OUR EDUCATIONAL NUMBER

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, EUREKA COLLEGE

Some Educational Dates Free Will Baptists Should Never Forget

FREE WILL BAPTIST SEMINARY, FOUNDED IN 1896.
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EUREKA COLLEGE FOUNDED SEPTEMBER 8, 1925.
NEW COLLEGE BUILDING FIRST OCCUPIED, SEPTEMBER 8, 1925.
“THAT IT BE NOT IN VAIN.”

An Editorial by Loy Everett Ballard.

In giving this special educational number of our paper to Free Will Baptists everywhere we are not trying to tickle the fancies or satisfy the artistic cravings of the readers, neither is it our goal merely to place before you something unusual, or different. Be it known far and near that we have a real purpose in thus addressing you; and that this purpose briefly stated is:

First, we want to make it possible for distant friends of our college to “pay us a visit” otherwise impossible, and meet the members of the faculty and earnest groups of students here in pursuit of life training, and take a look at the college for which you have prayed and labored.

Second, we want to give you an insight into the workings of our college campaign; let you know something about what the men whom you have placed at the head of your educational program in the past have done, and how those in charge here are trying to “carry on” the great work.

Third, we want to try to open the veil of the future a little, and help you to see the great possibilities ahead.

And as we send out this number of THE BAPTIST, the “laid up” prayers of many saints of the past, and the earnest petitions of the workers here, go with it, and the substance of those prayers are “THAT IT BE NOT IN VAIN.”
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THE MAKING OF EUREKA.

A Historical Sketch by R. B. Spencer.

THE F. W. B. SEMINARY.

Many of the leading members of the Free Will Baptist denomination in North Carolina had long felt the need of a Theological Seminary for training ministers for the Gospel before any definite steps were taken to establish such an institution. As years passed, the increasing demand for better qualified ministers was brought to bear more and more upon the denomination until, in March, 1896, the first real movement to found a Free Will Baptist Theological Seminary in the South was made at a Union Meeting at Spring Branch church, Pitt County, North Carolina. Much interest was manifest in this meeting by many of the leading members and ministers, and a stock company was organized with the following gentlemen as officers: Eld. J. M. Barfield, President; T. F. Harrison, Secretary; and W. F. Hart, Treasurer. These officers, together with E. Dail, E. H. Craft, A. L. Harrington, and W. H. Harris, formed the first Board of Directors.

Ayden was selected as a site for the institution, and a building committee, consisting of W. F. Hart, A. L. Harrington, and Elder J. M. Barfield, was appointed to take charge of the erection of a building. A frame building was erected in Ayden, and school opened in 1898.

In the early part of that year, Professor J. E. B. Davis, who was elected as the first principal, opened the first session of the school. Under the excellent management of Professor Davis, the school made a good showing in the beginning. The Theological Department, for which the school was especially founded, was not fully established until the fall of that year, when Dr. T. E. Peden, of Sciotoville, Ohio, was elected principal of the school and teacher of the Theological Department. He held this position for twelve years. During this period of the school several ministerial students received excellent instruction under his scholarly teaching. Since it was a co-educational institution both male and female students were admitted and trained in the several branches of learning offered in the school.

In the summer of the year 1910, Professor J. E. Sawyer was elected principal to succeed Dr. Peden who was retiring from teaching. Professor Sawyer held this position for eight years. During this period some improvements were made. The old Seminary building was enlarged by adding four class-rooms and an auditorium. A girls' dormitory was built on the site, and more land was added to the campus. The enrollment of students increased during these years of work under Professor Sawyer's administration.

In the same year 1910 when Professor Sawyer was made principal of the Seminary, the Original Stock Company which was organized in 1896, at Spring Branch church, gave over its stock to the Free Will Baptist denomination. The institution was soon granted a charter by the state and placed under the control of a Board of Direc-
tors who were elected from time to time by the different Conferences. Since that date the school has been owned and controlled by the Free Will Baptist denomination.

The Board of Directors decided in 1920 to close the school work in the old Seminary building and to center the attention of the people upon a campaign which had been launched to erect a new Administration Building on a new site. The school remained closed until 1922 when the Board of Directors reopened school in the old Seminary building. Professor R. B. Lee was principal one year. Mr. C. E. Prescott was elected Superintendent in July 1924 to succeed him. At the close of that school year, the writer was elected as president of the Seminary, and authorized by the Board of Directors to begin first year college work, leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree. In addition to regular high school work, music, commercial work, and the Bible courses, we put on freshman college courses at the beginning of the school year, September 8, 1925.

EUREKA COLLEGE.

The college idea had its beginning in an educational campaign which was launched in the fall of 1919. The Board of Trustees of the Seminary issued bonds to the amount of fifty thousand dollars on the property, and elected Rev. J. W. Alford as Financial Agent. Mr. Alford canvassed the churches, Conferences, Union Meetings, and individuals in the interest of the campaign. He sold around twenty thousand dollars worth of bonds during the year.

At the end of his term of office which closed in September, 1920, Rev. M. C. Prescott was elected as Financial Agent to succeed him. Mr. Prescott continued the educational program. The bond issue was dropped, and the plan of solicitation for cash donations and pledges by notes was adopted. The campaign slogan was raised to two hundred fifty thousand dollars. Mr. Prescott raised in cash and by pledges in notes something over twenty thousand dollars. During the year the new college site, consisting of fourteen acres of land, was purchased. An architect was employed to draw up plans for the Administration Building. Stone, brick, and other materials were purchased, and the foundation was laid that year.

Upon the close of his term of office in September, 1921, Mr. Prescott resigned, and the Board elected Rev. W. B. Everett to continue the work of the Financial Agent. Mr. Everett continued the educational program from that date until the spring of 1926. During this time he raised around sixty thousand dollars for the college from the churches, Conferences, Union Meetings and individuals. Part of this amount was collected from the Ayden Pledge on the campaign, and some from notes which were given while Mr. M. C. Prescott was Financial Agent. Several of the bonds which were sold by Mr. J. W. Alford have been donated to the school. Since Mr. Everett's resignation the college has had no financial agent, depending instead upon the efforts of our pastors and interested laymen for collection of funds.

