereby recommend that the following motion, which is similar to the one by the State Sunday School Convention and the State Women's Auxiliary be adopted by the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist in session at Reedy Branch Church, September 14, 1944:

On motion that the Assembly Ground Committee of the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist be empowered to solicit funds, to cooperate with, and assist the Central Assembly Grounds Committee of the combined auxiliaries of the Free Will Baptist Church in North Carolina in the purchase and operation of an Assembly Ground Site for the Denominational use of the F. W. B. of North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,
The Central Assembly Grounds Committee.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
September 1, 1943, through August 31, 1944

Balance on hand September 1, 1943

	Receipts	The second secon	
Religious Organizations Municipal The Duke Endowment Parents and Relatives Other Individuals	Modelpla		
Religious Organizations			_\$20,976
Municipal			_ 105
The Duke Endowment			2,290
Parents and Relatives			_ 347
Other Individuals	<u>. 1 - 22 - 23 - 24 - 25 - 25 - 25 - 25 - 25 - 25 - 25</u>		_ 1,874
Returned Checks			_ 20
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Cash sales, farm, dairy,	and garden		_ 4,722
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Land (Other individuals)	cions,		_ 4,000
Bonds from September 1,		From the first area of the company of the	
Money borrowed for capit	al purposes and farm	operation	_ 12,000

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Salaries\$ 8,256.74	Farm supplies	7,453.33
Withholding tax 185.42	Farm replacement and	
Office supplies 373.62 Telephone and telegraph 185.09	repairs	3,312.86
Telephone and telegraph 185.09	Concert class expense	200.54
Insurance 503.51		
Interest on short-term loans 34.49		
Conference and Board	sources	•
expense 231.80	Rent expense	25.00
Financing and Publicity 220.28	Bad Checks	67.25
Superintendent's travel	and the second of the control of the	77.20
	Replacement of livestock	the state of the s
Food 3,565.68 Adjustments 175.91	Advances (Massey farm) _	
Adjustments 175.91	New land	10,000.00
	Money borrowed for operat-	
Fuel, light, power, water,	ing capital	2,000.00
, ,-	New buildings	254.71
Plant replacement and Wash to the Blank		
repair 3,754.47		1,499.70
	Additional livestock	•
	Mortgage repaid	
institutions 199.00		156.45
Laundry 507.23		
Household supplies 368.07	Total cash disbursed	\$59,497.88
Travel relating to care of	Bonds	\$ 896.86
children 203.68		146.86
Health supplies 173.95	and the second s	<u></u>
Education supplies 380.91		\$60,541.37
An offering was taken for the	Orphanage in the amount or	f \$114.39.

Prayer by Brother Crawford.

Motion to adjourn for lunch and benediction by Rev. L. E. Ballard.

-LUNCH

The afternoon devotions were conducted by Rev. D. A. Windham. "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" was sung by the congregation. The Scripture lesson was taken from Psalms 119: 40-43. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Worley.

A Memorial service, in memory of those deceased since last session, was conducted by Rev. D. A. Windham. A solo was sung by Mrs. J. C. Moye, "Tread Softly." A minute silent prayer and concluded by Rev. J. R. Bennett.

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Balance in treasury (1943)_\$ 96.42	Minutes 150.00
Received at this Asso 870.67	Expenses 103.56
	National Program 152.03
Total \$ 967.09 Collection for L. H. Weth-	E. T. Phillips 10.00
erington\$ 66.25	TO 37 TT'
	National Association 50.00
	Orphanage 214.39
Total receipts\$1,147.73	Church Finance Asso 50.00
Total appropriations 1,033.98	Superannuation 100.00
Tally Salar Company of the Company	Five Point Program 25.00
	Assembly Grounds 50.00
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	Total\$1,033.98
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An offering was taken for Miss Alethia Etheridge in the amount of \$33.26 to assist her through school at Nashville, Tennessee.

