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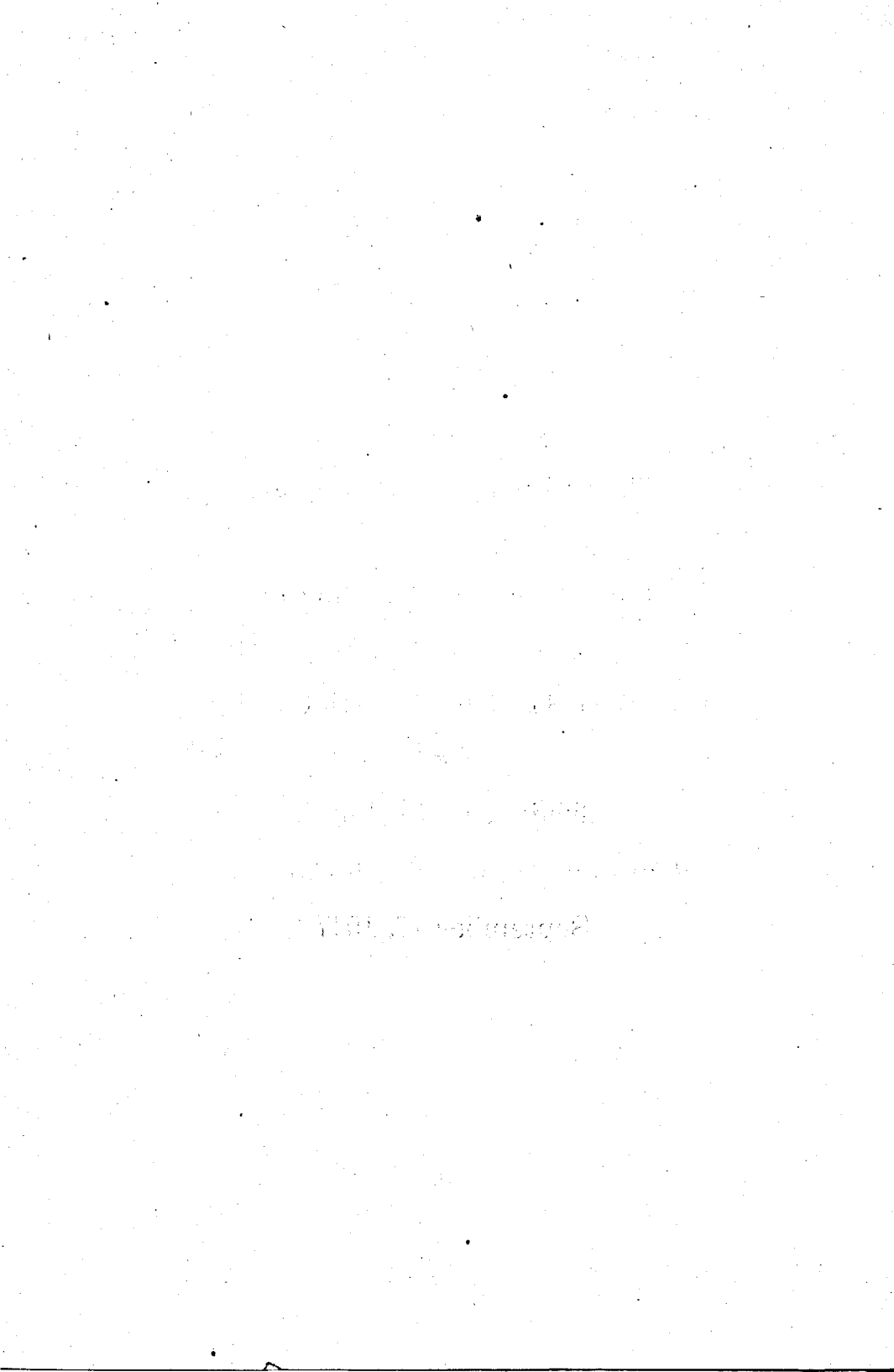
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Rev. T. E. Beaman

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Rev. J. A. Evans

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DELEGATE—CHURCH—CONFERENCE OR ASSOCIATION

R. L. Swain, Malachi's Chapel—Albemarle.

Oscar Webster, Free Union—Albemarle.

W. H. Dail, Fairmont Park—Albemarle.

Ann Whitley, Casey's Chapel—Cape Fear.

N. R. Lewis, Oak Grove—Cape Fear.

N. C. Strickland, Corinth—Cape Fear.

W. P. Grant, Casey's Chapel—Cape Fear.

Albert Coats, Hopewell—Cape Fear.

H. H. Casey, C. F. Conference—Cape Fear.

Harold Dayringer, Stephen Chapel—Cape Fear.

J. V. Barbour, Powhatan—Cape Fear.

Jack Wilkins, Yelverton's Grove—Cape Fear.

Lonnie Temple, Stephen's Chapel—Cape Fear.

Mollie Johnson, Hopewell—Cape Fear.

L. E. Phillips, Johnson's Union—Cape Fear.

C. E. Lee, Oak Grove—Cape Fear.

Owen Thomas, Bethel—Cape Fear.

H. T. Hinson, Lee's Chapel—Cape Fear.

A. F. Ballance, Shady Grove—Cape Fear.

R. McLeod, Prospect—Cape Fear.

Warren Jackson, Roberts' Grove—Cape Fear.

H. C. McLamb, St. Paul—Cape Fear.

Guy May, Little Creek—Central.

Levi Worthington, Elm Grove—Central.

W. C. Pittman, Daniel's Chapel—Central.

Barney Kirby, Antioch—Central.

Fred Pittman, Saratoga—Central.

Mrs. J. L. Griffin, Edgewood—Central.

C. G. Little, Sweet Gum Grove—Central.

Mrs. Annie Harris, Gum Swamp—Central.

H. H. Stox, Pleasant Hill—Central.

J. L. Nobles, Piney Grove—Central.

Leo Tripp, Winterville—Central.
 E. S. Gay, Howell's Swamp—Central.
 Nobles Craft, Bethany—Central.
 J. P. Killebrew, Aspin Grove—Central.
 J. A. Lehmann, Free Union—Central.
 Rubelle James, Reedy Branch—Central.
 Hubert Hart, Ayden—Central.
 Mrs. J. H. Harris, Dawson's Grove—Central.
 Mrs. S. B. Hardee, Greenville—Central.
 T. E. Skinner, St. Delight—Central.
 Mildred Gay, Spring Branch—Central.
 W. J. Owens, Saratoga—Central.
 M. S. Cowan, Rose of Sharon—Central.
 J. E. Baker, Owen's Chapel—Central.
 Rufus Mills, Black Jack—Central.
 Lemmie Taylor, Third Union—Eastern.
 Mrs. Selma Smith, Hugo—Eastern.
 Fountain Taylor, Whaley's Chapel—Eastern.
 E. E. Edwards, Union Chapel—Eastern.
 J. L. Westbrook, North East—Eastern.
 J. C. Cunningham, Deep Run—Eastern.
 Mrs. H. W. Brogden, May's Chapel—Eastern.
 W. A. Jones, Sarecta—Eastern.
 Jimmy Tyndall, Christian Chapel—Eastern.
 Mrs. H. M. Morris, Woodington—Eastern.
 D. B. Brock, Mt. Zion—Eastern.
 Fernie Wood, Bethlehem—Eastern.
 Vick Edwards, Ephesus—Eastern.
 Mrs. Viola White, Mosley's Creek—Eastern.
 W. H. Willis—Eastern.
 Wilbur Kilpatrick, Indian Springs—Eastern.
 Mrs. S. A. Smith, Beulaville—Eastern.
 J. E. Mallard, Friendship—Eastern.
 Luther Carroll, Pearsall's Chapel—Eastern.
 Mrs. Eddie Goodman, Rooty Branch—Eastern.
 R. W. Reardon, Snow Hill—Eastern.
 G. C. Pate, Bridgeton—Eastern.
 Mrs. L. E. Ballard, St. Mary's—Eastern.
 Raymond Wood, Wintergreen—Eastern.
 C. J. Hines, Gethsemane—Eastern.
 Paul Davis, Caroleen—Piedmont.
 J. W. Bowen, White Oak—Pee Dee.
 Mrs. H. L. Norton, Mt. Moriah—Rock Fish.
 Mrs. Edna B. Blackwell, Hickory Grove—Rock Fish.
 Rosetta Blackwell, Hickory Grove—Rock Fish.
 Tom Matthews, Mt. Zion—Western.
 Mrs. J. F. Aycock, Union Grove—Western.
 D. B. Sasser, Wilson—Western.
 Mrs. Wiley Ferrell, Branch Chapel—Western.
 Mrs. Elma Pittman, St. Mary—Western.
 C. S. Edwards, Tippet's Chapel—Western.

W. N. Turner, Spring Hill—Western.
D. R. Raper, Little Rock—Western.
Ralph Barnes, Little Rock—Western.
J. W. Rollins, Pleasant Grove—Western.
J. D. Ballance, Micro—Western.
T. C. Fitzgerald, Rain's X Roads—Western.
L. V. Williford, Edgemont—Western.
J. L. Clements, Shady Grove—Western.
K. D. Brame, Marsh Swamp—Western.
Bernard Ferrell, Kenly—Western.
Mrs. E. G. Holland, Holly Springs—Western.
M. V. Avery, Pleasant Plain—Western.
W. C. Sasser, Selma—Western.
J. B. Forehand, Stoney Creek—Western.
Avery Sasser, Piney Grove—Western.
C. W. Morris, Western Conference.
Louis Barnes, Pine Level—Western.

PROCEEDINGS

The Thirty-Fifth Session of the State Convention of North Carolina convened with Shady Grove Church, Sampson County, Wednesday morning, September 17, 1947.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," led by Rev. R. P. Harris, was sung by the congregation. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Vernelson. Brother Harris sang as a solo "No Longer Lonely." Scripture: 11 Peter 1:1. Prayer by Rev. Harris.

Rev. Bob Woolley, pastor of the local church, extended a cordial welcome to the Convention and an appreciative response was made by Rev. J. A. Harris.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Resolutions—D. W. Alexander, S. A. Smith, Wade H. Calvert.

Temperance—J. A. Evans, Burkett Raper, J. D. Vernelson, Chester Pelt, M. L. Baxley.

Credentials—J. W. Alford, J. A. Harris, M. A. Woodard.

Nominating—N. B. Barrow, Walter Carter, R. P. Harris, Lloyd Vernon, N. D. Beaman.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD (Adopted)

The Executive Board of the North Carolina State Association met November 14, 1946, in the Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, N. C. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. E. Anderson.

Members present: M. L. Johnson, J. W. Alford, R. N. Hinnant, R. W. Mallard, S. A. Smith, J. R. Bennett, M. A. Woodard proxy for D. W. Alexander.

Visitors present: W. E. Anderson, R. B. Spencer and Mrs. R. W. Mallard.

The President called the meeting to order and a letter was read from J. E. Ingalls in reference to publishing a new Hymn Book. It was moved and carried that the letter be referred to the Free Will Baptist Press.

The question of employing a Field Secretary was informally discussed and a motion was made and carried that the matter of employment be deferred until December 2, 1946; that the President of the Executive Board contact the Orphanage and Mission Boards and explain the purpose of a Field Secretary, that these Boards might give consideration in helping to finance said Secretary.

By motion, a Committee of three be elected to write out the duties, responsibilities and amount of employment expected of a Field Secretary, together with compensation and expenses for same.

Committee elected: M. L. Johnson, R. N. Hinnant, S. A. Smith.

My motion, the report of the Cragmont Assembly Ground be withheld from the permanent minutes, because of certain discrepancies with the Auditor's report.

By motion, this Executive Board recommend the changing of the name of the State Body back to its original name "State Convention."

Motion the President of this Executive Board be the Chairman of a special committee of three to work with committees appointed by the various Conferences and State Association to study and make recommendations to these bodies regarding the adoption of the National Treatise. Committee: J. R. Bennett and R. N. Hinnant.

Motion the report of the retiring Field Secretary be adopted.