How we got our name.

How the college obtained its permanent name is a bit of history in itself. An official announcement made in January 1926, through the Baptist, and leading newspapers, calling for suggestive names for the college. After February 10, the closing date for all names to be in, the Board of Trustees of the Seminary assembled to select the college name from the ninety names in the list. After a lengthy discussion several names were eliminated. This elimination process continued.
WHAT EUREKA OFFERS THE MINISTER

Many needs contributed to the establishment of our college, but the need of a place for the training of our ministers has been the paramount factor in the establishment of Eureka. The College offers a course in the Bible department that is as good as that offered in any college in the

southern. It is practically the same course offered by the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. A brief summary of the course is given here. The worth of any course is decided by the instruction received. Here are some of the courses pursued by students of the Bible Department:

Apologetics.
Under this head is taught the “Evidences of Christianity,” the unity and genuineness of the Bible, and the testimony of miracles, prophecy and archaeology to its credibility.

Bible.
1. Synthesis:
   There is a sense in which the Bible must be mastered before it can be studied with the greatest profit. The course in Bible Synthesis is offered as a means to this end. In it an examination of the Bible as a whole, and each book of it as a whole is made.
2. Analysis:
   Bible Analysis is opposite to that of Bible Synthesis; in that, the former is intended to inform those who would know more of the “teachings of the Bible,” than of the mere facts of the Bible. The method is to inquire into the authorship of

the various books, the circumstances under which they were written and their central thought. Then their divisions are separately considered, verse by verse, and in some instances clauses, phrases and important words are examined.

3. Chapter Summary:
   This method of Bible study is identified with A. Torrey, D. D., and has the merit of providing the Christian worker with a wealth of material for general use. The process is that of instructing the students in the facts and interpretation of certain books of the Bible, chapter by chapter, reciting on each chapter along four lines; the principal subject, the leading lesson, the best verse and the principalpersons.

4. Doctrines:
   It is felt imperative that Christian workers, and especially ministers of the Gospel, be grounded in the cardinal truths of the Bible, as a means of salvation from the mere human speculations of the present day. To that end this course is offered. It treats on the being and works of God; the person and mediatorial offices of Jesus Christ; the personality and offices of the Holy Spirit; the origin, nature and destiny of man; sin and its consequences; salvation through the atonement of Christ and its application to believers; the doctrine of the church, and the doctrine of future events.

Personal Evangelism
Realizing the fact that many souls are being added to the church daily by personal contact that Christians have with the lost, instruction is given on how to lead a soul in the shortest possible time to accept the Saviour. In this course students are taught how to approach their fellow-man for Christ, and how to use the Bible in removing various difficulties met with in dealing with indifferent sinners; those who trust in good works; those who lack assurance; backsliders; dupes of modern cults; skeptics and infidels.

Pedagogy.
Pedagogy treats of the science and art of teaching. As taught in the Bible Department of the College, it aims to equip the student to most effectually present the Bible message to the understanding of the old and young. Consideration is given to the teacher’s preparation for the task, the necessity of the point of contact, methods of presenting the Sunday School lesson, sources of illustration and the application of the lesson.

Homiletics.
Homiletics deals with the composition and delivery of sermons. In this course the student is instructed in the various kinds of sermons, topical, textual and expository, the object of which is to give efficiency in the construction of sermons, gospel addresses, Bible-readings and prayer meeting talks.
OUR COLLEGE AND ITS FUTURE.

By Prof. R. B. Spencer.

Foreword.

Just as men have always had aims in life for the purpose of achieving success in whatever they have been engaged, likewise institutions of learning have purposes for their existence. Consequently, Eureka College has its aims and purposes for its place in the sister-hood of colleges. The people who have brought it to its present stage of usefulness have reasons for its establishment, and for the loyalty which they are giving it. It is the aim of this article, therefore, to set forth its aims, opportunities, and future possibilities.

Its Aim.

When one considers the outlook of a public institution, he may be able to state something of its aims, but he never knows just what the scope of its influence shall be upon the people. Thus, briefly stated, its aims may be considered as having the following objectives: (1) To serve the people in a general way through its contact with the public; (2) To give such religious, moral and educational instruction as will better prepare young men and women for great usefulness in life; and (3) To give specific training for the work of the ministry. With these aims in view, the college is offering to the students the following courses: Two year college course leading to the Arts degree, two year Bible course, four year high school course, and piano music and voice culture. In view of these considerations, it is evident that great opportunities are in store for the college to render a great service.

Its Opportunities.

With an ever increasing student body each year, deeply interested in the preparation for life's work, and a strong faculty interested in those whom they teach, Eureka College will have opportunities worthy of the consideration of anyone. For example, the students of the Bible department will leave the college after months of training better prepared to work as ministers in the churches, leaders in the Sunday schools, and helpers in the community life. Their influence will be felt by the old and the young. Other students will receive their training, and go out as teachers in the public schools, and thus wield a lasting impress upon the tender child. Still others will hold positions in the business world, and show what the college means to them. The boys and girls who take their training and return home to remain there will also make their influence felt in the community. These examples merely represent what wonderful opportunities the college can have upon the people. It is said that educated parents represent cultured children in the home, for intelligence and life experiences are the making of the higher life. Thus the opportunities for service are extended to Eureka College from several different angles, and these opportunities can be utilized more readily and effectively by loyal patronage from every one.