The amendment to the By-Laws of the Constitution, creating an Examining Board for ordaining ministers was tabled.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President	Rev. J. R. Bennett
Vice-President	
Secretary Missis Past Secretary Decision, Meanway	Rev. R. N. Hinnant
Treasurer	Mr. Rom W. Mallard
Field Secretary Board of Finance Revs.	Rev. J. C. Griffin
Board of Finance Revs. 1	R. C. Wiggs, C. H. Coates
Board of Missions	W. R. Williams
Board of Superannuation Rev. C. F Orphanage	. Bowen, Mrs. J. C. Moye
Orphanage	Rev. J. C. Moye
F. W. B. Press Representatives—Revs. L. H. Weth	erington, D. W. Alexander

DELEGATES TO VARIOUS BODIES

National Association: Elbert Prescott, Rom Mallard, Alton R. Sasser.	Reynolds,
Eastern Conference: J. C. Griffin.	
Central Conference: R. P. Harris.	
Cape Fear Conference: M. L. Johnson.	
Piedmont Association: W. H. Calvert.	and the
French Broad Association: W. L. Moretz.	
Western Association: W. A. Hales.	and an ability
Jack Creek Association: T. E. Woody.	rong day.
Rock Fish Association: Walter Carter of the soft gardens in	tion in Ho
Pee Dee Association: H. C. Adcox.	

Motion a rising vote of thanks be extended to all officers that have made a contribution to the success of the Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts\$ 901.72	Expense account 86.55
Collection for Orphanage 349.72	Church Finance Asso. Inc 100.00
	Field Secretary, Five- Point
Total received\$1,250.72	Program 33.65
Disbursements:	Superannuation 50.00
E. T. Phillips\$ 10.00	Not paid out\$ 49.72
R. N. Hinnant 35.00	Bal. in Treasury 852.00
	Paid Orphanage, Pub-
National Program 201.80	lic Collection 349.00
Delegates expense to Nat.	
	Total paid out\$1,201.00
Orphanage Fund 180.00	Balance\$1,250.72
Motion to adjourn.	Rom W. Mallard.
Song by congregation: "Bless the	Tie that Binds."

Rev. D. W. Alexander, President, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Benediction by Rev. J. H. Worley.

PREAMBLE We, the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, assembled in order to advance, promote and increase the cause of Jesus Christ, do establish and ordain this Constitution and these By-Laws.

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Section 1. This assembly shall be known as the North Carolina State Association of the Original Free Will Baptist church of Jesus Christ.

Article II.

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Field Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Board.

Section 2. The Association shall be composed of all the ordained ministers belonging to the Association; one delegate from each church in good standing; one delegate from each Union Meeting, Conference and Association in good standing for every one thousand members or a fraction thereof.

BY-LAWS

Article I.

- Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over each session, preserve order, govern the body according to established parliamentary usage and appoint all temporary committees. He shall have power to declare any office of the Association vacant, temporarily, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.
- Section 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be the duties of the President when that officer is not present.
- Section 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the transactions of the Association and preserve the same, keep all valuable documents and surrender the same to his successor in office.
- Section 4. The Field Secretary shall have charge of preparing statistical tables showing the increase or decrease in membership, church property, etc., and read at each session of the Annual Association and refer same to the Recording Secretary for permanent record. He shall have charge of placing all the work of the Association before the various Conferences and Associations. Also the field work in general.
- Section 5. All money belonging to the Association shall be kept by the Treasurer and paid out by him only by order of the Association. Bills not having been voted to be paid either by the Association or its Executive Board must be signed by the President and Recording Secretary before being paid by him.
- Section 6. The work of the Executive Board shall be that of the Association when the Association is not in session and to call extra sessions when such becomes necessary. It shall have the authority to suspend any officer of the Association when he or she proves a failure in official duties, proves non-Christian in official or any other work or detrimental to the cause of Christ and appoint others to fill the vacancy; also fill vacancies made by any other cause. Officers thus appointed shall hold office until the next regular session of the Association. This Board shall be composed of the President, Recording Secretary; Field Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of all standing boards of the Association.
- Section 7. The President and Field Secretary of the Association shall be ex-officia members of all Boards.
- Section 8. The duties of the Board of Finance shall be to work out a complete financial system for our entire state concerning all our financial requirements; to put same into operation; to revise and change from year to year as necessity may demand, and to apportion the funds of the Association.
- Section 9. The duties of the Board of Superannuation shall be to provide for our aged, retired and infirm Ministers in some form of a superannuation.

