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MINUTES

33rd Annual National Christian Missionary Convention
of the Disciples of Christ

August 22-28, 1949

Held With
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE
Edwards, Miss.

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Southern Christian Institute

MR. R. H. DAVIS, President
National Christian Missionary Convention

E. L. GRIFFIN, President
of Mississippi Convention

R. L. SAUNDERS, Secretary
National Christian Missionary Convention
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1949-1950

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Greetings Fellow Workmen of Christ:

This is your minutes of the sessions and activities of the National Christian Missionary Convention of the Disciples of Christ held this past August at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi.

This minute has been compiled in an effort to give you as a record of all the important phases of our work. You can use it as a guide, a reference and source book.

If anything important omitted it is an error of the mind and not of the heart. I would appreciate a card from any one who has any ideas, or suggestion how we could make our minutes more useful each year.

I wish to express my appreciate to all who helped to make this minute possible. Especially Miss Marjorie Chenault, the Staff Secretary who worked with us in getting this to you.

Sincerely, Your Secretary,

R. L. SAUNDERS
PROGRAM OF THE
THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY
CONVENTION
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
THEME: 'The World Hath Need of Me'
Held with Church of Mississippi


Monday, August 22nd
P. M.
2:00 National Board Meeting.
4:00 Recommendations Committee Meeting.
6:00 Dinner.
7:45 Opening Session, R. H. Davis, Presiding.
Welcome Program, John Long.
Churches of Mississippi, E. L. Griffin.
8:30 President's Address, R. H. Davis.
Offering, Announcements, Benediction.

Tuesday Morning, August 23rd
R. H. Davis, Presiding

7:00 Breakfast.
8:30 Music—Sermon, F. T. Barnett.
9:00 Appointment of Committees and Announcements.
Music.
9:40 Inspirational Address.
Gaines Cook, "The Church in the World Today."
10:15-12:15 Convention Seminar.
12:30 Lunch.

Tuesday Afternoon, August 23rd
R. H. Davis, Presiding

2:00 Devotions—H. J. Johnson.
2:15 Reports—All Officers and the National Board.
6:00 Dinner.
7:00-7:45 Vespers—John Eubanks.

Tuesday Evening, August 23rd
R. H. Davis, Presiding

8:00 Music.
8:15 Devotions—W. M. Martin.
8:30 Sermon—C. L. Whitfield.
Music.
RALLY OF THE STATES—Dr. J. E. Walker.
Announcements, Benediction.
Wednesday Morning, August 24th
Mrs. Arah Garrett, Presiding

7:00 Breakfast.
8:30 Music—Sermon, Mrs. Maude Davis.
9:00 Crusade Promotion, D. Ervin Sheets.
Music.
9:40 Inspirational Address,
Gaines Cook, "Steps Toward a Renewed Church."
10:15-12:15 Convention Seminar.
12:30 Lunch.

Wednesday Afternoon, August 24th
B. C. Duke, Presiding.
2:00 Laymen's League—J. T. Chandler, President.
2:45 Reports of State Presidents.
3:45 Committee Meetings.
6:00 Dinner.
7:00-7:45 Vespers—John Eubanks.

Wednesday Evening, August 24th
Mrs. Arah Garrett, Presiding

8:00 Music—Devotions, Mrs. Daisy Dean.
8:15 Pageant.
Address, Mrs. Arah Garrett.
National Project Presentation—
Miss Katherine Schutze.
Offering and Benediction.
10:00 MINISTERS' WIVES' RECEPTION
Mrs. C. C. Mosley, President.
Mrs. M. C. Dickson, Vice President.
Mrs. C. L. Parks, Secretary.
Mrs. L. L. Dickerson, Corresponding Secretary.
Mrs. A. L. Martin, Treasurer.
Mrs. Elizabeth Herod, Scholarship.

Thursday Morning, August 25th
E. W. Henry, Presiding

7:00 Breakfast.
8:30 Music—Sermon, George Frazier.
9:00 Crusade Promotion—D. Ervin Sheets.
Music.
9:40 Inspirational Address—William Edwards.
10:15-12:15 Convention Seminar.
12:30 Lunch.

Thursday Afternoon, August 25th
R. H. Davis, Presiding
2:00 Usher Board—George Penn, President.
2:45 General Business.
Report of Recommendation Committee.
6:00 Dinner.
7:00-7:45 Vespers—John Eubanks.

Thursday Evening, August 25th
E. W. Henry, Presiding

8:00 Devotions—Thomas J. Griffin.
8:15 Echoes from the Colleges.
Jarvis Christian College.
Southern Christian Institute.
Music.
8:45 Address—"Educational Frontiers," M. R. Eppse.
9:45 Offering, Announcements. Benediction.
10:00 LAYMEN’S FELLOWSHIP HOUR.
J. T. Chandler, President.
Mark Rutherford, National Director.
William Owens and Alfred Thomas, Promotion and Arrangement.

Friday Morning, August 26th
Rayford Pouncy, Presiding

8:00 Breakfast.
8:30 Music—Sermon, H. D. Davis.
9:00 Staff Promotion.
Music.
9:40 Inspirational Address—William Edwards.
10:15-12:15 Convention Seminar.
12:30 Lunch.

Friday Afternoon, August 26th
R. H. Davis, Presiding

2:00 Devotions—S. D. Yarbrough.
2:15-3:15 SYMPOSIUM—
“Our World and the Christian Answer”
Charles Sherman, Chairman
Mrs. Orene Cole
Charles Berry
Walter Bingham
Miss Osceola Dawson
Jesse Hawkins
Music.
Committee Meetings.
6:00 Dinner.
7:00-7:45 Vespers—John Eubanks.

Friday Evening, August 26th
Rayford Pouncy, Presiding

8:00 Devotions—National Christian Youth Fellowship.
8:15 National Oratorical Contest Finals.
“The Responsibility of Christian Youth in the Modern Crisis.”
Music.
Scholarships Offered, Lorenzo J. Evans.
9:45 Offering, Announcements, Benediction.

Saturday Morning, August 27th
R. H. Davis, Presiding

7:00 Breakfast.
8:30 Music—Sermon, E. A. Daniels.
9:00 Unfinished Business and Reports.
Music.
11:15 Report of Necrology Committee and Memorial Service.
Mrs. E. B. Titus, Chairman
I. H. Husser
I. C. Franklin
R. Wesley Watson
I. H. Moore
Sermon, Raymond Walton.
12:30 Lunch.

Saturday Afternoon and Evenings
MOTORCADE.
6:00 Dinner—Lawn Picnic.
Audio-Visuals—John Long.
Sunday Morning, August 28th

E. L. Griffin, Presiding

7:00 Breakfast.
10:45 Morning Worship.
   Music and Devotions.
   Sermon, R. H. Davis.
   Offering and Benediction, E. L. Griffin.
1:00 Dinner.

Sunday Afternoon, August 28th

Cleo Blackburn, Presiding

3:00 CONVENTION COMMUNION SERVICE.
   Benevolence Offering for Aged Ministers and Widows.
   Benediction and Adjournment of Convention—R. H. Davis.
EXECUTIVE STATEMENT

To The

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

President R. H. Davis

August, 1949

As Chairman of the National Board and the Board of Trustees of the National Convention, I hereby submit to you an account of my Stewardship since the National Convention last August in Detroit, Michigan.

First of all, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to our Executive Secretary; the Chairmen of the Standing Committees of our Board of Trustees; the Recording Secretary of our Convention; the Treasurer of our Convention; to Prof. Merle R. Epps, Manager of the Taylor Estate and Properties; to the Vice Presidents of our Convention; to every member of our Board of Trustees; and our Staff for their fine cooperation.

I have endeavored to fulfill the constitutional requirements of my office to the best of my ability. Moreover, I have tried to use my initiative in the promotion of our Convention. Two regular meetings of the Board of Trustees have been held, December 17, 1948, and May 5, 1949.

All standing committees have been appointed and have been functioning actively.

I have sent out a number of informational and inspirational messages through the Christian Plea to the Brotherhood. I have sent out several promotional letters, through our national office. Last February, I attended the United Nations Seminar in New York. During that trip, I visited and preached for the Stuyvesant Heights and Williamsburg churches in Brooklyn. I also visited the Antioch Church in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and did what I could to counsel them in their difficulties. I held a special conference with a number of the leading members at the residence of their former pastor, S. E. Tillman.

I assisted Elder F. T. Floyd in a ten-day Evangelistic Campaign last October. There were five additions during the meeting and 24 others since as a result of the meeting.

I attended the Kentucky Convention in July at Lexington and gave four messages on their program. I attended the Ohio Convention in July at Columbus, Ohio, and gave one message on their program.

I attended the Mississippi State Convention held at SCI during August and gave one message on their program.

In my own parish, I have been cooperating in our program of evangelism in the continuation of the fine work rendered by C. L. Parks and his team of ministers and laymen in April, 1948. As a result, we have had sixty-two additions from January to August, 1949. Thirty by confession and thirty-two by transfer.

Strong emphasis has been placed on the importance of the Crusade for a Christian World every week. Because of this consistent emphasis, we have been able to raise $1,005.00 of our goal in two years. The reports for Crusade giving show the Indiana Avenue Church ahead of all our churches. This has been done despite the fact that we are in a New Building financial campaign. I sincerely hope that there will be at least one church to surpass us and several to be in line with us by July 31, 1950.

We are closing the first five successful years of our long range program. The years ahead of us are full of great possibilities for greater achievements. To do this, we need the wholehearted cooperation and sympathy of every member of our National Board in all the plans we shall present to this Convention. Let us remember and put in practice the adage: "In unity there is strength."
REPORT OF THE
NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION
NATIONAL BOARD

R. L. Saunders, Secretary

Again God has permitted us to assemble in our 33rd Annual Session of the National Christian Missionary Convention. We gather here for three major reasons, (1) report of last year's work, (2) to receive information and inspiration, (3) and to chart the course for the future.

The Constitution provides for a National Board whose duty is to carry out the total program of the brotherhood as planned by the Convention. The board is responsible to the Convention. This being the case, it is my pleasure as Recording Secretary of the National Convention and National Board, to submit to this Convention in session a report of the work of the Board during this Convention year.

The Board met December 17, May 5 and August 22. At each meeting the attendance was good. All phases of the work was duly and properly considered. During the year the National Board has attempted to administer the program of the National Convention in accordance with the wishes of the Convention as expressed or implied in the approved recommendations, and as the Constitution sets forth.

We wish to report that the work of the staff has been more than commendable and worthy of much credit. The officers elected by the National Convention have sincerely endeavored to carry out their respective duties.

During the year we have lost two of our National workers by resignation. Namely, Brother C. L. Parks, National Director of Church Development and Evangelism; Mrs. Alva S. Brown, National Director of Missionary Organization-Education. These two persons have contributed much to the success of the work. During the year Rev. C. H. Webb, former minister of the Winston-Salem Cleveland Avenue Christian Church was secured to take the position left vacant by Rev. Parks. We must report that he is learning and doing a splendid job. No one has been selected to fill the vacancy of Mrs. Brown at present.

At our first Board meeting much time was given to the place of meeting of the 33rd National Convention which was scheduled to meet at Los Angeles. The Executive Committee of the entertaining churches of Los Angeles, California, sent a recommendation stating that the churches of California would not be able to entertain in 1949 the National Convention. Therefore, because of this condition over which the board had no control, by majority vote of the Trustees of the National Board the Convention came to this present place of meeting, Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss.

Another significant accomplishment of the National Board is that the National Convention Charter has been amended so that it is now in harmony with the new Constitution which became effective at the last year's Convention in Detroit.

Considerable amount of attention has been given to Jarvis Christian College in all meetings of the Board; and we feel that Jarvis is on the way of becoming a better school. The members of the Board wish to express their sincere appreciation to all who have aided in opening the eyes of the public to the conditions and general needs of Jarvis Christian College.

During the year the Crusade for a Christian World has been promoted which has made for the growth of the church spiritually, numerically and financially. Reports have been received from the Crusade.

The status of the Taylor Estate is that most of the legal entanglements have been cleared and the Estate is profiting financially as the Convention sees fit. One thousand dollars was given to the newly organized Riverview Christian Church of Memphis, Tennessee. We hope that the Board will be in a position to do more of this type of work in the future. We wish to express appreciation from the Board to Mr. Merle Eppse, manager of the Taylor Estate and his workers for the fine way they have handled the estate.

Mr. L. L. Dickerson and President R. H. Davis attended the United Nations Seminar on World Order at Lake Success, N. Y., in February of this year.
The Treasurer reports that more churches and individual gifts have been given to the National Convention this year than in previous years.

The Staff has visited more churches this year and most of the State and District Conventions. They have been well received, and this is the type of relationship we desire, which is of great significance to the National Convention.

The National Board made possible the following Planning meetings:
- The National Women's Planning Conference
- The Fall Planning Conference of Christian Education
- Scholarships for Laboratory Schools for Children's Workers in the various states have been given.

The following operating budget is given for your consideration and approval.

**OPERATING BUDGET**

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We have confirmation from the cooperating agencies and boards that they will support the work at the same level as last year. The names of their representatives have been given to the Nominating Committee.

In closing, we can say much has been accomplished and there is more to do. The great need facing the Convention is greater support by the local churches to the National Convention, in order that the National Convention may be equipped to carry out the great program of the church more effectively.
REPORT TO THE
NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION
Emmett J. Dickson, Executive Secretary
August 22, 1949

Staff:
The Staff was affected this year by one marriage and two resignations. Mr. C. L. Parks, National Director of Church Development and Evangelism, left this department December, 1948. Mr. C. H. Webb came to the staff April 1 in the position of National Director of Church Development and Evangelism. He has made a very fine start and we are glad to have such a worthy, young, strong man to lead our forces in the greatest task this convention has to do, that of Christian evangelism. We hope for him a long period of good service with the National Christian Missionary Convention.

