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President ...................... Prof. R. A. Gooden, Washington, D. C.
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BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The Bible School Department of the National Convention met with the Jarvis Christian Institute, Hawkins, Texas, August 23, 1921. The house was called to order 9 a.m. with President R. A. Gooden, of Washington, D.C., presiding. His opening introductory remarks were brief and impressive. Prof. T. B. Frost, of the Institute was then called upon to conduct the Devotional exercises. Appropriate songs were sung. The 24th Psalm was read. Prayers were offered by Bro. Wm. Tucker of Oklahoma, Brother Z. H. Howard of Texas and Brother W. P. Martin of Tennessee. After the devotional period, the meeting was turned over to the president. Prof. T. W. Pratt asked permission to present to the Convention a Gavel that was given to the State of Texas by the Southern Christian Institute many years ago. With well-fitting words he presented it to the president who received it with expressions of gratitude. It was moved by Dr. Robinson and seconded by Pres. J. B. Lehman of the Southern Christian Institute that the Convention receive the gavel. The motion was carried. President Lehman then suggested that the gavel be kept by the National convention and that another would be made by the S. C. I. and given to Texas in place of this one that was so highly prized. The President appointed the following, Prof. T. W. Pratt, of Texas; Miss E. A. Ross, Tennessee; and Elder B. C. Calvert of Mississippi as members of the Enrollment Committee. There was a motion that all delegates to the general Convention become honorary delegates to the Sunday School Department, motion was halted and finally withdrawn. All Bible School workers were requested to occupy the front seats.

Address, “The Child in the Midst” by Miss Deetsy L. Blackburn, Supt. of Elementary Department. Solo, “The Bird With..."
the Broken Pinion" by Mrs. Nancy A. Berry; Address "Teen Age Activity" by Prof. S. W. Hutton of Fort Worth, Texas; Prof. T. W. Pratt, the Vice President, took the chair while the President delivered his address and recommendation. The address called attention to the work of our Bible Schools and what is necessary for its accomplishments. A motion was carried that the President's message and recommendations be referred to the Committee on Future Work. (Will be printed in the December issue of the Gospel Plea.) There was a suggestion that all addresses be referred to the Committee on Future work.

Bro. Robert Hopkins of the United Christian Missionary Society was presented to the audience. He spoke in highest terms of Prof. Moss and his associate Prof. Williams. He also commended the work done by Miss Deetsy Blackburn as Elementary Superintendent and expressed his belief that with such splendid workers, there is a bright future for our Bible School work. He was applauded by the whole audience. This was also an expression of the satisfaction of the audience with the well chosen leaders who are doing all they can for the advancement of our Bible Schools. Dr. Robinson made a few remarks about the work done by Miss Blackburn. He was so pleased with the work that she was doing that he promised to pay her salary for one month. Bro. Brown of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, made a few remarks in regard to Bro. Hopkins' work and what he has done for us.

Prof. Moss was presented to make his report, he states that the report covers only nine months. The report follows in full:

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P. H. Moss, Field Worker.

Much has been done to advance the program of religious education among the Bible Schools of our churches in these past nine months, but when we look out upon the field we are reminded that a far greater task remains to be accomplished. To reach, teach and save the people requires patience, self-sacrifice, and an expenditure of money to reach tangible results. During the past 9 months we have rendered service in thirteen states and the District of Columbia. Namely: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Ark., Ohio, Tenn., Texas North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and District of Columbia. In many ways we have followed the same routine of work;
Organizing new schools, standardizing old schools, conducting Institutes Schools of Methods, holding personal and group conferences.

"Office Activities."

Through correspondence, from our office we have endeavored to serve our constituents in every possible way, by answering inquiries, placing into their hands leaflets of instruction, and promoting missionary instruction and missionary giving. Sharing in the promotion of the Each One Win One campaign. It is always a pleasant duty to give personal help to any worker seeking it. We have added to our office equipment the Rotospeed Duplicating machine and supplies which helps us greatly in the expediting of affairs. The major part of the clerical work in the office is kept up by an unpaid secretary who does not only grant the use of her best room in the house for an office but she realizes that the gift without the giver is bare, therefore she gives her services to the upkeep of office corresponding, etc when we are on the field.

State Workers.

"Light is the task when many share the toil." The spirit of co-operation in many ways has made our work enjoyable. The Superintendents and state presidents have been very kind in their invitations to us to be present at their districts and state conventions, to take part on their programs and serve on the committees etc.

State Organization.

We have endeavored to organize the state for departmental work, we can not claim success along this line. Many do not see the need of such organization. Kentucky, however, has taken the forward step, being the first to appoint a state Elementary Superintendent to help standardize the childrens department. For two years this state has had a secondary Superintendent who is giving much time to the Teen Age or young people work. In the last state convention, a very efficient minister was appointed as an Adult Superintendent. Kentucky is the first state to organ-
ize with all the departments. All eyes are turned towards Ken-
tucky. The state of Kansas one year ago appointed an Element-
ary Superintendent. The National Elementary Superintendent
will spend the month of September in this state helping the state
worker line up the schools for more ecient work among the chil-
dren of the church. Missouri has also appointed an Elementary
Superintendent to look after the program of religious education
of her children from birth to twelve years old. These State Work-
ers are receiving no pecuniary remuneration for their service.
They are working for the work's sake. There are many such
workers yet to be found and listed in this kind of service.

Field Force Increased.

One year ago Prof. E. R. Williams was appointed as associ-
ate Secretary and Teacher Training Superintendent. His long
needed service in this capacity is helping to reach many more of
our schools giving more time to the local schools and covering
more territory in general. Mr. Williams will make a detailed re-
port of this work. On June 1st Miss Deetsy L. Blackburn was ap-
pointed by the U. C. M. S. as a National Elementary Superinten-
dent. Her service is proving to be a valuable asset to our work.

Changing Church Architecture.

The one-room building is still the great handicap among
many of our churches. It is next to an impossibility to carry on
successfully a departmental program in a one room building. A
few churches have basements giving one room below and one above
this gives a little advantage over the single room.

But many of these basement buildings are not conducive to
worship and teaching. I am glad, however, that a new day is
breaking for the Colored Churches. The buildings that are being
erected now are being changed in their architecture. We are be-
ginning to build with the children in mind. Some of the old
buildings are being renovated in a way to make them more ade-
quate for teaching service. Within the next decade about 80 per-
cent of Colored churches will have been rebuilt. All of this is en-
couraging, but there is yet a woeful need for modern equipped
buildings to serve the modern Bible School.
Training Leaders.

If we are to move forward in the program of religious education, we must have trained leaders. We are endeavoring to meet this need through the Teacher Training course and schools of Methods. Special efforts are being put forth to organize training Classes in every local church where sufficient ability is found to instruct the class. The present standard course is pretty "stiff," and requires uncommon ability to teach it. I realize that an ideal standard will and should cause one to strive but I am wondering if these standards are prepared with the common people in mind. If these writers could only spend a few months among the schools in the open country and small towns it would help them to understand the needs, and thus prepare an elementary course leading up to the present standard. It is noticeable that a good many of our classes give up the standard course before finishing the first unit. They seem to think that the course is too rigid or their education is too limited. The Southern Christian Institute of Edwards, Mississippi, I am glad to say is doing much to help solve the problem of leadership. Scores of young men and women are handling the New Standard Course in a very pleasing way, under competent instructors. In a few years these young folks will be going out as ministers, superintendents and teachers. Several months ago a Leadership Training School was conducted at the Southern Christian Institute. Many of the leaders of the states attend this school returning to their field with a larger vision and better plans to carry on their work. The Alabama, Piedmont and Jarvis Christian Institutes are aiding their share to the list of leaders. And we are living in the happy anticipation of the Central Christian Institute of Kentucky coming in to do its part in the very near future. With these five schools giving Christian education to colder youths we can justly expect a mighty change of things throughout this country. There are about seven hundred organized congregations in the United States and as near as we can depend upon statistics there are about twenty-five thousand in our Bible Schools.

Hundreds of boys and girls who need to be sought and brought into the Sunday school and trained for usefulness. If the Inter-Church World Movement was right in its survey there are in the state of Mississippi 750,220 children and young people who are not in the Bible School. To allow these conditions to remain, is to wink at ignorance, and applaud vice and crime.

The supreme need today as never before, is the knowledge of God's word. I believe with the Psalmist: "The entrance of Thy Word giveth light it giveth understanding to the simple."
given a practical knowledge of God's word these untaught millions will become a mighty force in redeeming the world from the throes of sin and degradation.

Daily Vacation Church School.

The Daily Vacation Church School uses vacation time for religious education. It brings the children from the streets into the empty churches and directs them in interesting activity.

ITS ORIGIN—The Daily Vacation Bible School movement was founded in 1901 by the Rev. Robt. G. Boville of New York, City. It is said that Mr. Boville was passing along the street one day just after the public schools were out, and over-heard a boy saying: "Aint got nowhere to go, nothing to do and nothing to do it with." The remarks of this boy became more and more interesting to this minister as he thought upon it as he passed on noticing the empty churches, idle students from college and the idle boys on the street that had nothing to do and nothing to do it with. Mr. Boville took the matter up with a view of experiment, and children were taught manual work, Bible stories, Christian and patriotic songs, organized play was a part of the daily program. So successful were these schools that the experiment was repeated the following summer. More schools were opened and finally a permanent organization was created in order to promote the work in other cities. The founder of the movement became the director and moving spirit of the organization whose influence began to be felt from coast to coast. In 1916 the call from other countries, particularly the far East was made. Then was organized the International association of the daily vacation Bible schools. Mr. Russell Colgate head of the great firm of Colgate & Co., New York City is President and Rev. Robert G. Boville the international director. The chief centers of the work now are: New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, Baltimore, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, Indianapolis, Louisville, Kansas City, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Seattle, Mexico City, Paris, Nantes, Vladivostock, Tokio, Shanghai, Peking, Hangchow, Canton, Honolulu, Montreal, Toronto, and Quebec.