Article II.

Section 1. The method of the Association shall be to departmentalize the work and place at the head of each department a Board which shall be governed by certain rules adopted by the Association.

Section 2. Delegates from churches, Union Meetings, Conferences and Associations shall answer to roll calls and serve in whatever capacity they may be called upon by the Association. They shall have the right to speak on any subject before the Association by first addressing the President and obtaining the floor.

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The following named Boards shall be elected in the following manner:

Section 1. Orphanage Board. The Board of Trustees for the management 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; the Association to fill the vacancy.

Section 2. Board of Finance. The Board of Finance shall be composed of six members elected for a term of three years with two members retiring each year and others elected by the Association to fill the vacancy.

Section 3. Board of Superannuation. The Board of Superannuation shall be composed of six members elected for a term of three years with two members retiring each year and others elected by the Association to fill the vacancy.

AMENDMENTS 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.
- proved by State Convention in the 1925 session.

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This Constitution and these By-Laws shall not be changed or altered only by a two-thirds vote of members present in a regular session. All amendments shall lie on the table not less than six hours prior to adoption and shall during that time be read not less than twice in open Association.

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FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION-INSTITUTE

convening with

GOLDSBORO FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1944

PROCEEDINGS

Registration of Ministers and Delegates began at 9:00 o'clock. The opening assembly, congregational singing, and invocation were under the direction of Rev. J. Albert Harris, Director of Music. Rev. W. K. Jordan, Pastor of the Goldsboro Church, delivered the welcome address, to which R. T. Sasser, President of the Convention, responded.

A short introductory business session was called to order and the following committees were selected.

Finance: Charles Simpson, Chairman; Ralph Barnes, Mrs. Maude Milest Resolutions: Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Chairman; Rev. W. E. Anderson, Mrs. Boyd.

Digest of Reports: Rev. R. P. Harris, Chairman; Charlie Little, Mrs. R. T. Sasser:

Nominating: Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Chairman, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Rev. R. B. Spencer.

Chaplain and Mrs. Chester Pelt sent a report and greetings to the convention by letter. Mr. Fountain Taylor, treasurer, reported that there was on hand \$676.83 in the Assembly Ground Fund, and \$25.54 in the General Fund. He also reported that acting upon instructions of the last session, the Assembly Ground Committee had made two loans and interest earned was \$24.79. Mr. Sasser gave a short talk on the work of the convention and what he had done for its cause for the past year. All reports were accepted.

At 10:35 the Institute-Forum: "Problems of Your Sunday School—Victorious Planning to Overcome them," was conducted by Rev. James A. Evans. The delegates, visitors, and ministers presented many problems which Sunday Schools are confronted with. During the discussion which followed, it was decided that the solution to most problems can be met and overcome in each Sunday School through the Worker's Council, composed of the officers and teachers of the school. Rev. Evans stated that each school should hold their Worker's Council meeting each month, and at that time plan the work of the Sunday School for the following month.

Rev. J. C. Griffin delivered the Convention Message at 11:30. He used as his subject, "Victory Through Christ," and 1 John 5: 4, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith," as his text.

Rev. W. K. Jordan invited all those present to participate in the lunch prepared by the ladies of the church.

The afternoon session began with congregational singing and devotions led by Rev. J. Albert Harris, Music Director. The convention was favored with special music by Rev. W. K. Jordan, Rev. G. C. Joyner. Rev. J. Albert Harris, and Miss Jean Harris, accompanist.