Mrs. Alva Shackelford was married to Rev. Leonard Brown, November, 1948, and resigned as National Director of Missionary Organization-Education and Women Work July 31, 1949. She is living with her husband in Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Brown is the pastor of the recently established congregation, The Riverside Christian Church. We are glad Mrs. Brown is happy in her new endeavor of building a Christian family and being a minister's wife. We shall always be thankful to Mrs. Brown for the very efficient administration which she gave to her department. We are hoping that the office which she held will soon have a worthy successor.

All other members of the staff are living in hopes of a short vacation period.

Legal Status:
For exhibit today is the Certificate of Acknowledgement of the Amendment to the Charter of Incorporation of the National Christian Missionary Convention. I know all Board members and officers are happy to behold the instrument. This makes us legal in operation within the present constitution of the National Christian Missionary Convention and the applicable laws of non-profit corporation in the state of Tennessee. By a vote of the Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention, the law firm of Goodpasture, Carpenter and Dale, of Nashville, Tenn., has been retained for the year 1949.

The committee of the Trustees on management of real and personal property has the Taylor Estate and properties clear and in the hands of the National Christian Missionary Convention. Thanks go to Dr. J. E. Walker and Mr. Merle Eppse for the splendid administration of the affairs of Taylor properties.

The Field:
In Religious Education we are making some definite gain in the areas where we do our most work. Bible School, Youth Work. We must now make solid the gains which we have made. This can be done if we follow through on program plans built and created by the planning bodies of Christian Education. We are glad that the youth conferences have reached an all-time high. There are still many of our youth who should have this period of training and discipline; and we hope that many churches which have not sent a youth to conference will soon do so.

Youth Meets did not come up to the previous high this year, nor did the CWFF come up to goal. We hope to give better guidance from the National Office this year and we hope to see an improvement in the Youth Meets.

Our best results in the field of Evangelism have come in the churches where the minister participated in one or more of the evangelistic clinics. We must get those preachers together again.

The staff has visited most of the State Conventions which have been held. The total program which is an expression of all agencies at work was presented and well received.

There is a deep concern regarding the number of attendance at the State meetings. From the standpoint of organizational structure, we have
very little expression and cooperation at the state level. We must find a way for better correlation at the State level than now exists. There is the need for all to be in a larger frame work of cooperation. The time for little conventions has passed. We must get the folk together.

The time now is that we must make team visits to local churches. We believe that great good could come by visiting or making personal contact with each church in a given state.

Crusade:

The official period of the Crusade for a Christian World ends June 30, 1950. We know that some of us have done well, but far too many of us have not kept or reached any goal. We must work hard, extra work for the few months and days before us. We must rally for the Crusade if we are to be counted worthy June, 1950.

Take a look at the record—Crusade Receipts Exhibit

Regular Goals: 1949-50 (Exhibit)

The regular financial goals for the National Christian Missionary Convention and Unified Promotion have been made up and ready for presentation and acceptance by the churches of the Convention. The goals will be implemented by being given out at the Convention, mailed from the National Office to every church—letter written to follow the theme "A Century of Cooperation". Each field visit will also promote the goals (see Goal Exhibit) and we hope that each church whose name appears will meet its goal.

Convention in Session:

We are happy to meet at Southern Christian Institute, our own school; our own effort in educational redemption. If you are satisfied there are many places to go. If you are dissatisfied there are just two places to go. See Mr. John Long, or Mr. Edward Griffin, and either will tell you.

It is up to the Board member to help make this Convention a grand experience for all who shall attend. The Program Committee has a very rich and commendable agenda for the days we shall spend together here.

Budget 1949-50

The Trustees voted that the 1949-50 operating and asking budgets be the same as the operating and asking budget of 1948-49.

We have confirmation from all the cooperating agencies that they will support the National Christian Missionary Convention program at the same level as last year. Each agency has also sent the name of its representative for the nominating committee approval and the convention election. They are:

United Christian Missionary Society:
H. B. McCormick, 222 South Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.
Spencer B. Austin, 222 South Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.
George Oliver Taylor, 222 South Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.
Miss Jessie M. Trout, 222 South Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.
Willard M. Wicklzer, 222 South Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

Board of Higher Education:
Dr. Henry Noble Sherwood, 222 South Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

Christian Board of Publication:
C. D. Pantle, 2700 Pine Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri.

National Benevolent Association:
J. Eric Carlson, 1609 Landreth Bldg., St. Louis, Missouri.

Unified Promotion:
C. O. Hawley, 222 South Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

Board of Church Extension:
Rolland Sheaffer, 222 South Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

Pension Fund:
D. Erwin Sheets, 800 Test Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the goals for 1949-50 of the National Christian Missionary Convention and Unified Promotion be accepted and presented to the Convention for adoption.

2. That Mr. A. D. Gault of Maysville, Kentucky, be elected as acting Parliamentarian and Program Director for this session of the Convention.

3. That the agency nominations to the Board be submitted to the nominating committee of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

4. That the Treasurer be empowered to pay Convention expenses upon the presentation of vouchers which are properly signed.

5. That the President of the National Christian Missionary Convention be a delegate to the Centennial Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 25-30.

6. We recommend a change in By-Law number 3, paragraph (1) to read: “Administrative and Finance Committee consisting of not more than nine members including President of Convention as Chairman.” This recommendation is to be presented to the Convention Recommendation Committee.

REPORT OF THE
DIRECTOR OF CHURCH DEVELOPMENT AND EVANGELISM

C. H. Webb
To the NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION
August, 1949

The challenge of the Brotherhood fell upon a sensitive heart when I was given the opportunity to serve our great church in the position vacated by Brother C. L. Parks. There have not been many times when it was necessary to make decisions of such great moment but this was one of those times. I found it necessary to choose between a great love and a greater pavilion of service; an inspiring challenging local pastorate or an enlarging productive itinerant ministry. I found the decision difficult because of the choices placed before me. It was not a matter of choosing between black and white, or between the world and the church, or even between idleness and action. It would have been quite simple to make that choice. I had to decide, not to serve—but where; it was not up to me to decide to preach—but what to preach about. I am happy that the experience that I have had since April first gives lucid testimony to the fact that the course I chose can be fruitful and pleasant.

I looked forward to finding a waiting office, clear desk and my name on the door when I reached the National Convention headquarters; but strangely enough I found none of these. The office was not waiting, it could not wait. Somebody was carrying on. The desk was not clear; it was piled high with letters from every corner of the Brotherhood, asking, Yes, asking for the service I had pledged myself to give. The new worker needed not to wait on the job; it was away ahead of him. My name was not on the door. While small churches cry out for the preaching of the Word, and congregations struggle for help in the building of a new church edifice, or while aggressive church boards plan community wide evangelistic programs, new churches organize for a statewide program of advance, who can think of brushes and black paint and little names. My name is on the door now but I do not know when it happened.

In the earlier weeks of April while I was praying hard, and reading, and counseling, and conferring, I realized that there must always be a National Director of Church Development and Evangelism just as surely as there must always be a pastor at the Cleveland Avenue Church, or a Woodland Avenue Church, or Indiana Avenue Church. The field is white in the National Office also. These earlier weeks were to me as I feel the weeks in the wilderness were to Jesus or perhaps the hours in the Garden of Gethsemane. During that time, I determined once and for all that no call from any area of the field, however remote, would ever fall on listless ears or prejudiced mind; that the sacred duty to which I am now pledged would never be relegated to a place of secondary importance; and that I should
guard well against making any promise, pledge or policy that I could not keep even under the severest adversities.

I was initiated into the new job through a series of confining Functional Committee Meetings. There is no doubt that these very necessary meetings would mean much more to me had I been privileged to study their purposes and aims a bit more closely prior to their settings. The meeting of the Board of Reviews for Unified Promotion and the Crusade for a Christian World, was held in Columbus April 26-27. If I have any fervor or zeal for the last year of the Crusade it is because I received the inspiration at the Columbus meeting.

I do not argue that the aspect of the Brotherhood looks any better or any worse from my present vantage point, but I will insist quite vigorously that it looks different. This fact burst forth upon me with atomic suddenness while I was in attendance at the National Board meeting May 5 as a member of the staff for the first time.

From May 22-29 I was with Brother L. L. Dickerson and the congregation of Monroe Avenue Christian Church in Columbus in a series of evangelistic services. There were two additions during the meeting. In May it was also my privilege to attend the spring meeting of the Home and State Missions Planning Council as a member of the Commission on Evangelism. This visit to St. Louis afforded the opportunity to visit in the home of Elder and Mrs. P. A. Gray and to go through the very handsomely appointed sanctuary in which the Centennial Church worships. From St. Louis the call led to Louisville to deliver an address for the State Laymen’s Conference at the Third Church. It was a memorable occasion. In the evening of the same day I attended the Baccalaureate Service of the School of The Scripture. We were gratified that a number of the students were present for the Laymen’s meeting in the afternoon.

Efforts were made tardily for a Visitation Evangelism project to be conducted in Jackson, Mississippi, about the middle of June. The inability to secure an adequate number of people for visiting thwarted our visitation evangelism program but the week of evangelistic service was inspiring beyond our greatest expectations. The thing which was really heartening to me in the city of Jackson was not the very beautiful and well kept city, nor even the hospitable and courteous receptions by its citizens of every kind, but rather it was the request of a group of young adults from the two local churches for doctrinal preaching and information about our church. It was encouraging that three souls were added to the fold in Jackson during the week I spent with the two churches. Of course I could not bring myself to leave the state before making some essential calls; one of which was on the campus of Southern Christian Institute where I was received and entertained in the friendly way that has made this school famous.

I did not expect to have the chance to share in the setting up of a new church so early in my new career in Hawkins, Texas. Brother Paige, the state evangelist for Texas, was at his best on the night, June 16, of the organization of the Community Christian Church. Some 30 members were committed to the work and support of the church in that service. This group has a church building purchased from a white congregation and moved two miles to the present site. They are making plans to purchase pews and pulpit furnishings in the very near future. They have church school every Sunday but they have preaching only occasionally. Yes, the new church in Hawkins will be handicapped and the new church anywhere else will be handicapped because there is no one to preach the word. There is no shepherd to feed the sheep. The harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few.

I have worked in one Young People’s Summer Conference and five State Conventions. I served as Director of Enlistment in the Southwest Conference at Jarvis College, where six young people pledged themselves for full time Christian service. I attended the following State Conventions: Texas State Convention in Austin July 12-14 Kansas State Convention in Wichita July 15-17 Oklahoma State Convention in Oklahoma City July 21-24 Ohio State Convention in Columbus July 26-31 Piedmont Tri-State in Tazewell, Va. Aug. 10-14

In each of these conventions I had the responsibility of preaching, conducting a part of the Institute, urging better cooperation in the matter of Year-Book reports and presenting the challenge of the last year of the
Crusade which is very much alive in me. My plea to every Disciple has been and will remain, Win Just One THIS Year to Christ. I am convinced that a vigorous and forthright answer to this challenge will be at least three things:

1. It will start a whole new army of Christian soldiers on the road to abundant living.
2. It will give strength and vitality to the churches of the brotherhood who will give in order to receive.
3. It will contribute no small portion to the tremendous cost of world peace and world understanding by replacing in barren and hope-less lives a faith to live by and hope for a brighter and more glorious day, "if we faint not".

REPORT TO THE
NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION
Lorenzo J. Evans
National Director of Religious Education
August, 1949

Mr. President, members and friends of the 33rd Annual Session of the National Christian Missionary Convention, we come again to review the past and plan for the on-going work for the kingdom of God. As we look over the work of the last twelve months, we are proud of the gains that have been made in some areas of service. These gains have been realized because of the fine spirit of cooperation and self dedication of the ministers and lay-leaders like you. Yet, this would not be a true picture if it did not reveal our limitations in the areas of service which we have not as yet ventured. When we attune our ears to the will of God, we still hear the Macedonian call from the yearning hearts of men saying, "come over and help us." As long as we can hear these cries coming from the soul of men, we dare make ourselves satisfied. As long as there are those whose lives are not in harmony with God's will, there will still be the need of the Isaiahs of our day saying, "here am I, send me!"

During the year we have been trying to bring these ideas to focus through conferences with lay-leaders, Institutes, Youth Meets, Planning groups, young people's Summer Conferences, young adult groups, addresses, sermons and seminars. During the past year it has been our privilege to render service in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Texas, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Virginia, Kansas and Michigan. We have not been able to answer all of the calls that have come to us, and yet you have constantly been upon our hearts. No one person can give the type of service that should be given in this area.

I am happy to report that for the first time since assuming the duties as National Director, we will be able to have six Summer Conferences for our young people. Five of these conferences have already been held (Mid-west, Southwest, Alabama, Central, and Piedmont) with a total enrollment of 181 students and 50 adults serving on the faculties. The Magnolia Conference will be held here, at Southern Christian Institute, September 5-11.

Laboratory schools were held again this year for our children workers in Oklahoma, Kentucky and Missouri. These schools were conducted for the purpose of helping to develop children workers in order that they might better serve in their local churches. A basic need of humanity is Christian Education for all. No greater benefit can be given our children than acquainting them with the life and teachings of Christ, and emphasizing the paramount importance of the life of the spirit. True religion is the source of peace of mind, peace with our neighbors, peace within our own hearts, that peace of God which passeth all understanding. It is the secret of a well adjusted personality, of mental health, of lasting happiness. Without it our lives no matter how successful materially, lack purpose, direction and significance.

