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CONVENTION OFFICERS
1947-1948

President, S. S. Myers ............. 2400 Paseo, Kansas City, Mo.
Vice President, B. C. Duke ....... Avalon Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.
Second Vice President, M. C. Dickson ... Colby Street, Dallas, Texas
Secretary, L. L. Dickerson ....... 93 North Ohio Ave., Columbus, Ohio
Treasurer, J. E. Walker ........... 24 Hernando St., Memphis, Tenn.

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President, Mrs. Geneva Towns .... 846 W 8th St., Indianapolis, Ind.
Treasurer, Miss Margaret Lee ...... Germantown St., Dayton, Ohio

BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

President, Miss Bessie E. Chandler ... 4323 Enright, St. Louis, Mo.
Vice President, Eld. C. L. Whitfield ........
Secretary, Miss Mary V. Moore ...... 317 W. 28th St., N. Little Rock, Ark.

CONVENTION STAFF

Executive Secretary ............... E. J. Dickson
Director of Evangelism and Church Development .... C. L. Parks
Director of Christian Education .......... E. J. Evans
Director of Missionary Organization .... Miss Alma Shackelford
National Convention Office
Missions Building, 222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL BOARD
1947-1948


NATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

S. S. Myers, Geneva Towns, Bessie Chandler, Paul Simms, J. E. Walker, L. L. Dickerson, Elizabeth Herod, President of Trustees; E. Wesley Watson, Secretary-Trustees; T. W. Pratt, Term of office, 45-48; C. C. Mosely, Term of office 45-48; R. H. Peoples, Term of office, 46-49; F. T. Barnett, Term of office, 46-49; D. W. Heath, Term of office, 46-49; J. F. Whitfield, Term of office, 47-50; R. H. Davis, Term of office, 47-50; Rosa Page Welch, Term of office 47-50. (One vacancy, as a result of Mrs. Herod becoming president of trustees).
TRUSTEES, 1947-1948

Elizabeth Herod  Term of Office  45-48
T. W. Pratt        45-48
R. W. Watson       47-48
J. E. Walker       46-49
Z. H. Howard       46-49
I. H. Moore        46-49
C. H. Webb         47-50
Rosa Bracey        47-50
M. F. Mitchell     47-50

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION
of the Christian Church
Cincinnati, Ohio, August 18, 1947
Theme: "A CRUSADE FOR A CHRISTIAN WORLD"

The 31st Annual Convention of the Christian Church convened
with the 5th Christian Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, Tuesday, August
18, 1947, Elder S. C. Devine, pastor, Elder S. S. Myers of Kansas City,
Mo., President.

Sessions were held at 5th Christian Church and Stowe School.
Tuesday morning and afternoon were given to Executive Committees,
National Board and Departmental Board Committees.

Tuesday evening a program of welcome was presented by the
local church, in the auditorium of Stowe School, with Elder S. C.
Devine presiding, and a number of religious and civic leaders ex-
tending words of welcome.

Wednesday morning the convention went into General Session
at 8:30 with Elder Myers presiding and Elder F. L. Sledge of Texas
conducting the devotions. The Annual sermon was delivered by El-
der E. W. Henry of Okla., who preached from the subject—"Crusade
for a Christian World." The message was challenging and inspiring.

Appointments of Committees, Discussion of Convention program,
after which the inspirational address on Evangelism was given by Dr.
Spencer Austin. From 10 until 12 noon Educational conferences were
conducted at Stowe School under the direction of the National Con-
vention Staff.

Wednesday Afternoon, 2 P.M.

Devotions were conducted by Elder F. T. Floyd of Louisville,
Kentucky. The annual report of the Executive committee was made
by L. L. Dickerson, Secretary. It was moved and carried that the
report be approved.

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Report of the treasurer was made by Dr. J. E. Walker of Tennessee. It was moved and carried that the report be approved. Report of the Department of Christian Education was made by Miss Bessie Chandler, President. Motion carried report be approved. Report of the C.Y.F. department was given by Elder E. J. Dickson, Executive Secretary after which Miss Adelle Ringstrom was introduced and made brief remarks.

The annual report of the staff was given by Elder C. L. Parks, Director of Church Development and Evangelism, Elder L. J. Evans Director of Christian Education and Elder E. J. Dickson, Executive Secretary. The reports were very good, and most encouraging was the work done by Elder Parks in the field of Evangelism and Church Development. The reports were received and approved with a note of thanks to the members of the Staff.