Motion to adjourn and benediction by S. A. Smith.

M. L. Johnson, President.

R. N. Hinnant, Secretary.

The Executive Board met in a called session December 2, 1946, in the Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, N. C., at 10:00 A. M.

Members present: M. L. Johnson, J. W. Alford, R. N. Hinnant, J. R. Bennett, R. W. Mallard, D. W. Alexander. D. W. Alexander served as proxy for S. A. Smith.

Visitors present: Levi Hill, J. C. Moye, J. A. Evans, H. M. Mallard, Mrs. Alice Lupton, M. A. Woodard, L. B. Manning.

Prayer by Rev. D. W. Alexander.

The President stated the purpose of the meeting was to consider the employment of a Field Secretary. After much discussion, a motion was made that a committee of two be elected to work with R. N. Hinnant in employing a Secretary and work out plans for setting up an office for same. Committee elected: D. W. Alexander and J. W. Alford.

Rev. J. R. Bennett was asked to make the Committee a proposition.

Rev. Bruce Barrow's membership on Cragmont Board of Stockholders was declared vacant and Rev. J. R. Bennett was elected to fill the vacancy. (Bro. Barrow was a member of the same Board by virtue of his election in the Sunday School Convention, held in 1946.)

Revs. J. R. Bennett, D. W. Alexander, J. W. Alford were appointed a committee to study and make recommendations to the Executive Board, relative to allocating 25 per cent of the State Association Funds to the National Association.

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

M. L. Johnson, President.

R. N. Hinnant, Secretary.

The President called the Executive Board in session January 20, 1947, at the F. W. B. Press, Ayden, N. C.

Members present: M. L. Johnson, J. W. Alford, R. N. Hinnant, D. W. Alexander, S. A. Smith, J. R. Bennett.

Visitors present: M. A. Woodard, Sam Kennedy, J. A. Evans, L. B. Manning.

Prayer by Sam Kennedy.

Motion that M. L. Johnson and R. N. Hinnant constitute a committee to locate the 1947 session of the Association and that J. A. Evans work with the above-named committee in arranging a program for said session.

By motion J. A. Evans was placed on the Mission Board in the place of W. R. Williams. The reason for said motion was that Bro. Williams did not attend meetings of the Board.

The question of employing of Rev. J. R. Bennett as Field Secretary was taken up and Bro. Bennett made the Board a proposition. After much discussion, Bro. Bennett, by motion, was allowed to withdraw his proposal.

The arranging and distribution of the Six Point Program placards were left in the hands of the President and Secretary for distribution.

It was moved and carried that the sixth point in this program be known as "State Promotional Work."

A letter was read from the National Executive Secretary relative to raising money for constructing a building for headquarters of the National Association.

By motion the above referred to letter was tabled indefinitely.

Motion to adjourn and benediction by Rev. J. W. Alford.

M. L. Johnson, President.

R. N. Hinnant, Secretary.

The President called a meeting of the Executive Board in the Church at Lucama, N. C., May 14, 1947.

Members present: M. L. Johnson, J. W. Alford, R. N. Hinnant, J. R. Bennett, S. A. Smith, J. A. Evans, proxy for D. W. Alexander, J. R. Bennett, proxy for R. W. Mallard.

The President stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear complaints from the Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference concerning a preacher by the name of Clare Vandenburg. After the presenting the complaints and discussion, the following was adopted:

In view of the fact that one by the name of Clare Vandenburg, representing himself as an evangelist, has caused much confusion in some churches in eastern North Carolina, and has denounced our doctrine and many of our ministers publicly, we, the Executive Committee of the State Association of the original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, in session on May 14, 1947, do recommend to every church and minister of the original Free Will Baptist Church in North Carolina, that they have no dealings with the said Clare Vandenburg and accord him no recognition or privilege in connection with our church work.

Signed:

M. L. Johnson, Chairman,

J. W. Alford, Vice-Chairman,

R. N. Hinnant, Secretary,

J. R. Bennett,

S. A. Smith,

J. A. Evans,

Proxy for D. W. Alexander.

The President's annual message was delivered by Rev. M. L. Johnson. He called attention to the progress being made by the state body and then made some recommendations to the body to act upon.

The Resolutions Committee made a report and recommended a change in the Constitution of the Convention as follows: (Article 1, Section 1) "This Assembly shall be known as the North Carolina State Convention of the Original Free Will Baptist churches of Jesus Christ."

Resolved that the Clerk be empowered and instructed to change the word "Association" to "Convention" wherever the word "Association" is used in the Constitution and By-Laws.

The report was read at 11:10 A. M. and a motion was made that the above proposed amendment be acted upon as the first order of business tomorrow morning at 10:00 A. M.

Resolution: Resolved that the motion found on page 16 of the 1943 minutes of the State Association reading as follows be rescinded and the money used to support a Field Secretary as a Promotional Worker: (The Motion)

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

Resolution: Resolved that the motion found on page 17 of the 1943 minutes of the State Association reading as follows be rescinded: (The motion) That we recommend to the Conferences, Associations, Union Meetings the allocation of 25% 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.

Resolution: Be it resolved that Article 3, Section 1 of the Constitution read as follows: The Board of Trustees for the management and control of the Free Will Baptist Orphan Home at Middlesex, N. C., shall be composed of nine members with three retiring each year, the Convention to fill the vacancies.

Resolution: Resolved that we assure the National Association that our withdrawal of the 25% of our income from the Unified Program does not interfere with our fellowship in Christ and that we support the National work.

Resolution: That this Convention express by a rising vote of thanks to the people of Shady Grove and neighboring churches for the splendid way they cared for the 1947 Convention.

D. W. Alexander,
S. A. Smith,
W. H. Calvert,
Committee.

(Note)—All the above resolutions were accepted and adopted as part of the procedure of this Convention.—Secretary.

Resolution—"Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he send forth more laborers."

Whereas, we have prayed and God has spoken to (Miss) Zalene Lloyd, Edgemont Church, Durham, North Carolina, and she has yielded to the Call and prepared herself, and has been approved by the National Board, to join her life with our beloved Miss Laura Belle Barnard in the land of India, in His Name; therefore, we want to recommend that the churches, in co-operation with the Woman's Auxiliaries make a sacrificial offering to pay for Miss Lloyd's equipment and transportation to India, not later than May 1, 1948.

These gifts to be sent to the Mission Treasurer, ear-marked for the above stated cause.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Alice E. Lupton,
Mrs. J. C. Griffin,
Mrs. J. C. Sasser,
Mrs. M. A. Woodard,
Mrs. J. C. Moyer,
Mrs. Maurice Roach,
Mrs. Jas. A. Evans,
Mrs. E. G. Holland,
Mrs. L. E. Ballard,
Executive Committee of the
State Woman's Aux. Conv.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

It is a pleasure to bring greetings in behalf of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention to this session of the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists.

During this past year we women have striven to exalt the Lord through the channel of study, prayer, and service. Therefore, our vision has enlarged and our zeal doubled as an Auxiliary of the church. The statistical reports, which appear in the minutes of our 1947 session, are the best in the history of the Convention. This reveals that our women are steadily moving forward in extending the Kingdom of God in the heart of mankind. We realize that much that has been accomplished could never have been done if the church and the ministers had not smiled favorably upon our program.

The women of North Carolina are to be commended for their support of the National Auxiliary Convention. Of the total amount of the Co-Laborer Band fund, \$1,433.97, North Carolina women gave \$641.00; and of the total dues of \$320.50 North Carolina women gave \$145.00.

We enjoyed a most successful conference at Cragmont. One woman in attempting to describe what Cragmont Women's Conference meant to her, simply said, "It was the best revival I have ever attended." Surely God did bless in every teaching effort to inspire greater and more efficient service in co-operation with our Church program.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. C. Griffin,

Pres. N. C. State W. A. C.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

Since last report we have made considerable progress in obtaining facts, dates, records, etc., of the history of the Free Will Baptist in North Carolina. With painstaking care we are preparing the history and preserving the records as rapid as circumstances will permit.

It will take at least another year, or possibly two years, before it can be finished, an even not then, unless we are able to locate four sets of old minutes for the years of 1914, 1917, 1918, 1919.

You may rest assured that we will turn over to you the finished product as early as possible.

Thos. E. Beaman, Historian.

Suspension of business for devotions and the Introductory Sermon.

The congregation sang, "Send the Light" and "At the Cross." Duet by Ruth Little and Rubelle James, "It Pays to Serve Jesus." Prayer by Rev. Ralph Lightsey.

The President introduced the speaker, Rev. D. W. Alexander, who preached the sermon. His text was taken from John 9:1 and used as a subject, "God's Work."

The fullness of God's work is to yet be realized and the Free Will Baptist have a part to play in the plan of God, stated the speaker.

Song: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," by the Convention.

The President then welcomed all the visiting ministers and the benediction was offered by Rev. Robert Crawford.

LUNCH

Rev. J. A. Harris led the congregation in singing, "I Love to Tell the Story." Prayer by Brother Allen Bryan. Solo, "The Stranger of Galilee," by Miss Betty Whaley.

Rev. M. L. Johnson made a verbal report of the promotional work done during the past year and it was received as information.

By motion the President and Secretary draw up suitable information and present to the Associated Press to clarify the difference between the Original Free Will Baptist and the Free Will Holiness churches and then consult legal authority, if necessary, to make a distinction between the two denominations.

See report below:

Whereas the following conditions do exist:

1. There is a group of Churches, in the state of North Carolina, centered chiefly in and around Harnett and Sampson Counties, who call themselves, and are known by some as Free Will Baptist, but in fact are not a part of the Original Free Will Baptist Denomination, they having "pulled out" of said Denomination over thirty (30) years ago, as a result of disagreements over the Doctrines and Practices generally associated with the "Holiness" Churches. The above mentioned Churches have in the past been known as the Free Will Holiness Churches, but in recent years have referred to themselves, and have been referred to by the public press as Free Will Baptist.

2. On September 17, 1947, there appeared on the front page of the News and Observer, a daily newspaper published in Raleigh, N. C., an article telling of the deplorable conduct of one L. V. Davis, former Superintendent of the Dunn Free Will Baptist Orphanage of Dunn, N. C. In this article the said L. V. Davis is listed as a Free Will Baptist minister and the Orphanage as the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, the facts being that the Orphanage, the Church Officials, and the minister mentioned in said article are all of the Free Will Holiness group. This incident, as well as many others in which this group is not properly identified, has brought considerable embarrassment upon the Original Free Will Baptist Denomination.

3. There is a State Association of Free Will Baptist in this state, which is recognized by the National Association of Free Will Baptist, as the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina. This convention is in annual session at Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn, N. C., on September 17, 18, 1947.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this the thirty-fifth annual session of the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, go on record as deploring the fact that the Free Will Holiness have not been properly identified in the mind of the public.

2. That we supply to a representative of the News and Observer, and the Associated Press, this information, and respectfully request that it be given Front Page publication, and that it be considered in future publication.

3. That our Executive Committee be instructed to contact the officials of the Free Will Holiness group and petition them to use "Christian Fairness" in identifying themselves before the public.

4. That we do hereby inform the general public that the above mentioned L. V. Davis, the Free Will Baptist Orphanage of Dunn, N. C., and the

Church officials mentioned in the News and Observer of Sept. 17, 1947, are no part of the Original Free Will Baptist Denomination and that said Orphanage is in no way connected with our Free Will Baptist Orphanage, located at Middlesex, N. C., of which Rev. James A. Evans is superintendent.

5. That we invite our National Association to verify these facts by an article released by its duly elected officials.

Respectfully submitted:

Rev. M. L. Johnson, President.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD

Received for Missions

		Expenses	Balance
September	\$ 71.51	\$ 13.15	\$ 58.36
October	162.77	-----	162.77
November	81.08	-----	81.08
December	52.55	5.31	47.24
January, 1947	78.20	6.60	71.60
February	35.84	10.00	25.84
March	359.63	5.00	354.63
April	938.62	5.00	933.62
May	267.66	25.60	242.06
June	503.35	155.36	347.99
July	1,042.44	264.59	777.85
August	687.55	325.26	362.29
Total	\$4,281.20	\$815.87	\$3,465.33

The balance for the Mission receipts was equally divided, giving to Home Missions, \$1,732.66; Foreign Missions, \$1,732.67.