Rev. R. P. Harris and Rev. L. E. Ballard directed a round table discussion on "How we may reach the Standard of Efficiency in our Sunday

School." Through the use of posters which were hung on a string across the front of the church auditorium, Rev. Harris, director of organization, explained step by step, how any Sunday School can easily become a Standard Sunday School Rev. Ballard, director of publicity, pointed out that if a school could not immediately accomplish all points to become standard; they could follow the "Three Year Program of Progress."

The congregation sang "I Love to Tell the Story," and the final business session was called to order. Rev. M. L. Johnson read the report of the assembly ground committee as follows: "We, the Assembly Ground Committee, wish to report that there is on hand \$901.33 for this fundation. We recomment that Sunday Schools continue to send in funds as designated in the 1943 session of this state convention. We further recommend that this committee be empowered to negotiate for selection and purchase of suitable assembly ground site; that this committee be further empowered to continue to solicit the co-operation of the committee from the State Women's Auxiliary Convention, the Free Will Baptist League, and the State Association for the cooperation in ownership and operation of an assembly ground site, for the denominational use of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. We also recommend that the treasurer be bonded in amount commensurate with his responsibility." To kee froger a fire to Charle in the State Charles his responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. M. L. Johnson, Chairman,

Mr. Fountain Taylor

Mrs. L. E. Ballard

After discussion the report was unanimously adopted by the convention.

The Finance Committee reported that \$308.50 was received at this convention and turned over to the treasurer:

Dues from Sunday Schools represented for general fund _____\$ 84.00 Dues from Sunday School represented for assembly ground fund __ 163.50 Registration Fees for assembly ground fund _____ 61.00

We, the Finance Committee wish to make the following recommendation, that this convention go on record as endorsing the plan and program of the Church Finance Association. We further recommend that the State Sunday School Convention become a life member by purchasing a life certificate of stock in the amount of \$25.00 from the general fund of the Suntankui us sei vii K day School Convention.

Respectfully submitted. the decrease first granting to the seague that the Charles Simpson, Chairman III ten velt eaw production each projected a Ralph Barnes of the Contest and tell Mrs. Maude Miles Mrs. Ginevra Hardee, Secretary

On motion the report and recommendations were accepted.

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A rising vote of thanks was extended the local church for its hospitality. The Digest of Reports Committee gave the following report:

Sunday Schools reporting	41
Average number enrolled	
Average number present	2448
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Average number studied lesson	689 ^{\tage 1}
Average number making offering	
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Average number attending church	<u>- 140 leben de amerika 1218</u> egyer
Number Worker's Councils held	97

Three Year Program of Progress certificates were presented to the following schools:

First Year: Elizabeth City, Goldsboro, Davis Shore, Reedy Branch, Wilson, Ayden, Selma.

Second Year: Goldsboro.

Third Year: Friendship, Lewis' Chapel.

Micro Sunday School was the only school reporting that had become a standard school and the secretary was instructed to order a Standard Efficiency Certificate to be presented to this school.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. R. P. Harris, Chairman Mrs. R. T. Sasser C. F. Little

The Nominating Committee made its report and Rev. R. B. Spencer conducted the election of officers. Upon motion unanimously carried, the report of the Nominating Committee was accepted, with the exception of Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Field Secretary, who asked for her resignation. The new officers elected are as follows:

President-Raymond T. Sasser, Goldsboro, N. C.

Vice-President-Charles Simpson, Wilson, N. C.

Secretary-Mrs. Ginevra Hardee, Greenville, N. C.

Assistant Secretary-Mrs. Irma Godley, New Bern, N. C.

Treasurer-Fountain Taylor, Richlands, N. C.

Directors:

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

Denominational Enterprise-Rev. W. L. Moretz, Swannanoa, N. C.