There has been a growing feeling on part of workers in the field of religious education, that the modern Bible School, as constituted does not adequately answer the call. The all too short half hour on Sunday, the untrained teacher, coming poorly equipped and prepared for even that half hour have all tended to
reduce the efficiency and effectiveness of our present system of religious instruction, and for this reason there has been an increasing desire to introduce a workable plan of week-day religious education. The Daily Vacation Church School goes along ways in meeting this need.

P. H. MOSS, Field Secty. Bible Schools.

Report of Work Among Negro Bible Schools.

E. R. Williams.

Prof. Williams was presented for his report. It follows in part:

Being associated with one who has ripened in experience through serving more than 25,000 negro constituents whose whole heart is in the Bible School work, whose stern conviction and sacrificial love for what is right and best for the promotion of the Bible School work among colored Disciples and by whose guidance with the help received at the School of Methods the summer 1920 at Lexington Ky., and the leadership Training School and School of Method of December 1920 at the Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., I have come into a fuller realization of the tremendous task to be accomplished.

As one views the vast field of labor pregnant with unaccomplished possibilities, he is almost forced to exclaim "Woe is me if I do not my share of reaching the unreached and saving the unsaved.

Summary—October 1920-June 1921:

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We have in training 229 teachers in the states as follows:

- Tennessee, 5; Texas, 48; Alabama, 41; Arkansas, 18; Florida, 8; North Carolina, 18; South Carolina, 17; Mississippi, 36; Maryland, 18; Virginia, 20.

The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Hattie Mallory of Chicago,
reported that Report Blanks were sent to all the states but very few of these returned.

Address by Miss Johnnie Keeble; Miss Keeble was absent but she sent her address and it was read by Miss E. M. Harding of Kentucky. Announcements were made and the president requested that the next session begins 1:45 instead of 2 p.m. "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" was sung by the audience and the Benediction was pronounced by Pres. J. B. Lehman.

Afternoon Session.

1:45 Devotional Service conducted by Rev. H. G. Smith, state Evangelist of Texas. Meeting was turned over to the President at 2 p.m. Minutes of the morning session were read and adopted as read. Appointment of Committees as follows:

Loving Cup—Prof. E. R. Williams, Miss Deetsy L. Blackburn, Miss E. M. Harding, Mrs. Wm. Alphin and Prof. Moss.

Future Work—Prof. P. W. Miller, Mo.; Elder L. R. Garrison, Miss.; Miss E. M. Harding, Ky.; Prof. T. W. Pratt, Texas.

Nominating—Elder Wm. Tucker, Okla.; Elder W. Brown, Mt. Sterling, Ky.; Mrs. W. J. Sharp, Kansas; Mrs. Rosa L. Wicks, Tex.

Address—Teaching Missions in the Bible School—by Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs. The address was very instructive and inspiring.

Owing to the excessive heat, a motion was carried that the men may take off their coats if they desired to do so.

Address by Prof. Robert Hopkins. Bro Hopkins took the Bible as the subject of his address and in a very impressive manner he brought us a great message on the translations of our English Bible.

Prof. Buster, who was to give an address on the Graded Literature, an adequate curriculum for the Bible School, was absent, Prof. Pratt was then asked to address the audience and he gave a very interesting address on the Gospel of Fun. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Preston Taylor, our Treasurer, her singing was greatly enjoyed. A chart illustrating the number of Negro Bible Schools was explained by Prof Moss. Our eyes were opened to the great unoccupied fields that are waiting on us. Remarks were made on the explanation of the chart by Elders Crawford, Brown and Robinson. Announcements were made and the benediction was pronounced by Eld. T. B. Frost.
Night Session.

The chief attraction of the evening was a play that was worked up by Mrs. J. N. Ervin of the Jarvis Christian Institute; "The Workers Conference, the Heart of the Bible School." It was a success and proved that great pains were taken in the training of the young people who acted their parts so remarkably well. Much credit is due to Sister Ervin and to all those who took part in it.

Pres. Ervin introduced the Banker of Hawkins to the Audience and he made an address welcoming the National Convention to Hawkins. This was responded to by Mrs. Wm. McAlphin of Kansas City, Mo.

The meeting was then turned over to the President and after a few appropriate remarks, he called for the Report of the Committee on the Loving Cup. The report showed that Texas was the fortunate winner of this beautiful cup. She was as near to the standard of efficiency as any other state and had contributed the highest amount above her apportionment to the support of Missionary work. The cup was presented to the State by Prof. Hopkins, of the U. C. M. S., and received by Prof. Pratt of Prairie View State Normal, who in turn presented it to Elder Crawford, pastor of the Greenville church which had the winning school in the State. Last year the cup was won by Tennessee, and by the Lea Avenue School in that State. Texas was congratulated by the President and was told she will have to work much harder if she would win the Cup another year for the competition is growing stronger every year. At the close of this session we retired to the dining hall where we greatly enjoyed a splendid banquet that was prepared in honor of Mrs. Ervin, President Ervin's mother, in celebration of her seventy-second birthday.

Reports From States.

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Amount of money from States and individual schools $76.00.
Brought in by Prof. Moss $351.59, making a grand total of $127.59.

Meeting of Executive Committee.

Meeting was called to order by the President, Prayer by Prof. Pratt; Remarks by President, A Telegram of greetings was read from the Virginia Convention then in session, stated that report would follow. Letter of greetings was read from Bro. Bos-tick. He enclosed bill for $8.00 that was due on printing. The President reminded the Committee that the recording secretary was not paid for services rendered during the last convention. The Treasurer made her report. Prof. Moss explained the purpose of the Tag Day money. Prof. Pratt suggested that it should be made clear where the money should be sent. (To Headquarters) The President asked that $1.75 be paid for the printing of Report Blanks. Prof. Moss made remarks concerning Tag Day and Loving Cup. All present were wanted in another meeting and the meeting of the Committee was adjourned to meet again at the call of the President.

The Bible School Department continued its sessions Saturday evening September 3rd. The President presiding, made brief remarks concerning the former services of the day. He extended
his heart-felt gratitude to the Convention for its co-operative spirit. The Report of the enrollment committee was called for. Report was presented and with slight corrections was received. (See Reports of States and Schools.) Recording Secretary and Treasurer made their reports. Both were received. Report of the Future Work Committee was called for, it reported, as follows:

1st.—We recommend that every Teacher and Bible School Worker be a reader of at least one weekly paper on Bible School work.

2nd.—That our Bible Schools have definite aims and that they plan to produce 1st a personal acquaintance and a closer relationship between Christ and the pupils, and that everything be done for the development of a strong Missionary Spirit in our schools. 3rd.—We very strongly recommend that our State Organizations get and keep a correct record of the Bible School work in the State, and that the State Secretary and Superintendent be willing and ready at all times to furnish such information as our National Workers may be in need of.

4th.—That the visits of our National Field Workers to the State Convention be looked forward to as one of the most important items on the program and that the necessary time be given to these workers to explain the best methods for the developments of our schools.

5th.—That we express our gratitude for what the United Christian Missionary Society has done and is still doing for us and that this gratitude be expressed in our heartiest support of and co-operation with the United Christian Missionary Society.

6th.—We recommend that there should be a constitution and bylaws, setting forth the powers, relation and line of work of the Bible School Department of the National Convention.

7th.—That the awarding of the Loving Cup be under the supervision of the executive Committee of the Bible School Department.

8th.—We urge the organizing of Training classes in every school.

9th.—That we designate Independence Sunday as "Round up Tag Day." for the Bible School work.

10th.—That uniform blanks be gotten out and furnished to the Bible Schools of each State and that it be requested that they be used in sending in report to the secretary, and also that each representative making a report in the Convention, first read the same and then hand it to the secretary.

11.—We recommend that each Bible School be represented
with one dollar and that each State be represented with not less than $5.00.

12.—Realizing as we do the great value that we are receiving from our National Workers, we feel that it is our duty to use all funds at our command for the advancement of that work, therefore we recommend that all surplus funds be given for the promotion of our National Work.

13.—We recommend that each state promote the Standard of Efficiency and that the President of each State Organization or some other representative be sent as delegate to the National Convention.

14.—That each State holds a school of methods that Bible School workers may become trained to a higher Standard of Efficiency.

15.—That each state make a special effort to win the National Loving Cup as promoted by the department of Religious Education.

16.—We recommend that each State observe the Tag Day as directed by our National Field Workers and that the following days be observed with suitable programs: Christmas, Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Children's Day, Promotion Day and Bible School Rally which is the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Respectfully submitted, P. W. Miller, Mo; L. R. Garrison, Mississippi; T. W. Pratt, Texas; Miss E. M. Harding, Ky.

There was a motion by Bro. P. W. Miller for the adoption of the report. Motion was stopped by L. R. Crawford. There was about ten minutes of discussion in which a number took part at the conclusion of which the report was adopted.

The Treasurer was asked to make a final report of all funds collected. She reports as follows: For educational purposes, $351.59; from enrollment $76.90; Grand Total, $426.59.