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT

Sept. '46, \$43.48, 50% Mission receipts, \$29.18, Total ----- \$ 72.66
 Transferred over check to F. M. 4-4-46, crediting Home Missions
 with amount ----- 47.57

Balance	50% Mission	
	Receipts	Total
October	\$ 81.39	\$ 575.83
November	40.54	207.50
December	23.62	189.62
January, 1947	35.80	417.27
February	12.92	143.06
March	177.31	683.04
April	466.81	1,312.76
May	121.03	366.80
June	173.99	1,052.57
July	388.93	540.82
August	181.15	611.60
Total	\$1,732.67	\$6,125.96

This grand total has been sent to the Foreign Missions treasurer, the check each month covering the receipts for that month. Please note the increase credit we have for Foreign Missions over last year when our receipts for this account were only \$2,249.95 as against our present receipts of \$6,125.96.

HOME MISSIONS ACCOUNT

		50% Mission Receipts	Total
Sept. '46, from F. M. overcheck	\$ 47.57	\$ 29.18	\$ 76.75
October	21.25	81.38	102.63
November	100.00	40.54	140.54
December	87.85	23.62	111.47
January, 1947	10.00	35.80	45.80
February		12.92	12.92
March	20.96	177.32	198.28
April	10.00	466.81	476.81
May	1.39	121.03	122.42
June	61.00	174.00	235.00
July	17.50	388.97	406.47
August		181.14	181.14
Total	\$377.52	\$1,732.71	\$2,110.23

DISBURSEMENTS HOME MISSION BOARD

September, '46	\$ 130.00
October	40.00
November	40.00
December	41.84
January, '47	190.00
February	50.00
March	40.00
April	20.00
May	110.00
June	120.00
July	140.00
August	130.00
Total Disbursements	\$1,051.84

Recapitulation

Total Received for Foreign Missions	\$6,125.96
For Home Missions	2,110.23
Balance September 1, 1946	1,558.56
Grand Total	\$9,794.75
Total Paid Out Foreign Missions	\$6,125.96
For Home Missions	1,051.84
Total paid out	\$7,177.80
Bank balance September 1, 1947	\$3,136.75

Deposited September 1st, August receipts	367.62
Balance in bank September 1st	<u>\$3,504.37</u>
Outstanding checks September 1st	906.87
Balance to credit September 1st	<u>\$2,597.50</u>
Receipts	
Grand Total for the year	\$9,794.75
Total Paid Out, all purposes	<u>7,177.80</u>
Balance	\$2,616.95
Balance in Bank	<u>2,597.50</u>
To balance	<u>\$ 19.45</u>

J. W. ALFORD, Treasurer.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT FOR YEAR 1946-47

We, your Board of Superannuation, submit the following report and recommendations, divided into seven items as follows:

- 1.—Deaths: With sincere regrets we report the death, during the last year, of Rev. M. C. McPherson, who died on February 28, 1947; at the age of 67.
- 2.—Financial Report:

Receipts	
Balance brought forward September 1, 1946	\$1,133.27
"Regular Receipts" for the Year	
September - - - \$ 150.29	April - - - - \$ 200.41
October - - - 1,606.58	May - - - - 10.50
November - - - 851.68	June - - - - 218.53
December - - - 267.73	July - - - - 213.09
January - - - 248.70	August - - - - 158.00
February - - - 57.46	
March - - - 64.35	Total Regular Receipts - - - \$4,047.32
Interest from Hospital Bill Loan	\$ 1.50
Refund of Check written for Rev. J. H. Worley	15.00
Interest from "George P. Best Memorial Fund"	<u>194.09</u>
Total for the year	<u>\$5,391.18</u>
Disbursements	
To Superannuated Ministers	\$2,375.00
To the National Board	897.29
Operating Expense—(Postage, Supplies, Salaries, Mileage, etc.)	<u>381.66</u>
Total Disbursements for the year	<u>\$3,653.95</u>
Balance on Hand August 31, 1947	<u>\$1,737.23</u>

Report to the National Board

Our Total Regular Receipts for the year - - - - -	\$4,047.32
Sent directly to National Board and only reported to State Board - - - - -	25.50
Total - - - - -	
	\$4,072.82
Our Operating Expense for the year - - - - -	381.66
Balance above Operating Expense for the year - - - - -	\$3,691.16
25% of Balance - - - - -	\$ 922.79
Paid to National Board by State Board - - - - -	\$897.29
Received by National Board and Reported to State Board	25.00
Total N. C. credit with the National Board - - - - -	
	\$ 922.79

Digest of Regular Receipts:

By Conferences, Etc.	\$4,047.32
Albemarle - - - - -	\$ 203.45
Cape Fear - - - - -	619.08
Central - - - - -	845.74
Eastern - - - - -	1,100.22
French Broad - - - - -	108.00
Pee Dee - - - - -	45.29
Piedmont - - - - -	55.14
Western - - - - -	660.91
N. C. S. S. Conv. - - - - -	13.42
State Aux. Conv. - - - - -	396.07
	\$4,047.32
By Departments	
Churches - - - - -	\$1,939.81
Woman's Auxiliaries - - - - -	765.81
Sunday Schools - - - - -	378.59
Leagues - - - - -	35.71
Individuals - - - - -	85.00
Conferences - - - - -	346.57
Union Meetings - - - - -	495.83
	\$4,047.32

2.—Benevolent Grants:

The following ministers are now receiving Benevolent Grants from this Board: Rev. W. R. Coats, Rev. H. R. Faircloth, Rev. L. C. Garner, Rev. J. A. Ringgold, Rev. Howard Pipkin, Rev. B. T. Dixon, Rev. W. G. Pike, Rev. W. G. Boykin, Rev. D. M. Ratcliff, Rev. W. A. Dail, Rev. L. W. Wetherington, Rev. J. C. Franks, Rev. J. A. Collins, Rev. J. A. Martin, Rev. J. C. Rogers, Rev. I. J. Greene, Rev. Luther Inman, Rev. H. C. Adcox, Rev. I. W. Russell, Rev. J. S. Overman, Rev. M. A. Woodard. If you know of others that should be on this list, please notify this Board.

4.—Insurance:

The National Board of Superannuation has made arrangements to increase the amount of the Retirement Insurance Policies, to \$2,000.00. Therefore those who now have the \$1,000.00 Policies may apply for additional insurance. Other ministers under 51 years of age may apply for this insurance by contacting the Chairman-Treasurer of this Board.

5.—Budget:

We ask that this Association approve a budget of \$8,500.00 for the next year, to be raised for Superannuation, by the various groups in the State. We would recommend that we ask the various groups to accept the following goals: Churches, \$5,300.00; Woman's Auxiliaries, \$1,100.00; Sunday Schools, \$600.00; Leagues, \$125.00; Individual Gifts, \$175.00;

Conferences and Union Meetings, \$1,200.00. Total, \$8,500.00.

6—Retired Ministers Homes:

Much has been said by some of our people in regards to establishing a Home for Retired Ministers. After much study of this matter your Board is of the opinion that the best approach to this question is a program in which we would seek to own several family size homes, located in the various cities and other communities, to be used by a Retired Minister and his family. When said homes are not being used, they would be rented and the rent turned into the treasurer of the Board. We recommend that this Association, endorse this program, and that we urge our people to remember this need when making their Wills or in other ways giving of their possessions to the cause of our Denomination.

7.—October Drive:

We ask that all the Pastors, and other leaders of our denomination, help us make good in the coming October drive, by making special mention of Superannuation Month.

Submitted by the Board of Superannuation,
M. L. Johnson, Chairman-Treasurer,
F. A. Rivenbark, Ass't. Chairman-Treasurer,
T. E. Beaman, Secretary,
W. A. Hales,
Mrs. J. C. Moye,
Rashie Kennedy.

Motion that we instruct the Superannuation Board to "Incorporate" its Board and that we approve the recommendations of the Board as set forth in their report.

REPORT OF STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION (Adopted)

This report is based on reports and information received at the State League Convention at Micro, July 3-4, 1947, and information we have been able to attain otherwise.

No. of churches in the state that reported Leagues.....22

No. of League Groups reported in the churches53

No. of District Organizations reported—One at State League Convention, "Albemarle League Union", Mr. Joe Ange, President. One has recently been organized, "2nd Union League Conference", Rev. Graham Baker, President. Amount of money in Treasury, about \$60.00.

Plans for the Year

Placing on the field a Field Worker.

Manufacture and distribution of the League Emblem Pin.

To sponsor Declamation contest in connection with the next State League Convention.

To bring up-to-date, and resume the practice of giving an annual reward to the respective League Groups deserving of them for their year's work.

A page in the "Baptist" each week, devoted exclusively to F. W. B. League work.

Officers of North Carolina Free Will Baptist League Convention for 1947-48

Oscar Webster, President, Route 1, Pinetown, N. C.

David Wooten, Vice-President, Fountain, N. C.
 Miss Alethia Etheridge, Treasurer, Columbia, N. C.
 Miss Louise Doughtie, Recording Secretary, Moyock, N. C.
 Rev. R. P. Harris, Corresponding Secretary, Kenly, N. C.
 Oscar Webster, President.

REPORT OF CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY (Adopted)

Balance Sheet—September 15, 1947

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash in Bank	\$ 58.46
Petty Cash	50.00
Estimated Inventory of Food	186.77
Estimated Inventory of Souvenirs	10.00
	\$ 305.23
Fixed Assets:	
Real Estate—	
Cragmont Property	\$10,000.00
Building Improvements	7,861.36
	\$17,861.36
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	5,631.04
	\$23,492.40
Deferred Assets:	
Loan to N. C. F. W. B. S. S. Convention	\$ 82.40
Organization Expense	777.00
Transfer of Funds	64.97
	924.37
Total Assets	\$24,722.00
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$1,245.57
Notes Payable	1,500.00
	\$ 2,745.57
Fixed Liabilities:	
Mortgage Payable	\$6,160.00
	6,160.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 8,905.57
Capital	
Gifts Received by Fountain, Taylor	\$11,731.33
Furnishings Campaign Received by W. A. Willoughby	4,582.37
	\$16,313.70

Surplus—profit beginning of the year	9.22
	<u>\$16,322.92</u>
Net Operating Loss at September 15, 1947	506.49
	<u>\$15,816.43</u>
Total Liabilities and Capital	\$24,722.00

Profit and Loss Statement—September 15, 1947

Income:

Income from Assemblies	\$1,686.25
Income from Guests	641.54
Income from Gifts, Drives, etc.	3,010.63
Income from Furnishings Campaign	1,707.12
Miscellaneous Income	884.51
Sale of Farm Produce (not including Cragmont)	6.46
Souvenir Sales	18.05

Total Income \$7,954.56

Operating Expenses:

Food	\$1,538.29
Salaries—Manager	1,956.25
Salaries—Kitchen	881.97
Heat, Lights, Telephone and Laundry	655.55
Property Maintenance and Supplies	337.85
Miscellaneous Expense	238.59
Kitchen Supplies	114.05
Souvenir Supplies	14.00
Board of Directors Expense	266.65
Manager's Travel Expense	636.98
Farm Supplies (Poultry)	100.10
Organization Expense (1947 Pro. Rata Part)	259.00
Legal, Bond and Insurance	520.07
Interest Paid	417.00
Surveying Expenses	524.70

Total Operating Expenses \$8,461.05

Net Operating Loss \$ 506.49

J. ALBERT HARRIS, Treasurer.

REPORT OF CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc.

Report of the Church Finance Association, Inc., to the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist, September 17, 1947.