No one but a prophet can foretell its future, or say just what it shall mean to civilization through the coming years. When considered in comparison with Elon College, Wake Forest, Guilford, Duke University, Meredith and other colleges, it is small, and as a child in its infancy. Its name is to be made, and its reputation is to win. This will take time. Years were required for these colleges just mentioned to grow up and to become vital factors in the life of this commonwealth. When one considers for a moment the time, the effort, and the means and sacrifices that were required for these colleges to become great, and the inestimable worth in training and character building that they have given to the world, one should not be pessimistic or discouraged over the progress made for the last few years in the college.

What may be its outlook upon the ministry during the coming years? Will there go out trained men from its walls to bless the people as Moody, Spurgeon, Billy Sunday, and others? Will there go forth men as Palmer, Benjamin Randall, and Roger Williams, to do missionary work? Shall it be the privilege of the college to send out men who will become statesmen and leaders in the nation as Jefferson, Lincoln, Wilson, and others of national fame? What may its possibilities become fifty years hence? The field of activity, and possibilities reach out as far as the Free Will Baptist extend in the south. What a golden opportunity for the future! What a piece of work can be done! How noble is the cause! How infinite is its scope! And how great shall it be to the generations yet unborn.
WHO FINISHED THE ROOMS?

The rooms in the college building are being finished on the Memorial Plan, and we are giving below the names of those finishing rooms, together with the amounts contributed for the various rooms, and the names of persons in whose memory rooms were finished, in cases where this information is available.

Room No. 1, Mrs. A. L. Harrington, Kinston, N. C., in memory of her husband, A. L. Harrington, deceased. Cost $250.00.

Room No. 2, by Mrs. Celia Garris, Ayden, N. C., in memory of A. E. Garris. Cost $300.00.

Room No. 3, Reedy Branch church. Cost $275.00.

Room No. 4, the Garris family in memory of Asa Garris. Cost $175.00.

Room No. 5, Mr. R. W. Smith, Ayden, N. C. Cost $275.00.

Room No. 6, Mr. M. G. Prescott, Ayden, N. C. Cost $155.00.

Room No. 7, Mrs. M. Moye, Mrs. Callie Dail, Greenville, N. C., in memory of Harvey Dail. Cost $500.00.

Room No. 8, Miss Nellie Alford, Kenly, N. C., in memory of her mother and father. Cost $275.00.

Room No. 9, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Lamm, Luco-

Room No. 10, R. L. Barnes and family, in memory of J. W. Barnes and wife. Cost $500.00.

Room 11, Davis church. Cost $275.00

Room No. 12, Mrs. J. S. Barber, Winterville, N. C., in memory of her husband, J. S. Barber.

Room No. 13, Mt. Zion church. Cost $75.00.

Room No. 14, Mr. Henry Watson, Kenly, N. C., to memory of his mother. Cost $275.00.

Room No. 18, Mrs. Appie Flannagan, Farm-

Room No. 3 S., Rev. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill, N. C. Cost $125.00.

Room No. 4 S, Sweet Gum Grove church. Cost $125.00.

Room No. 2 S. F. W. B. L. Bridgeton church.


Right hall, V. W. Doughty. Cost $125.00.

Left hall, W. A. Avery, Cove City, N. C. Cost $125.00.


Left hall, third floor, Hickory Grove church. Cost $125.00.

Center hall, third floor, L. A. Society, Little Rock church. Cost $100.00.

(Unassigned). Marsh Swamp church; paid $125.00.

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Wednesday, December 15, 1926.

NO PAPER ISSUED NEXT WEEK.—We beg to call the attention of our people to the fact that no copy of The Free Will Baptist will be sent out from this office next week. To make it plainer there will be no paper issued of the date of December 22. Providence permitting, we will endeavor to get out an issue December 29th. This is in order that the employees of the office or at least some of them, who so desire, will have an opportunity of enjoying Christmas week or a portion of it out of the hum drum routine of every day work in the office. They want sometime off as well as others. However, some of us will be in the office every work day, excusing perhaps Christmas day. Orders will be filled promptly for literature and all other matters will receive our prompt and careful attention. We wish all our patrons a happy Christmas, and may the time be spent in honoring Him, who came to bring peace on earth and good will to men.

EUREKA COLLEGE EDITION.—The Free Will Baptist is being published this week, as a special edition very largely in the interest of Eureka College. We are asking our readers to carefully read and consider, the various articles that come under their observation. The Free Will Baptist people who have their eyes open are seeing the great importance of sustaining a college of their own. It is time for an awakening, and as some have expressed it. Here and there and everywhere among the leaders of religious thought there is a universal sentiment which is this: “We believe the need for an education which is Christian was never greater than at present.” The state is wide awake to the primary and high school training. The people of the country are being taxed to the limit to support this branch of education. While we cannot compete with the state from a financial basis, we claim that the support of our College will enable us to produce the highest type of manhood and womanhood giving a complete education of the whole personality, physical, mental, moral and Spiritual. Our struggles and trials to build our institutions are no more than others have passed through. In this day of materialism when pure and undefiled religion seems to be side-tracked for other matters to a very marred degree, we see the imperative and outstanding demand for Christian culture. Surely we must maintain an institution in our midst whose basic principle is founded upon the verities of Christian ethics. But why go in this strain. We have one College in North Carolina, yea really in our South Atlantic States. Bro. Spencer in his past articles and also in this issue, has given an outline of our present faculty and the work that it is doing. Would that many of our good people could see that an ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure. Our College is genuinely and actively Christian in spirit, control, faculty, curriculum and objectives. Great stress is placed on the Bible and its teachings. The faculty and others are doing all in their power to make Eureka a college whose qualities for moral and Spiritual worth are second to none, whose atmosphere is pure, wholesome and uplifting. But with an efficient faculty and every commendable quality that might be demanded; the College must have the moral, social and financial support of our people or it cannot live. You know it and I know it and we all know it. While special emphasis is placed on Christian culture and Bible study, all branches are taught that will fit our young men and women to make a respectable living in the material world. Great stress is placed upon the business course by which any young man or woman can prepare himself or herself for a position in store, bank or any business concern throughout the country.