Bro. E. R. Williams associate Secretary, made his financial report as follows: Special Offerings from Tags

Lee Avenue, Nashville, Tenn., sent by Mrs. Ida Taylor $5.00
Mt. Sterling, Ky., sent by Bro. Dyson 21.63
J. C. I. Hawkins, Texas, sent by Prof. Z. H. Howard 5.00
Clark St., Greenville, sent by Mrs. M. L. Veal 2.76
Winchester, Ky., sent by Mrs. M. E. Taylor 5.00
Mt. Sini., Little Rock, Ark., sent by Mrs. S. L. Bostick 5.20
England, Ark., Mr. Gotrell 5.00
Midway, Ky., sent by Mrs. K. Johnson 3.00
Hoyt, Va., sent by Mr. W. W. Ackers 2.40

Total from Tag Day $55.04

Lee Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. $100.00
Texas ........................................... 176.55
Tennessee ....................................... 20.00
To United Christian Missionary Society by States .... 609.00
State Representation ............................ 75.00

GRAND TOTAL ................................. $1,035.59

Report of the nominating committee was called for. Report
as follows: We recommend for President Prof. R. A. Gooden, of
Washington, D. C.; 1st Vice President Prof. T. W. Pratt, of Texas;
2nd Vice President Bro. P. W. Miller, Mo.; 3rd Vice President,
Bro. W. M. Tucker, Okla.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. G. A. Franklin,
Miss.; Assistant Secretary Mrs. M. B. Franklin, Ark; Corresponding
Secretary Mrs. Hattie Mallory, Chicago, Ill.; Treasurer, Mrs. Ida D.
Taylor, Nashville, Tenn.

Submitted W. M. Tucker, Chairman; Mrs. J. H. Sharp, Prof.
E. R. Williams, Elder W. H. Brown, Mrs. R. L. Wicks, Secretary.

Moved by Eld. W. H. Brown and seconded by Dr. Robinson
that report be received and adopted. Vote was unanimous. Eld.
Brown presiding. Remarks of appreciation were made by the
President. Bro. T. E. Campbell and Sister Alphin responded with
words of encouragement on behalf of the President. In a few
brief remarks Bro. H. G. Smith made a plea for the support of
Missions in Africa. Remarks by the president and the meeting
was brought to a close.

Sunday Morning.

9 a.m.—Bible School Institute conducted by Prof. Moss. Ele-
mentary Department by Miss Deetsy Blackburn. She demon-
strated how to teach our little folk. All were helped. She stressed
the use of the graded literature in our schools. Prof. Buster,
who was on program for an address was absent but sent his ad-
dress. It was read by Miss E. M. Harding of Kentucky. Was
filled with information.

Prof. Moss asked Mrs. Sharp to tell us how to give Missionary
instructions in our schools. Her talk was helpful to all present.
Bro. E. R. Williams spoke on the necessity of trained teachers in
our schools.

At 10 a.m. Prof. Z. H. Howard, Superintendent of the in-
stitute Bible School called the School to order. It was both in-
structive and inspiring to be in such a school. At the conclusion
of the lesson a Missionary Story was told by C. C. Moseley of the
Jarvis School which was greatly enjoyed. The Superintendent advised that all schools should try the plan. There were remarks by Prof. Moss and Bro. Crawford. Prof. T. W. Pratt was presented with a check for Fifty Dollars by Bro. Crawford. It came from Prof. R. M. Hopkins, for valuable service rendered by Prof. Pratt in the Teacher Training Work. He has the credit of graduating 400 teachers. He reports one hundred and eighty graduates for this year. Prof. Moss made brief remarks and the school was brought to its close.

Sunday Evening.

The President called the Executive Committee to meet for the completion of all unfinished business. The following disbursements were made. For printing of letter heads $8.00; for printing of report blanks $1.75, for the service of the recording secretary two years, $12.00. Moved by Prof. Pratt and seconded by Prof. Moss that we pay Fifty Dollars on the President's railroad fare. Motion carried and $50.00 was paid to the President. Total disbursements $71.75. Amount raised during the Convention available for expenses $76.00; Balance remaining in the treasury $4.25.

Remarks by Prof. Pratt in which he emphasized the fact that we ought to take care of our officers.

Remarks by the President in which he mentioned that the cost of his trip to the Convention and back home was nearly one hundred and fifty dollars. He expressed his appreciation for the fifty dollars paid on his railway fare and stated that he is only too glad to do all that is in his power for the promotion of our Bible School Work. The corresponding secretary says that both her time and the stamps used in doing the work that she is freely giving for the good of the work and she would not accept any compensation for same. A vote of thanks was returned to her.

Remarks by Prof. Miller. Motion carried that a list of State Officers be printed in the Minutes. Motion carried that the Corresponding secretary be asked to make a bill of stamps used during the year, that same be reported at the next convention and be paid for. Suggestions were made by Prof. Moss and Prof. Pratt in regard to the offerings taken up on Special Days. It should be sent to Headquarters. Information was also given concerning the Loving Cup. This concluded the business of the convention and a motion was entertained for adjournment.

Members of Committee Present: R. A. Gooden, Pres.; P. H. Moss, P. W. Miller, T. W. Pratt, Mrs. Ida Taylor, Mrs. Hattie Mallory, Mrs. Mary Franklin, E. R. Williams, Miss Deetsy L. Blackburn and Mrs. G. A. Franklin.
THE FOURTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE
CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Wednesday Morning 9:30, August 29th, 1921.

Called to order by the President, Mrs. W. A. M. Singleton.
Song.—"Leaning on Jesus." Prayer by Dr. M. F. M. Robinson, Ky. The Secretary being absent, Mrs. B. B. Hutsell was elected pro tem. Song—"There's Not a Friend." Greetings, Mrs. Afra B. Anderson, of the U. C. M. S. She explained why the societies united and spoke of the plans of that organization. The following persons were introduced to the Convention: Mrs. Ervin, Pratt, Thomas, Bolden, Bridgewater, Crawford, Moss. All made short talks. Song, "Will There be Any Stars." Mrs. Wm. Alphin, 1st Vice President introduced Mrs. W. A. M. Singleton, President of the convention who delivered her annual address, dealing wholly with ourselves, her subject being "Us." She reviewed our past and wonderful achievements since coming to America; our possibilities and needs for the future. Her recommendations will be seen with reports of Committee. Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers." Enrollment Committee appointed.

Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs of Mo., National Secretary of Missions made a splendid report and gave a deal of useful information. Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick, the National Treasurer being ill sent her report which was read by Mrs. Franklin of Arkansas. (see report) We paused for a few moments just at this time while Mrs. Afra B. Anderson offered a fervent prayer on behalf of Mrs. Bostick. A request came to sing "God Will Take Care of You." No music available, one stanza of "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung instead. On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Singleton that we send expression of love and greeting to Mrs. Bostick. Carried.

Report of the Committee on Findings made by Mrs. Singleton was listened to with a deal of interest. Mrs. T. E. Campbell Texas, brought us a splendid address on "The Church and Social Service" but being interrupted by the noon hour, had to finish in the afternoon session. Elder Preston Taylor Dismissed with prayer.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Song. "I Shall Know Him." Prayer by Mrs. Fannie H. Johnson, Texas. Song, "Steal Away to Jesus." Minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted. The following Committees were
appointed: Future Work and Resolution.

Mrs. Wm. Alphin of Mo., brought forward a recommendation from the Missionary societies of Mo., regarding a home for the aged ministers and orphans which was turned over to proper committee. Committee on enrollment made a partial report (see report of committee) Song "I am So Happy in Jesus." Mrs. Effie Cunningham, a representative of the U. C. M. S., who had recently visited Jamaica told us many interesting things about the people and their religion. Questions were asked and much helpful information gained. Mrs. Anderson followed Mrs. Cunningham and brought our minds the sad condition of the affairs in India Thibet and China, Etc. She told us how to study those conditions that we might in some way assist them. She recommended that every society adopt a subscription membership and a financial aim; she placed much emphasis on the training of boys and girls through the mission band, circle and endeavor societies. Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs explained the budget plan and spoke of the importance of State Board meetings and of state workers. The following Committees were appointed: Finance and Nominating. (See report.) Song, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Eld. Preston Taylor, Miss Sussie M. King of Ky., to take charge of the Endeavor work for the evening session because of the absence of Miss Johnnie Keeble of Tennessee, president of that work. Announcements, Song, "Blest be the Tie that Binds." Benediction Mrs. Ida Taylor, Tenn.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR DEPARTMENT.

Wednesday Night, 7:30.

Miss King called the house to order.

After inspiring devotional services by Jarvis Institute Students, Mr. C. B. Tarrence, a student of Jarvis delivered in a brief but well prepared speech, the welcome address. Prof. W. M. Wilson of Tex., made a strong address on the contribution of the "Christian Endeavor to the Life of the Church." The choir gave a number of folk songs that were highly enjoyable.

Miss King gave report of the Ky. work among the Young people. Announcements. Benediction, Eld. Preston Taylor.

Thursday Morning, 7:30.

After short but impressive praise service, Mrs. Affra B. Anderson helped us solve some of the hard problems that confront us in our local societies. At this period the house was turned over to Eld. H. L. Herod for Bible study.
Friday Morning, 7:30.

After devotional services, the minutes of the previous sessions were read and adopted. Eld. Monroe Jackson of Ohio reported $5.00 for Springfield, $1.00 for the following societies and persons: Miss Mahalie Hill, Mrs. Ado Thomas, Mrs. Gary, Mrs. Sussie Offutt and the Kenyon Ave., Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Committee on Future Work reported. On motion by Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs, seconded by Mrs. Wm. Alphin the report was adopted by items. And finally adopted as a whole. (see reports.) Auditing Committee made report. Report was adopted (see report.) Finance Committee reported. Report adopted (see report.) On motion that the local societies be named as paying $2.00 accompanied with the delegates name, the state paying $5.00 accompanied with delegate's name. Carried. Committee on resolutions reported (see report). Motion that Miss Susie M. King, Ky., be the secretary of the children's work to the National Convention. Carried. Motion that State representatives turn over reports to recording secretaries that we may get inspiration through the minutes. Carried. The Nominating Committee, reported and report was adopted. Song, "I'll be Satisfied." Benediction, Elder W. H. Brown, Ky.

Saturday Afternoon, Special Session 4:30.

Eld. Preston Taylor, President of Convention adjourned for an extra session of the Missionary Department. Mrs. Wm. Alphin motioned that Mrs. Fannie Hay Johnson, of Texas, be elected associate editor of the National Christian Messenger. Carried. Mrs. H. A. M. Singleton spoke of the need of a good library at Jarvis, and Mrs. Nola King motioned that the various local societies send cash to President Ervin that he might purchase books for same. Carried.