1. The following is a statement of the Membership and Business of the Church Finance Association, Inc., as of September 15, 1947:

Number of Members of the Association	224
Number of \$25.00 Certificates now in effect	239
Membership Dues Collected this year	\$1,376.86
Total Membership Dues Collected to date	\$7,223.88

Number of Loans made to date	18
Total this 18 Loans	\$51,697.45
Number Loans now on our books	11
Total Loans now on our books	\$35,703.94

2.—We are not inclosing a statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Association, since our year ends January 1, 1948, and it would require a complete audit of our books to give a full statement now, also another at the end of the year. Those interested in a complete statement of our business may obtain one by writing the Secretary-Treasurer after January 1, 1948.

3.—We continue to have inquiries as to the possibilities of borrowing money, by our Churches. There are several that would be glad to use the services of this Association, if we had the money to lend them. We urge you to assist in providing this money.

Church Finance Association, Inc.,
George Webster, President,
M. L. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT (Adopted) Secretary-Treasurer Report

As Secretary-Treasurer to the State Board of Education, I want to make the following report from September 1, 1946, through August 31, 1947:

Receipts According to Conferences and Associations

Eastern - - - - -	\$ 237.09
Central - - - - -	418.61
Western - - - - -	133.30
Cape Fear - - - - -	1,137.80
Albemarle - - - - -	185.56
Pee Dee - - - - -	8.00
Miscellaneous - - - - -	75.98
Piedmont - - - - -	28.00
Balance from last year - - - - -	59.03

Total - - - - - \$2,283.37

Disbursements

Bible College - - - - -	\$2,247.00
Expenses - - - - -	2.89

Total paid out - - - - - \$2,249.89

Balance on hand - - - - - \$ 33.48

Rashie Kennedy, Secretary-Treasurer,
Board of Education.

P. S.—The report from Rev. J. R. Davidson shows that \$5,802.36 has gone to the college from the state. It shows that \$3,588.12 has gone direct to the college and only \$2,224.34 has come through the state treasurer during the year.

Rev. J. R. Bennett tendered his resignation to the Convention, on the Board of Education, and it was accepted by a vote of the Convention.

Motion to adjourn for the day and song "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" was sung by all. Benediction by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

Wednesday Evening

After a thirty minutes devotional service of song and prayer, Rev. J. C. Griffin gave a motion picture of the various institutional activities of our denomination.

Thursday Morning

Morning devotions were conducted by Rev. Burkett Raper. The congregation joined in singing, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," followed with prayer by Rev. J. C. Griffin. Mrs. J. C. Moye and Mrs. L. E. Ballard sang very beautifully, "Tread Softly." The Scripture lesson was read from Matthew 27:34-38.

Report of the National Association by Rev. R. B. Crawford, which was received as information.

Report of Orphanage Board (Adopted).

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The 27th annual report of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage is submitted herewith for your consideration and approval. The financial standing of the Institution and its transactions during the year are shown on the following pages. The social service and the care of children is summarized and a listing of the children by names and associations is set forth. The year has been filled with activity in every department. The general conditions have improved since the close of the war with the exception of an increased cost of food and clothing and other supplies. The giving has also increased, but not to a degree that would make for security as is shown by the bank balance.

The church building program has been taking much of my time and we have made some progress. The building will be closed in by Thanksgiving. The size of the building and the cost have been exceedingly more than I first estimated five years ago. The people are responding to our requests in the drive for memorial windows and doors. I trust that we can receive enough support other than would be needed in the care of the children to finish this building and equip it.

The farm has been operated on the tenant system and a nice crop is in prospect of harvest. The grain and hay crops are the best I have seen on the Massey farm. The dairy expansion program has proven to be an asset. This phase of our farm program should receive our immediate attention in the erection of a modern dairy barn. The other departments such as poultry, swine, and garden have also helped to supply the needs of the table.

The Young People's Friend has been published and distributed at an average of 1,000 copies per month. The subscription returns have been very low for the year. The interest however has been very good and I recommend that we continue it with a renewed interest in subscriptions.

I have used the services of three field representatives whose reports are included on a separate sheet. They each did a fine piece of work for us wherever they went.

Each child and staff member is now protected by a group hospitalization insurance. The experience with this company has been so good that they

have increased our daily cost from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per day while in the hospital. On the employees we have Workmen's Compensation insurance coverage and one claim has been made and paid as a result of injury on the church building program.

The McLeod Educational Loan Fund has gone into use and we now have pending another application. I believe that we need to increase this fund in order to serve our boys and girls who are graduating from high school.

Rev. F. A. Rivenbark has served the Orphanage Church on first Sunday afternoons. His work has been very commendable and the children have enjoyed his messages. He and others conducted a very successful Vacation Bible School and Youth Revival. Several of the children were converted and baptized during the year.

I am recommending that the Board set up a budget for the operations for the next year at not less than \$75,000.00. Several of the recommendations made over the past few years have now come to pass and only a few remain to be completed that I have not mentioned. I am listing again the things we have not provided for. 1. The erection of the Albemarle Cottage. 2. The erection of the Dairy Barn. 3. Repairs and re-equipping the present buildings. 4. Recreational equipment.

I am glad to report that I have employed as authorized by you, Miss Louise Edgerton, to serve us as Director of Social Service and assistant to the Superintendent. Miss Edgerton will begin her duties September 1.

Again I take my hat off to the staff and employees who have served so faithfully throughout the year in the care of our precious boys and girls. They have worked hard and long hours to make possible the report that I have been able to turn in to you today. You, as Board Members, have shown an increased interest in the future of the Orphanage and it has given inspiration to me at a time that I seemed to be crossing the Red Sea in experience. Our Institution is considered small as compared to others but its services are recognized now by outstanding authorities in child care. By the grace of God may we continue to do the things to make it better and bigger until every worthy child who knocks on our door can be admitted. It is still the pride of North Carolina Free Will Baptists.

Board of Trustees

W. A. Jackson, Chairman, Dunn, North Carolina

Levi Hill, Snow Hill, North Carolina

J. C. Moye, Snow Hill, North Carolina

Dr. M. Hinnant, Micro, North Carolina

H. M. Mallard, Trenton, North Carolina

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

Administration

James A. Evans, Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer

Miss Dorothy Lewis, Secretary and Bookkeeper

Miss Ruth Strickland, Office Assistant and Editor Young People's Friend

Institutional Care of Children

Mrs. James A. Evans, Dietitian

Miss Mary Burton, Girl's Matron

Mrs. Clarence Mitchell, Boy's Matron

Mrs. C. H. Worthington Boy's Matron
 Mrs. James Little Laundry Supervisor

Farm

Mr. Clarence Mitchell Farm and Dairy Manager

Plant

Earl Tippett Maintenance Department
 Troy Dalton Storeroom and Poultry Department

Summer Employees

Miss Hazel Dawkins Field Representative
 Rev. Burkette Raper Field Representative
 Rev. J. C. Griffin Field Representative
 Miss Margaret Lewis Kindergarten Teacher

Religious Department

Rev. F. A. Rivenbark Pastor

ENROLLMENT OF PARENTAL STATUS

For Year Ending August 31, 1947

Enrollment:

Enrollment September 1, 1946 -----	79
Admitted during period -----	11
Discharged during period -----	18
Enrollment August 31, 1947 -----	72

There have been requests for applications from 21 families involving 42 children which have not been returned to our office.

During the year applications have been received from 6 families.

Number of applications approved during the year -----	17
Number of applications rejected during the year -----	0
Number of applications withdrawn during the year -----	70
Number of applications pending at present -----	12

Report in reference to children:

Number of children going to relatives -----	18
Number of children not going to school -----	0

Parental Status

Whole orphans, 22; Mother dead, 16; Father dead, 40; Neither, 12.

Educational Department

The Principal and Faculty of the Middlesex Public Schools of the County of Nash are considerate of our children and their welfare. We are grateful to them for their promotion of the educational interests of our Institution.

The children are served their noon day meal in the lunch room at school for a small charge of 20c per plate.

CHILDREN CARED FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 1946, to AUGUST 31, 1947

From: Association or Conference—Western, 26; Eastern, 9; Albemarle, 3; Central, 25; Cape Fear, 18; Piedmont, 6; French Broad, 3; Total cared for during this period, 90.

Names of Children

(Cared for from September 1, 1946, to August 31, 1947)

Baker, Bennett Mack
 Baker, Mary Elizabeth
 Bissette, Vernon Bradley**
 Bryant, Alton*
 Bradshaw, Franklin Delano
 Bradshaw, Thelma Elvina
 Bright, William Earl**
 Bright, Nathaniel Erwin**
 Bryant, Rabion
 Butts, James Cleveland
 Butts, Lydia Louise
 Butts, Teensy
 Butts, Tincy
 Connor, Jerry**
 Darden, Christine
 Darden, Evelyn Jean
 Duncan, Doris Jackie
 Duncan, Edna Pearl
 Duncan, Lois Dolores
 Gasperson, Roy Lee
 Gasperson, Mildred Louise
 Gasperson, Velma Phylis
 Gay, Fernie Wayne**
 Jimmy Elton Gay**
 Harrell, Charles Hopkins
 Harrell, Hilda Grace
 Hinson, Charles Ray
 Huff, James Lee
 Huff, Mary Idella (Peggy)
 Johnson, Mildred Louise
 Lane, David John
 Lane, Jacob Jake
 Lane, Patricia Ann
 Lane, Robert Lee
 Lane, Durwood Jean
 Lane, William Richard
 Lane, Mary Louise
 Lewis, Mary Frances
 Little, Alice Marie
 Little, Carol Uriah
 Little, Doris Lee
 Little, Joyce Faye
 Little, Irving Thomas
 Mace, George William*
 Mace, Sam Ray*
 Mace, Wayne Arthur*

Mills, Kathleen**
 Mills, Robert Reynolds**
 Outlaw, Jule Benjamin
 Outlaw, Rudolph
 Page, Charles Floyd
 Page, Chester Eugene
 Page, Jimmie Allen**
 Page, Donald Ray**
 Powell, James Logan
 Powell, Billy Ray
 Powell, Larry Dean
 Rogers, Loyce Nicholas*
 Rogers, Lindsay Hal*
 Rogers, John D'rial*
 Rowe, John Thomas*
 Stevenson, Haywood Thomas
 Stevenson, George, Jr.
 Stevenson, Joyce Malissa
 Taylor, Hugh Brown**
 Taylor, Jeemsie Louise**
 Taylor, Joyce Cornealus**
 Taylor, Margaret Elizabeth**
 Taylor, Garland Elwood**
 Tyson, Dorothea
 Tyson, Eugene
 Tyson, Christabelle
 Tripp, Louis Lawrence, Jr.
 Tucker, Silvia Jean**
 Tucker, Ernest, Jr.**
 Warren, Willis Owens
 Warren, Rosalyne
 Watson, Lillie Faye*
 Watson, Betty Jean*
 Edward Wallace Watson*
 Watson, Josephine**
 Watson, Robert F.
 West, Gorman
 Winstead, Ernest Gray
 Winstead, Metta Lou
 Winstead, Robert David
 Winstead, Winifred Mary
 Williams, Preston Jamie
 William, Bobbie Randall
 Williams, Esther Marie
 *Admitted
 **Discharged

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

September 1, 1946 through August 31, 1947

Balance on hand September 1, 1946 - - - - - \$ 1,284.55

Receipts

Religious Organizations - - - - -	\$35,885.80
Duke Endowment - - - - -	2,623.57
Parents and Relatives - - - - -	2,630.92
Friends - - - - -	3,333.92
Refunds (food, telephone, farm advances, etc.) - - - - -	3,880.00
Subscriptions to Young People's Friend - - - - -	266.00
Field Representatives - - - - -	8,441.01
Cash sales, farm, dairy, and garden - - - - -	11,613.24
Receipts from coupons - - - - -	125.64
Chapel Receipts and Albemarle Cottage - - - - -	2,591.09
Albemarle Cottage Receipts - - - - -	1,492.33
Annuity Bond sales - - - - -	2,000.00
Sale of equipment - - - - -	8,126.12
Sale of bonds for church - - - - -	5,351.69
Receipts for McLeon Loan Fund - - - - -	10.00
Total Receipts for Year - - - - -	\$ 88,371.29
Money borrowed from outside sources - - - - -	14,245.00
Total Cash to account for - - - - -	\$103,900.84