4:30 P.M. Dr. Paul Preston of Indiana gave an address on the subject, "The Christian Ministry." Adjourned 5:00 P.M.

8:00 P.M. Wednesday Evening, Stowe School

Address, Mr. T. C. R. Bragg of Washington, D. C. Subject "Laymen in the Crusade." Special music by the 5th Christian Church Choir. Sermon by Elder C. H. Webb of North Carolina. The message was great and soul searching. Adjourned 9:30 P.M.

Thursday Morning, Mrs. Geneva Towns, Presiding

Devotions were conducted by Elder E. W. Wilbert of Ohio. Presentation of Crusade goals by Elder E. J. Dickson and Elder C. L. Parks. Report of the Committee on Constitution was given by Mr. T. C. Bragg. Moved and carried that all major questions concerning constitution be submitted in writing for clarification and that a general discussion be permitted at the next reading. Book review by Mrs. Deitsy Gray, Mrs. Peoples and Prof. T. W. Pratt. The Inspirational address was given by Elder D. W. Heath of Virginia. Subject—"Stewardship in the Crusade." The message was delivered with force and conviction. Conferences at Stowe School 10 A.M.-12 Noon.

Thursday 2 P.M.

Devotions by Elder William Owens of Kentucky. Second reading of the constitution by T. C. R. Bragg, D. C. Report of the Trustees on the Taylor Estate was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Herod, Chairman. Motion carried that the report be approved and that Mrs. Herod be given a vote of thanks. Report of Committee on Recommendations (See Report). Thursday Evening, Missionary Session.
Friday Morning

Presentation of Crusade and National Convention Goals by Elder Dickson.

Educational Conferences at 10 A.M.

Friday Afternoon, 2:00 P.M.

Business session—President Myers, presiding. Motion carried that we hold business session after regular Friday Night session.

Moved and carried that 30 minutes of present session be used to debate constitution. Moved and seconded that each speaker be limited to 30 minutes.

Report of Nomination Committee by Prof. I. I. Hurdle of Texas. It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted as a whole. Motion arrested on unreadiness. After some considerable debate a substitute motion was made that the report of the Nominating Committee be tabled and that Nominations for convention officers be made from the floor. Motion carried.

It was moved and carried that we suspend the election of officers until after the address scheduled for 4:30 P.M.

Address—Elder R. L. Saunders of Kentucky. Elder Saunders delivered a great, timely and inspiring message, most appropriate for that particular moment. It was moved and carried that we adjourn for dinner and return at 6:30 P.M.

6:30 P.M. Session

Called to order by President Myers. The convention proceeded with the election of officers. Adjourned at 8 P.M. with all officers elected by ballot except Secretary and Treasurer who were elected by acclamation.

10 P.M. Friday Evening

President—Myers presiding.

Reading of the constitution by sections. After two hours of debate it was agreed to adjourn and complete the adoption of the constitution Saturday. Adjourned Midnight.

Saturday Morning

Educational Conferences 8 A.M. to 10 A.M.

10 A.M. Elder R. H. Davis, Vice President, presided. Goals and achievements by the staff. Introduction of Miss Shackelford, New Director Missionary organizations, by Executive Secretary.

General business session—It was moved and unanimously carried that we rescind our previous action of electing three members to the National Board. It was moved and carried that Elder J. F. Whitfeild,
Mrs. Rosa Page Welch and Elder R. H. Davis be elected to the vacancies on the National Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished business of various departments. Final reading of the report of the Committee on recommendations. Moved and carried report be adopted as amended.

Annual Memorial Services were observed. Elder Frank Coleman of Missouri preached the Memorial sermon, after which Elder Blair T. Hunt of Tennessee installed officers for the ensuing year. Adjourned for lunch 12 noon.

Saturday, 3 P.M.

Unfinished business all departments. Report of recommendations committee of place of next convention.

Moved and carried that we suspend the rules and allow Oklahoma City be placed in Nomination.

The committee recommended Detroit, Mich. The convention voted to hold its next convention, August, 1948, in Detroit, Mich. Elder R. L. Jordan, pastor. Adjournment, 5 P.M.

Special Session, Saturday, 7 P.M.

The convention resumed discussion and adoption of the constitution. It was moved and carried that the new constitution be adopted as corrected.

Sunday Morning

The worship services were held in Stowe School auditorium. Elder S. C. Devine, pastor, presiding. The sermon was delivered by Elder S. S. Myers president of convention. Elder Myers delivered a great message that was a fitting climax to a great convention.

Sunday Afternoon, 3 P.M.