Never in modern times has the need for religious education been greater than it is today. Properly carried out over the years, it can be a key to many of our problems as individuals, as races, yes even as nations. It is daily becoming clearer that man can not work out his destiny independent of God. Every thing in the teachings of the master pointed to the Fatherhood
of God and the brotherhood of man. That life of great humanity, lived so long ago in a distant land, has shown down the centuries the way that leads to peace and happiness.

This year we have given more thought and planning to the young adult group, which has been one of the neglected groups in our church life, and yet it is in this group that great potentialities are available to the church now. It has been our pleasure to help to organize several such groups. As more material is being made available we hope that more time will be given in channeling this vast amount of energy into the life stream of the church.

We are venturing out into a new experience this year, that of sponsoring an Oratorical Contest for our young people. The project is being launched with the idea to encourage and promote Christian training and to help youth in the local church to become aware of their responsibility as Christian young people and dedicate themselves to the task. We hope that this year will only be a beginning of realizing the possibilities in such a project.

As we look out on the fields they are white unto harvest. The call of service is to you, you, and you. In your local church the opportunities are there. In the larger areas we need volunteer workers. The voice of the master is still ringing out “go teach”. What will your answer be?

REPORT TO THE
NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION
Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi
Mrs. Alva S. Brown
National Director of Missionary Organization - Education
August 22, 1949

Office Services:
Following the Board of Trustees meeting in May, work was immediately begun to complete the plans for the National Convention. Letters were written to selected persons in an effort to secure leaders for the Educational Conference to be held at the Convention. Staff meetings were attended for clearance on certain matters and distribution of work vital to all departments. The Year Book Report for the 1949 Year Book has been compiled and sent to Missionary Organizations Department of the United Christian Missionary Society. In addition to the above listed items the regular office correspondence has been answered; promotional letters for the National Project, Southern Christian Institute, sent out to all local societies; promotional letters concerning givings sent to groups after a review of the comparative records of offerings; also, an effort was made to clear, correct and complete the files for the Missionary Organizations- Education Department of the National Convention.

Field Services:
Very little field service has been rendered during this period. The Ohio Women’s Institute was attended at the Wehrman Avenue Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, where plans were made for their State Convention in addition to the informative side of the program. Services were rendered in the Indiana State Convention for the Women’s Department and the Youth Department. The Vacation Bible School of the Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, was supervised, which was held June 27-July 11. I taught in the Vacation Bible School at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Memphis, Tennessee; and aided in supervision for two weeks in July. A visit was made to the Mississippi Boulevard Missionary Society upon request from the President where the new program materials for the Missionary Year 1949-50 were explained and questions answered concerning the work of missions in general.

According to the action of the Trustees May 5, 1949, upon my request, my resignation was accepted to become effective July 31, 1949. May I repeat: “It has been a pleasure to serve the National Convention in the capacity of Director of Missionary Organizations- Education, and I shall be happy to render volunteer service whenever called upon in the future.”
SUMMARY OF GENERAL ACTIVITIES

This year has presented numerous opportunities for service and education in the field of missions. Serving in the capacity as I have, has been a real joy and much benefit has been gained by my experiences as I have endeavored to carry the Missionary program in the field.

In reviewing the work of the past year briefly, it is divided into three groups; namely, adult work, youth work, and children’s work. Regular correspondence and office duties have been carried on in all three age groups as necessary in regards to general and special matters; also, promotional materials for work and reporting. Whenever visits were made to churches, all three groups were visited if they existed and wherever possible.

Adult Work:
All groups were urged to report semi-annually and support the National Missionary Project. Also, emphases were placed on studying in each local group which would create more interest and thus result in better reports.

A ten-year progress survey in Missionary Organizations was made showing increases and decreases in the number of organizations, membership, offering and per capita giving. This information was mailed to State and area presidents. (See Exhibit A) Also a report was compiled for Women’s Organizations over a three-year period showing the number of churches, number of Missionary Organizations, regular goal for three years and last year’s giving and, the Crusade goal and giving. (See Exhibit B.)

Visits were made in ten states during the year which took in 25 local groups, two District Meetings, two State Conventions, one Institute, one Planning Meeting, and three Woman’s Day appointments.

By reviewing reports, a gain of seven societies was noted in reporting over last year. According to office records, none were dropped. Also, a slight gain in new organizations was noted. Four new groups have been added to the mailing list: Philadelphia Church of Christ, Newark, New Jersey; Campbell Street Christian Church, Paris, Texas; Guild of East Sixth Street Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Guild Fellowship Christian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Youth Work:
Youth Work in missions has not been cultivated half as much as it should have, and records are very poor, which means that a less accurate report than the above appears here.

Following the National Convention last year, the International CYF Commission was attended in Canada and the Convention of the United Christian Youth Movement in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Twelve local groups were visited in ten states this year as occasions presented. Plans were set up for eight Youth Meets to be held but only six carried through to success. These Meets were to serve nine states and approximately thirty churches.

Promotional letters were sent out encouraging support of the Christian World Friendship Fund and attendance in Youth Meets and Summer Conferences.

Children’s Work:
This group has been much less cultivated than either of the above groups, but there are great prospects if developed. There is a total of about 150 Children’s Workers located throughout the States whose work is volunteer. The Children’s Workers Bulletin was prepared and mailed to those workers in an effort to present help, suggestions, and reports of what other groups are doing in the Brotherhood.

Promotional letters have been sent out urging support of the Children’s Definite Objective of Giving, Leaders Attendance in Laboratory Training Schools, Observation Schools and Skill Shops. All workers were also sent materials for promotion of Vacation Bible School. All leaders of children were informed of the exhibit to be held at the National Convention where work will be judged and best pieces sent to the International Convention for the exhibit there.

This report has lifted up briefly the achievements in our work with the realization that there is much room for improvement and great strides can be accomplished with your cooperation and support.

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MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS TEN-YEAR PROGRESS

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THREE-YEAR PERIOD—1947 to 1950
FOR WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

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* Based on goals released and accepted at the National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, with few variations multiplied by three.

The National Women’s goal for the Crusade is $600,000.00 for three years or $200,000.00 each year.

The National Convention women’s goal for the Crusade is $3,600.00 for three years or $1,200.00 each year.
REPORT OF CHRISTIAN PLEA

L. L. Dickerson, Editor

From May 1, 1949, to August 10, 1949:

- Number of Pleas printed and distributed: 4800
- Number of Conventions visited by Editor: 5
- Number of subscriptions secured: 127
- Number of agents secured: 17
- Number of paid subscriptions for this year: 589
- Number of subscriptions in arrears: 566

Receipts:
- National Convention: $450.00
- Subscriptions: 187.80

Total: $637.80

Disbursements:
- Printing—Hill Top Record: $100.00
- Mailing Expense: 5.00
- Supplies: 5.00
- Travel to: Texas, Kansas, Virginia and Kentucky Conventions: 96.55
- Clerical Help: 63.50

Total: $582.35

Balance: $55.45

Recommendation voted: That the National Convention purchase a typewriter for the use of the Christian Plea Editor.

We maintain each year our membership in the Fraternal Council of Churches in America, Inc., of which Mr. J. F. Whitfield is our representative. He has submitted a very fine report on the work of the council.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL FATHERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN AMERICA, INC.

J. F. Whitfield

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the National Christian Missionary Convention, your representative begs your indulgence in his submission to you of the following report:

It is particularly gratifying that the world religious community is rapidly becoming alive to the challenge of these stirring times. The occasion which has brought to the attention of the religious community the unusual significance of these times is the titanic conflict going on between forces whose ideological views concerning the ultimate destiny of man, as to his relationship to his society and the state, differ both in letter and spirit.

The world religious community sees in the great industrial revolution of the 18th century with the abolition of chattel slavery in Europe and America, a striking parallel in the new freedom of mind and thought in civilized countries as the result of the rapid development of the art of interchangeability in industry, the introduction of social and economic planning in government, compulsory education; and the new emphasis upon ecumenical fellowship among Christians.

It is evident that the spread of Western technological influence has set in motion a double chain reaction—the oppressed peoples crying for more and better opportunities to live, move and have their being on the one hand, and the political and economic royalists fighting a cold war to control the minds of men on the other hand.

Thus, many have discovered to their sorrow that knowledge cannot be permanently suppressed. If knowledge could be permanently suppressed or localized, each family or small community confining knowledge to the
requirements and needs to meet its own conveniences only, there would be no real conflict of national or world magnitude. But knowledge, like a rising stream, knows no bounds until it has filled all of the lower grounds about it.

The struggle is not with knowledge itself but between forces that would exploit the benefits derived from knowledge. Hunger for the things which knowledge entitles men everywhere to have and use is always a source of conflict when these things are not obtainable or too difficult to obtain.

In this great conflict the church attempts to act as umpire, or impartial judge. But all too often it finds itself taking sides, often the wrong sides.

But with increasing knowledge of the essence of the conflict, the church is becoming more determined and better prepared to tackle and ameliorate, step by step, the situations which encourage and perpetuate the struggle, because it realizes that while the soul may not be separated from the body morals can be judged and evaluated on the scientific basis of cause and effect. But the church must do more than sit in judgment upon morals; it must, in some way, be a source from whence morals may be supplied. It must be the stream that maketh glad the city of God. It must be the light upon the hill that cannot be hid. It must be the tree of life bearing twelve varieties of fruit whose foliage is useful for the healing of the wounds of all humanity.

We then, in the realm of education, the church seeks to have every one, regardless of creed, color, racial, or national origin, trained as far as his opportunities and ability will permit and as far as is necessary for the state to aid in such education; for education is the essential basis of any dynamic culture. In the area of employment, the church seeks to persuade men on the basis of the Christian ethic to make employment opportunities fair and equitable to all according to one’s fitness and ability only. In the area of housing, the church urges acceptance of people as members of a community on the basis of their fitness and usefulness as citizens; in the area of politics, it urges full opportunity to exercise the right of the ballot by every citizen under the Constitution of the United States; in race relations, the church urges no discrimination because of accident of race or birth; in international relations, the church urges support of the United Nations Organizations and the United National Charter, and other proposals designed to preserve world peace; in the area of religion as such, the church is working for world brotherhood and a united fellowship in Christ; this, it believes, will ultimately result in a united church with a new zeal and passion to save the soul of all humanity.

The church seeks to build character. This, no doubt, is a long and tedious process. The church seeks to build things that will endure. "Rome was not built in a day", someone has pointedly said, but many cities have been built in a day; but they were mud huts. But it takes longer to make a rock than a mud cake; longer to grow oaks than olivas; longer to grow a child than a lamb; longer to grow a Christian perfectly, than a Communist. Almost two thousand years have not produced a perfect Christian while in less than two years a perfect Communist may be made. The Church seeks to build that which will endure.

What the National Negro Business League attempts to do in the area of Negro business enterprise, the National Fraternal Council of Churches in America, Inc., attempts to do in the area of the Negro religious community. The churches, comprising eleven communions, are organized to work for the achievement of the objectives suggested in a preceding paragraph.

The Council is making definite progress with its program. Meeting in regular session in Richmond, Virginia, last May, the Council approved a recommendation made by your representative more than two years ago—a recommendation to change the name of the organization to National Fraternal Council of Churches in America, Inc. This change was made in order to make possible the participation and cooperation of some communions having interracial affiliations.

The Council also approved the Board’s recommendation to purchase a building in Washington, D. C., for headquarters of the organization. This building has been purchased at a cost of sixteen thousand ($16,000) dollars cash. The Christian Churches were asked to contribute five hundred fifty ($550) dollars as their share of the cost. The local church in Washington
was asked to contribute fifty ($50) dollars; thus fifty dollars of the Brotherhood's share has been paid. The pastor of our local church was assessed twenty-five ($25) dollars, which was paid, thus making a total of seventy-five ($75) dollars for the local church and pastor, thus far.

Then, each communion making an initial payment of two hundred dollars toward its total apportionment will be entitled to have placed in the Hall of Fame of the Council a large picture of the President of the organization whose churches comprise the Hall of Fame is in the National Headquarters' Building. The drive for these funds is now underway.

The most outstanding demonstration of the Council this year was its participation in the Presidential Inauguration on January twentieth. A gigantic float, costing two thousand ($2,000) dollars, publicly subscribed by members of the Council and paid, in the name of the organizations they represented in the Council, was designated so as to accommodate fourteen young girls of high school and college years, and a minister. These characters symbolized education, science, music, arts, business, labor, athletics, and religion. Religion occupied a throne at the rear above, looking down upon all the other activities. This float was the only one furnished by Negroes. Twenty-five dollars were given by your representative for the Disciples of Christ. This float was most enthusiastically acclaimed and applauded as it made its way through the grand parade route amid the hundreds of thousand that packed the streets and reviewing stands.

Since last national Convention, I attended three of the Council's board meetings, one regular session of the Council, all special and monthly meetings of the Washington Bureau, serving as Secretary of the Board.

We recommend, therefore, that, whereas the National Fraternal Council of Churches in America, Inc., is making a significant contribution to the well being of humanity as a whole and to the Negro Race in particular, this Convention continue to support the program and objectives of the Council by keeping active membership in the Council and making our President known for his humanitarian spirit by having his picture placed in the Council's Hall of Fame.

If our churches and Convention will aid the Council in these and other possible ways to keep its program dynamic it can work more efficiently and effectively in helping the masses of our people in their upward climb toward the ultimate goal of the New Heaven and the New Earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

REPORT OF CONVENTION PRESIDENTS

Kentucky Christian Missionary Convention

Eld. H. E. Jackson, President. Address, Robins Street, Covington, Kentucky. Number of Churches in Convention Area, Thirty-Three. Number represented, Twenty-One. Total membership of Convention Area, Resident 2,213. Number of Pastors, Full Time, Seventeen, Part Time, Three. Total, Twenty. Number of Bible Schools, Twenty-One. Number of Youth Groups, Twelve. Number of Laymen's Organizations, Four. Total Church Additions, Baptism, 67. Number of Deaths, 35. Total value of all Church properties (including parsonages), $185,000. Amount of money raised by the Convention during the year $33,000.