Disbursements

Salaries - - - - -	\$12,855.39
Office Supplies - - - - -	819.73
Telephone and Telegraph - - - - -	361.70
Insurance - - - - -	2,081.60
Conference Fees - - - - -	475.69
Expense of Field Workers - - - - -	1,198.24
Administrative travel - - - - -	337.99
Food - - - - -	6,975.87
Clothing - - - - -	3,329.31
Refunds on supplies, etc. - - - - -	111.43
Fuel, lights, water, etc. - - - - -	3,465.58
General replacement and repair to buildings - - - - -	6,475.28
Hospital bills - - - - -	196.00
Laundry supplies - - - - -	410.88
Household Supplies - - - - -	1,003.02
Recreation for children and allowance - - - - -	1,289.28
Travel relating to care of children - - - - -	362.88
Health Supplies - - - - -	159.48
Education Supplies - - - - -	434.39
Advances to Farm Tenants - - - - -	277.56
Farm Supplies - - - - -	11,704.96
Farm Insurance - - - - -	473.91
Farm replacement and repair - - - - -	3,234.22

Replacement of livestock	4,956.29
Young People's Friend salary and supplies	742.55
Chapel labor and materials	34,207.88
New equipment	704.82
Annuity bond payments	140.00

Total Disbursed	\$ 98,785.93
Repayment of money borrowed from outside sources	4,880.50

Total cash disbursed	\$103,666.50
Cash on hand August 31, 1947	234.41

Total cash accounted for	\$103,900.84
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Donated Commodities

Food	\$2,227.53
Clothing	520.04
Household Supplies	778.40

Total	\$3,525.97
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Money borrowed for church	\$9,500.00
Money borrowed for dairy herd and equipment	\$4,200.00
Accounts Receivable	\$2,785.00
Albemarle Cottage Fund	\$5,357.41
McLeod Education Fund	\$ 810.00
Replacement of vehicles (borrowed)	\$1,200.00

We have renewed during the year 4 vehicles including the school bus, Superintendent's car, Field Worker's car, and suburban.)

Field Representative Receipts

Rev. Burkette Raper	\$2,278.08
Miss Hazel Dawkins	1,502.55
Mrs. L. E. Ballard (Fall 1946)	4,418.23
Rev. J. C. Griffin	242.15

Total	\$8,441.01
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Inventories

Livestock

24 milking cows	\$4,800.00
2 dry cows	300.00
4 heifers	400.00
1 yearling bull	100.00
9 calves	225.00

Totals	\$5,825.00
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Hogs

14 hogs	\$1,400.00
61 pigs	2,125.00

Total	\$3,525.00
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Poultry

450 chickens	\$500.00
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Team

3 pairs mules	\$2,400.00
1 pony	140.00

Total	\$2,540.00
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Food

Canned fruits and vegetables	\$1,875.20
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Total inventories	\$14,265.20
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JAMES A. EVANS, Superintendent.

Offering received for the Orphanage amounted to \$155.26.

The Conventional Sermon was delivered by Rev. J. A. Evans. Subject: "The Art of Pleasing God." Text: Hebrews 11:5.

A special number in song was rendered by four young women.

Benediction by Rev. S. A. Smith.

LUNCH

A bounteous lunch was enjoyed by all present after which the Convention was called to order for the afternoon session by singing "Stepping in the Light." Prayer by Rev. A. C. Adcox. A male Quartette composed of Revs. R. P. Harris, J. A. Harris, R. N. Hinnant and L. R. Ennis, sang "Kneel at the Cross." Miss Ruth Little, Miss Rubelle James and Mrs. J. A. Harris, sang "Sheltered in His love."

The Credentials Committee had no report.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (Adopted)

We, the members of the Temperance Committee, hereby submit our report:

1—Since the consumption of alcoholic beverages has now become prevalent, even among church members, we recommend that all of our ministers deliver at least one sermon each year to each of their churches in which they shall uncompromisingly denounce the consumption of whiskey, beer and wine.

2—Since we are aware of the untold evils and miseries brought about through the consumption of alcoholic beverages, and realizing also that just before dying on the cross Christ refused strong drink, even in the agony of death, we recommend that the persistent use of beer, whiskey, or wine be considered just cause for ex-communication from the Free Will Baptist Church.

3—We recommend that our Ministers practice and then urge upon their people the wisdom of Temperance in all things.

Committee:

M. L. Baxley,
Burkett Raper,
Chester Pelt.

Rev. John L. Welch made a verbal report of the College at Nashville, Tennessee, and it was received as information.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE (Adopted)

The Committee on Finance begs to make the following report:

Balance brought forward, 1946	- - - - -	\$ 33.49
Brought forward for promotional Sec.	- - - - -	215.58
Received this session	- - - - -	1,337.06
Collection for Chapel fund (Orphanage)	- - - - -	25.30
Special offering for Orphanage	- - - - -	155.26
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Total received	- - - - -	\$1,766.69
	Disbursements	
Expense of Executive Committee	- - - - -	\$ 228.85
	Allocations	
Promotional Secretary	- - - - -	\$ 500.00

Orphanage	500.00
Education (College)	100.00
Missions	100.00
Superannuation	100.00
Special offering for Orphanage	155.26
Special offering for Chapel fund (Orphanage)	25.30
Promotional Secretary (special)	215.58
Cragmont Assembly	75.00
Total accounted for	\$1,549.99
Total Receipts	\$1,766.69
Total accounted for	1,549.99
Total balance	\$ 216.70
Minutes	150.00
National Association fee	50.00
Balance left in Treasury	\$ 16.70

REPORT OF TREASURER (Adopted)

Receipts from 1946 session	\$1,110.03
Balance brought forward to 1946	383.37
Total Receipts	\$1,493.40

Disbursements

Expense account	\$ 156.45	
Unified Program	229.64	
Minutes		140.00
National Fee 1946		50.00
National Delegates Expenses, 1946		50.00
National Delegates Expenses, 1947		50.00
Orphanage		500.00
Field Secretary (Not paid)	-\$100.00	
Jacksonville Church	75.00	
Bible School Library	75.00	
Balance on Hand		167.31
Total paid out Allocation	1,326.09	
Expense since last State Convention	133.82	
Grand total left in treasury of 1946 receipts		33.49
Promotional Work as of August 31, 1947, and in treasury		215.58
Grand Total		\$ 249.00

R. W. MALLARD, Treasurer.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Adopted)

See Officers of the State Convention in front of Minutes.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

For complete report of Sunday School Convention, see the minutes of same in back of these Minutes.

Rev. J. C. Moyer offered his resignation as a member of the Orphanage Board and it was accepted. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Brother Moyer for his services rendered while a member of the Board.

Rev. S. A. Smith resigned as a member of the Executive Board and his resignation was accepted.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant was elected to serve on the National Committee for the revision of the National Treatise.

Delegates

National Association—D. B. Sasser, M. V. Avery, W. P. Grant, Levi Hill, Rom Mallard.

Fountain Taylor (Eastern Conference); E. W. O'Dell (Piedmont Association); Joe Ange (Albemarle Conference); Mrs. J. C. Moyer (Central Conference); Mrs. F. A. Rivenbark (Western Conference); Rudolph Baxley (Rock Fish Association); Mrs. T. E. Beaman (Cape Fear Conference); Willie Bowen (Pee Dee Association); Mrs. W. L. Moretz (French Broad Association).

Rev. L. E. Ballard gave a verbal report of the work of the Free Will Baptist Press and it was received as information.

Motion to adjourn. "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" was sung and benediction by Rev. W. L. Baxley.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, President.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

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.

CONSTITUTION

Article I.

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

Article II.

Section 1. The officers of the Convention shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The Convention 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 ses-

sion, 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 Convention 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 Convention 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 Convention and refer same to the Recording Secretary for permanent record. He shall have charge of placing all the work of the Convention before the various Conferences and Associations. Also the field work in general.

Section 5. All money belonging to the Convention shall be kept by the Treasurer and paid out by him only by order of the Convention. Bills not having been voted to be paid either by the Convention or its Executive Committee must be signed by the President and Recording Secretary before being paid by him.

Section 6. The work of the Executive Committee shall be that of the Convention when the Convention is not in session and to call extra sessions when such becomes necessary. It shall have the authority to suspend any officer of the Convention 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 Convention. This Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three members to be elected from the floor of the Convention at the regular time for electing officers.

Section 7. The President of the Convention shall be ex-officio member 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 Convention.

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.

Section 10. 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.

Section 11. The duties of the Board of Christian Education shall be to keep our people informed about the Christian Education Program of our Church; endeavor to promote the cause of Christian Education; receive funds

for Christian Education, and place same as they are instructed by the State Convention, and in general to co-operate with the National Educational program.

Article II.

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

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 Convention. They shall have the right to speak on any subject before the Convention by first addressing the President and obtaining the floor.

Article III.

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 nine members elected for a period of three years; the Convention to fill the vacancy. Three retiring each year.

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 Convention to fill the vacancy.

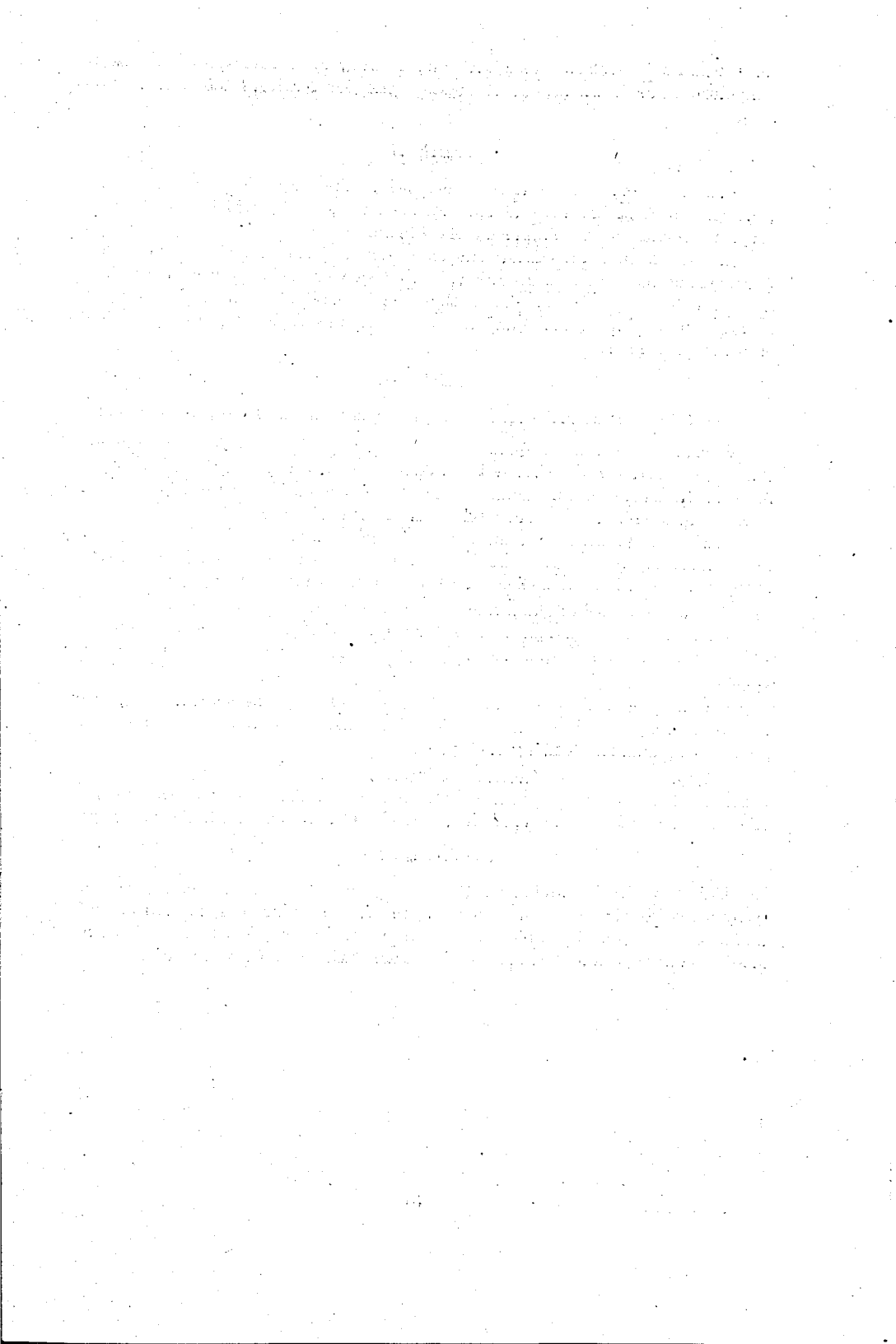
Section 3. Board of Superannuation. The Board of Superannuation shall be composed of six members elected for a term of three years with two members retiring each year and others elected by the Convention to fill the vacancy.