Records and Reports-Mrs. Bruce Barrow, Kinston, N. C.

Publicity-Earl Glenn, Durham, N. C.

Literature-Rev. J. Albert Harris, Enfield, N. C.

By the Committee:

Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Chairman Mrs. Alice E. Lupton

Rev. R. B. Spencer

On motion the Executive Board was instructed to appoint a Field Secretary.

On motion the Executive Board be empowered to appoint an editor whose responsibility shall be to compile a Sunday School text-book for use in the state of North Carolina subject to the action of the National Committee for the same purpose.

A motion was made and carried to accept the resignation of Rev. M. L. Johnson as chairman of the Assembly Ground Committee.

On motion Rev. R. B. Spencer was elected to succeed him as chairman of the Assembly Ground Committee.

A motion was made and carried that we send only one delegate to the National Sunday School Convention this year. Rev. W. K. Jordan was elected as delegate.

A motion was made and carried that we have our minutes printed with those of the State Association again this year.

The treasurer gave his report as follows:

Assembly Ground Fund-

Balance on hand at close of 1943 session	\$608.79
Received from various Sunday Schools during	year 43.25
Interest on money loaned	•
	\$676.83
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General Fund—	
Balance on hand close of 1943 session	\$ 90.31
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Received from various Sunday Schools during	\$107.31 81.77
Received from various Sunday Schools during Total expense for year	\$107.31 81.77 \$ 25.54

Respectfully submitted,
Fountain Taylor, Treasurer

The above report was accepted.

On motion Mrs. Ballard was paid her travelling expenses for the year as field secretary.

Motion was carried to adjourn and the convention was dismissed by Rev. R. B. Spencer.

Raymond T. Sasser, President Mrs. Ginevra Hardee, Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

Hickory Grove Selma Sidney Chapel Bridgeton Rose of Sharon Micro Hopewell Snow Hill Sandy Plains Ayden Dailey's Chapel Elizabeth City St. Mary's Warden's Grove Whaley's Chapel Edward's Chapel West Clinton Winterville Belhaven Union Grove Mosley's Creek Cabin Prospect Little Creek Reedy Branch Piney Grove Hull Road Kenly Sarecta Hugo Rocky Mount Little Rock Gray Branch Goldsboro Lone Ridge Davis Shore Five Points, Wilson, N. C. Lewis Chapel Friendship Core Creek Edgemont Free Union Marsh Swamp Albemarle District

REGISTRATION OF MINISTERS

Rev. W. E. Anderson Rev. W. H. Ivey Rev. R. P. Harris Rev. L. E. Ballard Rev. M. L. Johnson Rev. W. K. Jordan Rev. D. W. Alexander Rev. R. B. Spencer Rev. J. Albert Harris Rev. J. A. Evans Rev. J. C. Griffin Rev. C. R. Biggs Rev. J. H. Worley Rev. W. L. Moretz Rev. R. N. Hinnant Rev. T. E. Beaman Rev. R. C. Wiggs Rev. L. R. Ennis Rev. L. H. Wetherington Rev. N. B. Barrow Rev. L. B. Manning

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STONY CREEK CHURCH

WAYNE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

MAY 25, 1944

OFFICERS

PresidentI	Mrs. Clarence Bowen, 911 Green St., Durham
First Vice-President Mrs. Ra	ymond Sasserr, 305 E. Walnut St., Goldsboro
Second Vice-President Mrs	s. J. C. Griffin, 240 N. Pasteur St., New Bern
Third Vice-President	Mrs. Robert Wiggs, Ayden
Fourth Vice-President	Mrs. Paul Thigpen, Stantonsburg
Fifth Vice-President	Mrs. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill
Sixth Vice-President	Mrs. T. E. Beamon, Simmons St., Goldsboro
Secretary	Mrs. Oliver Smith, Rt. 2, Goldsboro
Treasurer	Mrs. Herman Noble, Greenville
Field Secretary	Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Middlesex

PROCEEDINGS

The seventeenth annual Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina met with Stony Creek Church, Wayne County, Thursday, May 25, 1944.