Saturday Night, 11:30 Executive Committee Meeting.

The Executive Committee was called in extra special session. Those present were: Mesdames Singleton, Alphin, Mallory, Frost, and Hutsell. The president arranged to go to Winona Lake, Ind., to the International Convention. At the suggestion of Mrs. Alphin arrangements were also made for the Correspondent Secretary, Miss Roxie Sneed, Recording secretary, was paid for services rendered.

Mrs. T. B. Frost holding $116.00 until called for by Mrs. Singleton.
Sunday Evening 6:00—Executive Committee Meeting.

The Executive Committee met at the President's Mansion. The actions of the Saturday night meeting were re-considered. Those present were: Mesdames Singleton, Mallory, Taylor, Blackburn, Miss Sneed, Elder Preston Taylor, Torrence and Secretary Elder Taylor reminded us that the Advisory Committee recommended that the convention appoint the president of the National Convention and the President of the Missionary Department as delegates to the International Convention. The ticket that had been purchased by Miss Sneed was turned over to Prof. Frost to be returned to the R. R. Company. Ticket was to Texarkana. Farewell remarks were made Sunday Night by the departing delegates.

Future Work Committee's Report.

We, your Committee on Future Work beg leave to submit the following report:

1. We endorse the recommendation of Mrs. Alphin that we create a fund for a home for aged Ministers and Orphans and that a special committee be appointed from Woman's Missionary Societies, Bible Schools and Church to act on same.

2. We recommend that the National Executive Board meet the First day of the Convention, President notifying members at least 30 days before.

3. We recommend that we ask for more time on the Program that each state representative might give a synopsis of her work.

4. We recommend that each state be furnished report-blanks.

5. We recommend that we have a School of Methods some time during the session to be arranged for by the program committee.

6. We recommend that instead of reading reports they be placed on a chart before the Convention.

7. We recommend that each state be represented by paying, $5.00 each local society by paying $2.00.

8. We recommend all resolutions go through the hands of a committee.

9. We recommend that we endorse the Young Peoples' work and encourage them all we can.

10. We recommend that the states take under advisement the new Constitution, and as far as practicable adopt the same.

11. We recommend that in as much as there is a dire need for more workers for the development of the states, that the general secretaries of the states will hold themselves in readiness to
assist the National Secretary, Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs where budgets are so provided.

12.—We further recommend that special efforts be made to observe our National days the same to be designated by our National Secretary, Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs.

13.—We recommend that State Presidents and states, Gen. Secretaries become members of the National Board.

Mrs. W. J. Sharp, Miss E. M. Harden, Miss Hattie Mallory, Mrs. W. F. Thomas, Mrs. Sarah Blackburn, Committee.

Enrollment Committee Report.

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The Following paid twenty-five cents enrollment fee:

Miss E. M. Harden, Mrs. Ida M. Smith, Miss Sussie M. King, Dr. M. F. Robinson, Elder Stafford Campbell, Mrs. Nola C. King, Mrs. B. B. Hutsell, Kentucky; Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs, Mrs. Wm. Alphin, Missouri; Mrs. L. E. Mayberry, Mrs J. B. Williams, Oklahoma; Mrs. Hattie Mallory, Illinois; Mesdames Thula Mayweather, R. L. Wicks, Hattie Crawford, T. E. Campbell, C. B. Howard, M. B. Frost, A. M. Bolten, W F. Thomas, Elizabeth Hunter, Frankie Wilson, Eld. L. H. Crawford, Miss Ada Williams, Mrs. G. V. Bryant, Texas; Mrs. Georgia Franklin, Miss Roxie Sneed, Mississippi; Mrs. Mary B. Franklin, Arkansas; Mrs. Ida Taylor,
Financial Report of the National Treasurer.

RECEIPTS
1920, September 1st, Brought forward .................. $16.50
Sept. 4th received from Convention .................... $160.45
November, from Cincinnati, Ohio Society ................ $1.00
Total ................................................. $177.96

DISBURSMENTS
1920, Sept. 4th, paid to Mrs. H. A. M. Singleton ........ $22.46
September 5th, paid to Mrs. H. L. Herod ................ 5.00
December 10th, paid to Elder R. E. Pearson (minutes) .... 14.00
February 26th, Five Hundred Letter Heads ............... 4.50
Total ................................................. $45.96
Receipts above expenses ............................... $132.00

MRS. SARAH L. BOSTICK, Treas.

Finance Committee's Report.
Amount turned in from various Missionary Societies ........ $114.00
Enrollment Fees ....................................... 8.00
Total ................................................... $122.00
Brought forward from last year .......................... 132.00
Total ................................................... $254.00

Auditing Committee.
We, your Committee beg leave to make the following report:
We have examined the report of the enrollment committee and find it correct. Amount collected from states and individual enrollment $122.00. Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. L. E. Mayberry, Mrs. L. G. Smith, Mrs. G. A. Franklin, Committee.
President's Recommendations

1. That we employ for part time an Executive Secretary, who shall work with Mrs. Grubbs in securing the reports and disseminating information and developing our work.

2. That we rule out all resolutions carrying in them elements of debates until they have passed through the hands of the Resolution Committee.

3. That we stress the Young People’s Department of our work and encourage them by giving them a part-time supt.

4. That hereafter all our reports be sent in to the Executive Secretary, early enough for her in turn to get them to our National Field Worker to be printed or read for distribution at the National Convention.

5. That we make sacrifice, if necessary, and pay off our emergency pledge by the end of our five-year limit.

6. That States give to the Program Committee the names of intended delegates, that partial committees may be appointed for the Convention and be printed with the program in order to facilitate the first session and that the Board meet at least a half day before the first session for conference.

7. Because we realize the importance of the work done by the Woman’s Missionary Society, and the Boys and Girls work, we recommend that a special effort shall be made to more thoroughly develop same. We further recommend that our aims shall be “Over Last Year’s Report.” Fifty societies, Five hundred members, two hundred World Calls, One thousand dollars finance. (This seventh recommendation was not acted on.)

Report of Committee on Nomination of Officers.

We, your Committee, beg to submit the following report:

Mrs. H. A. M. Singleton, Pres.; Mrs. Wm. Alphin, 1st Vice Pres.; Mrs. G. V. Bryant, 2nd Vice Pres.; Mrs. Ida Taylor, 3rd Vice Pres.; Mrs. Hattie Mallory, 4th Vice Pres.; Mrs. K. R. Brown Recording Secretary; Mrs. B. B. Hutsell, Assistant Secretary; Miss Roxie Sneed, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick, Treasurer.

Resolutions Committee.

We, your committee on resolutions, beg to submit the following: Be it resolved, that we express our hearty thanks and appreciations for the royal manner in which the good people of Texas have shown us while in their state. Be it resolved that we most heartily thank the President, Prof. J. N. Ervin, his good wife, with the assistance of his most efficient faculty of the J. C. I. for their most cordial welcome and kind hospitality while in their homes and buildings. Be it resolved that we appreciate the kindness of the student body, and especially the young men for their service of carrying our baggage to our respective rooms and the young ladies for their untiring task and their unique way of serving us in the dining hall. Be it further resolved that we extend a most hearty thanks to Madam E. M. Pratt, Prof. F. H. Ross for their excellent service in rendering music for the services.

Mrs. Ida M. Smith, Chairman, Mrs. M. C. King, Mrs. A. M. Bolden, Miss Roxie Sneed, Mrs. T. E. Campbell, Prof. P. H. Moss, Committee.

CHURCH PERIOD.

Thursday, August 25th, 9:00 a.m., Morning Session.

House called to order by the President, Elder Preston Taylor of Nashville, Tenn. Rev. H. L. Herod of Indianapolis, Ind., conducted one-half hour study using for his lesson Titus 2nd chapter. He brought out many truths concerning Godly living. He then led us in prayer. Song “Onward Christian Soldiers.”

President Taylor greeted the Convention with a smiling good morning. The secretary Eld. R. E. Pearson being absent and the assistant secretary being out of the room, Rev. H. L. Herod motioned that Eld. Wm. Martin be secretary. Elder Stafford Campbell of Lexington, Ky., seconded the motion; motion carried. Committee on enrollment made a partial report, and the President continued the Committee. Song, “Calling Now For Thee” was sung while the delegates were being ushered in.

The Executive Committee was invited to the platform by the President, Elder Taylor asked Rev. H. L. Herod to introduce Mr. Grant K. Lewis of St. Louis, the speaker of the hour, which he did in very fitting words. Mr. Lewis spoke on the subject “The
Disciples of Christ and their Organized Activities." He said that we ought to feel as a part of that great movement, but not all of it. He spoke very earnestly of the faith of the leaders of the Restoration Movement, and asked that we be faithful to the work of those leaders. He spoke of the relationship of our Fifth National Convention to the International Convention, and said that the societies are committees working out the solution of the unification problem. He closed with an appeal to us to co-operate in the great movement now before us. Standing, the audience sang "O That Will Be Glory for Me." The entire Executive Committee stood and Prof. J. B. Lehman said "This committee is made up of our true friends." He introduced Rev. H. L. Herod as the secretary of the committee who read the report as follows:

Executive or Joint Advisory Committee's Report.

The members of the Joint Advisory Committee composed of Grant K. Lewis, Robert M. Hopkins, Mrs. Effie L. Cunningham, Mrs. Affra B. Anderson, Preston Taylor, William Alphin, Robert A. Gooden, H. L. Herod, J. N. Ervin, Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs and Mrs. Hattie A. Singleton; and representing the National Convention of the Churches of Christ Missionary Society and the National Convention of the Churches of Christ with J. B. Lehman Superintendent of Negro Work beg to submit the following report:

1.—MEETINGS. Two meetings of this Committee were held during the conventional year, namely: One session held at Indianapolis, Indiana in April and a continued session held at this convention.