Section 4. 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. One member retiring each year.

Section 5. Board of Christian Education. The Board of Christian Education shall be composed of three members elected for a term of three years with one member retiring each year and the Convention to fill the vacancy.

AMENDMENTS

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 Convention.



STATISTICAL TABLE OF CHURCHES

County and Churches	Number Members	Value of Property	No. Baptized	Members Rec'd.	Died	Offerings	Auxiliaries	Total Raised	Paid Pastor	For Missions	For Orphanage	For Education	Superannuation	Church Finance Association	Miscellaneous	Total Spent	To Convention	National Program	Conf. or Asso.
Avery County—																			
Curtis Creek	76	\$ 800	6	16					\$ 88	\$ 45						\$ 167			T. R.
Beaufort County—																			
Union Chapel	539	5,000	20	26	6	3,000		3,000	420	799						1,804	10.00	10	E.
Sidney	144	325	1	3	2	522	30	552	244	39	35	31	11	4		510	5.00		E.
Ephesus	100	1,200	1	3	1	477	39	587	300	5	32					608	10.00		E.
Piney Grove	97	2,000	13	13		1,155	10	1,165	180		10	10			30	1,245	4.00		C.
Free Union	361	2,000	13	16	4			2,000	840							1,800	5.00		A.
Trinity	76		6	6	1	1,593		1,593	360		167	12				1,505	10.00		A.
Bladen County—																			
Oak Grove	95	4,600	5	11	1	829	362	1,271	422		85	133			71	1,270	5.00		P. D.
Cabarrus County—																			
Elwood Lane	141	5,000	12	21	1	4,536	53	4,589	2,900	26	106	53	10	5	257	3,918	10.00	30	W.
Carteret County—																			
Edward's Chapel	82	1,000	1	3		239	132	447	277							564	3.21		E.
Free Union	49																5.00		E.
St. John's Chapel	154	2,000															10.00		E.
Beaufort	107	16,000	3	5	1	8,599	620	9,966	600		149				17	15,966	10.00		E.
Davis	160	20,000	2	2		12,543		12,543	1,500	368	372	433			581	11,545	25.00	335	E.
Craven County—																			
Brice's Creek	70	300				218		218	128	5	25		10			218	3.00		E.
Sts. Delight	117	1,000	15	20	2	82			450	10	119	10	11		132	1,730	5.00		E.
Wintergreen	143	5,000				958		958	600	40			27			914	10.00		E.
Core Creek	281	8,000	8	9		2,781		2,781	470	295	696	150	144	25	204	3,018	15.00		E.
Juniper Chapel	153	4,400	11	16		815		815	360							808	10.00		E.
Macedonia	311	4,000	14	18	2	1,545	294	3,062	1,025	169	258				31	2,023	30.00		E.
Bridgeton		18,000	16	20		2,146	1,705	3,851	1,296	150	160	78	56	25		2,510	12.50		E.
Gethsmane	154	10,500				2,000		2,000	400		100					3,435	5.00		E.
St. Mary's	379	25,000	31	49	3	6,761		6,761	2,310	264	697	50	95		100	4,720	25.00		E.
Mosley's Creek	143	3,000				1,450			300	25	75	25	10			930	10.00		E.
Durham County—																			
Sherron Acres	231	6,575	3	6		3,417	637	4,054	2,240	318	350				856	3,870	5.00		W.
King's Chapel	87	5,000				505		505	283	15	100	5	4			647	5.00		W.
Edgemont	247	50,000	38	41	2	5,825	252	7,820	3,120	56	260				2,491	7,820	10.00		W.
Oak Grove																	10.00		W.
Calvary	78	12,000	17	10		4,469	75	4,544	2,185	109	93					4,404	5.00		W.
Shady Grove	133	9,000	3	7		960	380	1,340	860	56	150					2,406			W.
Duplin County—																			
Lanier's Chapel	64	2,500	7	7		448			175	11	20				30	448	10.00		W.
Sandy Plain	139	5,000	5					1,202	300	11	137	23	10	8		1,177	10.00		E.
Bethlehem	100	1,000	2	2					300							754	13.30		E.
Pearshall's Chapel	111	1,300	1	1		773	34	806	325	100	81		25			745	15.00	206	E.
Long Ridge	85	2,500	4	4	2	661	268	929	360	7	74	3				881	10.00		E.
Cabin	110	4,025				666		666	330	10	70	10				777	15.00		E.
Rooty Branch	86	5,000	5	3					300	41	41	15			10	564	10.00	42	E.
Snow Hill	103	3,025	12	12	1	651		651	265	22	55		15	10	16	721	20.00	10	E.
Sarecta	154	2,300	5	6	1	940	200	1,140	300	10	75	40	25			1,140	15.00		E.
Beaulville	160	4,000	4	8		815	548		300	30	211	10	21		200				E.
Mt. Zion	60	1,550	4	4		120	100	220							30	78	6.00		E.
Edgecombe County—																			
Edgewood	99	1,000	5	12	1				300								10.00		C.
Rocky Mount	61	4,000	13	23		3,487	366	3,487	2,028	62	81	48	30	12	303	3,312	5.00		C.
Gaston County—																			
Goshen	297	40,000	27	34	3	7,700	1,614	9,364	3,880							5,730	5.00		P.
Mt. Holly	118	10,000	1	27		3,017	1,051	3,122	2,131	11	55					2,298			P.
Greene County—																			
Howell Swamp	143	5,000	24	27				2,884	300		99					2,600	5.00		C.
Hull Road	455	10,000	11	15	6	8,480		8,480	450	150	420	160	30		20	8,480	20.00	120	C.
Sts. Delight	313	4,000	12	13	1	96		742	285	12	39				18	659	10.00		C.
Free Union	470	5,000	5	7	4		60	60	360							684	10.00		C.
Little Creek	140		8	8					300								10.00		C.
Spring Branch	232	2,500	4	4	1	2,183		2,183	360	64	461	20	25		38	1,639	15.00		C.
Grimsley	147	1,750	9	9	3	228			300	56	97	19	29	13			10.00	30	C.
Halifax County—																			
Dawson's Grove	94	2,100	7	8		606		606	300		50	37	13			606	15.00		C.
Harnett County—																			
Prospect	219	3,000	8	13		3,263	938	4,202	586	10	73	67				1,204	10.00		C. F.
Corinth	89	7	7	1		738	96	1,134	379	50	68	50			102	1,106			C. F.
Hertford County—																			
Hickory Chapel	165	3,000	3	11	2	1,011	717	1,728	699	70	125				50	1,703	10.00		A.
Hoke County—																			
Hickory Grove	56	2,150	10	10		44		44	106	16	81					219	5.00		R. F.
Johnston County—																			
Clayton	193	4,000	5	5	1	842	320	1,871	625	50	100	200	50	25		605	3.00		C. F.
Yelverton Grove	116	2,000	7	12		406		406	339	33	21					1,709	5.00		C. F.
Stancil's Chapel	67	1,000	4	5		774		774	165	15	44				33	386	5.00		W.
Kenly	201	25,000				2,073		2,073	600	66	156		4		65	1,648	15.00		W.
Rain's X Roads	155	10,000	1	4		2,052			350	134	137	31	42	35	328	1,187	15.00		W.
Branch Chapel	309	1,000	19	25	1	485		2,096	1,296		98					1,965	8.00		W.
Micro	145	5,000	5	5	2	658			300	19	143	8	27	6	42		10.00		W.
Pleasant Plain	230		10	1		1,176	150												

MINUTES

of the

Eighth Annual Session

of the

North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute

convening with

Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church

Pitt County, North Carolina

Friday, April 25, 1947.

PROCEEDINGS

The Eighth Annual Session of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute convened with Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, near Winterville, N. C., Friday, April 25, 1947. The theme for the day was "Church Schools—Go Ye;" the text: "Go ye therefore and teach . . . all things," Matthew 28:19-20; the hymn: "To the Work."

After the registration and officers' conference at 9:30 a. m., our meeting was opened by congregation singing directed by Rev. Bob Wooley, music director. Mr. Clarence Vinson, superintendent of Reedy Branch Sunday School, led our morning devotion, using as his subject: "Systematic Prayer." In the devotion Mr. Vinson stated that Reedy Branch was happy to entertain this year's assembly of our Convention.

At 10:15 the president delivered his annual message. It has been condensed for inclusion in the minutes by the secretary. The text of his message was to review the goals that had been set and accomplished and to outline goals that need to be kept ever before us that our schools may become standard soul winning schools. The condensed message is as follows:

Our convention was organized in September, 1940, today is the date of our eighth annual session. Ours is the youngest state organization in our denomination, young in years but experienced in service.

Today I am offering my resignation, after having had the privilege of serving as your president for eight years. I am happy to have been able to serve. To Him goes the credit for what has been accomplished. My prayers go with your next president and official board for a period of steady

growth of our local Sunday Schools and all their organizations, districts, state and national.

At this time, let us make a brief review of our goals thus far:

A. 1940—planned to make our organization a "Convention-Institute." This year we will have six weeks institute work at Cragmont.

8. 1940—planned to begin a state-wide campaign to buy or build a state Assembly Ground for the use of our denomination. Cragmont Assembly, Inc., is a reality.

C. 1940—planned to encourage schools to use better records.

D. 1940—planned to educate all schools to become standard.

E. 1940—planned to provide Field Secretary work.

The following goals need to be accomplished to the glory of God.

A. We need a full time secretary.

B. We need Sunday School rooms in every church.

C. Every Sunday School should conduct annual Sunday School training courses.

D. Every Sunday School should have a Sunday School Council.

E. Every Sunday School should be using six point records.

F. We need a Free Will Baptist Sunday School Textbook.

All our goals can be reached if we follow the motto of our convention and sincerely WORK, STUDY AND PRAY.

RAYMOND T. SASSER, President.

We then entered into our introductory business session.

The following temporary committees were appointed.

Finance—Mr. Warren Jackson, Mr. Vernon Norris, Mr. M. L. Barrow.

Resolutions—Rev. J. C. Griffin, Mr. J. J. Blizzard, Mr. N. O. Hodges.

Digest of reports—Rev. L. E. Ballard, Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Mrs. Marie Gaskins.

Nominating—Rev. Bob Wooley, Mr. H. J. Corbett, Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 1946 session without their being read. The motion carried.

Minutes of the Executive Board for the past year were read and approved by motion.

A registration of all present was conducted by the president at the end of the introductory business session. The results are as follows: Sunday School superintendents, 16; Sunday School teachers, 30; General class officers, 25; Ministers, 23; Others, 200.

24 had attended Sunday School last year without missing a single Sunday. Mr. H. J. Corbett of Micro has served as Superintendent continuously for 21 years. He also has attended Sunday School 27 years without missing a single Sunday.

Rev. R. P. Harris, Director of the 1947 session Sunday School Institute, sent word that he was sick and was therefore unable to make his report.

Special music was rendered by Miss Gladys Hines and Mrs. J. T. Beddard, Jr.