The annual Communion Service was conducted very impressively by Elder R. H. Peoples of Indiana.

Sunday Evening, 8 P.M.

A great Musical Program was given by the various choirs, chorus and individuals attending the convention under the most efficient direction of Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, Director of Music for the National Convention.

Thus the 31st Annual National Christian Missionary Convention of the Christian Church becomes history. In many respects it was a great convention. The attendance was large, the Spirit was fine, the fellowship good. The entertainment by the pastor, officers and members of 5th Christian Church was most excellent. ON TO DETROIT IN 1948, 1000 STRONG.
REPORT OF RECOMMENDATION COMMITTEE

We recommend:

I. That there be a standard blank filled out by churches inviting the convention.

II. That each state or district have organized ushering within its local convention and that presidents and state fieldworkers help in the organization of such boards.

III. Resolve that no persons or person shall hold any office in the National Convention who is not in good standing with the local church nor operating with the district or state, in which local church is located.

IV. We recommend that the program provide for committee meetings during the convention.

V. We recommend that the 1948 convention be held in Detroit, Mich., with the United Christian Church, Rev. R. L. Jordan, pastor.

VI. We recommend that minutes of the National Convention be sent to each local church of brotherhood.

VII. We recommend that the Music director or directress for the National Convention be paid railroad fare and given fifty dollars honorarium for service rendered.

VIII. That in view of the fact that the Layman League has reached the place of importance in our National work and that all laymen should be encouraged in the work of Kingdom building; be it resolved that the layman league be, and hereafter will be, an auxiliary of the National Convention with all the rights and privilege thereto.

IX. That a long range commission be chosen to study the problems referred to in resolutions of schools and to keep ever before the people and the UCMS the necessity of improving the status of our schools, S.C.I. and Jarvis College.

That this commission consist of five persons, two from the National Board and three from the convention at large appointed by the Board.

X. Whereas—the world wide struggle of the minorities to achieve their ultimate freedom and the guarantee of their full citizenship rights depends upon the leadership with the finest training and

Whereas—the keen competition in the labor market requires training beyond that provided by our schools (S.C.I. and Jarvis) and

Whereas—our schools are woefully lacking in educational standing, equipment and etc., and

Whereas—These conditions can not be corrected as long as the
UCMS maintains its present policy of operating these schools as mission schools and refusing to raise to colleges on a standard with Fisk University and Talladega College, therefore be it resolved that the UCMS be asked to change its policy and conduct these schools as grade A Senior Colleges in accordance with the standards established by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

XI. We recommend that a committee be appointed to discuss understanding with the National Preaching Convention and such a letter be sent to this convention working for unity in the Kingdom of God.

XII. We recommend that a commission be set up to cultivate a better relationship between our East North Carolina Desciples brethren.

Respectfully submitted
Committee of Recommendations
W. C. Dixon, Chairman
E. W. James, Secretary

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
We recommend Scholarships for the following persons:
Daisy L. Gaffney, Ohio, Fisk University ................. $100.00
(Robert L. Brown, Arkansas, Jarvis College .......................... 100.00
Thelma E. O. Moore, Arkansas, Hiram College .............. 100.00
Thomas J. Griffin, Mississippi, Garrett Seminary ........... 100.00
Ollie Margarette Bowles, Kentucky, Louisville Municipal 50.00

REPORT OF TREASURER
Dr. J. E. Walker.
Brought forward from 1946 Convention ................................... $ 5,949.03
From cooperating Agencies .............................................. 15,008.34
From States, Churches & individuals .............................. 2,562.39
Total Income ..................................................... $23,519.76
Total Disbursements .................................................. 20,336.50
Balance in Treasury at Cincinnati Convention (1947) ........ $ 3,183.26

THE TAYLOR ESTATE
From Sale of Property (Transferred) ............................... $1,323.90
Income for May, June, July & August, 1947 ..................... 2,962.96
Total Income ..................................................... 4,286.86
Total Disbursements .................................................. 2,574.41
Balance in Treasury of Taylor Estate ......................... $1,712.45

FINANCIAL REPORT OF STATE AND DISTRICT CONVENTION
Alabama ................. $10.00  Mississippi .................. $10.00
Arkansas ............... 10.00  Ohio ........................... 10.00
Kansas .................. 10.00  Oklahoma ................... 10.00
Kentucky .............. 25.00  Piedmont Tri State ....... 10.00
Mississippi .......... 25.00  Tennessee ................ 50.00
Texas ........................ $10.00

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## Financial Report of Churches