2.—EMERGENCY FUND STATEMENT. The amount received by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions to October 1st, 1920 was $13,500. Five thousand dollars of this amount was credited to the purchase of the Louisville School Farm; Five thousand dollars on the purchase of the lot for the Washington Church and three thousand five hundred dollars on world-wide missions. The amount received by the United Christian Missionary Society from October 1st 1920 to July 1st, 1921 was $4,995.80. Total amount received on Emergency Fund to July 1st 1921 was $18,495.80. The amount available for present use is $4,995.80.

3.—NAT'L FIELD WORKERS AMONG THE CHURCHES: The following recommendation has been adopted both by the United Christian Missionary Society and the National Convention Recognizing with gratitude the excellent services of Mrs. Rosa
V. Grubbs and P. H. Moss, respectively in the Woman's work and in the Bible Schools of our churches, we urge upon the United Christian Missionary Society the necessity of a Negro Representative or Representatives when Practicable to promote the other departmental interests of the United Society in the Negro Churches as such.

4.—RECOMMENDATIONS ON WASHINGTON CHURCH: It is recommended that general plans for the Church building at Washington, D.C. be obtained at once; that in order to erect the first unit of the building, we ask the United Society for a gift of $10,000, and that the $5,000 of emergency fund money now in the treasury be used for this purpose.

5.—RECOMMENDATIONS ON EDUCATION: At the meeting of the joint advisory committee held at Indianapolis in April, was voted to recommend the expenditure of $5,000 if necessary, to make preliminary preparations for the beginning of the school at Central Christian Institute this Autumn. This recommendation was approved by the Executive Committee of the United Society. Steps were taken toward the carrying out of the recommendation, but local opposition developed, making it seem wise to postpone preparations until there could be further conference of the Joint Advisory Committee at this convention.

At this meeting held here, the whole subject of training Christian Leaders was carefully considered. The immediate necessity of starting a school for training preachers was recognized and the following recommendations were made for the consideration and approval of this Convention and of the United Society.

First, we recommend that steps be taken at once to open the Central Christian Institute in one of the Churches at Louisville as soon as a strong man can be obtained for the work and that the work of preparing the buildings and grounds of Central Christian Institute for permanent occupancy be undertaken at once. Secondly, we recommend that we proceed at once to obtain teachers for Bible Chairs at J. C. I. and the S. C. I., for the work of training Christian ministers and other Christian workers. Thirdly, we recommend that scholarships in our several educational institutions and the necessary organization for administering of such scholarships be provided for the training of young men who wish to devote their lives to full time Christian service. We recommend further that a committee composed of H. L. Herod, J. B. Lehman, Grant K. Lewis, and J. N. Ervin and Mrs. Effie L. Cunningham and Mrs. Affra Anderson be ap-
pointed to confer with the Board of Education immediately with reference to obtaining their co-operation in this enterprise.

6—RECOMMENDATIONS ON ORGANIC RELATIONS OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND THE UNITED CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY: Inasmuch as there is a growing desire and need for such further co-ordination of the Negro organization with the International Convention and the United Christian Missionary Society, and whereas the committee on recommendations of the International Convention is the most important committee in connection with the convention and also the place where this can be most naturally and constitutionally established, therefore,

We recommend that this convention appoint Elder Preston Taylor and Mrs. Hattie M. Singleton to represent it on the committee of recommendations at the Winona Lake International Convention which meets next week.

Respectfully Submitted,


After the reading of the report Rev. H. L. Herod of Indianapolis motioned that we adopt the report. Prof. T. W. Pratt of Texas seconded the motion. Eld. Stafford Campbell arrested the question and said the position Kentucky took in the matter of the Louisville school was to investigate the matter of the proposed dominating and said that the report was untrue as to the fact of it. After much discussion the President called on each of the committee to speak on the report. The vote was taken and it was unanimously adopted.

Prof. T. W. Pratt of Texas motioned that we extend to the United Missionary Society an expression of thanks by a standing vote. Seconded by Elder Stafford Campbell of Kentucky. Mrs. Affra Anderson withdrew from the room to catch her train, and said in her last remarks: “I am so full that I know not how to express myself.”

The appreciation of thanks was for the committee sent by the United Christian Missionary Society and the excellent work they had performed. Mrs. Anderson was given the Chautauqua Salute as she was passing out.

The President read a telegram from Prof. C. W. Smith of
the Pine Bluff Agricultural and Mechanical College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Telegram read as follows: "The State Agricultural College of Arkansas sends greetings and pledges its support to whatever course you take.—C. W. Smith, President." The President ordered the secretary to answer the telegram acknowledging receipt of same and thanking Prof. Smith for the interest taken in the Convention.

Prof. Jackson, book agent, made a statement of his supply of books which he was selling, and stated they could be seen and bought in the hall. Announcements. Benediction.

Thursday Afternoon, 2:00 p.m.

Devotionals by Eld. A. C. Carvert, Mississippi. Song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Sentence prayers. Scripture reading Phil. 2nd chapter. Prayer, Prof. P. H. Moss, Miss. Song "It is well with my soul."

Minutes of previous session were read and adopted with necessary corrections. Eld. K. R. Brown was introduced as the speaker of the hour, subject "How to Make the Evangelistic Work Effective." Bro. Brown brought to the convention a burning message. Song "I am Thinking To Day."

Prof. Ervin gave his place on the program to Prof. J. B. Lehman, and the President called on Prof. Ervin to introduce Prof. Lehman. Prof. Lehman spoke on "The Educational and Evangelical Work of the Brotherhood." He asked that we be patient with our wants. Closing he said "Laborers are few and the labor is harder." He asked that we pray for more laborers for the vineyard. Prof. Lehman said he had a letter from Mrs. Smith of Cincinnati, the wife of Bro. C. C. Smith and in it she sent her regards and respect to the brotherhood.

The President, Eld. Preston Taylor read a special delivery letter from Eld. J. D. Smith of Kansas in which he enclosed a check for $10.00 stating that the Convention could use it to the best advantage.

Eld. Wm. Alphin, corresponding secretary was introduced as the speaker of the hour, and he spoke at length on "Five Years of Evangelism." He said in part the slogan was one million souls won to the church and that the watchword would be "Each One Win One." He asked that the convention approve and adopt the Five years evangelism campaign. He said that Bro. Bader was asking, through him, that all the Negro churches and conventions both state and National, co-operate in this campaign. He asked that every preacher and pastor hold a meeting for some one, organizing classes for soul-winning and report the results in the
Plea and other church papers. The message was piercing and inspiring.

Bro. A. J. Hurdle was introduced as the founder of the North East Division of Texas Convention. He is a father of twenty-one children. Prof. Lehman spoke complimenting his speech. Bro. Orange Dorse was introduced and spoke of his experience.

The President read a letter from Prof. James H. Thomas, President of Piedmont Christian Institute inviting the 1922 Convention to convene with him. Elder Safford Campbell spoke of the Georgetown, Ky., work and of the possibilities of a great church being built there.

Eld. H. L. Herod motioned that a message be sent Mrs. C. C. Smith, Cincinnati. Prof. Pratt offered as an amendment that Mrs. Jarvis be sent a message and that she be invited to the convention before the sessions closed. Bro. W. Tucker of Okla., seconded. Motion carried. The President appointed a special Committee to send the messages. Committee: Rev. H. L. Herod, Profs. Pratt and Moss.

Announcements. Song "God Will Take Care of You." Benediction, Eld. M. Jackson, Ohio.

Thursday Evening, 7:30.


Friday, August 26th, Morning Session.

Rev. H. L. Herod conducted one half hour study of the 5th chapter of Matthew first to fourteenth verse. Prayer, Eld. Preston Taylor, Pres. Song "It is Well With My Soul."

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted with necessary corrections. Elds. G. W. Wiley, and K. C. Thomas of Oklahoma were introduced. Eld. Moses Powell of Mo., asked to speak
explaining his feeling toward the brotherhood. Song, "Will There be any Stars in My Crown?"

President Taylor called for the report of the Corresponding Secretary., Eld. Wm. Alphin. (See report in minutes.) Treasurer's report read by Eld. H. L. Herod, sent through mail (see report.)

The President read a letter from Eld. R. E. Pearson, Gary, Ind., former sec. Report received through mail, read and filed. (See report in minutes.) Report of the National Evangelist, Eld. A. W. Davis (see reports in minutes.)

President called for reports of states (see statistical report) Eld. R. B. Wells having to withdraw to go back home to his work, Spoke briefly of his regrets of having to go at that period. Benediction, Eld. Crawford of Texas.

Friday Afternoon, 1:30.

Song. Prayer, Eld. A. C. Chicon, Texas. Minutes of previous session were read and adopted with necessary corrections.


Address "Church Extension," Eld. W. L. P. Martin, Tenn., using for his text Luke 7:5 and Gen 6:14. He delivered an excellent address on the statistical report of the work of the Extension Board. The President read a letter from Eld. J. B. Stratton of Cedar Lake, Texas. The letter contained a money order for $2.00. A letter was received from the church at Los Angeles, Cal., Eld. Moses Mitchell. It contained a money order for $2.00 for the church and one dollar for the Missionary Society. Mrs. Catherine Keith of the Los Angeles church also sent greetings and regret of not being able to attend. She is the President of the Missionary Society, and Mrs. Mary L. Strange, Secretary.

Eld. T. E. Campbell of Texas had agreed to take Eld. W. H. Dickerson's place on the program and was introduced to give an address on "The Place of the Local Church in the World Program." He delivered an excellent address. "Ministerial Co-Operation on The Unified Program of the Church." Eld. Harry G. Smith, Tex His address was inspiring. The new delegates were introduced and the President then turned the house into the hands of the Missionary Society to finish their business.
Friday Evening Services, 7:30:


President stated that this was the night for the Emergency Rally.