Rev. F. A. Rivenbark delivered the convention message using as his subject, "Church Schools Go-Ye."

We were dismissed to enjoy the splendid lunch prepared by the ladies of Reedy Branch Church.

Afternoon Session

Panel Discussion: "Advantages of the North Carolina Sunday School Convention's Monthly Plan for supporting Denominational Enterprises" was conducted by Rev. Rashie Kennedy, moderator: The following took part in the panel discussion: Rev. J. Albert Harris, representing Cragmont Assembly; Rev. M. L. Johnson, representing Church Finance Association and Superannuation; Rev. J. A. Evans, representing the orphanage; Rev. C. L. Patrick, representing Christian Education; Rev. J. W. Alford, representing Missions; and Albert Coates substituted for James Taylor and H. J. Corbett, representing the Superintendents of the Sunday Schools through the state. After all who were scheduled to speak had had an opportunity to discuss the merits of the plan for the Enterprise they represented, the delegates and visitors were also given an opportunity to participate. The spontaneous enthusiasm with which the North Carolina Sunday Convention's Monthly Plan for supporting Denominational Enterprises has been accepted both before and at the Convention left no doubt in the minds of those present that it would become a real benefactor for the Denominational Enterprises of our denomination.

Final Business Session

Rev. J. Albert Harris gave a report from Cragmont in which he summarized the purpose and plans for Cragmont this year, among which are six weeks institute course for Sunday Schools this summer.

The Resolutions committee gave the following report:

Realizing the need of systematic giving in all worship; the laying by in store upon the first day of the week—namely our tithes and offerings brought unto God's house. Therefore be it resolved:

1. That we request the State Association of Free Will Baptist, to endorse the Sunday School Convention's plan of systematic offerings, and that it not only be endorsed; but urged to the extent that all churches shall know of the plan as far as possible.

2. That the Convention in session today elect some person to represent us in this request at the annual session this September, 1947.

3. Today we have enjoyed the hospitality and kindness shown us by the people of Reedy Branch, therefore be it resolved, that we extend to the church and community a rising vote of thanks as a token of our appreciation.

Rev. J. C. Griffin,

Mr. J. J. Blizzard,

Mr. N. O. Hodges.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard was appointed as delegate from this Convention to the National Sunday School Convention. A motion was made and carried that we donate \$25.00 for Mrs. Ballard's expenses.

Motion was made and carried that our minutes be printed with our State Association minutes as before.

The Committee on Digest of Reports, gave the following report: Standard Sunday Schools— Davis Shore, Reedy Branch, Union Grove, Hopewell, First Free Will Baptist, Goldsboro.

The following schools have achieved the points of progress on the 3-year program of progress: Micro, 1st and 2nd year; First F. W. B., Goldsboro, 2nd year; Hopewell, 2nd and 3rd year; Union Grove, 1st, 2nd and 3rd year; Reedy Branch, 1st, 2nd and 3rd year; Davis Shore, 3rd year.

Sunday Schools reporting	56
On Roll	4,618
Average Attendance	3,769
Average on time	2,036
Average studied lesson	1,288
Average making offering	1,768
Bibles brought	585
Attending church	1,985
Councils	128

Respectively submitted,
 Rev. L. E. Ballard,
 Mrs. H. L. Spivey,
 Mrs. Marie Gaskins.

The Treasurer gave the following report:

Old balance	\$ 36.26
Received at this Convention	114.00
Dues from schools	94.00
For Cragmont	276.10
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Total received	\$484.10
Grand Total	\$520.10

Fountain Taylor, Treasurer.

Director of Denominational Enterprises gave the following report:

In the 1946 session of the Sunday School Convention I was elected as Director of Denominational Enterprises. At first I was not aware of the duties and responsibilities of this office. But as I became better informed and better acquainted with the task, I began to think and to act accordingly. The result of this thinking and acting has brought to us the Sunday School Monthly Plan for supporting our Denominational Enterprises.

The plan was worked out by your director and presented to the Executive Board of the Convention in the fall of 46. The Executive Board adopted the plan and asked me to present it to our people over the state. It was completed and presented through the Baptist paper in January of this year. I shall not try to explain it here but it will be fully discussed in the afternoon session. I am grateful to the board for their cooperation in the plan, and to Brother Sasser, your president, for his assistance in preparing it for publication.

The plan has already met with the approval of many of our Sunday Schools over the State and they are now sending in their offering monthly to each of our Denominational Enterprises, as you will find out in the discussion this afternoon.

Each Sunday School in the State is sincerely urged to adopt the month-

ly plan of supporting our Denominational Enterprises. It will be a blessing to you and to the cause of Christ everywhere.

Faithfully submitted,
Rashie Kennedy.

The Finance Committee gave the following report:

Schools reporting	57
Amount for operating expenses	\$114.00
Amount received for registration fees	94.00
Amount received for Cragmont	276.10
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Total received	\$484.10

Mr. Warren Jackson,
Mr. Vernon Norris,
Mr. N. L. Barrow.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the old officers for their faithfulness during the past year.

The Nominating Committee gave its report which was unanimously accepted by vote. The report is as follows:

- President—Albert Coates.
- Vice-President—Rev. A. L. Reynolds.
- Secretary—Mrs. Rashie Kennedy.
- Treasurer—Fountain Taylor.
- Organization—Rev. R. P. Harris.
- Denominational Enterprises—Rev. P. C. Wiggs.
- Publicity—Rev. L. E. Ballard.
- Literature—Mrs. Bagley Morris.
- Field Secretary—Raymond Sasser.
- Records and Reports—Mrs. Bruce Barrow.
- Cragmont Stockholder—Fountain Taylor.

Bob Wooley,
H. J. Corbett,
Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

The new officers were installed in an impressive installation service conducted by Rev. J. C. Griffin. Our new president made a short acceptance speech, pledging to carry on to the best of his ability, the work of our Convention.

An invitation was extended by Micro Sunday School and St. Mary's, Wilson, for our 1948 Convention-Institute to convene at their church. When the invitations were voted on Micro had a slight majority, so the 1948 Convention will convene there.

A motion was made and carried for adjournment, promptly at 3:30.

Mrs. Rashie Kennedy, Secretary.
Raymond T. Sasser, President.

The following Sunday Schools reported with dues and Assembly Ground contribution.

Sunday School	Assembly Ground Dues	General Fund Dues
Yelverton Grove	\$ 5.20	\$ 2.00
Smith's New Home	10.00	2.00
Bethel	5.20	2.00
Warden's Grove	5.20	2.00
Free Union	8.00	2.00
St. Mary's (Western)	4.00	2.00
Milbournie	5.20	2.00
Oak Grove	5.20	2.00
Little Rock	5.20	2.00
Rocky Pass		2.00
Sarecta Chapel	5.20	2.00
Davis	8.00	2.00
Kinston Bethel	5.20	2.00
Whaley's Chapel	5.20	2.00
Elwood Lane	5.20	2.00
Gray Branch	5.20	2.00
Ayden	10.00	2.00
Union Grove	8.00	2.00
Long Ridge	.50	2.00
Selma	5.20	2.00
Dailey's Chapel		2.00
Gum Swamp	5.20	2.00
Pleasant Hill	5.20	2.00
Parker's Chapel	5.20	2.00
Piney Grove		2.00
Elm Grove	8.00	2.00
Hopewell	10.00	2.00
Kenly	8.00	2.00
Pinetown	5.20	2.00
Rose of Sharon		2.00
Marsh Swamp		2.00
St. Mary's (Eastern)	10.00	2.00
Ephesus	5.20	2.00
Hood's Chapel		2.00
Daniel's Chapel	3.20	
Saratoga	5.20	2.00
Piney Grove		2.00
LaGrange	8.00	2.00
Goldsboro	3.00	2.00
Morehead	5.20	2.00
Union Chapel	3.00	2.00
Orphanage	5.20	2.00
Edgemont	10.00	2.00

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PROCEEDINGS

The Twentieth Annual Woman's Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina met with Edgemont Church, Durham, N. C., May 22, 1947.

The opening devotions, "Exalting Christ Through Self Surrender," was led by Mrs. M. E. Godwin. Prayer by Rev. M. E. Godwin.

Words of welcome were spoken by Mrs. L. H. McDade with response by Mrs. H. C. Adcox.

MORNING SESSION

Our President made some remarks concerning the issues of the day, the importance of cooperation of delegates with officers. The ministers were welcomed and asked to "bear us up" in their prayers for a successful day.

The following ministers were recognized: Revs. J. R. Bennett, Henry Melvin, M. E. Godwin, E. G. Holland, Wiley Ferrell, W. L. Jernigan, Albert Harris, R. P. Harris, R. W. Allman, A. L. Reynolds, Maurice W. Roach, F. A. Rivenbark, C. H. Coats, J. B. Ferrell, J. F. Parrish, J. W. Alford, W. R. Williams, Robt. G. Woodard, M. L. Johnson, R. H. Jackson, James A. Evans, W. L. Howell, Clarence Bowen, Mrs. Lizzie McAdams.

"Exalting Christ through the written word and Enlistment." Mrs. M. A. Woodard, first vice-president, stressed the need of feeding our minds and hearts on the proper kind of literature. Suggested to have a box of good religious tracts convenient at Church. Enlist first ourselves then go out and enlist others, especially our young folk.

"Exalting Christ through our Youth," second vice-president, Mrs. Gertrude Ballard. She called our attention to our church and Nation of tomorrow. It will only be what we help make our youth of today. We must reach out and touch the wayward boys and girls and bring them home to God. We women must hold the torch high in our individual churches through Vacation Bible Schools, etc.

"Exalting Christ through Records," by secretary reading minutes of last years meeting. Executive Committee minutes read and approved.

"Exalting Christ through Missions," third vice-president, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton urged that we be more mindful of every opportunity that comes to us in behalf of Missions, both home and foreign. Not waiting one for the other, but be so firmly fixed in our efforts to exalt the Lord with our substance and first fruits of all our increase that our mission cause may go forward and that the gospel may be preached to every nation.

Mrs. M. A. Woodard was asked to explain plans to have a Pre-Easter program made in keeping with Christ's last week on earth before his crucifixion and resurrection to be used as a supplement to our Year Book of Programs. Same to be made in small booklet. Motion made and carried to empower the Executive Committee to prepare and present to the State said program.

The Auditor's report of a test check of our Treasurer's records were read, reporting that they were in good order. Motion made and carried to accept same.

The Nominating Committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. Hubert Dickens, (Central), Mrs. Robie Strickland, (Cape Fear), Miss Alice Webster, (Albemarle), Mrs. D. W. Hancock, (Eastern), Mrs. W. L. Moretz, (French

Broad), Mrs. H. C. Adcox, (Pee Dee), Mrs. Julius Corbett, (Western).

The Resolution committee appointed: Mrs. L. M. Ausley, Mrs. Rashie Kennedy, Mrs. J. C. Martin.

Finance and Apportionment Committee: Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes, chairman; Mrs. M. E. Godwin, Mrs. F. E. Joyner, Mrs. F. A. Rivenbark.

A special message in song, "All On the Altar," was rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Robert Woodard. The hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," sung by audience.

Mrs. Gertrude Ballard gave explanation why Mrs. Judy Caro was unable to be present to bring the convention message, and presented Miss Addie Louise Melvin, daughter of Pastor of host church who had just returned from Cuba. She enthusiastically told of some of their needs; namely: a bigger and better school and church, and piano for church. She urged we remember our missionaries on special days with gifts and cards and above all with our prayers. She also said they sponsored a radio program.

The memorial service was conducted by Mrs. L. E. Ballard, reading Proverbs 31, "The Price of a Virtuous Woman." Special message in song, "Tread Softly", beautifully rendered by Mrs. J. C. Moye and daughters.

Dismissed with prayer for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening Song, "Bring Them In." Prayer by Rev. E. G. Holland.