Victories and Achievements—Successfully operated a State Paper. Raised more money, had more additions this year than previous years.

Our Outstanding Needs—Ministers and State Evangelist.

Significant plans for the future including the following: Children's Worker and Young People's Worker.

Date and place of next Convention: July, 1950, at the Third Christian Church, Louisville, Kentucky


Missouri Christian Missionary Convention
Wm. Martin, President. Address: 413 W. 9th St., Fulton, Missouri. Number of Churches in Convention Area, Nineteen. Number represented, Fifteen. Total membership of Convention Area, Resident 1,500. Number of Pastors, Full time, Five. Part-time, Four. Total, Nine. Number of Bible Schools, Seventeen. Total Membership, Four Hundred and Thirty. Number of Women's Organizations, Nine. Total Membership, One Hundred and Four. Total Church additions: Baptism, Fifty. Transfer, One Hundred and Thirteen. Number of Deaths, Twenty. Total value of all Church properties (including parsonage), $411,000. Amount of money raised by the Convention during the year $1,924.

Names and Addresses of 1949-1950 Officers—General President, Wm. Martin, 413 W. 9th St., Fulton, Mo.; Secretary, Mrs. F. H. Coleman, 411 Lyons St., Columbia, Mo.; Treasurer, Elmer Doolin, Frankford, Mo. (7); Pres. WMS, Mrs. L. R. Grove, 313 Miller St., Jefferson City, Mo.; Bible School Pres., Marjorie Hill, 2703 Olive St., Kansas City, Mo.; Pres. CE or CYF, Raymond Brown, 2108 A Spruce, Hannibal, Mo. Other Officers of 1949-50: Vice President, S. S. McCreary, 2400 Michigan, Kansas City, Mo.; Asst. Secretary, Retha Logan, R. R. 1, Kirwood, Mo., The Council; Vice President, Katherine Droden, 2223 Wabash, Kansas City, Mo.; Secretary, Mary Van Buren, 218 E. 6th St., Fulton, Mo.; Assistant Sec., Hazel Bateell, Kansas City, Bible School; Vice President, Mary West, Jefferson City; Secretary, Lelia Curcuit, 4618 Warwick, Kansas City; Assistant Sec., Wanda Cooper, Fulton, Mo.; CYF; Vice President, Cora Dixon, 1001 Booker, Vandalia, Mo.; Secretary, Violette Dudley, 40 Franklin, Fulton, Mo.; Assistant Sec., Jean Holman, 2213 Cleveland, Vandalia, Mo.

South Carolina Missionary Convention

Oklahoma Christian Missionary Convention

Victories and Achievements—Organization of Two District Boards in the State. Two meetings held, over sixty dollars raised.

Our Outstanding Needs—State Evangelists, Program Promotion, Full or Part Time Youth Director.

Our Significant Plans for the Future—The Pastors keep all pulpits supplied; hold revivals in every church; following through with National program; enlist more Christian Ministers, building good church buildings and organize new churches.

Names and Address of 1949-1950 Officers—General President, E. W. Henry, 1135 E. 6th St., Oklahoma City, Mo.; Secretary, Z. M. Hunter.
Mississippi Christian Missionary Convention

Eld. E. L. Griffin, President. Address, Shelby, Miss.; State Secretary, L. J. Paige, Port Gibson, Miss. Number of Churches in State, Thirty-Eight, including two in La. Number of Churches reporting to State Convention, Twenty-Eight. Number of Pastors in State, Fourteen. Number of Additions by Baptism, Sixty-Two. Number of Additions otherwise, Eighty. Number of Members in State, 1,627. Amount sent to National Convention from the various Churches in the State, $19.50 Churches and $5.00 Willing Workers Society. Amount sent for National Representative fee $100.00. Name of Delegates: Eld. E. L. Griffin, Shelby, Miss.; Eld. D. L. Jackson, Jackson, Miss., and Eld. S. D. Yarbrough (?), Clinton, Miss.

Ohio Christian Missionary Convention


Piedmont Tri-State Christian Missionary Convention

D. W. Heath, President. Address, 915 8th St. W., Roanoke, Virginia. Number of Churches in Convention, Thirty-Five. Number Represented, Thirty-Three. Total Membership of Convention, 3,285. Total Number of Pastors, Full time, Six; Part time, Ten; Total, Sixteen. Number of Bible Schools, Thirty-Three. Number of Women's Organizations, Twenty-Two. Number of Youth Groups, CE, CYF, Thirteen. Number of Laymen's Organizations, Nine. Total Membership, Ninety-Seven. Total Church Additions, Baptism, One Hundred and Twenty-Five. Transfers, Sixty-Four. Total value of all Church properties (including parsonages), $280,450.

Victories and Achievements—Youth Conference; Institutional Convention and Oratorical Contest.

Our Outstanding Needs—More Ministers; Trained Leaders; and Field Workers.


Names and Address of 1949-1950 Officers—Church: President, Rev. D. W. Heath, 915 8th St. W., Roanoke, Va.; V. Pres., Rev. J. C. Hairston; Secretary, Mrs. E. G. Starling, Rt. 4, Box 5, Martinsville, Va.; Asst. Sect., Mrs. Agenora Wildman (?); Central Treasurer, Mr. W. L. Hairston; Bible School Pres., Eld. N. J. Dickerson, Box 53, Bluefield, W. Va.; Vice Pres., Mrs. Mable Frazier; Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Dillard; Asst. Sect., Miss Leola Holley; Missionary Society: Pres., Mrs. Annie Gunning, P. O. Box, Reidsville, N. C.; V. Pres., Mrs. Ethel Keeding; Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Redd; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. R. L. Peters; Usher Board: Pres., Mr. George Penn; V. Pres., Mr. Thomas Lee; Secretary, Mrs. Fannie Holland; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. Myrtle P. Paxton; CYF Pres., Miss Pauline Staples, Box 55, Reidsville, N. C.; V. Pres., Mrs. Ethel Keeding; Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Redd; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Peters. Usher Board: Pres., Mr. George Penn; V. Pres., Mr. Thomas Lee; Secretary, Mrs. Fannie Holland; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. Myrtle P. Paxton; CYF Pres., Miss Pauline Staples, Box 55, Reidsville, N. C.; V. Pres., Mrs. Ethel Keeding; Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Redd; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. R. L. Peters. Usher Board: Pres., Mr. George Penn; V. Pres., Mr. Thomas Lee; Secretary, Mrs. Fannie Holland; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. Myrtle P. Paxton; CYF Pres., Miss Pauline Staples, Box 55, Reidsville, N. C.; V. Pres., Mrs. Ethel Keeding; Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Redd; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Peters.
STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN OF STUDY MADE BY
CONVENTION OF STATUS OF CHURCH WORK
IN STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

1. The average membership per church in 1949 was 56.2 (for 21 churches).
2. The average membership per church in 1937 was 62.2 (for 12 churches).
3. The average church had 19.5 members under 21 in 1949 (in 17 churches).
4. The average church had 62.25 members over 21 in 1949 (in 19 churches).
5. THE AVERAGE SALARY PER MINISTER IN 1949 WAS $20.47 (for 19 ministers). (This salary quotation is per month.)
6. The average church had services 1.4 Sundays per month in 1949 (in 21 churches).
7. The average Sunday School in 18 churches had a membership of 30.9 in 1949.
8. The average Sunday School in 18 churches contained 3.4 classes in 1949.
9. The average Sunday School in 19 churches had 3.4 teachers in 1949.
10. Out of the twenty-one churches (21) reporting:
    7 had Willing Worker Organizations
    10 had Missionary Societies
    11 had Christian Endeavors
    2 had other organizations
11. Seven (7) or 33% of the twenty-one churches reporting were city or town.
    Fourteen (14) or 66% of the twenty-one churches reporting were small town or rural churches.
12. The membership breakdown according to size of churches was as follows:
    100-130 members __________ Five or 23%
    70-100 members __________ Three or 14%
    40-70 members __________ Five or 23%
    10-40 members __________ Eight or 31%

A POINTING UP OF SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

1. Of the twelve churches reporting membership in 1937 five (or 42%) reported gains in 1949; six (or 50%) reported losses. This indicates that in the churches reporting both for 1937 and 1949, there was a decrease in membership of 8%. This can well be considered a danger sign for our church.
2. Our church is decidedly adult; only 33% of the average church membership is under 21 years of age. This indicates a great need for increased emphasis on School Work and Youth Work.
3. The average $20.47 monthly salary (or $245.64 per year) that the average church pays a minister indicates a great need for emphasis on the stewardship of finance with reference to salaries for our ministers. A minimum salary scale on a State basis should at least be considered from the State point of view. Secondly, churches must be urged to participate in the Pension Fund no matter how low a salary is being paid the minister.
4. Fourteen or 66% of the churches reporting were rural and eight or 31% were churches of 10-40 members. This indicates that the rural program for the small church is the type of emphasis needed here.
5. The average church has services 1.4 Sundays out of a month. There are 33% of our churches that have Willing Worker organizations and 49% that have Missionary Societies. Fifty percent (50%) have Christian Endeavors and only two others have any other organizations. This indicates very vividly that the biggest program that the average church has is that of preaching and that is only a little over 25% of the average Sundays per month. There seems to be great need for organization of the basic organizations of the church.

NECROLOGY REPORT OF MISSOURI

St. Louis: Mrs. Eddie M. Brown, Mrs. Mary Williams, Mr. Burton Walker.
Salisbury: Mrs. Mattie Dewey.
Columbia: Mr. John Crosswhite.
Blackwater: Mr. Samuel Poindexter, Mrs. Mollie Stapleton, Mrs. Lucy Sanders.
Independence: Mrs. Brooks.
Napton: Mrs. Julia Gregory.
Madison: Mrs. Ruth Tydings, Elder J. R. Burton, Mrs. Boulah Taborn,
Mrs. Mary Robinson, Mrs. D. W. Bradshaw.
Hannibal: Mrs. Sallie Grant, Mrs. Saphronia Phillip, Mrs. Dollie Jen-
ing.
Fulton: Mrs. Florence Brett, Mrs. Annie Bradford, Mrs. Matilda Rich-
mond.
Kansas City: 3 unnamed (Mr. Clay, Mr. Thereous).
Jefferon City: Rev. William Gibbs.
Port Gibson, Miss.: Mr. J. W. Henry, Miss Marie Thomas.
Oklahoma City, Okla.: Mrs. Annie Moore Iverson.
Chicago, Ill.: Elder W. H. Yarbrough, Mrs. Ruth Croswright.
Cleveland, Ohio: Dr. G. Calvin Campbell.
Dayton, Ohio: Mr. J. J. Murry, Mrs. Larvenia Redmon.
Indianapolis, Ind.: B. Franklin Anderson, Mrs. Kelly Anderson, Mrs.
Julia Bradshaw, Mrs. Lucinda Hayden, Mrs. Mary Pinner, Mrs. Ella
Schores.
Kansas: Mrs. Georgia Murray, Mr. Alfred Hunter, Mrs. Newby, Mrs.
Moore.
North Carolina: Mrs. Matilda Hayes.
South Carolina: Mrs. Mary Thomas, Mrs. Hattie Ephrain, Mrs. Grace
Tennessee: Mrs. E. Moore.
Michigan: Mrs. Sadie Johnson.
Arkansas: Mrs. Anna Albert, Bro. W. L. Elmore, Mrs. Jean Wise.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

MUSIC
PRAYER ........................................Rev. I. C. Franklin
SCRIPTURE READING ..............................Rev. I. H. Husser
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SHORT TALK AND ROLL CALL
MESSAGE .........................................Rev. Eli Wilbert
SOLO .............................................Mrs. Rosa McCrea
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BENEDICTION

Thirty-Third Annual Session of the National Christian Missionary Convention
Friday August 26, 1949, Southern Christian Inst., 2:15 P. M.

A SYMPOSIUM ON "OUR WORLD AND THE CHRISTIAN ANSWER"
Mr. Charles E. Sherman, Chairman

What Can the Church Do to Effect Social Change?
Mr. Sherman

Is the Church Effectively Meeting the Needs of Young People?
Miss Osceola Dawson

Liberal, Courageous and Adventurous Leadership—a Major Need
Mrs. Orene Cole

The Challenge of Communism to Christianity
Mr. Walter O. Bingham

The Disciples of Christ and Negro Education
Mr. Charles A. Berry, Jr.

After the presentation of the members of the panel, time was allowed
for members of the audience to ask questions. Questions were directed to
a member of the panel through the chairman.

The subject with which each member of the panel dealt was designed
to stimulate thinking about the problem implied in the subject, and to
bring other problems of our times into perspective. It is presupposed that
our world begins on our own door-steps and extends to the far reaches of
the earth so as to include anyone anywhere who is struggling to survive
and to achieve fulfillment in life, in the face of realities which are often
as hostile as they are friendly. Finally, it would seem that any Christian
answer to the problems of our times in terms of mere convictions and
platitudes is meaninglessness unless underwritten by positive action.
An Abstract of
NEGRO EDUCATION IN THE DISCIPLES BROTHERHOOD
A Comparative Study

The private institution of today faces a challenge unequalled in its history. With the impact of an Atomic Age, supplemented by the multiplicity of complications growing out of individual, national and international frustrations, it is the responsibility of the college, and particularly the church-related college, to assume the role of leadership in resolving the conflicts, if we are to attain the maximum adjustment in peace, goodwill and fraternity, before the time limits meet upon us. The gravity of the situation demands on every hand, not only cognizance, but conspicuously positive action in order to stem the tide while there is yet time. As pointed out above, the church-related college is the one institution which must function and function effectively in every fundamental area, if we are to meet the challenge.