CALL FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT.—Envelopes are being sent to the clerks of all the churches that can possibly be reached. Eureka College is an institution that should cause the heart of every loyal Free Will Baptist in our land to swell with pride whenever it is mentioned. Eure-
ka College is the Free Will Baptist institution for all our people everywhere. It is not for Ayden or Pitt County, or North Carolina alone, but for the entire nation, yea for the entire globe. We are praying that the pastors of the various churches will make a strong appeal to their congregations to make a contribution through these envelopes that will be honoring to the individual who makes it according to his or her capacity to give, and that the church will do great credit to itself by a generous contribution. The Trustees are relying upon and have great faith in our people to believe they will make a generous response to this call. We realize full well the low price of cotton and that there are many calls just now for means. But there is nothing of more importance to the Free Will Baptist as a people of a material interest, than our College work. Let us regard our College not as a liability but as an asset. It is our college and not theirs. The question should not be what will they do about Christmas for the College, but what will we do? Let us do something that is worth while for our Lord by making a generous contribution through these envelopes that are being sent out. As we have just made a generous contribution for the Orphan Home, let us do likewise by the College, for the two institutions should lie equally near to the heart of each and every one of us. Let us do wonderfully for the College during the Christmas period. Let us leave off swapping so many presents and graciously and prayerfully remember Eureka.

OUR FACULTY.

By Loy E. Ballard.

In the original plans for this educational number, approved by the authorities of Eureka College, no provision was made for a "complimentary" write-up of the College faculty, but we feel like the number would be incomplete if we did not give to our readers a brief introduction to the men and women who day after day toil in the class rooms, that the boys and girls who are to be the men and women of tomorrow, may be prepared for life.

We do not believe that it would have been possible to have found a more efficient faculty to guide the steps of our college through its infancy than the present Eureka faculty. They are all equipped intellectually and spiritually for their responsibility. To know them is a bit of education itself.

At the head of our college we have Prof. R. B. Spencer, A. B., a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and a man who has made good as a teacher in some of our leading State Schools. He came to us from Henderson High School, bringing with him a splendid recommendation—a recommendation, however, unnecessary, as Professor Spencer is one of our very own, and was principal of the F. W. B. Seminary in 1918.

THE COLLEGE FACULTY.

Associated with Prof. Spencer we have L. R. Ennis, a graduate of The Moody Bible Institute, considered one of the best ministers in our denomination, and is thus well equipped both by education and experience to lead the class of young men who will fill our pulpits in the future.

Prof. J. F. Casey, the History and Science teacher, is a graduate of Guilford College, and also took work at the University of North Carolina. He has been with us for two years. Mrs. J. F. Casey, who teaches classes in Civics, English and Algebra, is also a Guilford graduate. Miss Alice Z. Williams, in charge of the Business Department, comes to us from Martin College, Tennessee, a graduate of the Commercial Department. Also has taken work at Bowling Green Business University. Miss Marie Couch, A. B., the teacher of foreign languages, is a graduate of Trinity College, now Duke University. Mrs. Jimmie D. Pittman, music instructor, is a graduate of A. C. College and E. C. T. C.

Students who come to Eureka are assured of the very best instruction that can be given. Every effort is made to guard against teaching of "false theories" and Christian character is one of the things first considered in selecting our teachers.

WHAT IT HAS COST!

A Few of the Many Stories of Sacrifices That Made Possible our College.

An interview by Loy E. Ballard.

"I want to find some one who can tell me of some of the struggles of the men and women who laid the foundation of the old Seminary." I said to Rev. R. F. Pittman, for years pastor of the Ayden church.

"Go to George W. Prescott at the National Bank," was his prompt reply. "He was one of
the first students, and has lived here since. He can tell you much about the early history of the school."

I found Mr. Prescott very busy. He is cashier often wished that I could have known them."

"To know them has been one of the bright spots in my memory of those days of struggle," said Mr. Prescott. "But there were many others who labored hard during the first days of the Seminary. One of these was Brother Frank Hart, the only living member of the first Board of Trustees. He was an earnest worker for the school, and made sacrifices. I wish that you would go see him and talk with him. He could give you much interesting information."

"I am planning to interview Brother Hart for a special article soon," I stated. "And now I would like for you to tell me of some others who made sacrifices."

"Well, there are so many whose efforts and sacrifices merit mention that it is hard to pick out certain ones. There were men and women not only here in Ayden but elsewhere who labored hard for the cause, and I would not want to attempt to grade the loyalty of the many friends of the school. I mentioned Brother and Sister Barfield and Brother Hart, because of my personal knowledge of their efforts. Another loyal and self-sacrificing woman was Mrs. E. T. Phillips. It was through her persistent efforts that the auditorium of the Seminary was seated, and she helped in many ways as well. She should never be forgotten."

"I wish that I had time to give you some of the details concerning the sacrifices made by these godly people, and at some later time I would be
THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

THE VOICE OF THE ALUMNI.

We are giving below testimonies to the value of the instruction received at the F. W. B. Seminary by a number of our former students. There are many others who want to testify, but owing to a lack of space we are only giving testimonial from one member of the Alumni in each conference in North Carolina, and one from Georgia.

Eastern Conference.
The hope of our denomination lies in a trained and consecrated ministry. I am glad that we have a college that stands for the faith once delivered to the saints. Knowing the condition of the world today, I would be without hope if we did not have Eureka College standing as the rock of Gibraltar in defense of the fundamentals upon which Christianity and civilization must stand. Many students today are seeking the prestige of larger institutions not realizing that that prestige might become a curse instead of a blessing. Shall we exchange our faith for infidelity, or shall we patronize our own college which we know to be safe?—R. E. Tripp, Pastor Davis Circuit.