### Arkansas
- North Little Rock: $5.35
- Cross Street: $23.00
- Russellville: $2.00

### Alabama
- Ross Treet-Montgomery: $30.00
- Mt. Pleasant: $1.00
- 11th Street-Birmingham: $85.00

### California
- Avalon-Los Angeles: $50.00
- Cosmopolitan: $15.00
- 28th Street: $5.00

### Iowa
- 9th Street-Des Moines: $10.00

### Indiana
- 2nd Chr., Indianapolis: $140.00

### Illinois
- Ind. Ave., Chi.: $200.00
- East St. Louis: $5.00
- Bloomington: $3.00

### Kentucky
- East 2nd St., Lex.: $50.00
- Cen. Ctr., Louisville: $26.00
- Fairview Chr.: $5.75
- Broadway, Winchester: $6.50
- Hill St., Louisville: $10.00
- Paris: $5.00
- Louisville 3rd: $75.00
- Mayslick: $6.00
- Millerburgh: $16.00

### Kansas
- Morgan Ave.: $5.00
- Inst., K. C.: $14.00

### Michigan
- United: $10.00
- New Prospect, Detroit: $15.00
- Vermont: $11.00

### Mississippi
- Shaw: $14.50
- S.C.I. Edwards: $50.00

### Missouri
- Hannibal: $5.00
- Woodland Ave., K. C.: $200.00
- 2nd Madison: $12.50

### Ohio
- Norwood Ave., Dayton: $125.00
- Massilon: $15.50
- Warren, 3rd: $15.00
- Lin. Ave., Youngstown: $55.00
- Mon. Ave. Col.: $100.00
- 5th Chr., Cin.: $100.00
- Cedar, Cleveland: $40.00
- Canton: $15.00

### Oklahoma
- East 6th St. Okla. City: $50.00

### Piedmont, Tri-State
- 9th Ave, Roanoke: $100.00
- 1st Chr., Reidsville: $122.00
- Cleve. Ave., Winston: $75.00
- Fayette St., Martinsville: $25.00

### Tennessee
- Lee Ave., Nashville: $30.00
- Miss. Blvd., Memphis: $300.00
- East Vine St., Knoxville: $50.00
- Rogersville: $10.00

### Texas
- Ball St., Dallas: $109.00
- 12th St., Austin: $5.00
- East Ave., For. worth: $25.00
- Fulton St., Palestine: $12.00

### United Convention
- 12th St., Washington: $200.00
- Mt. Olive, Baltimore: $100.00
- Antioch, New Brunswick: $9.00
- Fellowship Chr., Phila.: $5.00
- Calvary, Brooklyn: $5.00
- Friendship, Brooklyn: $9.00
- Phila. Chr., Newark: $9.00
- Elder D. W. Bradley: $5.00
- Miss Ella Mae Alcorn: $5.00
- Mr. Robert Wilson: $1.00
- Edwards Chapel: $2.00
RECEIPTS AT CINCINNATI CONVENTION

From Churches, States, & Registrations .......................................................... $1,845.75

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USHER BOARD
August 22, 1947

We the Nominating Committee of the National Usher Board wish to submit the following named persons as officers for the ensuing year.

President, Mr. George C. Pem ................................. Virginia
1st Vice President, Mrs. Zelma Hathaway ....... Kentucky
2nd Vice President, Mrs. Ruby Ramsey ......... Illinois
3rd Vice President, Mrs. Louise Dickerson .... West Virginia
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Elma M. Dupree .... Illinois
Assistant Secretary, Miss Gussie Cregler ....... Texas
Treasurer, Mrs. M. S. Whitfield ............... Washington, D. C.

Faithfully submitted
Mrs. Zelma Hathaway, Chairman
Mrs. Louise Dickerson
Rev. C. L. Whitfield
Mrs. Gussie Cregler
Mrs. Elma M. Dupree

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Of The
NATIONAL CONVENTION
Tuesday Night, August 19, 1947

Appointment of enrollment Committee, by the president, Miss Bessie E. Chandler.

Committee: R. L. Jordan, Chairman
E. W. Henry
Mary V. Moore

Wednesday Morning, August 20, 1947

Information as to Group discussion, time and place by the president. Group One and Two of the Educational department were under the supervision of Mr. Evans and Miss Chandler—Subject: "Problems of Child Development."

Each morning after the general session the groups were divided into work shops. Miss Chandler, Miss Allen, Mrs. Dorothy Wilbert and Miss Roberta Brown were the leaders.