Growing out of the above implications has developed a deeper realization of the challenge which faces the Disciples Brotherhood if it is to maintain its place as a leadership building communion.

Historically the Disciples’ Movement has been one with strong and deep liberal tendencies and actions. Even in the face of the Civil War which threatened to divide the nation it took an implacable stand on freedom, justice and the dignity of the individual. In the face of the stern realities of an Atomic Age, complicated by the unwarranted diabolism of racial dichotomy, the question does arise, “To what extent does the Disciples Brotherhood perpetuate the ideals of freedom, justice and the dignity of the individual by offering to its Negro youth an educational program comparable to that of its white youth?”

It might be projected that in order to perpetuate such a program, of necessity there must be proportional allocation of finance and other resources. It would carry us too far afield to point out the practical fallacy of this duplication, but it is unquestionably the price we must pay for the dichotomy we practice and advocate.

Moreover, as a result of (1) the frequency of equal salary suits being filed by Negro teachers with special reference to the South, (2) the coming awareness of the masses that “Civil Rights” involving the worth and dignity of men includes all men, (3) the starting of certain universities for Negroes in the South apparently in order to comply with certain rather recent Supreme Court rulings, (4) the indubitable maxim that the educational needs of Negro students do not differ one iota from the educational needs of white students, and (5) the all pervasive fact that it costs as much to educate a Negro student as a white student, if they are trained to the same degree, it appears appropriate that an investigation be made that will show in comparative form the status of several white and Negro colleges in the Disciples Brotherhood.

Living in a capitalistic economy as we presently are, the question might be injected, “Is the Disciples Brotherhood willing to share generously of its finances to the end that Negro Youth might be trained to live effectively in the American culture?”

As we pondered this question we were imbued with the realization that the continued existence of a free and liberty loving nation is contingent upon an intelligent constituency. We, therefore, have sought to ascertain in the area of higher education in the Disciples of Christ Brotherhood some fundamental facts which should indicate to what extent we have been able to keep faith with our early leaders. In other words, can a Negro youth in a Negro institution supported by the Disciples of Christ receive commensurate training to a white youth in a white institution supported by discs of Christ? How does the support of the Disciples’ Negro and white institutions compare? Can a trained Negro Disciple look forward to employment opportunities in a white Disciples institution?

In order to approach the problems posed above a questionnaire was sent to thirteen Disciple colleges. Returns were received from nine of the colleges. The data on the following table were taken from the returned questionnaires.

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BUDGET, INSTITUTIONAL AND ENROLLMENT FACTORS IN NINE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST COLLEGES
The conclusions reached in this study are as follows:

1. There are instances of gross racial dichotomy in Disciples of Christ institutions.
2. The budgets of the institutions tend to reflect the philosophy behind the operation of the institution. It would appear that this philosophy might stem from the total attitude of the church fellowship.
3. The relationship of the total college budget to accreditation points is unmistakable to the improbability of three of the colleges in this study ever receiving accreditation unless and until their budgets are substantially increased.
4. It is highly questionable whether the graduates of schools with smaller budgets can compete favorably with graduates of schools whose budgets are three and four times as large.
5. Salaries generally are not in keeping with salaries in public institutions which may be one of the weaknesses in church-related institutions in that they compete with public institutions where higher salaries are paid.
6. Church-related institutions by their continued existence and increasing enrollment are apparently meeting a need.

This study with its results and conclusions has answered its immediate problem, but in its development other problems and questions have arisen. Certainly an intensive study of the philosophy behind, purposes of and plans for these institutions cannot be overlooked. The interrelatedness of the total budget to other aspects of the institutional picture would suggest fertile fields for study. The extent to which these church-related institutions receive the impetus for their points of direction from that fellowship should be highly important in a democratic society. However, important finance is, it would be interesting to know in what other ways the Brotherhood contributes to these schools such as sending them their youth, perpetuating goodwill and manifesting active interest in them. It may be that these factors in some ways transcend the efficacy of finance. Moreover, the matter of duplication of effort cannot be ignored inasmuch as it is not only an expensive venture, but suffers grossly in the face of logic.

Finally, the inferences in this study would point out graphically that there is a great disparity in the provisions for education in Disciples Negro and white institutions. It would suggest that there has been a breach of faith with our forefathers and the implacable stand which they took on justice, freedom and the dignity of the individual. The question continues to arise, "Are We Able?" Is the Disciples of Christ Brotherhood able to conceive within the realm of its philosophy and practice an educational program for Negroes that has no superior in quality? The foregoing facts in this study point out indisputably that there has been either a lack of philosophy at this point or a philosophy unanimated by practice.

As members of the Disciples of Christ Brotherhood the question which challenges us is, "What part can we as Disciples play in the future educational program of the Brotherhood?" Are we willing to give our material and human resources to the end that Negro youth might get a fair deal in Negro Disciple colleges?

ANNUAL REPORT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Arah E. Garrett, President

Mr. President and members of the Thirty-Third Annual National Convention of the Disciples of Christ:

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I tell you the rich fellowship and association that I have experienced with the National Staff. National Board, Ministers, men and women through the States have been a deepening of my faith and an enrichment of my spirit.

We attended our first planning conference in November in Indianapolis, Ind. Notwithstanding, I had been president of the Texas State Missionary work for seven years, I had never attended this planning conference; for it came or was held at a very busy season of the school year, which caused me to feel I could ill afford to take time out from my duties. After you gave me the task as National President, I realized with that task and
honor there was a grave responsibility, thus, I concluded my attendance to the planning conference was a must.

In that meeting, we included in the agenda—a study of our materials that they may be broken down to a conclusive comprehension to the masses with the hope that all our Churches will develop Missionary Education in the Church. We are very definitely concerned that the Missionary responsibility will be the task of the whole Church, and not delegated to a few women who are often thought of as being too old for anything else.

For this meeting, the call went especially to state presidents in order that they would come and reason together, for the best of all concerned; then return to their respective home state with a flaming inspiration, that would lift and motivate their missionary women and men to a marked degree of Christian progress.

How well they have done their task will be reflected in the various state's reports as to membership, cooperation with the national brotherhood program and finance.

We are now facing an experience that has become almost habitually unpleasant and that is—to be without our National Director of Adult Missionary Education. We were loathe to lose Mrs. Shackleford Brown as we were reluctant to lose her predecessors to the "field of matrimony". Our burning sentiment and sustaining hope are, that the powers that be, immediately fill the position that our missionary field may be cultivated intensively and extensively.

We realize that we should glow and grow. We can do neither, when our societies faint and die for the lack of cultivation.

We further feel the Missionary field is too extensive for only one worker especially when she must share her time with youth groups. We have a deepening passion, that the Adult Worker, work solely with adult work that her interest may not be divided or diverted but given to organization and revitalization to societies that need motivation and spiritual awakening. How can this be done? I ask you as the Lord asked Moses, “What is that in thy hand?” In our hands lies the answers. We have our stewardship of time, talent and possessions.

If we give ourselves whole heartedly to the task accounting accurately to the Master, there will be a resurgence of ways and means to make the world one for Christ.

Our urgent need is a marked development of spirit and funds that we shall be able to do effectively some of the things you want and would appreciate your National Officers doing for you.

In the planning conference, we placed especial emphasis on the development of a "Pageant of the States" in order that more women may participate in our national program.

If your state isn't represented in the pageant tomorrow night, take your State Missionary president in conference, because it was he responsibility to furnish your state's information.

We further stressed in that meeting, the importance of your society sharing in the National gift project. This year the gifts are for Southern Christian Institute.

As I glance over the packages and bundles in the office, the wick of gratitude flamed high for your pronounced loyalty; for it made me know that our National women can and will do a magnificent job.

Respectfully submitted,

ARAH E. GARRETT

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION SESSIONS
AUGUST 22, 1949

Second Period

Origination of women—Christian Organization, Women Fellowship as new name.

Explain the new Program
1. Worship—personal and group
2. Study—home and abroad
3. Service—project and giving
Round Table Discussion

By group—closing thoughts by Miss Schutze. Remarks by the President, Mrs. Garrett.

Display Committee

Chairman, Mrs. Dean, Arkansas; Mrs. Coleman of Dallas; Mrs. Sparks, Texas; Mrs. Lizzie McKenzie, Penn.; Mrs. Clark, Ill.; Mrs. Anna Gunnings, North Carolina; Mrs. Groves, Tenn.; Mrs. Clara Bush, Ohio; Mrs. Franklin, Arkansas.

Committee on Awards

Mrs. Jessie Mosley, Mississippi; Mrs. Luvenia Moore, Tennessee; Miss Rosa McCrea, New York; Mrs. A. L. Martin, Illinois; Mrs. Batsell, Missouri.

AUGUST 23, 1949

Song—

Prayer by Mrs. Hamilton.

Get acquainted period.

Remarks by the President and presentation of the speaker of the hour, Rev. Lambert of the First Christian Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Subject: "Making Missionary Education Live in the Life of the Church Members."

Brother Lambert then presented Brother M. C. Dickson of Dallas, Pastor of the Boll Street Christian Church, who brought the message who pointed up his subject with these points:

You have the will to keep missions alive in your church.
We learn by experience.
We must have the conviction from within.
Love people and serve.
We should give out more than physical need, we should give out love and good will.
Education is a life process.
Presentation of Brother Lambert by Sister Gunnings who briefly pointed up the subject from these angles:
Serve because the service our church responsibility not because a person is poor.
Every Christian church is a mission, not only women.

Second Period

Round table discussion conducted by Mrs. Schutze who gave us the scripture for the new organization, I John 1-3. After which she brought the message of the hour on our work around the world. Material was given out to help inform us of our program. Announcements.

Work in the local church by Mrs. Lenora Rolla, Field Worker for Texas who pointed up her message: "What Society Should Do."

1. By inspiration of our group.
2. By talking.
3. Hope—Cause and service are the greatest.
4. Give opportunity to needy.
5. Fellowship with other groups—Interdenominational and Interracial.
6. Know the people and needs around world. The program should provide for sharing and participation in Missionary Education and service.
7. All Christians to commit our life to Christ.

Recommendation Committee

Mrs. Lizzie McKenzie
Mrs. Annie Gunnings
Mrs. Lenora Rolla
Mrs. A. L. Martin, Chairman
Mrs. Pearson
Mrs. Clara Bush
Mrs. Daisy Dean

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Second Period

Discussion on "Problem and Plans for the Woman's Missionary Society", that we be able to accomplish a greater task in the future. A committee was appointed to make plans for our next year's work:

Mrs. Jessie Mosley, Miss., Chairman
Mrs. Lenora Rollins, Texas
Mrs. Coleman, Texas
Mrs. Daisy Dean, Arkansas
Mrs. Holmes, Oklahoma

Adjournment.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 26, 1949

Mrs. Hamilton, Presiding

The meeting was opened with a song and a morning prayer by Mrs. Martin. The President made some timely remarks about the accomplishment and especially the rural churches. Report of the treasurer by Mrs. Lee of the amount turned over to the Society $376.67, $427.70. All checks, bank statements and money was turned in.

Second Period

Report from the committee on Plans was made by Mrs. Rollins. It was moved by Mrs. Holmes, seconded by Mrs. Moore that the report be accepted. Passed. It was decided by vote that a mimeographed copy be made and each delegate be given a copy to take back to her state so our work for the new year can start at once.

Report for the Secretary on reports on state registration. (20) states reported, there were others who had not completed.

Remarks and questions by several of the delegates clarified many things that had confused our program. Amount raised $427.76. Adjournment and benediction.

NATIONAL MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

Program and Pageant

Wednesday Evening, August 24, 1949

Program Committee

Devotions—Mrs. Daisy Dean, Chairman.
Music—Mrs. Lorraine Graves, Mrs. Rose McCrea.
Pageant—Mrs. A. L. Martin, Chairman; Mrs. J. J. Hawkins, Mrs. R. H. People, Mrs. Charles Mosley, Sr., Mrs. W. K. Fox.

NATIONAL MISSIONARY PROJECT

Below is a list of items received from U. M. S. year's project:

Clothing: New and used for babies, boys, girls, men and women, all sizes. S. C. I. has a used clothing store from which good used clothing are sold to needy and worthy students and to the people of the surrounding community, many of whom are sharecroppers and tenant farmers. Clothing sent should have wearing value and should be clean; if possible, in good repair.

Books: This school maintains an extension library service for elementary schools and for homes in the surrounding community. Books for this service are acceptable. Choose carefully the books sent; avoid sending "trashy" or dilapidated volumes.
Pictures: President Long writes, "We are interested in pictures for our library service for rural schools. These schools have few pictures on the walls. There are few in the homes of the children except such as happen to appear on the newspaper and magazine pages with which their walls are papered to keep out the cold. It is a real service to have a picture or two to lend each classroom for a month and exchange it the next month just as we do the books."

Bed Linens: Pillow cases, sheets, quilts, blankets and bedspreads for both single and double beds for use in the dormitories.

Household Linens: Hand towels, bath towels, tea towels, dresser scarfs, window curtains (2½ yds. long, ruffled or tailored).

Requirements for the Missionary Award
1. That the society shall hold at least twelve (12) regular meetings per year.
2. That the society shall hold twelve (12) executive meetings.
3. That the president or some member of the society participate in some meetings which give opportunity for personal enrichment, and leadership development.
4. That semi-annual reports shall be sent to the National Director of Missionary Organizations and also the State Secretary (when requested).
5. That the society shall be represented in its State or Area and the National Conventions.
6. That the society must sponsor at least one (1) organization for young people and children.
7. That the society use the current study materials for the missionary year.
8. That societies observe Woman’s Day and Easter Week of Prayer.
9. That the society or members subscribe and use World Call.
10. That the society which gives the largest amount above the giving of last year, according to its membership, shall receive the award.