Central Conference.
I was one of the first students of the F. W. B. Seminary, and the instruction received has proven one of the greatest assets to what success I have won in life. For years I have lived in Ayden, and have watched the growth of the Seminary into a college, and knowing something of the sacrifices that have contributed to that growth, my heart swells with pride as I reflect upon the record of the years. I do not think that the person who views our educational progress from the distance can appreciate the progress that we have made as those of us who have watched from "close range" through the years, and who know something of the obstacles that have been overcome. I think that I am speaking for all the business men of Ayden when I say that we consider Eureka one of our greatest assets, and I am also sure that it is one of the very greatest assets of our denomination.—Geo. W. Prescott, Cashier First National Bank, Ayden, N. C.

Cape Fear Conference.
We Free Will Baptists are a growing people, and our college at Ayden has helped us to become what we are, and to attain the success we have attained as a denomination. To make our's an "A-1" college should be the aim of everyone of us. We can do this if we will only follow the leadership of the capable officers at the head of the institution. Money cannot be given to a more worth while cause than the college that is endeavoring to educate our youth.—Miss Margaret Jackson, Teacher at the F. W. B. Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C.

Western Conference.
I consider that the most profitable period of my life was the three years and six months spent at the Ayden F. W. B. Seminary. The instruction and training that I received during that period has been of inestimable value to me in presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. No words of mortal tongue can ever express the real appreciation I feel in my heart for this wonderful educational institution. My prayer to God is that Eureka College may perpetuate the noble ideals and principles of the dear old Seminary, and that eternity alone will be able to proclaim the ineffable worth of the institution to our church.—Edward C. Morris, Pastor Edgemont F. W. B. Church, Durham, N. C.

THE COLLEGE GLEE CLUB.
French Broad Association.
In the fall of 1919 I came to the F. W. B. Seminary as a student from the French Broad Association. In my diary of October 2nd, 1919, the date of my arrival at Ayden, I find this note: "I am a little disappointed in the buildings and equipment of our school, but my disappointment is more than eclipsed by the encouragement I receive from a knowledge of the evident consecration and zeal of the faculty, and the religious influence of the school. This influence, felt at the very first by all who come to Ayden, is after all the big thing, and the consecrated efforts of those who have our school at heart will eliminate the handicaps". That was seven years ago. During the years I have watched the development first from a distance, and of late years from near by, and I have found that my first impression was right. The consecrated zeal of the friends of the Seminary are eliminating one by one the handicaps, and I am pleased at this date to enter in my diary another note, hailing Eureka—the coming champion of the "Faith once delivered to the Saints."—Loy E. Ballard, Pastor Kinston F. W. B. Church.

South Carolina Conference.
I take pleasure in stating that my school days at the F. W. B. Seminary will always be cherished by me, and my time as a student there has been of benefit to me both in inspiration and in sermon preparation, and during my university career I found the literary training an asset and a step forward for my university degree.—T. B. Mellette, Pastor and teacher, Colquitt, Ga.

TO WHOM DOES OUR COLLEGE BELONG?

Eureka College is located in the town of Ayden, in the heart of the best agricultural section of North Carolina. The people of Ayden love the college. Ayden is in the Central Conference, and the Central Conference loves the college, takes pride in the fact that it is located in its territory.

But the college does not belong alone to Ayden or to the Central Conference. Pitt county is the one county in North Carolina in which the majority of the people belong to the Free Will Baptist church. Geographically speaking the college is not in the center of North Carolina by any means, but it is very near the center of our denominational life, when we consider membership. But the college does not belong alone to North Carolina.

From South Carolina has come of her best students, and many a dollar into her treasury. From Tennessee and Georgia have come students and funds, also from other states. Today the eyes of earnest students for the ministry in our denomination everywhere look with hope to Eureka. It is the "Star of Hope" for all who seek preparation during the next few years. Of course we dream of a day when instead of a college we will have an educational system, with schools and colleges scattered all over the country, and this system will perhaps make Eureka the special charge and possession of Eastern North Carolina. But this is only a vision—a fond dream of the future. Today we should look upon Eureka as the first unit in this visionary system, which is to be the property of all Free Will Baptists, and all our efforts should be concentrated upon the completion of this unit.

Hail Eureka!—the charge and pride of all Free Will Baptists!

OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.

By M. B. Prescott, Chairman Board of Trustees.
In 1896 our first steps were taken to establish an educational institution. This was the beginning of the educational program of the Free Will Baptist church in the South. Since that time, varying degrees of effort have been exerted toward extending this program. In 1919 this movement took definite form in the undertaking to build a college.

The condition at this time is that the church has a fine administration building unfinished, but being occupied. The following are essentials in carrying forward this program:
1. Unity of purpose and activity on the part of all members and organizations belonging to the church.
2. The immediate payment of all indebtedness incurred in erecting the college administration building.
3. An agreement between all leaders in the Free Will Baptist church to finish the college, as having an important bearing on the future of the church.

A Song for Every Day
In the Week

I have composed seven very beautiful hymns and set them to music; also one secular song, piano sheet, music size, "Night We Sat Beneath the Tree," which generally sells for 25c. I will send by mail postpaid one copy of each song, eight in all for 30c, or get some of your friends to join in and order five of each, 40 in all for $1.25, provided all are to go in one bundle. Remit by post office money order, and write your name and post office very plainly.