"Exalting Christ through Benevolence," Sixth vice-President, Mrs. J. A. Evans. Song, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," by audience. Playlet, "Jack in the Box;" Characters: Aunt Mary (Mildred Johnson); Jack (Lang Powell, F. W. B. O.); Miss Sherman (Annie Evans); Aunt Mary, a devout Christian and tither; Jack, aunt Mary's nephew. Miss Sherman, a solicitor for Super-annuation Funds.

"Exalting Christ through Material Blessings," fourth vice-president, Mrs. E. G. Holland, outlined stewardship as partnership that Christ offers all and demands all. Christ expects his children to be stewards of personality, fellowship, time, talents, prayer, influence, worship, service and possessions.

"Exalting Christ through Serving the Orphan," Fifth vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Moye, said to better serve the orphan we must work, give, do and go, Exalting Christ in our every effort for them. Special message in song, "Satisfied with Jesus," by Mrs. Gertrude Ballard. Offering for orphanage, \$53.00.

"Exalting Christ through Woman's Auxiliary Convention at Cragmont," by Mrs. Bagley Morris, was touchingly given explaining benefits arrived by having attended. Loved those attending more than ever before. Christian atmosphere compared with a good spiritual revival.

"Exalting Christ through Giving," Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes, Treasurer, stressing the importance of Auxiliaries sending all money through Treasurer so we can get proper credit.

Resolution Committee gave their report (see reports).

Nominating Committee report given (see reports).

Motion made, duly carried to buy new treasurer's book.

Rev. Albert Harris gave a few highlights on Cragmont. Mrs. Alice E.

Lupton asked each church who furnished room at Cragmont to put Bible in same.

The Anna Phillips Loan Fund report given. (See report.) Motion adopted to ask Mrs. M. A. Woodard to act as treasurer for same. Mrs. Alice E. Lupton was appointed delegate to National Woman's Auxiliary Convention to convene at Highland Park, Michigan.

Rev. James A. Evans asked each local Auxiliary to send their Pastor to Cragmont for Ministers conference.

Report of Director of Woman's conference at Cragmont given. (See reports)

The installation of officers was presided over and charged by Rev. M. L. Johnson, President of State Convention.

We were dismissed with prayer by Rev. Burkett Raper.

REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Number of members enrolled -----	3,723
New Members -----	416
Members suspended -----	194
Number subscribers to F. W. B. Paper -----	1,576
Young People's Friend -----	205
Number of church libraries -----	50
Number of books -----	1802

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. M. A. Woodard.

REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Amount Contributed to Christian Education

Bible School at Nashville -----	\$ 733.48
Donation to Bible students -----	\$ 664.88
Cragmont -----	\$1,181.31
Vacation Bible School -----	\$ 353.95
Anna Phillips Loan Fund -----	\$ 273.50
Young Woman's Auxiliaries -----	9
Number of members -----	205

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Gertrude Ballard.

REPORT OF THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

Amount contributed to Home Missions -----	\$2,417.96
Foreign Missions -----	\$2,004.42
Number of Mission Study Classes conducted -----	108
Number sponsoring Week of Prayer -----	91
Amount contributed through Co-Laborer Band -----	\$449.00

I have had mission reports from seven district conventions, namely, Al-bemarle, Cape Fear, Central, Eastern, French Broad, Western and Pee Dee.

I do not know the amount from each district, the State Secretary can only furnish this information.

I am well pleased with the efforts of our Third Vice-Presidents, and with their loyal service in promoting the mission cause. I have been disappointed

however, in our failure to reach the goal in our project for the year—funds with which to purchase a piano for the Cuban Bible School. I am urging that each auxiliary that has failed to send a contribution for this cause, take it up immediately and send it to our State Treasurer, Mrs. Barnes, stating its purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Alice E. Lupton.

REPORT OF FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT

Number Tithers	513
Number of Stewardship classes conducted	159
Number books studied	116
Amount contributed to Stewardship work	\$306.17

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. E. G. Holland.

REPORT OF FIFTH VICE-PRESIDENT

Amount contributed to Orphanage

Clothing for child	\$2,638.40
Commodities donated	\$1,060.25
Cash	\$2,334.31
Equipment	\$ 427.09
Coupons	20,306
Amount used for other benevolences	\$1,259.25

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J. C. Moye.

REPORT OF SIXTH VICE-PRESIDENT

Amount contributed to Superannuation	\$796.92
No. Auxiliaries remembering Superannuated Ministers with cards	39
Special gifts	\$439.22

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. James A. Evans.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AT 1947 STATE CONVENTION

Balance on Hand at Convention	\$1,182.92
Special offering for Orphanage	53.00

Total	\$1,235.92
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Apportioned as follows—From General Fund

Printing book for Week of Prayer	\$ 50.00
Christian Education	25.00
Orphanage	25.00
Superannuation	25.00
Foreign Missions	100.00
Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Gift	10.00
Mrs. J. C. Sasser, Gift	10.00
Mrs. G. F. Barnes, Gift	10.00
Mrs. Alice Lupton, Travel exp. to Nat'l.	15.00

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, travel exp. to Nat'l. -----	15.00
Mrs. J. C. Sasser, expenses incurred -----	9.86
Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, expenses incurred -----	4.85
Mrs. J. C. Griffin, expenses incurred -----	11.34
Mrs. L. E. Ballard, exp. incurred as of last year --	3.00
Mrs. G. F. Barnes, expenses incurred -----	5.00
F. W. B. Press for Programs -----	8.50

Total amount apportioned from Gen. Funds \$ 327.55

Apportioned from Home Mission Fund as follows

Mrs. McAdams, Field Worker -----	\$ 50.00
Cragmont Woman's Aux. Con., operating expense	100.00
For Blankets for Cragmont -----	90.00

Total amt. apportioned for Home Missions \$, 240.00

Apportioned from Per Capita Dues

Superannuation -----	\$ 50.00
Christian Education -----	50.00
Orphanage -----	50.00

Total appropriation ----- \$ 150.00

Total in Treasury ----- \$1,235.92

Total apportioned ----- 770.55

Balance on hand ----- \$ 455.37

TREASURER'S REPORT N. C. AUX. CON., 1947

Receipts by Departments

General -----	\$ 348.74
Orphanage -----	163.40
Co-Laborers Band -----	420.00
Christian Education -----	183.26
Bible School -----	29.00
Superannuation -----	312.07
Foreign Missions -----	658.31
Home Missions -----	380.64
Cragmont Assembly -----	88.00
Piano for Cuban Mission -----	104.00
Gifts for Girl's Dormitory in Cuba -----	44.00
Direct receipts for Woolseys -----	20.00
Gifts to Miss Yeley -----	14.50
Gifts for Miss Barnard -----	26.78
State Per Capita Dues -----	160.54
National Per Capita Dues -----	145.00
Total Receipts -----	\$3,158.76

Disbursements by Departments

General -----	\$ 327.55
Orphanage -----	163.40
Co-Laborers Band -----	420.00
Christian Education -----	183.26
Bible School -----	29.00
Superannuation -----	312.07
Foreign Missions -----	658.31
Cragmont Assembly -----	88.00
Home Missions -----	240.00
Woolseys -----	80.52
Miss Yeley -----	14.50
Miss Barnard -----	26.78
State Per Capita Dues -----	150.00
National Per Capita Dues -----	145.00
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Total Disbursements -----	\$2,838.39
Total Receipts -----	\$3,158.76
Disbursements -----	2,838.39
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Balance on Hand -----	\$ 320.37

FIELD WORKERS REPORT FOR 1946 to 1947

No. of churches visited - - - - -	30
No. of Sermons and Mission Lectures - - - - -	37
No. of conversions - - - - -	6
Auxiliaries organized - - - - -	3
Personal Service calls - - - - -	100
Articles written to Baptist - - - - -	6
Letters written - - - - -	60
Cards - - - - -	35
Prayer meetings conducted - - - - -	65
Guide Books placed - - - - -	50
Conventions attended - - - - -	3
Money received from Field - - - - -	\$137.77
Expense - - - - -	43.38
Salary - - - - -	84.39
Traveling Expenses - - - - -	39.30
Writing - - - - -	4.08
Total Expense - - - - -	43.38

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Lizzie McAdams.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolution Committee wish to submit the following resolutions:
Believing that our Auxiliary women need a more consecrated Prayer life, and that more time given to earnest prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving unto the Lord, will enable us to become more united in our efforts to

promote Christ's kingdom in every department of our work, that it will draw us closer together in love and fellowship with each other and give to us a greater out-pouring and infilling of the Holy Spirit, Therefore be it Resolved:

1st—That we set aside one week during November each year for a Week of Prayer, fellowship and study of God's Word.

2nd—That this week of Prayer could be devoted to Study Courses in Missions, Stewardship, or other courses in study that would be to the best interest of our auxiliary work as a whole and for the general good of all concerned.

3rd—That we strive to make our prayers more sincere and in a unity to the Spirit, and that we bear in mind the words of Paul in I Timothy 1:8, "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." We are also enjoined by Paul, in Eph. 6:18, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

That we extend to this Church a rising vote of thanks for their kind hospitality shown to this Convention today.

Faithfully submitted,
Mrs. L. M. Ausley,
Mrs. Rashie Kennedy,
Mrs. N. E. Harris.

We, the Nominating Committee wish to submit the following slate of officers for your approval:

President—Mrs. J. C. Griffin.
Secretary—Mrs. J. C. Sasser.
First Vice-President—Mrs. M. A. Woodard.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. L. E. Ballard.
Third Vice-President—Mrs. Alice E. Lupton.
Fourth Vice-President—Mrs. E. G. Holland.
Fifth Vice-President—Mrs. J. C. Moye.
Sixth Vice-President—Mrs. James A. Evans.
Field Worker—Mrs. Maurice Roach.
Treasurer—Mrs. Georgia F. Barnes.
Treasurer Anna Phillips Loan Fund—Mrs. M. A. Woodard.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Hubert Dickens, Chm.,
Mrs. W. L. Moretz,
Mrs. D. W. Hancock,
Mrs. H. C. Adcock,
Mrs. Robie Strickland,
Miss Alice Webster,
Mrs. J. D. Corbett.

REPORT AS DIRECTOR OF WOMAN'S CONFERENCE AT CRAGMONT, AUGUST 25-31, 1946

There were in attendance by districts as follows: Central 17, Western 14, Eastern 15, Cape Fear 4, Albemarle 2, Pee Dee 2, French Broad 2, as day

visitors. The total number was 55 attending classes with visitors dropping in from local groups at intervals.

Those composing the staff of teachers were: Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Mrs. J. C. Moye, Mrs. M. E. Godwin, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. Bruce Barrow and Mrs. Judy Cavo, together with Mrs. Ballard, who served as Director. Mrs. Leone Mercer served as Nurse.

Beside enjoying the classes taught so efficiently by the above-named, we enjoyed recreational features in the afternoon.

The financial report is as follows:

Received for Registration	- - - - -	\$136.00
Received as gifts, etc.	- - - - -	85.15
Total Receipts	- - - - -	\$221.15
Disbursements		
Paid for Board of Staff	- - - - -	\$120.00
Nurses Salary	- - - - -	30.00
Total Disbursements	- - - - -	\$155.00
Balance on Hand	- - - - -	\$ 66.15

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

Received reports from seven Districts in the State, namely; Albemarle, Cape Fear, Central, Eastern, French Broad, Pee Dee, Western.

Amount reported used locally	-----	\$13,262.00
No. of members reported	-----	2,723
No. of new members	-----	416
No. of report blanks mailed to District Secretary	----	500
Letters written in interest of work	-----	20
Cards mailed	-----	10
Expense for this office	-----	\$3.56

(This report not asked for at Convention, but due to be given.)

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ANNA PHILLIPS' LOAN FUND

As of June 1, 1947

Cash in treasury, on deposit in Bank of Winterville (N. C.)	-----	\$1,732.45
Outstanding Notes		
Elizabeth Johnson	- - - - -	\$ 300.00
Allen B. Bryan	- - - - -	450.00
Zalene Lloyd	- - - - -	400.00
Total	- - - - -	\$2,882.45

Submitted by
Mrs. M. A. Moodard.