The opening hymn for the Convention was "How Firm a Foundation," followed by a period of meditation led by Mrs. Bagley Morris. Speaking from the 12th chapter of Daniel, Mrs. Morris used as her subject "Stewardship of the Gospel."

Words of welcome were spoken by Mrs. Joseph Lancaster, with response by Mrs. R. C. Wiggs.

MORNING SESSION

After the reading of minutes and roll call of officers, the following ministers were recognized: J. R. Forrest, E. G. Holland, D. W. Alexander, W. K. Jordan, T. E. Beaman, L. R. Ennis, R. C. Wiggs, Clarence Bowen, J. C. Griffin, M. L. Johnson, J. A. Evans, and Mrs. Lizzie McAdams.

"Cooperation" was the keynote of the president's message for the Convention. She said in part: "Our combined efforts are needed that the program of Christ may be extended through the medium of this Auxiliary Convention."

The following committees were appointed:

Finance and Apportionment—Mrs. Herman Nobles, Mrs. Louise Bedsworth, Mrs. Bagley Morris, Mrs. Buck Sasser.

Resolution—Mrs. Frank Edmundson, Mrs. Cedric Boyd, Mrs. Correna Williams.

Nominating-Mrs. J. C. Sasser, Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Miss Alice Webster.

Reports-Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Mrs. M. L. Johnson, Mrs. Luther Kirby.

Rev. James A. Evans, superintendent of the Orphanage, brought some news from the Home at this time. He emphasized the need for a greater support with the rising cost of living, and at the same time commended the Auxiliary for the splendid help given in the past year. Mr. Evans announced that he had fruit jars to be distributed for those who wished to can produce for the Home.

Rev. J. C. Griffin, field secretary for the State Association, was presented by the president. Mr. Griffin outlined some of the work of our state and national bodies, with special emphasis on the Five-Point Program in North Carolina.

Specially requested prayer, led by Rev. L. R. Ennis, was offered in behalf of the Revs. Henry Melvin and L. H. Wetherington who were unable physically to attend the Convention.

Preparatory to the convention message, Mrs. J. C. Moye and Mrs. Ruth Moye Clark sang "Holy Spirit, Breathe on Me."

Using the subject "Steadfastness in the Go Ye," Mrs. L.E. Ballard brought an impressive convention message. The speaker stressed three things in which we should be steadfast: (1) prayer, (2) study, and (3) love.

The president instructed the secretary to send Mrs. L. H. Wetherington a letter of appreciation for her past services and an expression of sympathy for the physical condition of her husband.

The convention was dismissed for lunch. Rev. M. L. Johnson pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Mrs. Marie Gaskins led the devotions in the afternoon session. She read passages from Matthew 28. The hymn, "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead us," was sung, followed by prayer by Mrs. McAdams.

REPORTS OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

(See reports)

First. Mrs. Clarence Bowen urged the use of the Year Book of Programs. She suggested more work with our youth.

Second. Mrs. J. C. Griffin spoke concerning the assembly ground and the importance of training youth. Vacation Bible Schools stressed.

Third. Mrs. J. H. Oglesby read a letter from Mrs. Willey, our missionary in Cuba. She urged prayer for the Willeys and our other missionaries.

Fourth. Mrs. Paul Thigpen enthusiastically reported our stewardship endeavors and encouraged further achievements.

Fifth. Mrs. J. C. Moye insisted that we continue our canning for the Orphanage. A song was rendered by the Orphanage children present and an offering of \$52.02 was taken for the Home.

Sixth. Mrs. T. E. Beaman suggested we do something special for our superannuated ministers next Christmas. Rev. M. L. Johnson, chairmantreasurer of the North Carolina Board of Superannuation, spoke encouragingly about his work and the program of the Board in future weeks.