J. E. INGALLS.
Pactolus, N. C., R. 1, Box 63.
COLLEGE REPORT.

C. Vincent, $25.00; Mrs. A. M. Whitehurst, $2.00; Jesse Haddock, $2.00; Mrs. Heber Dixon, $2.00; Gus Venets, $2.00; G. W. Boyd, $20.00; D. W. Williams, $1.00; Stella Ewell, $1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Phillips, $2.00; Ada Phillips, $1.00; John Williams, $3.00; Mrs. John Williams, $2.00; Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Wadkins, $2.00; Ladies Aid of Antioch church, $5.00; Mrs. and Mr. J. K. Hartley, $5.00 and one jar fruit; W. A. Gaskins, $5.00; Daniel Gaskins, $5.00; Mrs. Daniel Gaskins, $5.00; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Tyndall, $2.00; Fred Belangia, $1.00; Mrs. Fred Belangia, $1.00; E. E. Gaskins, $1.00; Lillie Fulcher, $1.00; Mrs. W. A. Gaskins, $1.00; R. E. Lathinhouse, 50c; T. H. Fulcher, 75c; O. R. Adams, $1.00; G. M. Fulcher, $5.00; G. J. Ipock, $5.00; O. McLawhorn, $5.00; T. J. Heath, $5.00; J. E. Gaskins, $5.00; Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Gaskins, $2.00; Claud Miller, $2.00; J. E. Simpkins, $1.00; C. E. Gaskins, $1.00; C. J. Heath, $1.00; J. E. McLawhorn, $1.00; G. C. Gaskins, $1.00; J. M. Smith, $1.00; Z. V. Gaskins, $1.00; B. F. Dail, $1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Oby Simpkins, $1.00; Mrs. George G. Fulcher, $1.00; J. M. Simpkins, $1.00; Nancy McLawhorn, $1.00; J. R. Green, $1.00; Mrs. C. J. Heath, $1.00; Miss Beulah Frank, $1.00; Mary Gaskins, 50c; C. A. Ipock, 50c; Mrs. E. E. Ipock, $12.72; Elie Parson, two bushels potatoes; H. P. Willis, $3.32; D. W. Frank, $1.00; Mrs. Mary V. Boyd, $2.00; Mrs. T. H. Wallace, 50c; Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Boyd, $5.00; P. F. Waters, $1.00; Lewis M. Waters, $1.00; William N. Gurbik, $1.00; Mrs. Annie M. Cutler, $1.50; Mrs. W. N. Gurkin, $1.00; John Latham, $1.00; Mrs. Isaiiah H. Wallace, $2.00; Finney Wallace, $1.00; Arthur H. Waters, $3.00; Chas. H. Waters, $3.00; L. M. Keech, $1.00; James Webster, $1.00; Otis Kelly, 40c; Mint Bess, $1.00; J. W. Keech, $1.00; Mrs. W. F. Woolard, 25c; W. F. Kelly, $1.00; A. W. Winfield, $5.00; Henry Webster, $5.00; William Webster, $2.00; J. F. Keech, $1.00; J. N. Ratcliff, 50c; Seaton Keech, $1.00; Mrs. L. Wallace, $1.00; Claudie Woolard, 50c; Levi Keech, $1.00; Daniel Windley, $1.00; M. D. Garrett, $1.00; D. M. Ratcliff, $1.00; James Webster, Sr., $5.00; M. L. Ratcliff, $1.00; J. E. Bowen, $1.00; B. F. Bowen, $1.00; E. L. Davenport, $1.00; Union Chapel church, $2.00; R. B. Davenport, $1.00; Fannie M. Davenport, $1.00; Maud Harrison, $5.00; C. Bowen, $1.00; Olive Davenport, $1.00; Samuel Stallings, $1.00; Mrs. Sadie Stallings, $1.00; S. H. Ange, $1.00; J. L. Waters, $1.00; J. H. Ange, $1.00; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ange, $2.00; G. A. Clark, $5.00; Walker Waters, $5.00; Arthur Batten, $1.00; Sam Eason, $1.00; Stephen Batten, 50c; J. P. Batten, 25c; J. R. Kornegay, one bushel potatoes; Mrs. W. B. Williams, 25c; E. T. Tilghman, 50c; James R. Jones, $1.00; Wilson Dail, $1.00; Lathy Dail, 20c; Mrs. Pearl Wilkins, 50c; Mr. and Mrs. Mat Sutton, $1.25; Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Hill, $1.25; Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Pate, $2.00; Mrs. Rosa Amett, $1.00; Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hill, $1.00; Mrs. George Sullivan, $1.00; Mrs. L. C. Jones, 25c; J. D. Outlaw, $1.00; Emmett Wilkins, $1.00; John Smith, $5.00; Clyde Dudley, $2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davenport, $2.00; Mrs. Lizzie Williams, $1.00; S. A. Oglesby, $1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Williams, $2.00; Mrs. D. H. Johnson, $2.00; A. S. Rouse, $1.00; C. R. Stroud, $2.00; E. H. Waller, $1.00; Mrs. Eliza Williams, $2.00; G. W. Holland, $1.00; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stroud, $2.00; Mrs. Alice Stroud, $1.00; Jesse Stanley, $2.00; D. H. Johnson, $2.00; S. R. Taylor, $2.00; H. Worthington, $1.00; C. M. Brickhouse, $1.00; K. E. Tyndall, $5.00; E. J. Perry, $5.00; Guy Elliott, $2.50; C. Humphrey, $1.00; Spear Motor Co., $10.00; L. J. Mewborn, $1.00; J. C. Rasmussen, $1.00; R. L. Tyndall, $2.00; R. V. Hooker, $1.75; Dan Quinney, $5.00; A. F. Haskins, $1.00; C. P. Harvey, Jr., $1.00; H. M. Morris, $2.00; J. C. Fulcher, $5.00; I. J. Bishop, Sr., $1.00; Dan Waler, $1.00; N. H. Whittled, four chickens; Mrs. Nora Outlaw, $1.00; Mrs. Susan Outlaw, $1.00; Mrs. Glennie Rouse, $2.00; Mrs. Myra Scott, $1.00; Frank Kornegay, 50c; D. L. Kornegay, $1.00; Mrs. E. E. Hill, four bushels potatoes; C. W. Brock, 50c; L. H. Hawkins, $2.00; M. N. Hawkins, $2.00; L. T. Daugherty, $1.00; D. A. Heath, $1.00; Elecha Heath, $2.00; R. D. McCoy, $1.00; D. E. Mitchell, 75c; N. H. Harrison, $1.00; L. H. Harrison, $1.00; Mrs. C. F. Heath, 50c; Mrs. Martha Smith, 25c; W. A. White, 50c; L. H. White, 50c; Jerry Daugherty, $1.00; W. C. Sutton, $1.00; Mrs. L. W. White, $1.00; C. S. Sutton, $1.00; Mrs. A. W. McCoy, 95c; W. S. McCoy, 50c; A. W. McCoy, 50c; C. H. Riggs, 50c; Mrs. J. R. Rose, 30c; Mrs. Agnes Jenkins, 50c; Mrs. A. E. Heath, $1.00; S. W. McCoy, $3.00; D. J. Heath, $2.00; C. L. Hawkins, $1.00; R. N. White, $1.00; N. B. Hawkins, $5.00; U. W. Daugherty, $6.45; Mrs. Job Heath, $3.00; D. G. Banks, $1.00; Mrs. Lila Heath, $1.00; Owen Stroud, 25c; Mrs. Julia Stroud, 25c; J. T. Wallace, $1.00; Elbert Wallace, 50c; E. J. Summerlin, $1.00; R. L. Summerlin, $1.00; Mrs. W. C. Summerlin and son, $5.00; F. D. Jones, $1.00; Lon Jones, $1.00; G. R. Goodman, $1.00; Mrs. Ella Outlaw, one chicken; Walter Dail, $1.00; G. C. Hill, $1.00; W. B. Moore, $1.00; Mrs. J. F. Daugherty, $1.00; and two jans fruit; Ed Jones, $2.00; Annie Maceady, $3.00; Norwood Fountain, $1.00; Caroline Bosdin, 1.00; Z. J. Jones, 50c; Thad Little, $5.00; Frank Wilson, 50c.
HONOR ROLL OF CHURCHES.