The group under the direction of Mr. L. J. Evans, dealt with the work of the Sunday School Supt. He was assisted by Mr. Montgomery of the department of Religious Education.

Thursday Morning, August 21, 1947

Educational conference continued—Group instruction.

Points discussed:
1. The task of the teacher
2. Study of materials and how to use them
   The goal for leadership training and
   The traits of a good leader.
Friday Morning, August 22, 1947

Educational conferences continued under the direction of Miss Chandler, Subject—Child Problems.
Juniors—Miss Allen, Primary; Mrs. Wilbert, Beginners; Miss Chandler, worship; Miss Butler, Art; Miss Brown.
Group No. 2, Led by Elder Heath, Subject—Stewardship.
Mrs. Deitsy Gray discussed appropriate books and literature for church school.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Devotions: Brother E. O. Daniels.
Sermon, Elder George Lakes—Theme “Following after that Which is good.” Presentation of Miss Brown by the President, Miss Chandler. Miss Brown gave some of the high points of the International Convention which she attended in Des Moines, Iowa, July 20-23.

Goals and the necessary explanations were presented by Elder Dickerson. Presentation of Miss Allen, associated Children’s worker, by Miss Chandler. Song, “Onward Christian Soldiers.”

Inspirational Address—Christian Education by Professor R. H. Peoples. Text—‘Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” Subject—The meaning of Christian Education.

Friday Afternoon

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

Friday Night worship services presented by the C.Y.F. The President, Miss Chandler presented President John Long of S.C.I., who spoke briefly but interestingly on the programs of Negro Education in Mississippi.

Song—“Do You Think I’ll Make a Soldier” by S.C.I. Boys quartette. President Washington spoke on the merits of Jarvis College. Address by the National Director of student work, Mr. John McVery, sermon by Elder Fox of Mississippi.

President, Miss Bessie Chandler .................St. Louis, Mo.
1st Vice President, Elder C. L. Whitfield ..........Baltimore, Md.
2nd Vice President, Elder E. W. Henry ....Oklahoma City, Okla.
Recording Secretary, Mary V. Moore ..............
Corresponding Secretary, Miss O. Dawson ...........Paducah, Ky.

It was moved and carried that the office of treasurer be stricken out.
AWARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of Committee on study of standards for awards.
1. We recommend that the following report on the achievement chart for the Bible School that

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2. We further recommend that each Bible School send to the C.B.P. for such charts.

3. In the light of our proposed study we recommend that the National Bible School blanks be revamped to include these standards.

4. We recommend that the blanks be sent to schools by the corresponding secretary and to the state president.

5. We recommend that the awards will be either a small shield or a loving cup to be given to the school each year with the highest standard.

Respectfully submitted
Miss Edith Bristow, chairman, Kentucky
Mrs. Eli Wilbert, Ohio
Mrs. D. Gray, Missouri
Elder Melvin Dickson, Texas
Mr. Lorenzo Evans, Secretary

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That we organize leadership crusade teams in cooperation with the National and State Convention.

2. That all state and local Bible school workers cooperate with the National functional committees, namely Childrens worker, Youth worker, Adult worker, stewardship and administration in their constructive work program.
3. That all workers in Christian Education and Pastors encourage young people of their church to attend our church schools namely Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss. Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, for their basic training and continued advance work in our Institutions of higher learning.

4. That state officers plan a program of leadership preparation by sponsoring such leadership agencies as District Institutes in each section of the state. Children and Youth workers work shops, Adult seminars, Observation Bible Schools, Vacation Church School Institutes, Young People Conference, and Youth Meets.

5. That states and local schools send their children's workers to the St. Louis Laboratory Training School in their area.

6. That local church schools cooperate with state officers in the above leadership preparation opportunities by sending its leaders and prospective leaders.

7. That all church school conventions officers and local superintendents work with the child worker in promoting vacation church schools in all the schools of the states. That the state president encourage local superintendents to cooperate in Interdenominational church schools to be held in their communities.

8. That the States and local Bible Schools be urged to increase their giving to meet our urgent needs. That each school report at the National Convention with $5.00 and each state with $10.00.

9. The financial goal is $1,000.00 for the 1948 National Convention.

10. That every church school observe the four National days with a program and raising offering. That the offering be reported promptly.

11. That a National Achievement Chart be worked out and some form of National Trophy be offered in accordance to standards of achievements chart.

12. That recognition be given at the National Convention on Bible School day to our Church Schools, S.C.I. and Jarvis Christian College and other institutions of higher education.