The following reported: Mt. Sterling, Ky. $60.00; Paducah, Ky., $5.00; Tennessee, $100.00; Kansas City church, $50.00; Muskogee, Okla., $1.00; Mississippi, $5.00; Dr. Robinson, $10.00; Prof. P. H. Moss, $2.00; Prof. I. C Franklin, $20.00; Texas, $80.65. Amount raised and reported together $556.45.

Eld. Wm. Alphin introduced Dr. Mitchell of the Waco church and Dr. Mitchell made some remarks. Announcements, song, Benediction, Eld. Wm. Tucker, Oklahoma.

Saturday Morning Aug. 27th, 8:30.

Rev. H. L. Herod conducted one half hour Bible Study of Matthew 5:1-6. Song, "Nothing Between My Soul and the Savior Reading of minutes of previous meeting. Motion and carried to adopt minutes as read. The following persons were introduced: W. B. Wallace, Texas; W. T. Wallace, Texas; and Rev. F. R. Barnwell, of Texas Health Association. He spoke briefly on health and sanitation.

Enrollment Committee reported. (see report.) Eld. Stafford Campbell, Ky., motioned that the enrollment fee of the local church in the National Convention be sent through the state. Motion deferred until the report of the Business Committee. Report of the business committee: (see report.) Motion by Dr. Robinson of Ky., seconded by Eld. H. H. Henry of Texas, to adopt the report. President ruled that the report be read and passed on by sections. The name of the Evangelist was erased from the report and the committee recommended that we hire and contract with a National Evangelist. Received by common consent. Article No. 2 read, discussed and the amendment offered by Eld. Wm. Alphin of Mo., that the 25c per capita be raised through state conventions and reported by state representatives. The substitute was lost in an additional substitute offered by Eld. B. C. Carvert, Miss., that the representation fee be $5.00 instead of three. Mo-
House called to order by the President, Eld. Taylor. Song, "Standing on the Promises of God." Prayer, Eld. T. R. Everett, Ky., Song, "I'm pressing on The Upward Way." Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Motion that all of the people attending the convention and wanting to become a part of it pay $1.00. President ruled that all who pay $1.00 become a part of the convention. Mrs. Bolden and Mr. Fields of Texas sang "When the Saints Go Marching Home." The President spoke of the Printing Press, and the possibility of securing a press. Eld. A. W. Davis mentioned the press for sale at Lexington, Ky. Eld. Taylor said that there was a person who had promised to purchase a plant and donate it to the Brotherhood in the person of Mrs. Ida B. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor was brought forward to the platform and introduced and said in part: "I feel that I want to do something in honor of my mother." The press would be purchased in the honor of Mrs. I. H. Mallory, the mother of Mrs. Taylor. Brother
Brown offered $10.00 on a press. Prof Ervin offered $10.00 and Elder Stafford Campbell offered $10.00. The President referred the matter to the Press Committee. While the Committee retired to finish all plans for the purchasing of the press and all matters connected therewith, the Women held a short session while the men adjourned. After re-assembling the Auditing Committee reported. (See report.) Elder W. H. Brown spoke at length on the life and work of Eld. Preston Taylor, President of the convention. He paid a great tribute to his service in the church as a minister. Prof T. W. Pratt, Texas, motioned that we accept the gift of the press by Mrs. Taylor on behalf of her mother. Seconded by Eld. Wm. Alphin, Mo., carried. Motioned by Eld. S. Campbell, Ky., seconded by Elder L. H. Crofford, Texas, that the report on Newspaper be received. Carried. Dr. M. F. Robinson Ky., motioned that the Evangelists and pastors be agents for the paper, seconded by Eld. S. Campbell, Ky., carried, with the amendment offered by Prof. Pratt, that the Sunday School workers be included. Dr. Robinson accepted the amendment. After several speeches had been made concerning the production of our great men, the report of the Young People's Department was read by Miss Sussie King of Ky. She read the nominating Committee's report of the Young People's department. (See report.) Eld. A. A. Henry, of Texas was introduced and enrolled. Eld. Harrison made a short report of the Virginia work.

President appointed Prof. P. H. Moss and Eld. W. H. Brown Ky. on the Resolution Committee. A short period of Memorial Services was held for the following persons who had passed away into the great beyond: Eld. R. T. Matlock, Ark.; S. J. Campbell, Tenn.; O. D. King, N. C.; L. P. Procter, Texas; H. N Evans, Tenn; James Franklin, Miss.; Sarah D. Larkins, Ga.; Bro. Mace, Mo.; Mrs. Henderson, Ill.; Bro. Lewis Bright, Ill.


Saturday Afternoon 2.

Report of the Nominating Committee: We, your Committee on Nomination beg leave to make the following report:

President, Eld. Preston Taylor, Tenn.; 1st Vice President, Eld. Monroe Jackson, Ohio; 2nd Vice President, Eld. B. C. Calvert, Miss.; 3rd Vice President, Eld. T. E. Campbell, Texas; Recording Secretary, Eld. W. M. Martin, Ky.; Corresponding Secretary, Eld. Wm. Alphin, Mo.; Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, Tenn.; Assistant
Secretary, Eld. R. B Wells, Oklahoma; Statistican, Eld W. F. Thomas. Respectfully Submitted,
Eld. H. L. Herod, Prof. P. H. Moss, Prof. J. N Ervin, Wm Tucker, R. A. Gooden, W. H. Brown, Chairman, M. F. Robinson, B. C. Calvert, Secretary, Committee

Saturday Evening, August 27th, 6:30.

Executive Meeting in President Ervin's office. Prayer, Prof. J. N. Ervin. President Preston Taylor presiding, called for expressions as to the printing of the minutes. Eld. H. L. Herod motioned that we have one thousand minutes printed, seconded by Mrs. Singleton. Carried. President asked that all the Secretaries prepare their matter on the typewriter, and forward to secretary, Wm. Martin, Paducah, Ky. President ordered the amount in hands of the enrollment Committee $145.00 sent to Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis, and that checks be issued for the payment of Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and the balance due Eld, R. E. Pearson.

Eld. Wm. Alphin motioned that President Taylor be empowered to go to Lexington, Ky., and inspect the Press that is for sale, seconded by Prof. J. N. Ervin, carried.

Prof. Ervin discussed the advisability of having the pictures of the Executive Committee to appear in the minutes, and said that if all would send in a retouched picture he would have them grouped and a cut made to go in the minutes at his own expense. President requested all to send in their photos.

President ordered secretary to issue an order on Eld. R. E. Pearson for the material of the National Convention in his possession.

The matter of the National Evangelist was discussed, and after much comment, Eld. Wm. Alphin motioned that we pay Eld. Davis the sum of $1800.00 per year, and that he raise his salary and report all over to the treasury, and that he be paid quarterly seconded by Eld. Gooden. Eld. H. L. Herod offered a substitute motion that the Chairman or President Taylor, the Corresponding secretary hold a conference with Eld. Davis and ascertain his terms. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Saturday Night, 8:00.

The Jarvis students and Teachers rendered an excellent program. It consisted of Music and readings. It was a musical treat to the convention.
Sunday Morning, August 28th, 9:30.

Bible School conducted by Prof. Z. H. Howard, Superintendent of Bible School, Jarvis local school. Various classes met at different buildings. Miss Blackwell illustrated the manner in which the beginners are to be taught.

11 O’Clock Services.


Sunday Afternoon, 3:00.


Sunday Evening 7:00. Christian Endeavor Period.

The Jarvis Christian Institute rendered a very excellent program in The Endeavor society. Several papers were read by the Students and Mr. C. B.Tarrence read an excellent address. Music by the Jarvis School. Mr. C. B. Terrance presided.

Sunday Night, 7:30.


“Blest Be the Tie that Binds” was sung. Mrs. Taylor asked for the song “God be With You Till We Meet Again” to be sung. The audience joined in the singing of it. Benediction, Eld. R. A. Gooden, Washington, D. C.
Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Annual State Report Blanks ........................................ $5.25
Postage and Envelopes ........................................... 3.75

Total ................................................................. $9.00

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.—Balance on hand from 1919 Convention ............
Received from Convention 1920 ................................ $170.52
Disbursements.—September 4th, 1920 Prof. A. M. Bright
(Musical Director) ............................................ $ 16.00
December 27th, 1920, Elder R. E. Pearson, Secty ......... 146.50
May 26th, 1921, Eld. Wm. Alphfn, Corresponding Secretary 8.50

Total ................................................................. $171.00
Deficit .............................................................. .48c
Respectfully submitted, J. E. Walker, Treasurer.

After Treasurer's request was made Elder R. L. Love of Okla
paid the deficit of 48c.

Recording Secretary's Report (by mail.)

Received on 1920 minutes from S. S. Department ............ $ 16.50
C. A. B. M. Department by Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick .......... 14.00
Church Department, Dr. Walker ............................. 146.00

Total ................................................................. $176.50
Disbursements—Secretary fees for two years ............... $ 20.00
Bal. Due secretary on 1919—minutes ......................... 3.50
Office stationery, Letter heads, etc ....................... 10.50
The 1920 Minutes ............................................. 155.00

Total ................................................................. 189.00
Balance due secretary ............................................. $13.00

R. E. Pearson, Secretary.

National Evangelist's Report.

Eld. A. W. Davis reported having raised since he had been on
the field at Kansas City Church, Kansas City, Kan. $3,000.00 and
had raised his salary for the time on the field, and all of his ex-
penses.

A. W. Davis, Evangelist.
Annual State Report to National Convention.

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Respectfully Submitted: R. B. Wells Chairman; B. C. Calvert
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Enrollment of local churches or ministers paying $1.00:


Women who paid for the local church $1: Mrs. Hattie Mallory
Mrs. D. A. Dallas, Mrs. J. B. Williams.
Respectfully Submitted: R. B. Wells, B. C. Calvert, I. C. Franklin, A. C. Chicon, C. B. Tarrence, Committee

Auditing Committee’s Report.