I. The six churches making largest contributions to the Building Fund since beginning of campaign.

1. Ayden church, in the college town, leads with contributions totaling $5,966.00. Rev. R. F. Pittman was pastor of this church from the beginning of the campaign until first of present conference year. Rev. J. C. Moye is now pastor. The church has a comfortable church building, well located, and has even been active in all of our denominational life.

2. Little Rock Church, in the fine little town of Lucama, in the Western Conference, is second in contributions, the total amount contributed being $2581.00. Rev. S. H. Styron has been pastor of this live congregation during the entire campaign. They have a nice large church and some splendid workers.

3. Reedy Branch in the Central Conference is a close third, with contributions totaling $2410.00. This is one of the “old stans” of our faith in Eastern North Carolina. Reedy Branch has entertained many a Conference and Convention. It is noted for its big crowds and good eats. Rev. J. C. Moye, Rev. M. A. Woodard, and Rev. L. R. Ennis have been the pastors during the campaign.

4. Another Central Conference church—Hull Road church—comes fourth, its members having given a total of $1,581.00 to the campaign. Hull Road is a fine place to go, and a place you want to stay. Rev. B. P. Parks is the present pastor.

5. Marsh Swamp, in the Western Conference, ranks fifth in contributions. Total amount $1,227.00. A fine church in a wonderful community. Rev. J. W. Alford is now pastor of this church.

6. The Eastern Conference furnishes the sixth church, St. Mary’s at New Bern, giving $1,144.00 during the campaign. St. Mary’s is one of our best churches, and has a heavy local budget. The good folk have done well. The church has had four pastors since the beginning of the campaign, A. H. Outlaw, C. H. Matthews, R. E. Tripp, and N. D. Wiggs.

II. The next twenty churches in contributions.

(Churches are not listed in order of amounts of contributions.)

Little Creek, Central Conference.
Bethany, Central Conference.
Black Jack, Central Conference.
Greenville, Central Conference.
Gum Swamp, Central Conference.
Sweet Gum Grove, Central Conference.
Saratoga, Central Conference.
Howell Swamp, Central Conference.

Sound Side, Central Conference.
Winterville, Central Conference.
Mount Zion, Eastern Conference.
Kinston, Eastern Conference.
Davis, Eastern Conference.
Macedonia, Eastern Conference.
British Chapel, Eastern Conference.
Bridgeton, Eastern Conference.
Cove City, Eastern Conference.
Pine Level, Western Conference.
Union Grove, Western Conference.
Hickory Grove, Central Conference.

F. W. B. L. Department
Edited by Gertrude Oakley Ballard, Kinston, N. C.

"MY NEW YEARS RESOLUTION."

Dear Junior Leaguers:—We are giving away the subject for the January Junior Writer’s contest. You remember we are giving away a nice little book of Bible verses and poems each month to the Junior Leaguer who writes the best letter or story of not over 100 words on the subject announced. Our last contest was on “What My League is planning for Christmas,” and the winner will be announced soon. Now, sit down and think for a minute or two and then write out a New Year’s Resolution in a few words, and send it to me at 803 N. McLeawen St., Kinston, N. C. You might win one of the nice little books, like we sent to Helen Hudson at Jakin, Ga., the other day.

Your friend,
MRS. BALLARD.

THE F. W. B. L. IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Several historical sketches of the Free Will Baptist League have been written in the past, but owing to the fact that records in many cases were not very well kept, they have been incomplete, and in some cases inaccurate. Recently Rev. L. E. Ballard and Mrs. Alice E. Lupton undertook to get up an accurate account of the growth of organized young people’s work in North Carolina, and they have compiled a brief history of the work, from which we get the following facts of special interest at this time, in view of the State campaign:

The Little Worker’s League, was the first organized young people’s society in the state, and was founded in 1908 by Mrs. Lucy Linton Dougherty, in the Eastern Conference. It was for the very young children only. The first society for older boys and girls was founded at New Bern, by Mrs. Lupton and Rev. W. B. Everett in 1915. In 1917 the State Convention took up the work,
and appointed a committee to draw up plans for a general organization. The committee did so, and the work was adopted under the name "Mutual Endeavor Union," a name suggested by Prof. A. R. Flowers.