13. That regular fall planning conferences be held for all state presidents, National officers, functional Committee chairman and other National leaders for the purpose of planning a unified program of Christian Education.

14. That we increase the church school President's honorarium from $25.00 to $50.00.
15. That the administrative officers of the church School department, the president and secretary’s transportation be paid to and from the National Convention.

16. That the future work committee report and other plans for local churches made during this convention be combined in a work sheet and sent immediately to the local church school.

Mr. R. H. Peoples, Indiana
Mrs. Christine Johnson, Dayton, Ohio
Respectfully submitted
Mrs. N. J. Dickerson, Chairman, West Va.
Mrs. Mae White, Kansas City, Mo.
Mr. C. E. Lakes, Kansas
Mr. William Fox, Mississippi
Mr. Lorenza Evans, Indiana
Miss Roberta Brown, Secretary, Virginia

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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Sunday, August 24, 1947

CHRIStIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, August 21. Business Session was called to order by the President. Robert Bailey was elected acting President. The following committees were appointed:

Committee on Recommendations—Esther Whitfield, Chairman; Gwendolyn Blayton, Advisor; Berry Jean King, Winifred Penick, and Allen Smith.

Nominating Committee—Alfred Spencer, Chairman; Alva Shackelford, Advisor; Greta Reeves, Cora Dickson, Rayford Pouncey, and Louise Harrison.

The President asked that the Worship Committee, Greta Reeves, Cora Dickson, Rayford Pouncey, and Mrs. F. Clark, meet with Mrs. Welch.

August 22, 1947

Business session called to order at 10:55 by the President, Bertha Smith. Several important announcements were made by the President after which the meeting was turned over to the acting President.

Report of the recommendation and future work committee was made by Miss E. Whitfield. After considerable discussion for the enlightenment of those present it was moved, recorded and passed that the report be accepted. Also passed that Mr. Thomas Griffin be present to interpret the recommendations in the general session.

Report of Nominating Committee was made by Mrs. Alfred Spencer. The President moved and it was seconded that the report be accepted. The slate of officers for the next year was introduced and those absent were introduced by proxy. The report was unanimously accepted.

The worship committee report was made by Miss Greta Reeves. Program for the evening was rehearsed before adjournment.

MINISTERS WIVES COUNCIL

August 23, 1947

The Ministers' Wives Council of the National Christian Missionary Convention met on the above date at the hour of 1 o'clock. Business. President presiding.

Expression of thanks for scholarship received from Lillian Moore Young. Financial Report by Mrs. Martin.

Receipts

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Disbursements

President’s Expense For Year
(1946-1947)

Letter heads .................................................. $ 6.50
Envelopes ...................................................... 3.50
Hotel fees ..................................................... 1.00
Stamps .......................................................... .39
Total Expense .............................................. $11.39

Reception

Ice Cream .................................................... $14.00
Plates and spoons .......................................... .80
Hall .............................................................. 10.50
Total Expense .............................................. $25.30
Scholarship Fund ........................................... 50.00
Typing (Miss Livingston) ................................ 1.50
Total Expense .............................................. $88.19
Brought forward ............................................ 43.00
Balance in treasury ......................................... $51.45

The Council voted Miss Thelma Moore of Little Rock, Ark., to receive the scholarship fund. Mrs. T. R. Moore made a motion that we give $10.00 to Christian Plea and that the order be held in treasury until the question of Plea is settled.

The President appointed the following to organize Councils in each state:
Mrs. Bera Pearson, Ohio; Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Lake, Kansas; Mrs. E. J. Dickson, Indiana; Mrs. T. R. Moore, Arkansas; Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Bradley, Illinois; Mrs. N. J. Dickerson, Piedmont District; Mrs. Anna Turner, Michigan; and Mrs. Winifred Owens, Kentucky.

It was agreed to give two fifty dollar scholarships beginning in 1948.

Mrs. L. A. Devine, President
Mrs. P. P. Dickerson, Acting Secretary
Mrs. C. L. Parks, Secretary elect

THE LAYMEN’S LEAGUE

The Laymen’s League convened at intervals during the entire Convention, Mr. C. T. R. Bragg, President, presiding. Much of the time was consumed discussing the nature of the Laymen’s move-
ment in the Christian Church, ways and means of organizing local Councils, and the place of the Layman in our Brotherhood life. All of the sessions were well attended and much information and inspiration was received.

T. C. R. Bragg, President
H. Martin Evans, Secretary
H. H. Reid, Treasurer
T. W. Pratt, National General Secretary