Awards Committee
Mrs. Elizabeth Herod
Mrs. John A. Towns
Mrs. Alvfd S. Brown

Compilation of Reports
August 25, 1949
The Committee on Yearly Program for the Missionary Department recommends:
1. That we accept National Goals with special emphases on Crusade Goals.
2. That we observe all special days.
3. That the National Project be accepted at the National Convention.
4. That the National Project for 1950 be linens for Jarvis Christian College.
5. That in addition to our National material, information on local projects be included.
6. That Missionary workshops be conducted in each state.

Superintendent—Administration of Christian Education
Tuesday, August 23, 1949
The first session of the conference was opened by Rev. E. W. Henry, who led the group in silent meditation. Mr. Joe Babb was introduced as the visiting resource leader. Informal introductions were also made by those attending the conference.

Mr. Lorenzo Evans pointed out the purpose of the conference on Christian Education, and the program that the group will follow during the week. Mr. Babb presented the Responsibility of the Superintendents in the Church.
Mr. Babb pointed out that the Sunday School is the teaching Church at work. He also discussed the development of the Sunday School and the growth of such Christian associations as the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations. It was stated that 55% of the Church memberships come from Sunday School students; however, a recent report showed a 30% decrease in Sunday School attendance.

An interesting account of the Administrative responsibilities of the Superintendent was listed on the board. Very fine suggestions were offered by the members of the class and the leaders. Three major jobs of the Superintendent were listed as: (1) Planning devotions; (2) selection of teachers and placement; and (3) upkeep of supplies and the cooperation in community activities. Several articles were read with information leading to Church School achievement programs, Christian teaching. The discussion was closed by Mr. Evans.

**Wednesday, August 24, 1949**

The second meeting of the conference was opened by the chairman, Rev. E. W. Henry, who led the group in silent meditation, followed by prayer. After the opening, Mr. Evans gave a brief summary of the work thus far and announced the leaders for the remainder of the week.

Mr. Babb in his discussion made the observation that the Churches of National convention have responded greatly to the achievement program than the Churches of the International convention.

The main topic discussed in the session was the method of promoting a successful Church school. The "five finger" point program was emphasized: (1) Want them; (2) Find them; (3) Go get them; (4) Win them; and (5) Keep them.

Materials provided for superintendents were reviewed briefly. Such movements as the "Worker's Conference" in Church schools were stated to be most effective. The leadership training courses were explained.

The session was closed by E. W. Henry, the Chairman. This was the last day for Mr. Babb's leadership. The group expressed their thanks to Mr. Babb for his competent services.

**Thursday, August 25, 1949**

The third session of the Superintendents' conference was opened by the Chairman. The new resource leader was introduced to the group, Miss Ruth Reynolds.

Miss Reynolds' presentation of the topic was full of her own colorful and interesting experiences as a Superintendent. A collection of photographs made of a basement Sunday School, of which she was superintendent, told the story of the development of a fine school from a poorly equipped and poorly constructed place. Very amusing articles were read which pointed out current problems in many Sunday Schools: such as the appointment of teachers without previous notice; permitting untrained youth to take over primaries, simply because the young person was not satisfied with the teacher of his group.

The group then visited the Children's work department to view the splendid exhibits of materials, books suggestions for decoration of primary departments.

The four and five-year-old age group department was visited. Many beautiful creative designs for panels and other means of setting up a Worship corner in the Sunday School were on exhibit. The last group visited was the workshop for Juniors. A great deal of emphasis was placed on training the teachers for preparing and beautifying the spare corners of the Sunday School rooms.

**Friday, August 26, 1949**

The Superintendent's class met the first hour with the youth group to hear Miss Catherine Carter, State Director of Christian Education, explain the Superintendent's work with young people's classes in Sunday school. Miss Carter discussed the literature used in the Intermediate and older youth classes. Handbooks were on exhibition, Recreation, Worship, C.Y.F. handbooks, etc. A copy of "Vision" was reviewed. This book is the book for young people's reading. All superintendents were urged to subscribe to the Brotherhood papers. Packets of informative materials were passed out to the Superintendents.
The second half of the session was spent in a question period conducted by Miss Carter. After the period, Miss Carter expressed her pleasure in working with the group in Christian Education.

The Chairman, Rev. E. W. Henry, made the closing remarks to the conference in this last meeting: Respectfully submitted, Rev. E. W. Henry, Chairman; Gwendolyn E. Blayton, Acting Secretary.

1949 INTERNATIONAL CYF COMMISSION

Rayford Pouncy, Denver, Colo.
Miss Robbie Lee Williams, Little Rock, Ark.
Charles Gladney, St. Louis, Missouri.
Miss Linne Welch, Chicago, Illinois.
Miss Marcella Reeves, Muskogee, Okla.
Miss Beatrice Hunt, Chicago, Illinois.
Craft Carter, Bluefield, West Va.
James Sims, Lawrence, Kansas.
Gale Page, Chicago, Illinois.

Adults

Mr. Thomas J. Griffin, Chicago, Illinois.
Mrs. Susie L. Elster, Mt. Sterling, Ky.
Co-Presidents: Kenneth Henry, Miss Fredia Hall.
Secretary: Robbie Lee Williams.
Co-Advisors: Thomas Griffin, Walter Bingham.

Representatives to Christian Youth Fellowship Commission—1950

Kenneth Henry, Texas.
Sara Hinson, Alabama.
Charles Gladney, Missouri.
Robbie L. Williams, Arkansas.
Ester Whitfield, Washington, D.C.
Helen Gibson, Indiana.
Fredia Hall, Kentucky.
Roland Hayes, North Carolina.
Alonzo Cannon, Oklahoma.
Willieatta Schley, Tennessee.
Craft Carter, West Virginia.
Gale Page, Illinois.
Harriet Walker, Kentucky.

REPORT OF THE FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT

of the

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

As your Fourth Vice President of the National Christian Missionary Convention, we have come another mile in developing our Youth Program of this Convention. We have done much to develop our program to its present status, having in mind the ideals of realistic Christian thinking.

The Youth program is indebted to our National Staff for its intense efforts to understand and cooperate in its wonderful way to bring out our total program. For a long time we have been satisfied believing our position was that of mere verbal significance, but through constant toil and struggle, we have come to realize how important it was to actually carry it as a total part of our overall program. Now that we are integrated, we feel that we are definitely moving in the Crusader's path.

From our last Convention, we journeyed to our International Commission at Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and there working with our total Youth Planning Group as an integrated part, planned our work for the year just finished. We feel that we are working from ideas and ideals that befit a well rounded youth program.

Though our co-advisors, Mr. Griffin and Mr. Sims, we share sentiments for their cooperative and earnest efforts and the many state and local workers who have done much to bring us where we presently stand.

Progress has been made and we are not the least idle in our looks for the future. In that, I mean we want the same and better National support that we have had previously. The demand must not outrun our supply. We must
face the facts of our need for a National Youth Director and think in channels that will lead to early election and promotion of this office. It will be through you who realize our necessities that these concepts will work into ideas and then to working ideals.

As an example of our definite progress, the Convention will be interested to know we are having from 6 to 12 young people who have never attended a convention before. By this, we realize how the program has reached into many areas and inspired the informational seeking youth who are earnestly, "Knocking at our door."

My interest shall not lessen in the development of an ideal Youth organization that will be representative of this growing Convention of Disciples of Christ. "Knock at Any Door" and you will find Disciple Youth eager to grasp their hold in this our Crusade for a more Christian World. We challenge you to ever stick with us and through your support and the words of all who are destined to develop the best with what they have. We, the Youth of the National Christian Missionary Convention say: "We can do all things through You who strengthen Us."

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SESSIONS

Tuesday, August 23, 1949, First Hour, Room 9

The session was opened by Thomas Griffin who introduced the Co-President, Rayford Pouncey, introduced the substitute speaker. Mr. Bingham was introduced and led the discussion for the first hour.

Mr. Griffin suggested group discussion directed by the speaker, Mr. Bingham. Mrs. Dawson explained three levels of thinking:

1. Superstitious thinking
2. Myth-minded thinking
3. Causes and effects thinking

Comments: The question was asked, "If a youth or youths wished to put over a project and was hindered by an elder, what could be done?" A statement was given by Mr. Griffin, "Religion is the complete art of living." Mr. Bingham remarked: "We need to make our religion more concrete."

Second Hour, Room 9

"Program Planning and Resource Material"

Mr. Griffin introduced the Chairman of this session, Mrs. Catherine Carter, substitute for Mr. Percy E. Kohl. Mrs. Carter led us in a moment of silent meditation. From Mrs. Carter's talk, the following points were received:

I. In planning our Youth Program, what are some purposes
1. A consciousness of God and a sense of relationship.
2. An understanding of Jesus' life and teachings and experience of him, as Savior and Lord in all phases of life and conduct.
3. A progressive development of Christ's life character.
5. Loyal participation in the work of the church.
6. A Christian interpretation of life, and ability to see God's purpose and plans in the universe.
7. An understanding of the Bible as the major source of the religious race and a guide to present experience.

II. Materials
1. Materials need to be chosen well.

III. Activities for a well-balanced program
1. Worship.
2. Study and discussion.
4. Service—Social action.
   a. Stewardship.
5. Enlistment.
7. Missions.
8. Interdenominationalism.
Wednesday, August 24, 1949, First Hour, Room 9

"My Community and the Christian Ideal"

The session was opened by Thomas Griffin and turned over to the President, Rayford Pouncy, who in turn introduced the speaker for the discussion, Dr. John Eubanks.

Points from Dr. Eubanks talk:
1. Every society has to be governed by rules.
   a. Folkways—a form of behavior not essential.
   b. Mores—a form of behavior that is necessary.
   c. Customs.
   d. Laws.
2. A community is a group of people who have lived together long enough to consider themselves and to be considered.
   a. Some things people have in common:
      1. Hunger.
      2. Sex.
      3. Constant body temperature.
      4. Activity.
   b. The two cornerstones of God's Kingdom are:
      2. Brotherhood of all men.
   c. The Kingdom of God is the ideal of the community.

Second Hour

Rayford Pouncy opened the session and appointed the following for the Worship Committee:

Miss Staples, Advisor
Miss Bernice James
Miss Willletta Schley
Mr. Jackson
Mr. Charles Guss

Mrs. Carter led the discussion. She opened with a poem, "Principles of good building." Some necessities:
1. Include all youth of the church.
2. Interest—Program should be bound on the interest of youth and try to meet their needs.
3. Program planned to meet the needs of the world.
4. Program carefully planned and evaluate them often.
5. Youth should have a large share in the planning.
6. Program should include definite leadership.
7. Program should be integrated so it will become a program for its youth.

A recommendations committee:
1. Rayford Pouncy
2. Thomas Griffin
3. Walter Bingham
4. Sara Hinson
5. Robbie L. Williams

Thursday, August 25, 1949, First Hour, Room 9

"My Community and the Christian Ideal"

The meeting was opened by the Co-President, Rayford Pouncy, who read the report from the Recommendation Committee. It was moved that the report be adopted.

Dr. Eubanks led the discussion.
1. The Kingdom of God is an ideal community.
2. Race, nationality, and religion are tribal terms.
3. We want freedom without responsibility.

Second Hour, Room 9

"Program Planning and Resource Material"

The CYF Manuals were explained by Mrs. Carter.
Friday, August 26, 1949, First Hour, Room 9

"My Community and the Christian Ideal"

The session was opened by the Co-President, Rayford Pouncy. Mr. Bingham and Mr. Sherman led the discussion.

Mr. Sherman feels that "religion is serious. It ought to be our ideals, and ideals can be made to operate in this world."

President of the Convention, Elder R. H. Davis, was introduced and gave some very encouraging remarks.

Second Hour

"Program Planning and Resource Material"

This session was opened with the Chairman, Rayford Pouncy; after a few remarks, he introduced the Superintendents of Sunday Schools. They gave us information on how to conduct Sunday School and CYF programs. Mr. Evans served as Chairman of the Superintendents Committee.

Mrs. Catherine Carter gave a lecture on the correct leadership of youth groups. This week we have been studying the total program for youth. We have discussed two plans. Unified Plan and the Correlated Plan—The Christian Youth Fellowship is the total program for youth.

Material was passed out to different ones. Rayford Pouncy explained the CWFF goal which was $500.00. It was moved that the CWFF goal remain $500.00. The motion was carried.

Complete quietness was asked of the group during the Devotion. Mr. Griffin gave information about the Oratorical Contest. Rayford Pouncy urged the group to support the CYF financially in the local churches.

NATIONAL YOUTH ORATORICAL CONTEST

Four young people appeared in the first National Oratorical Contest finals at the National Christian Missionary Convention on youth night at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi. The two prizes given were $100.00 to Barbara Dodd, an active youth worker in the Louden Avenue Christian Church, Roanoke, Virginia (Rev. D. W. Heath, Pastor); and $50.00 to Willetta A. Schley, an active member of the Vine Street Christian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, of which Rev. E. A. Daniels is minister. The other two honorable mentions were Robbie L. Williams, a very fine youth worker in the Cross Street Christian Church, Little Rock, Arkansas (Rev. O. B. Garner, Pastor); and Barbara Berry, an active member of Mt. Beulah Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas—Minister, J. W. Forbes.

These young people wrote their orations from the topic, "The Responsibility of Christian Youth in the Modern Crisis." A real challenge was presented by these participants for the youth of our Brotherhood to dedicate their lives for Christian service.

The Children's Workers section of the National Convention conducted a skill shop planned to meet the needs of the teachers of children in the church school.