In 1918 societies were organized in the western part of the state under the name "F. W. B. Young People's Union." In 1921, Rev. L. L. Welch, of Nashville, Tenn., attended our State Convention, and told us about the F. W. B. L. organized in Tennessee. Our convention changed names, and sent Mrs. Lupton to Nashville, to meet with a committee from other states to draw up a constitution. The committee did this work, and the constitution was formally adopted by the General Conference at Marshall, N. C., in 1922.

"The Young People's Friend" was established in July, 1923, as an organ for the work. It was first published at Asheville, N. C., but later moved to Greenville, where it was published until discontinued in the summer of 1925. Rev. L. E. Ballard was editor of the paper during the entire period.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton was elected General Chairman of the F. W. B. L. Board at Damascus, Ga., in 1923, and held the office for two years, being succeeded by Rev. T. B. Mellette, of South Carolina in 1925, who served for one year, until the Board was abolished by the General Conference. The General Conference at Nashville, Tenn., in 1926 adopted the Directory plan for the work, to replace the old Board plan, and Mrs. Lupton was elected General Director.

In October 1926, the F. W. B. L. Quarterly was established with Rev. T. E. Beaman, of our state as editor. Also arrangements were made with Miss Dot Harvey of Georgia, to edit topics for the Primary Leagues, to be run in the F. W. B. L. Department in the Baptist.

In 1925 the Western North Carolina F. W. B. L. Convention was organized in the French Broad Association. This was the first district Convention in our state, and has been active since it's founding.

Our State Convention in 1926 adopted plans for a twelve month's campaign in the interest of the work, and elected Rev. T. E. Beaman, of Morehead City, as Campaign Director.

These few facts are given because of their general interest. We understand that a more complete sketch of the history of the movement is to be given through our paper sometime after the first of the year.

PRIMAR Y F. W. B. L. TOPICS, DECEMBER 26.

Jesus the World's Saviour.

Introduction (by leader.)

Our Christmas lesson gave us the message that, "Unto you is born this day a Saviour." It is speaking of Christ, the little babe, who was in the manger at Bethlehem. He became a Saviour for all people. Being a Saviour means to keep one from all harm. And if we are willing He will save us from all sin and danger.

I. We are saved by love.

Christ Jesus, our Saviour, is the Son of God. He was sent into the world because God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that we might be saved. He would that none should perish but that all may be saved for eternal life. Then Christ loved us enough to die on the cross that our sins be remembered no more. He is always ready to love us and to save us from wrong doing if we will love Him.

II. Memorize John 3:16 and repeat in concert.

III. Jesus a Saviour for all.

"Whosoever will may come to the Saviour. He came to seek and save those who are lost in sin. All races and people of every country can have Jesus Christ as their Saviour. He saves the weak and the strong, the rich and the poor alike. Any one soul is precious to Him. As little children we should let our Christian lives shine as a light to guide others to the Saviour.

IV. Jesus alone can save.

Jesus came down from heaven and lived on earth so that all people might be saved. He alone is able to save us. Being the Son of God, He has supreme power and is perfect and pure. His love is so great that the Father in heaven will forgive if we ask Him. He will keep us as a shepherd keeps little lambs.

V. Prayer that each little member may be an instrument in saving the world for Jesus.

THE ALABAMA STATE CONFERENCE.

The Free Will Baptist State Conference convened with Barnesville church, Marion County, Ala., beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in November 1926.

Dear friends, we are glad to say that we feel that we accomplished more this session than we have ever been known to before. The Free Will Baptist people in Alabama are waking up to the fact that we must be a doer instead of a hearer. In this Conference we put an evangelist in the state of Alabama. This man, Rev. J. B. Bloss, is a wonderful character. He is wide awake on the job. He had over nine hundred conversions in his revival meetings this year. We also put a Sunday School evangelist in the state of Alabama. The Home Mission Board was accepted and an educational campaign put on. We are looking forward to 1927 as the greatest year ever experienced by the Free Will Baptist denomination.

GRADY T. WILLIAMS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Prayer—O Lord, Thou dost give strength unto Thy people and bless them with peace.
OUR DEAD

WELLS.—I will announce the death of my brother's wife, Mrs. Sallie Wells, wife of Mr. W. M. Wells, who departed this life December 4, 1926. She had reached the age of 82 years. She had been a member of the Free Will Baptist church for a number of years. She was one of the oldest of our members at Wintergreen church. She had suffered for several years, but for the last year her sufferings were worse. She was confined to her bed for two weeks. The last words she said were, "There is a vacant seat in the kingdom of heaven for me, Glory Hallelujah." She passed away shouting. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, one nephew, and several great nephews, and many relatives and friends. The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Dan Moore. After which she was laid to rest in the family cemetery at Pleasant Hill church in Jones county.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.
Written by her sister-in-law,
MRS. S. J. WEBBER.
Cove City, N. C.

EASON.—Allow me space in your paper to announce the death of Bro. Ernest L. Eason, who departed this life, November 2, 1926. Bro. Eason was born December 19, 1878, and died November 2, 1926, making his stay on earth 48 years and a few days. He was the son of Mr. Stephen Eason, was born in Greene County and lived there until he was married to Miss Lena Eason. To them were born six children. One died in infancy. Three boys and two girls are left behind to toil on in this world of trials and sorrow until Jesus says, "It is enough, come up higher." Bro. Eason has been a great sufferer for the past year, having a tumor on the brain, which caused his death. He spent five or six weeks in the hospital at Richmond, but it was too late to have the tumor removed. His sufferings were very great, but he seemed resigned to God's will. He loved to hear the Bible read. He would often ask people to read and pray for him and his dear companion would read all she could to him. Oh, what comfort to read God's Holy Word and trust in Him. Why can we not all read more? Will say to his teacher:

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