We, the Auditing Committee, beg leave to submit the following: We have carefully examined the report of both Secretary and Treasurer and find them to be O. K. Had no book with which to compare. Respectfully,

H. G. Smith, E. R. Williams, G. A. Terry, P. H. Moss, L. B. Ross, Committee

Committee on Publication

We, the Committee on Publication submit the following:

1.—After a careful consideration of our need of a larger publicity of our work, a motion was made by Wm. Martin, seconded by T. W. Pratt that we adopt the District Messenger and the Gospel Plea as our official organs and the name of the District Messenger will be changed to National Christian Messenger.

2.—Motion by T. W. Pratt, seconded by A. W. Davis that the Chairman appoint a Committee of three to co-operate with the Editor of the Messenger. Carried. Chairman appointed the following H. L. Herod, Wm. Alphin, and A. W. Davis. Respectfully Submitted: H. L. Herod, J. N. Ervin, Wm. Alphin, T. W. Pratt, M. Jackson, M. Powell, G. W. Taylor, Wm. Martin, A. W. Davis, T. R. Everett, Committee.

Committee on Time and Place

We, Your committee, on time and place beg leave to submit the following: That the National Convention of Disciples meet at Indianapolis with the Christian church, August, Tuesday before the Fourth Lord’s day, 1922. Respectfully Submitted: W. P. Martin, G. W. Taylor, Moses Powell, T. R. Everett, Wm. Tucker, Committee.

ADDRESS DELIVERED BY ELDER HARRY G. SMITH
TEXAS.

“Ministerial Co-operation on the Unified Program of the Church.”
God’s program for the world is uniform and has never been
anything else and cannot be anything else, for that is God's way of doing things in the carrying forward his great plan of work. The church has but one great program and that is redeeming man from the curse of sin. By this great program the Father expects us all to work as one great family. It was never the plan of God that we should work in His kingdom any other way than harmoniously. Christ's whole life teaching that men should work together for the good of one another and for the advancement of his kingdom which he came to establish, that in him as many as may become subjects in this kingdom might work to the common end of carrying out God's great plan.

Jesus had no other intention than that his followers would work as brethren. There certainly would not have come into the church of Jesus Christ such a broken, selfish and unified program if it had not come through the ministry. Much of the guilt of the great lack of co-operation in carrying forward the unified work must be laid at the feet of the ministry. I know it is a little more than we want to acknowledge but it is true nevertheless. In almost every church the people are doing just about what the minister directs, and too often he puts his personal feelings into the work of the church and thus hindering the success of the great unified program of the church.

We have been taught that there is strength in unity and we can but be certain of success if we are all at the whole task at the same time and in the same way. We cannot forget that our Master prayed that we should be one and if we cannot be one in His service to humanity we cannot be one in His kingdom.

The Bible School is bringing eighty per cent of the people into the church today and this is true for the most part because the Bible School has a great unified plan of work and keeps at the job each one working to the common end.

I can not see how the ministry can even hope to accomplish the great task which is theirs to do, when one is going at it in one way and the other another way especially when we are taught so plain that there is but one way to carry out God's plan. Beyond any doubt we must work together, we must work as one great body in Christ whether we are white or black, brown, red or yellow if we are children of God we are obedient to his command and will. We are going to do our best as brethren forgetting color or previous condition we will put our hand in His and march on to victory as His children. There is not a single man who walks with our Lord can do other than walk hand in hand with His Brother as he seeks to do the great task for if he cannot so serve
with his brethren he cannot so serve with Jesus the Christ. If in
doing the work of the kingdom we are called to sit side by side,
regardless of who we may be, can we not do it in the name of the
Christ? For I declare unto you that God will make no division
there, for we shall all be his children. Is it any more to sit in the
same council room and plan to do our Masters biddings than it is
to put our shoulders to the wheel and push together? Brother
ministers, if we can all push and pull side by side we can do the
whole task in that same manner. Abraham said we brethren let
there be no strife between me and thee.

I here appeal to the minister to co-operate in the great pro-
gram of God in preaching the gospel to the whole world. It is our
duty to Christ as well as one another. Secondly, I wish to call
your attention to the larger program of our church and the United
Christian Missionary Society. What about our line up with the
church and the Missionary Society to co-operate in full in the
great task which is rightfully ours to help put over. The minis-
tery can not stand divided on this great plan and hope to bring
the world to the feet of Jesus in the next hundred years.

There are some things in the way of the unified program,
such as selfishness, lack of faith in the brotherhood, too much
pride backed with nothing but empty words. We need not only
a fuller co-operation in the larger program of the church but in
the local church proposition. Ministers need to conference more
with one another. This should not stop in our own circle but
should extend to the conference room of our white ministers, we
have too long stayed apart and thus we do not know each other in
the ministry or in the plan of work which we are trying to do
together. There must be an understanding before we can co-oper-
ate very much. There must come that spirit of the fatherhood of
God and the brotherhood of man. We must realize now as never
before that we are responsible for our brother.

The perfection which characterizes the gospel of Jesus Christ
consists of the two primary and fundamental objects or purposes
of revelation and of the remedial system, the salvation of man
from sin and its consequences and the justification of the right-
eousness and holiness of God in this work of salvation. If the
Gospel possesses this perfection, which is all that can be done by a
remedial system, and all that can be made known by a revelation,
then it is absolutely perfect. This perfection it does not possess.
Full and perfect remission of sins is provided for by the atone-
ment of Christ; and by the atonement of God is fully justified in
pardoning the sinner who receives it by faith and obedience. This
is all that is possible for it to do, so the gospel closes God's revelation to man, and his work for the salvation of the race from sin.

But the gospel provides for the maintenance of the relation which the atonement secures. This provision is just as essential as the first; for the relation of favor, union and communion must be maintained, if the atonement is to benefit man in the end. Perfection of means in just as necessary, in the great scheme, for the Christian, as is the atonement for the Sinner. The church is man's Eden restored to him, where the Holy Spirit is the companion of the Christian, as was God of Adam in Eden. This perfect relationship of co-operation with the spirit of God can obtain only when as a ministry we cooperate fully in the unified scheme of the church to lift up fallen humanity.

With the great task of the church scarcely begun and more than a thousand million people to be brought to Christ, it means nothing short of the exhausting of every resource of cooperation in the effort to secure unity in a co-operative way among all the disciples of Christ. The time has come when the Christian ministry must co-operate all along the line that there is no time for a half-hearted co-operation on the part of the ministry. We have too long kept God's people from fully co-operating because of our selfishness, trying to exhaust self rather than Christ. Christ said: "And if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me."

My friends the hour has come to project the most far-reaching unified missionary program ever undertaken, with against red terror in every land, the propaganda of destruction organized and subsidized, and the surging unrest of multitudes who grasp and means that promises a better day. It behooves the church of Christ to multiply and enforce the agents and agencies of righteousness and good will. It is not possible that Christ can be surpassed. He cannot tolerate no rivals nor can He accept teachings. We must enforce His rules and spirit until His kingdom is acknowledged and all men enjoy His favors. My fellow-ministers, let me lay this thing as a burden on your heart, we can not hope to bring the great favors of God's joys to all men until we ourselves are lined up in the unified program and carrying forward the work of the Master as one mighty army of the living God.

As disciples of Christ we have plead for Christian unity by the restoration of the authority and program of Jesus Christ to the whole life. But the hour has come for us not only to announce the desirability of unity, but to dig the channels for its coming. This channel cannot be cut only by a ministry co-operating by
means of Jesus' unified program for the world.

From whatever viewpoint we look at the Remedial System as God's means and manner for the condemnation of sin, the salvation of the sinner, and his own justification in this work. Whether we view it in whole or in part; or as regards its aims, objects and purposes, whether Scripturally or Philosophically, we reach the same conclusion, that the Remedial System finds its perfection and end in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, beyond which nothing can be done. What remains after it concerns the growth spiritually of individual Christians, and through the individuals, the whole church. The world will never see anything greater or farther advanced than the gospel of Jesus Christ, nor anything more perfect as respects its objects and aims, than the church, the pillar and support of the truth, the home and family of the faithful in Christ Jesus, the family of God on earth, destined for union with the family of God in heaven, beyond the grand and glorious destiny of the church of Jesus Christ the heart's most ardent aspirations can not reach; and more than this no system of religion, whether divine or human, can possibly accomplish;—more than this even philosophers can not dream of, nor hope for. This destiny does for man all that can be done for him. being the word and fruits of the Gospel, the Christian is all that God can make or design, or wishes to make of man.

Since the Gospel alone can perfect man, provided he will apply himself so that the spirit of Christ can have a free course in its work of perfecting him, the ministry especially should be one in co-operating with God through the gospel in carrying out the unified program of the church. It is through the Gospel Remedy that God has planned to bring the world of man-kind (the Christian world) to a thorough co-operation with him in the development of the great world program for making men come up to his design. His will is that man will give himself over to the principles taught by Jesus Christ in the Gospel. My word to the ministry is that we thoroughly work as one in carrying forward the unified plan of the church. HARRY G. SMITH., Texas.
"Church Erection and Extension."

Luke 7:5—"For He loveth our nation, and He hath built us a synagogue." Building houses of worship is of ancient order and is modern.