A first series course was taught to all workers enrolled in the kindergarten, primary, junior classes. The theory course that was taught in the first period was followed by various skills and crafts that make for interesting activities in enriching the teaching period in the church school, and vacation church school.

All workers who successfully completed the course were issued Standard Leadership Training Credit Cards.

MINISTER'S WIVES FELLOWSHIP

1949-1950 Officers: President, Mrs. J. P. Mosley; Vice President, Mrs. M. C. Dickson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. L. Dickerson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. L. Parks; Treasurer, Mrs. A. L. Martin; National Scholarship Chairman, Mrs. Elizabeth Herod and Mrs. Essie Garner, Director of Scholarship Drive.

Accepted Recommendations: (1) That scholarships be extended to men as well as women. (2) That scholarship be increased from Fifty Dollars to One Hundred Dollars. (3) Effort be made to increase treasury. (4) Minister's wives are urged to form fellowship group at their own town with an annual
meeting at their respective state conventions. (5) Wherever the National Convention meets, that the state fellowship group accept the responsibility for the appreciation reception closing the scholarship drive.

The Minister's wives of Mississippi perfected their organization. They contributed more than Fifty-Three Dollars of this amount, ten dollars was given to the scholarship fund. Mississippi led the way for us as a group. This was over and above their yearly dues and personal scholarship contribution.

The fellowship group presented one hundred dollars for scholarship to Mrs. E. Herod at the appreciation reception. Balance in treasury, ninety-eight dollars.

Mrs. J. B. Mosley, President.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 24, 1949:

The Minister's conference opened on above date at 10:15 A. M., with the President, F. T. Floyd, Presiding.

The opening song was "What a Fellowship", led by the President. The prayer was offered by Elder C. L. Whitfield, of Baltimore, Md.

The order of the day was to have been an address on the "Effective Ministry," by Mr. Bert Johnson, but due to his absence, Mr. C. H. Webb, National Director of Church Development and Evangelism, spoke to us on the "Effective Ministry." It was most interesting. Elder R. Westly Watson gave some interesting points on "Visitation in the Hospitals".

Thursday, August 25, 1949:

The Minister's conference opened on the above date at 10:30 with the President, F. T. Floyd, Presiding. The opening song was "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," led by the President. The morning prayer was given by Bro. O. S. Singleton.

Following the devotions, the roll was called. The next in order was the presentation of our National Director of Church Development, C. H. Webb, who spoke briefly on the Minister and His Ministry, after which he led the group into a period of questions and discussions. One of the outstanding points in the address was, the appeal to the Ministers to be good listeners when people come with their troubles. He recommended use of Book of Russell Dicks "Pastoral Work, and Personal Counselling."

Friday, August 26, 1949:

The Minister's Fellowship opened its session at 10:00 A. M. with the President, F. T. Floyd, Presiding. The opening song was "Nearer Lord to Thee", after which Elder Martin gave the morning prayer. Following the period of devotions and remarks by Elder F. T. Floyd, our President. Elder L. L. Dickerson, Editor of the Plea, was presented to speak to the Fellowship on the importance of the Plea to our Brotherhood. As a result of his speech, the ministers took on a new interest and determination to give their full support to this Worthy Publication.

There was a business period following, at which time the matter of election of officers was discussed. Following a suggestion of retaining the same officers, it was moved and carried that the same officers be retained for the year 1949-1950. The following officers are: President, F. T. Floyd, Kentucky; Vice President, G. E. Lakes, Kansas; Secretary, J. J. Hawkins, Mississippi; and Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, Tennessee.

Saturday, August 27, 1949:

The Minister's Fellowship opened on the above date at 10:20 A. M. with the President President. Following the devotional period, the committee on Recommendations made the following recommendations: (1) That a benevolent fund be set up by the payment of twenty-five cents per Minister, annually. (2) That a Scholarship of at least fifty dollars be given to a young man studying for the Disciple Ministry. (3) That the sum of five dollars be given as a presentation of sympathy to each widow of a member Minister, who has lost her husband during the past year. Committee: D. L. Jackson, Chairman; W. M. Martin, C. L. Whitfield, T. C. R. Bragg, and N. J. Dickerson. After considerable discussion, the recom-
MENDATIONS were adopted as read. A motion was passed that the Secretary
have cards printed with the correct name as adopted by the group “Christian
Ministers’ Fellowship”. Forty-one (41) Ministers paid one dollar each for
1949-50 dues. Making a total of forty-one dollars. Disbursements: F. T.
Floyd, President (on travel expense) $5.00, Ministerial Loan $20.00. Total
disbursement $25.00. Balance in Treasury $16.00. Elder F. T. Floyd, Presi-
dent; Elder J. J. Hawkins, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL LAYMEN’S LEAGUE
August 23, 1949

The Laymen met in their first session of the 1949 National Missionary
Convention Tuesday morning immediately after the morning devotions.

Mr. J. Chandler of Memphis, as chairman, called the meeting to order.
The chairman spoke of the loose-jointed efforts of the past and stated that
the work must move with some pattern and purpose from now on.

The minutes of the Detroit meeting were read by Rev. T. C. R. Bragg.
On motion of Bro. James Bean of Kentucky and second by Ralph Mc-
Williams of Indianapolis, the minutes were adopted with the necessary cor-
rections. There was $29.75 left in the treasury and this was turned over to
Mr. Chandler in the form of a personal check.

Mr. Mark Rutherford, traveling layman representative of the United
Society, was present to talk to the delegates. His subject, “The Task of the
Church.” Chairman Chandler stated that each man present was to con-
stitute a committee of one to get men to our daily meetings.

Mr. Rutherford, who really knows his job, started right in by telling
those present that the program of the church was a man’s job. That was
primarily to save souls and to do this the program of the church must be
pushed into the community.

The program must also be diversified. One to inspire and challenge men
to go out for the Lord’s work. This will, (1) build the congregation, and
(2) increase finances. Men are loafing and waiting to be given work to do.

The basic issue with men is stewardship.

Personal visitation is one method of reaching men but must be made by
men whose lives are a message. Mr. Rutherford said that the only difference
between the layman and the minister was that the minister serves full time
and the layman serves in his spare time. Make the men’s work program
a church building program and not just a men’s club. A good slogan, “Come
to hear my preacher preach.”

During the question period it was brought out that you must first get
the men of your church and then go after the outsiders.

A committee on By-Laws and Constitution was appointed, namely:
Ralph McWilliams, James Bean, and James McCoy, with Mr. Rutherford as
counsellor. Mr. Chandler dismissed the meeting with the challenge that
we must sell our program.

Wednesday, August 24th

Mr. Chandler talked on “Tackling the Task,” but the acting secretary
was present and no minutes were taken.

Thursday, August 25th

Mr. Rutherford spoke of putting men to the task. After personal visitat-
tion the various jobs of the church should naturally fall to men best suited.
Each man lives to inspire himself and to inspire others.

Friday, August 26th

Meeting was opened by Mr. J. T. Chandler, National Chairman.
Mr. Rutherford talked on the reward of the task. Peace of mind. The
satisfaction that comes with completion of a job well done. This peace is
not inherited, but must be earned.

There were about 30 Laymen present at the convention.

Mr. Ralph McWilliams of Indianapolis, was appointed Secretary to fill
the unexpired term of Mr. T. C. R. Bragg, who has entered the Ministry
since the Detroit Convention.
DEPARTMENT OF MEN'S WORK

The National Christian Missionary Convention

222 South Downey Ave.
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

CONSTITUTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MEN'S WORK

Article I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Department of Men's Work affiliated with the National Christian Missionary Convention.

Article II

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Men's Work shall be the objectives adopted by the Department of Men's Work.

1. To enlist all men in the local church in definite efforts to promote the welfare and program of the local church in its local work, including church attendance, worship and church fellowship, evangelism stewardship, missions, church school work, etc., and in all the outreaches of its program—rural, city, state, national and international.

2. To mobilize the total manpower of the local church as a working force to undergird the program and activities of the minister and the official board of the church.

3. To increase the spiritual vision of the men of the church in rededication and reconsecration of the several abilities possessed by each man in the reaching of definite objectives for Christ and His Kingdom; and, to evolve specific plans for self-improvement and service which will further develop the abilities of the men, thus endeavoring to present "approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

4. In line with the general objectives of the local church and the brotherhood to secure the commitment of the men of the local church in support of special projects at home and abroad.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

All men of the church and other men desiring to have fellowship with this organization shall be deemed members of the Men's Department unless disapproved for cause.
Article IV
OFFICERS

The officers of this Men's Department shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall be elected and hold office for one year or until their successors are installed. Their duties shall be such as usually pertain to these offices. The Secretary shall maintain an accurate list of the members of the League including an up to date mailing address for each member.

Article V
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Men's Department shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and the Chairmen of the four standing committees referred to in Article VII.

Article VI
MEETINGS

The regular meetings of the Men's Department shall be held on the ........................ of each month. The annual meeting shall be held in conjunction with the National Christian Missionary Convention or subject to be called by President.

Article VII
STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the League shall be:
- Program Committee
- Activities Committee
- Attendance Committee
- Finance Committee

Special committees may be named as found necessary.

Article VIII
FUNDS

The general policy concerning funds needed to carry on Men's Work shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and become effective when approved by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any regular meeting.

Article IX
AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting provided notice of the proposed amendment has been presented in writing at least one month before action is taken thereon.

Program
NATIONAL USHER'S FELLOWSHIP UNION

1. Processional—Ushers
2. Song
3. Prayer
4. Scripture
5. Song
6. History of National Ushers Fellowship Union
7. Special Music
8. Instructions and Review of Questions
9. Remarks
10. Presentation of Officers and Members
11. Announcements
12. Benediction

George C. Penn, Pres.
Elma M. Dupree, Sect.
Ruby Ramsey, Program Chair.

MOTTO—"Do Unto Others As Ye Would Have Them Do Unto You."
SLOGAN—"Lift As You Climb."
OUR AIM—To bring about the realization of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.
SIX QUALIFICATIONS OF AN USHER
1. Christianity
2. Courteous
3. Alertness
4. Promptness
5. Courageousness
6. Discipline

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION
REPORT OF TREASURER
As of August 10, 1949

INCOME

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- Cedar Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio               25.00
- Osage Christian Church, Okmulgee, Oklahoma            10.00
- Wehrman Avenue Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio     26.25
- Shaw, Mississippi Christian Church                     26.00
- First Christian Church, Clarksdale, Mississippi        10.25

Dec.
- Mound Bayou Christian Church (J. H. Pickins)           10.00
- Taylor Estate                                          1,000.00

Jan.
- Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois     210.00

Feb.
- Market Street Christian Church, Carthage, Indiana      15.15
- Fulton Street Christian Church, Palestine, Texas (twp) 3.00
- Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss.           50.00

Mar.
- Boll Street Christian Church, Dallas, Texas (twp)      176.75

July
- Third Christian Church, Louisville, Kentucky           10.00

April
- Miss. Bly. Christian Church, Memphis, Tenn.            200.00
- West Paseo Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo.          225.00

May
- Almeda Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn.              10.00
- London Avenue Christian Church, Roanoke, Va.           100.00

June
- Edwards Chapel Christian Church, Russellville, Ark.    10.00
- Mount Sinai Christian Church (Arkansas)                3.63
- Cephas Chapel (Arkansas)                                10.00
- Pea Ridge Christian Church (Arkansas)                  7.15
- Cross Street Christian Church (Arkansas)               18.00
- Institutional Christian Church, Kansas City, Kansas    10.00
- East Vine Avenue Christian Church, Knoxville, Tenn.    50.00
- Third Christian Church, Louisville, Ky.                100.00
- Mount Olivet Christian Church, Baltimore, Md.          100.00
- Avalon Street Christian Church, Los Angeles, Calif.    58.75
- Cosmopolitan Church of Christ, Los Angeles, Calif.     8.75
- East 28th Street Christian Church, Los Angeles, Calif. 8.75
- Western Avenue Christian Church, Los Angeles, Calif.   8.75

July
- Little Rock Christian Church, Brookfield, Illinois     10.00
- Snow Hill Christian Church, Willing, Ala.              5.00
- 12th Street Christian Church, Austin, Texas (twp)      25.00
- Central Christian Church, Louisville, Ky.              50.00
- 11th Street Christian Church, Birmingham, Ala.         75.00
- Romine Street Christian Church, Dallas, Texas (twp)    24.00
- South Third St. Christian Church, Dallas, Texas (twp)  11.00
- Bethlehem Christian Church, McKinney, Texas (twp)      10.00
- Indiana Christian Church, Indianola, Miss.             10.00
- Second Christian Church, Columbia, Missouri            10.00
- First Christian Church, Naptown, Missouri              5.00
- First Christian Church, Concord, N. C.                 3.00
- Jacksonville, Florida Christian Church                 5.00
Summitt Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio 100.00
Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana 100.00
College Addition Church, Jackson, Miss. 10.00
Riverview Christian Church, Memphis, Tenn. 10.00
Cherry Avenue Church of Christ, Canton, Ohio 9.00
12th Street Christian Church, Washington, D.C. 100.00
Fairview Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, Ky. 5.00
High Street Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, Ky. 100.00
Bethel Church, Eastman, Georgia 5.00

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Nov. Osage Christian Church Bible School, Okmulgee, Okla. 10.00
Jan. High Street Christian Church Bible School 5.00
Feb. Miss. Blvd. Christian Church Bible School 10.00
Mar. Mt. Pleasant Christian Church Bible School, Mathew, Ala. 10.00
April Bible School, Frankfort, Missouri 10.00
Christian State Bible School of Kentucky 10.00
May Shaw, Miss. Christian Church Bible School 5.00
Registration Fee Bible School, Jefferson City, Mo. 5.00
Vandalia, Missouri Christian Church School 5.00
W. Paseo Christian Church Bible School, Kansas, Mo. 5.00
June Edwards Chapel Christian Church Bible School 5.00
Romine Christian Church Bible School, Dallas, Tex. (twp) 5.00
United Christian Church Bible School, Detroit, Mich. 5.00
Snow Hill Bible School, Willing, Ala. 5.00
Sunday School Registration Fee, East 6th Street Christian Church, Oklahoma City, Okla. 5.00
July Third St. Christian Church Bible School, Louisville, Ky. 10.00
Aug. Bethel Bible School, Eastman, Georgia 5.00