It was moved that all disbursement of monies be made according to previous plan—from the local auxiliaries to the district vice-presidents and then to the state treasurer, Mrs. Herman Nobles, Greenville, N. C.

The report of the field worker was received.

The reports of the secretary and the treasurer were received.

The committee on reports awarded the banner to the Albemarle District.

One petition for next year's session was reported: St. Mary, Wilson county. This invitation was accepted.

The finance and apportionment committee made its report and it was received. (See report.)

Mrs. L. E. Ballard and Mrs. J. C. Griffin urged the auxiliaries to use Miss Alethia Etheridge of Columbia, N. C., in their Vacation Bible School as much as possible.

The Camp Committee, with the appointment of Mrs. J. C. Moye, now consists of Mrs. Elizabeth Pollard, Mrs. N. E. Harris, and Mrs. J. C. Moye.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin was designated as our delegate to the National Woman's Auxiliary. Twenty-five dollars was given to her for expenses.

A question was asked: Should our young girls be in an organization of their own or should they become a circle in the local auxiliaries? The answer: They should be a circle of the local auxiliary.

- Mrs. M. A. Woodard presided over a very impressive memorial service. Prayer was led by Rev. R. C. Wiggs. Mrs. Elbert Davidson and Mrs. Woodard sang.
- C. T. Kitrin, a young man from our Orphanage, was presented to the convention. They young man sang a solo.

The President dismissed the Convention with prayer following a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Clarence Bowen, President, Mrs. Oliver Smith, Secretary.

REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

To the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina in session May 25, 1944, at Stoney Creek:

Number members	1,024
Average attendance	717
Number temperance programs given	22
Number subscribers to the Gem	
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Number religious tracts given	

Mrs. Clarence Bowen, First Vice-President.

REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Amount of donations to the National Educational program	\$432.17
Amount of donations to students	\$ 28.50
Amount sent to Anna Phillips Loan Fund	\$232.65
Amount sent to Bible College for room furnishings	\$178.00
Amount raised for library books for Bible College	\$264.95
Number planning programs in advance	58
Number vacation Bible Schools conducted	23
Number young people's organizations and activities directed	9
Number study classes for youth	26
Number daily Bible readers	1158
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Appropriated by State Auxiliary Convention Fund	or Assembly Ground	10.00
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REPORT OF THIRD VICE	-PRESIDENT	
Mission programs conducted		5
Number holding week of prayer	28	
Contributed to Home Missions	\$283.46	
Contributed to Foreign Missions	\$298.51	Ĺ
Contributed to Cuban School campaign		
Sent one box to Mr. Willey containing	supplies.	
	J. H. Oglesby, hird Vice-President.	
REPORT OF FOURTH VIC	E-PRESIDENT	
Number of auxiliaries reporting	98	3
Number stewardship talks given		-
Number stewardship programs given		-
Number tithers	250	_
Number stewardship classes conducted		-
Number attending classes		-
Stewardship offering		-
Stewardship tracts distributed	•	
Stewardship books studied		
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	s. Paul Thigpen, ourth Vice-President.	,
REPORT OF FIFTH VIC	E-PRESIDENT	
Number children clothed by societies	49	2
Value of commodities donated		
Cash given to Orphanage	\$2,600.89	9
War bond bought		
Coupons		-
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	J. C. Moye, ifth Vice-President.	
REPORT OF SIXTH VICE	E-PRESIDENT	
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Of the grand total for superannuation and ministerial relief, \$225.40 of the \$626.16 was sent directly to the State Office for distribution through the regular channel.

We are confident that much more than the above report shows has been done, but due to lack of proper records and reports we cannot report it.

SUGGEGSTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That all local auxiliaries keep proper records, and that all reports be sent in as required so that our state records may reveal fully what we have done during the year.
- 2. That we continue to advocate the cause of the aged, infirmed and retired ministers, and raise as much money for their relief as possible during the coming year, doubling last year's amounts, if possible.
- 3. That we cooperate fully with the State Office of Superannuation and distribute all our funds through that office, except where the local auxiliary desires to contribute something in a special way to some minister directly.
- 4. That each auxiliary plan to do something in a special way next Christmas for our ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Number of auxiliaries in State reporting to secretary 132
Number of active members reported2,297
Number auxiliaries reporting to this convention 64
Received reports from the secretaries of the Eastern, Western, Central and Albemarle districts.
Number of report blanks mailed to auxiliaries 150
Number report blanks mailed to district secretaries6
Letters written in interest of the work 2
Cards mailed 13
Expenses for this office\$5.11
Mrs. Oliver Smith, Secretary.
REPORT OF ANNA PHILLIPS EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND
Balance on hand at close of last convention\$ 983.87 Total received for the year 409.33

Total receipts -

Total disbursements	818.25		
Balance in the bank	\$ 574.95		
Mrs. Hern	nan Nobles, Treasurer.		
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General\$1,174.05	year:		
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	Education 40.90		
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Balance in treasury by depar	tments:		
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Stewardship Christian	Education 129.64		
Publications and literature Home Mis	ssions 361.36		
Balance in treasury: \$1,066.68. (Part of thi	s was received with reports		
for this convention.)			
Mrs. Herr	nan Nobles, Treasurer.		
REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT	COMMITTEE		
Rev. J. A. Evans, daily vacation Bible school at	Orphanage\$ 25.00		
Mrs. Fannie Polston, national dues			
Mrs. Fannie Polston, Foreign Missions			
Mrs. Fannie Polston, donation to National Convention			
Mrs. Fannie Polston, National Bible School			
Mr. Rom Mallard, Smithfield School debt			
Rev. J. A. Evans, donation to Orphanage			
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Mrs. Lizzie McAdams			
Mrs. J. C. Griffin, delegate to National Convention			
Mrs. Clarence Bowen, President for services			
Mrs. Oliver Smith, Secretary			
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Mrs. Alice Lupton, for expenses			
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REPORT OF THE FIELD SECRETARY

To the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina:

Greetings:

It has been a pleasure to labor as your representative in the capacity of Field Secretary in the State of North Carolina. As this convention year comes to a close, we again feel that in comparison to the great need of this office, we have been able to do so little. There are approximately one-third of the churches of North Carolina who do not have women's auxiliaries. This within itself is a challenge to us to be "steadfast in extending God's Kingdom in the realm of Womanhood."

I humbly submit the following report:

I have visited 22 churches; attended 5 sessions of district auxiliary conventions; attended 1 association; delivered 93 inspirational messages; taught 3 study courses; directed 1 vacation Bible school; traveled 5,862 miles; received \$484.64 plus \$30.00 from the treasurer, Mrs. Nobles. My traveling expenses have been \$175.86, and expenses for postage, etc., have been \$4.65, making a total expenditures of \$180.51. This makes my net receipts \$334.13.

Respectfully,

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Field Secretary.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee, submit the following report:

- 1. That this convention use the services of Alethia Etheridge, a student from our National Bible College, in daily vacation Bible schools throughout the State of North Carolina, and we further recommend that the churches pay her \$25.00 plus her expenses.
- 2. Seeing the great need of a more definite system of Christian training among the youth of our denomination and knowing that it is high time that we aroused ourselves to the fact that if we would save them we must act at once, therefore, be it resolved; that the Second Vice-President in each local church put forth every possible effort to provide a vacation Bible school in every church. That we solicit from each association, conference, and convention in the State, an annual contribution for the maintenance of this work, and urge a more united effort in behalf of our young people.

3. We further resolve that the delegates go home and urge our people to join in the 9:00 A. M. prayer band.

4. We extend our heartfelt gratitude and a rising vote of thanks to the local church for their kind hospitality during this convention.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Cedric Boyd Mrs. Frank Edmondson Mrs. Corinna Williams