Gen. 6:14—We find that God commanded Noah to build an Ark for the saving of the people. We find that the Ark Noah was to build was to save those who entered into it. The Ark is a type of the church, physical and spiritual and its mission did not prove a failure. Therefore we as disciples of Christ must realize the great need of more church buildings and better buildings, to glorify our Lord and Master. Open air evangelization and leaving groups of newly baptized Disciples here and there, without shelter is in my judgment, a great mistake. Our work on the line of building church houses should be as great endeavor, as preaching the Gospel. I believe that the great commission has included the physical as well as the spiritual. Mark 16:15-16, And he said unto them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Matt. 28:18—"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth, Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Jno. 21:25.—And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. The church of Christ should be a strong believer in God's word and ready to observe all things that we find taught and practiced by Jesus Christ and His Apostles. Relative to Jno. 21:25, many valuable lessons Jesus taught, no doubt, that are not written in the book. In God's divine arrangements in sending the Gospel to the whole world, he endowed his messengers that they, might know that the preaching of the Gospel and baptizing the believers grouping them into organized bodies and building houses of worship for them are all in His divine plan, of human redemption.

Church Extension, or Erection: To fulfill the spiritual side,
we must put into practice the physical as well. Extension: The act of extending, reaching out, does not only mean spiritual but physical as well. When we purpose to extend the Kingdom Spiritually let us begin with the children.

Matt. 19: 14.—Jesus said “Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” Now to encourage and persuade our youth to accept Christ and then, not to supply them with a comfortable house to the Glory of God, that the church may meet and plan for the larger work of the Kingdom that the world may be evangelized for Christ, all is a failure. We have in the former days the Tabernacle, Synagogue, now in the latter days we have the Church. We find that each preceding period prepared for the temporal things, for its subjects, as well as the spiritual things.

Now we shall turn to our department of Church erection whose headquarters is St. Louis, Mo.: A religious body that builds much, prospers much. A religious body that does not build, dies.

The above is a true and business-like statement. Since it is true, it proves that the Churches representing the cause that we plead, are in the greatest growing period in all our history, because this is the greatest Church building period we have ever experienced. Congregations that build too small must now build larger to accommodate the growing Sunday-school and the people who want to come to hear the plain gospel. Towns have grown into vigorous young cities and we must “enlarge the place of our tent.” Church building has had much to do with the growth of the Disciples of Christ in America.

Two Million Dollar Mark:—Isaac Errett wrote a leading editorial in the Christian Standard of April 20, 1887 urging our brethren to create a Church Extension Fund, of at least $100,000.00 to be loaned to worthy missions, to help them build their first church homes. He wrote pleadingly and eloquently, urging us to seize and hold these promising opportunities in the new towns and cities of our own country. He stated that a permanent loan fund of $100,000.00 would be sufficient for a growing church in a growing country like America. Robert Moffett, then secretary of the American Christian Missionary Society, thought this amount would be sufficient for years to come. However, opportunities to establish new congregations with church buildings in towns and cities of the growing West and South and in many of our older States, induced our National Convention to recommend
that a quarter of a million be raised for church extension by 1900 and a half million by 1905. A generous brotherhood reached and passed these amounts on time and again the convention set the Million Dollar Mark as the goal for our Centennial Convention in 1909. We did not reach it, but at the Louisville Convention in 1912 we reached $1,018,620. Then the $2,000,000 goal line was fixed for 1923. It can be reached; it should be reached; the needs of the hour demands it to be reached for the church erection Department now has on file applications amounting to $418,750 which have accumulated since last November to June 1, 1921. None of these have been granted for the lack of funds. However, loans previously granted, have been closed aggregating $446,880 since last October. $92,000 was paid in making loans in December, 1920. 41 other congregations have asked for aid to build but no application blanks were sent because it is useless to file more when none can be granted for possibly nine months.

Christianity Would Not Expand Itself Without Buildings: Church historians tell us that had it not been for the Jewish Synagogues throughout the Western Nations which had been built by the Jews after their dispersion, the Apostles and early Evangelists would have had no public platform from which to preach to the Gentile Nation, and thus Christianity would have received a great set-back. Indeed, our studies in the book of Acts show us that Paul and Silas and other Evangelists found it necessary to pass by important cities because there were no Synagogue in them. The church building is a most important public platform on which to preach to a community. See Acts 17:1.

We are told that the Christians of the first two centuries had no church building but he has read history carelessly who does not know that they were prevented from doing so by bitter persecution. But they did have stated places of worship—regular places in the catacombs and in private residences. At the very first rift in the cloud of persecution, those early Christians out of their very poverty, built great churches. After a hundred years of church building, Diocletian, the Emperor, at one fell, swoop destroyed all the Christian churches; but, nothing daunted, those early heroes of the cross, began again to build for themselves and for their posterity churches in which they might worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience.

The Fund a Necessity: In the development of our Missionary enterprises it was natural to first co-operate in sending out evangelists to preach and organize churches. This we did, but so

found that the manifold work of the Church could not be done by one form or service. Our early evangelists soon found that much of their work was lost because church buildings could not be promptly erected in many places except by outside aid.

These Missions could not borrow money locally and when they did, the buildings were often sold for debts or the debts so harassed the life of the church that they could not grow. A church extension fund was therefore necessary so that a struggling and promising congregation could borrow at a low rate and with plenty of time to return the money and be in hands of their own friends, their brethren in the Lord.

The earnest and beloved DeWitt, of Tulare City, California, whose obituary appeared in our church papers twenty-five years ago, spent twenty-eight years in evangelistic work in the West. He used to say that he could go into a community and easily enlist 3 or 4 times as many as could denominational evangelists, but that fully 75 per cent of his work was lost to our people because he could not assist the converts in providing themselves a house in which to meet. The Church Builder contributes to the permanancy of the work of the evangelist. The builder of the bulwark holds the territory taken by the soldiers of the Cross. A man familiar with our work in the West says that if Church extension work had been pushed twenty-five years ago as it is today, we would now be 50 per cent stronger than we are. It pays to house homeless disciples of our Lord. Our growth depends largely upon conserving what we gain.

What He's Been Demonstrated: When Isaac Errett, in 1887 urged the creation of a permanent church building fund the disciples of Christ had a membership of a few more than 600,000. Our membership now is 1,184,885. How much of this is due to our church erection fund can be tabulated by what our experience has demonstrated. All the churches that write to this department of the United Society after they have been aided in building say, that their membership in the Sunday school and church doubles and tribbles within a year. In writing to other religious bodies the response comes that from forty to fifty per cent of their gain are lost where they do not build promptly for their Missions. Shall we not give proper emphasis to these facts in asking the churches to do the glorious thing in these September offerings?

Loans Made During Nine Months: It is encouraging to report at this point that 66 churches have been aided in the erection
of modern buildings in loans totaling $462,580.00. This is $201,835.00 more than was loaned during the whole of last year. It is interesting to study this list of churches that have been helped to secure necessary equipment. The list covers 29 States and Province of Canada. Seven churches in the old state of Indiana received loans and seven in the new state of Oklahoma. Notice our growth in the Southland: Alabama, received three loans; Arkansas, 1; Florida 1; Texas, 5; Louisiana, 1; Mississippi, 3; South Carolina, 7; Tennessee, 5; The greatest commercial development will be in the South during the next ten years. There are two questions in which the people have an abiding interest. Is the fund growing, and are the borrowing churches returning their loans? This church building fund was designated a revolving fund from its birth. "Does the plan work" Is answered by the fact that out of a group of 2170 churches aided in the erection of their buildings 1679 have paid in full. 54 have paid out this year. This surely proves that our mission churches are alive and prosperous. The total amount of interest paid and loans returned since the beginning is $3,420,916.28:

Men and Millions Movement: The Board of Church Extension has received $1,079.56 from the men and millions movement during the nine months making a total to date of $96,538.20. The Men and millions movement has made a creditable record in the collection of pledges. The Church erection department also has in its maintenance budget $25,000.00 for New Orleans, $10,000.00 for Vancouver British Columbia and $5,000.00 for the Col. Church Washington, D. C. These last two are regular church buildings where gifts will be necessary to complete their buildings. The gift of $10,000.00 to Vancouver, B. C. is conditioned on the union of our two congregations. The two properties are to be sold and one building erected on a centrally located lot approved by the home and church erection department.

The Present Demand for Loans: While the board of church extension has made 66 loans at an outlay of $462,580.00 and promised $392,580 to 42 other congregations during the past nine months, yet new applications for loans, aggregating $418,750.00 have been filed since last November. Only two of these were answered and these would have had their buildings sold for mortgages and liens had it not been our board promised the loan. To every applicant but one statement was made: "The Board has no
money with which to make promises because of lack of funds."
All the Board can do is to pay the loans now promised.

Therefore you should not build depending upon a loan from this fund. This is always done with deep regret. There are 63 other congregations that have written for help to whom no application blanks were sent since it would be useless to file them. 59 calls have been made for the erection of homes for ministers. All these facts show that the disciples of Christ are in the greatest period of church building in all our history. It is not extravagant to say that one million dollars could be profitably used in assisting to erect church buildings and parsonages during the next six months. We can expect this money to be forthcoming but we should store these facts in our minds and remember that we need for our growth in America a church building fund of at least $5,000,000.00 within the next few years. Education in Stewardship and the consecration of life and money can compass this and all the needs of the United Christian Missionary Society. The following is the list of loans to our colored Churches in America:

Alabama, 1; D. C. 1; Georgia, 2; Illinois, 2; Kansas, 5; Kentucky, 3; Louisiana, 1; Maryland, 1; Mississippi, 3; Missouri, 6; Nebraska, 1; North Carolina, 7; Ohio, 4; Oklahoma, 4; Tennessee, 6; Texas, 5; Virginia, 1. Total 55.

Total number of Churches built by the board of extension for both White and Colored disciples 217049, 55 of these for colored disciples have been aided by the board of church extension, and we can rejoice to know the fact, that the board has not lost a dollar in their help of the Negro churches.

I therefore close this address by urging upon our ministers and evangelists to educate their congregations in stewardship that they will not fail to solicit the assistance of every member of our local congregation in order to give the best offering Annually to the organization of our Church erection department that has done so much for the redemption and making it possible for our homeless congregations. As ever, yours,

W. P. MARTIN, Tennessee.