REFUNDS ON DUES

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

Nov. Osage Church Council, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 5.00
Dec. Morgan Avenue Missionary Society 10.00
April Mount Pleasant Women's Missionary Society 5.00
June United Christian Missionary Society of Pine Grove Christian Church, Port Gibson, Mississippi 5.00
Women's Missionary Society, Third Street Christian Church, Warren, Ohio 15.00
Julv United Christian Missionary Society 3.00

CONVENTIONS

July Kansas City Convention 30.00
Tennessee State Convention 30.00
Texas Christian Convention (twp) 10.00
Representative Fee, State of Georgia 12.00

REGISTRATION FEES—C.Y.F.—CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR—
USHER BOARD

Feb. Miss. Blvd. Christian Church Endeavor 6.00
Mar. High Street Christian Church Usher Board 15.00
April Centennial Christian Church C. Y. F. 3.00
May Youth Group, Jefferson City, Missouri 3.00
Youth Group of United Christian Church of Detroit, Mich. 3.00
June C. Y. F. Morgan Avenue Christian Church, Parsons, Kan. 3.00
SPECIAL GIFTS TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION 1948-1949

Elder R. H. Davis, Indiana Avenue Church ........................................ 10.00
Elder Frank Coleman ................................................................. 10.00
Arthur D. Gault .................................................................................. 10.00
Dr. J. E. Walker, Miss. Blvd. Church, Memphis, Tenn. .................... 10.00
Mr. E. M. Touzel, Shaw, Miss. Christian Church ......................... 10.00
Mr. T. W. Pratt, Dallas, Texas ....................................................... 10.00
Bishop H. D. Davis ..............................................................................
Miss Bessie Chandler ..............................................................................
Mr. Arab E. Garett .................................................................................
Mr. G. W. Wall ......................................................................................
Mr. A. R. Walker—Indianola Christian Church .................................. 10.00
Franke Parrish—Broadway Christian Church ...................................... 1.00
Mrs. Ida B. Frazier—Broadway Christian Church ............................. 1.00
Mr. Thomas Jackson—Broadway Christian Church ...................... 1.40
Mr. Charles Clay—Broadway Christian Church ............................... 1.00
Mrs. Ada Brooks—Broadway Christian Church ................................ 1.00
Mr. Will Davis—Broadway Christian Church ................................... 1.00
Mr. Raymond Bruton—Broadway Christian Church ....................... 1.00
Mrs. Carrie Davis—Broadway Christian Church ............................... 1.00
Mr. Lorenzo J. Evans ...........................................................................
Reverend O. Zellar, Houston, Texas (twp) ....................................... 2.00
Mr. K. S. Smith ...................................................................................
Mr. Robert L. Wilson, Yakima, Washington ...................................... 2.00
Prof. M. R. Eppse—Len Avenue Christian Church ......................... 35.00
Rev. S. E. Tillman, New Brunswick, New Jersey .......................... 10.00
Elder E. A. Daniels, 310 Temperance St., Knoxville, Tenn. ........... 10.00
Elder S. E. Tillman, New Brunswick, New Jersey .......................... 10.00
Rev. Jessie J. Hawkins, Edwards, Miss. ......................................... 10.00
Mr. G. E. Lakes, Parsons, Kansas .................................................... 5.00
Elder E. L. Griffin ..............................................................................
Mr. D. W. Bradley, Rogersville, Tennessee ..................................... 5.00
Elder W. K. Fox ...................................................................................
Rev. Blair T. Hunt, Memphis, Tenn. .................................................. 10.00
Rev. E. J. Dickson ................................................................................
Rev. A. A. Henry, Waxachachie, Texas (twp) ................................ 10.00
Rev. Harry G. Smith, Dallas, Texas (twp) ....................................... 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Wallack, Hawkins, Texas (twp) ............... 4.00
Mr. M. T. Johnson, San Antonio, Texas (twp) ................................. 15.60
Mr. Charles Webb (twp) .....................................................................

Total Special Gifts: $7,535.77

CONTRIBUTING AGENCIES

United Christian Missionary Society .............................................. $12,000.00
National Benevolent Association .................................................. 600.00
Pension Fund .................................................................................... 650.00
Christian Board of Publication ...................................................... 2,000.00
Board of Higher Education ............................................................ 750.00
Advance from Crusade Fund ............................................................ 2,500.00

GRAND TOTAL .............................................................................. $26,821.67

DISBURSEMENTS ........................................................................... $23,567.79

Balance Left in Treasury ................................................................. $3,253.88
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June
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Leroy G. Gardner—Liability Insurance ............................................................... 32.00
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E. J. Dickson ...................................................................................................... 162.53
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Salary  Travel Expense

E. J. Dickson .............................................. 3,316.67  $1,250.00  $4,566.67
C. L. Parks ............................................. 274.48  255.00  1,193.84
Lorenzo J. Evans ................................. 2,908.26  975.00  3,883.26
Alva Shackelford Brown ..................... 2,208.26  750.00  3,058.26
Marjorie E. Chenault ......................... 1,983.26  1,983.26
C. H. Webb ........................................... 866.64  335.00  1,301.64

TOTAL .............................................................................................................. $23,567.79

INFORMATION

CRUSADE FUND—1948-1949

Income Distribution Checks .............................................................................. $6,861.84
Advance National Christian Missionary Convention ....................................... 2,500.00
Balance in Treasury .......................................................................................... $4,361.84

MINISTERS’ FUND

National Christian Ministers’ Fellowship ......................................................... $191.79
Balance in Treasury .......................................................................................... $191.79

CHURCH REPORTS

Supplementary

Alabama
11th Street Christian Church, Birmingham ..................................................... 5.00
Macedonia Christian Church, Ox Moore ......................................................... 7.00
Bethlehem, Ft. Deposit ..................................................................................... 4.00
Alabama State Convention .............................................................................. 10.00
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Washington, D. C.
12th Street ........................................... 5.00

SPECIAL GIFTS
Rev. L. E. Hall, Dallas, Texas ....................... $10.00
Rev. L. L. Siedke, Ft. Worth, Texas ................ 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Wallick ...................... 4.00
Rev. M. C. Dickson, Dallas, Texas ................ 16.00
T. R. Moore, N. Little Rock, Ark .................. 5.00
Chaplain Clifford Spears .............................. 10.00
Rev. William F. Keys, Brooklyn, New York .......... 5.00
Rev. Sister Coleman, Brooklyn, New York .......... 5.00
Mrs. Archie Fields, Bay City, Texas ................. 2.00
Mrs. Ella Alcorn, Louisville, Ky ................... 5.00
N. R. Trevillion, Port Gibson, Miss ................. 5.00
Elder D. T. Williams, Atlanta, Ga .................. 1.00
O. B. Garner, Little Rock, Ark ...................... 10.00

CRUSADE MONEY
St. Luke Church of Christ, Goldsboro, North Carolina $7.00
Greenleft Church of Christ, Goldsboro, North Carolina 10.00
St. Peter Church of Christ, Smithfield, North Carolina 9.00
Kinston District Union Meeting ....................... 7.00
Fayetteville District Union Meeting .................. 2.71
Howell Chapter Church, Selma, North Carolina .... 4.29
Third Christian Church, Louisville, Kentucky .... 10.00

BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT
Alabama
Ross Street Christian Church, Montgomery ........ 5.00
11th Street Christian Church, Birmingham .......... 5.00
Macedonia Christian Church, Ox Moore ............... 5.00

Arkansas
Cross Street Christian Church, Little Rock .......... 5.00
Edwards Chapel, Russellville ........................ 5.00
Arkansas State Bible School ......................... 10.00

California
Avalon Christian Church, Los Angeles .............. 30.00

Florida
State of Florida ....................................... 15.00
Evergreen Christian Church, Jacksonville ........ 5.00

Georgia
Evergreen, Valdosta ................................... 5.00

Illinois
Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Chicago ........ 20.00
South Side Christian Church, Chicago ............... 10.00
Bloomington Third Church, Bloomington ............. 2.00
Rockford Bible School ................................. 3.00

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Kentucky State Convention ............................. 12.00

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**REPORT OF THE USHER BOARD**

- Ross Street Senior Usher Board, Montgomery, Ala. $1.00
- State of Mississippi Usher Board $5.00
- Indiana Avenue Christian Church Usher Board, Chicago, Ill. $5.00
- Romine Christian Church Usher Board, Dallas, Texas $2.50
- Eastern Seaboard Usher Board $2.50

**LAYMEN’S LEAGUE**

- Received from Laymen’s League $32.75
- Received from Laymen’s League $10.00
- Received from E. Second St. Christian Church, Lexington, Ky. $5.00

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

### TAYLOR ESTATE

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DISBURSEMENTS

$11,158.81

CRUSADE RECEIPTS

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Alabama

11th Street, Birmingham

New Bethel, Greenville

Macedonia, Oomoor

Snow Hill, Mount Willing

Ross Street, Montgomery

Arkansas

Oak Grove No. 2, Scott

Edwards Chapel, Russelville

Cross Street, Little Rock

California

Avalon, Los Angeles

District of Columbia

12th Street, Washington

Georgia

Bethel, Eastman

Bethesda, Ocone

Illinois

Indiana Avenue, Chicago

South Side, Chicago

Brookport, Little Rock

Pilgrim Rest, East St. Louis

Second Christian, Rockford

$6,034.56
### Indiana
- Second Christian, Indianapolis: 53.85, 100.00
- Carthage, Indianapolis: 15.00

### Kansas
- Morgan Avenue, Parson: 15.43, 11.30
- Indiana Avenue, Wichita: 20.00, 12.55
- 8th St., Kansas City: 16.00, 6.00
- Institutional, Kansas City: 15.50, 22.00

### Kentucky
- Fairview, Sharpsburg: 11.00, 13.50
- East Second, Lexington: 5.00
- Broadway, Winchester: 15.12, 15.00
- Hill Street, Louisville: 10.00
- Third, Louisville: 5.00
- London: 6.57
- High Street, Mt. Sterling: 17.00, 83.00
- Second, Georgetown: 5.00

### Maryland
- Mt. Olive, Baltimore: 13.00

### Michigan
- United Christian, Detroit: 22.00, 23.36

### Mississippi
- First, Hermanville: 26.20, 19.22
- Mission, Clarksdale: 2.00
- S. C. I., Edwards: 292.92, 287.29

### Missouri
- Second, Columbia: 18.00
- Second, Fulton: 16.50
- Second, Salisburg: 25.00, 10.80
- Jefferson City: 17.04, 53.79
- Woodlawn, Kansas City: 200.00
- Second, Madison: 19.35, 17.70
- Second, Chamois: 14.00
- Second, Frankford: 6.00, 25.50
- Centennial, St. Louis: 300.00

### North Carolina
- Antioch, Winston-Salem: 10.00
- St. Peter, Smithfield: 36.00
- Selma: 4.00
- Cleveland Avenue, Winston-Salem: 16.50
- Little Bethlehem, Leakesville: 4.00, 17.50
- Little Salem, Reidsville: 30.00
- First, Reidsville: 2.00
- Running Branch, Clinton: 2.10
- St. Mark, Goldsboro: 12.10

### Ohio
- Cedar Christian, Cleveland: 51.46, 51.46
- Main Street, Xenia: 9.07
- Fifth, Cincinnati: 10.30
- Wehrman, Cincinnati: 83.00
- Federal Street, Youngstown: 10.00
- Norwood, Dayton: 31.00

### Oklahoma
- Second, Muskogee: 25.00, 26.65
- East 6th Street, Oklahoma City: 32.03, 40.00
- Pine Street, Tulsa: 17.59, 7.10

### Tennessee
- Alemeda, Nashville: 16.00
- Mississippi Blvd., Memphis: 516.35, 360.00

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Bottom St., Jacksonville ........................................... 4.00
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Oak Cliff, Dallas ..................................................... 25.00
Romine Street, Dallas .............................................. 47.65
Friendship, Davilla .................................................. 2.00
Shady Grove, Cason ................................................... 4.50
Jarvis College, Hawkins .......................................... 25.00

Virginia

Mt. Olive, Martinsville .............................................. 12.00
Midway, N. Tazewell ................................................ 5.00

West Virginia

Jones Street, Bluefield ............................................. 6.00

NOMINATING COMMITTEE


NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The committee on nominations begs leave to make the following report:

Officers of the National Convention:

President—R. H. Davis
First Vice-President—B. C. Duke
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Arah Garrett
Third Vice-President—E. W. Henry
Fourth Vice-President—Frieda Hall
Secretary—R. L. Saunders
Treasurer—Dr. J. E. Walker
Parliamentarian—Prof. J. E. Bean

Missionary Organization:

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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Scholarship Committee beg leave to make the following report. These young people listed have been voted Scholarships in the amount of $50.00 for the year 1949-50:

- Theodore Byers, Jarvis College $ 50.00
- Samuel Graham, Jarvis College 50.00
- Miss Gilley Nixon 100.00
- Miss Anna Belle Jackson 50.00
- James C. Brooks 50.00
- Miss Mildred Sirs 50.00
- Euton E. Williams, Drake University 100.00
- Thomas J. Griffin, Northwestern 100.00

Committee—W. M. Wickizer, R. H. Peoples, J. E. Walker, Mrs. H. L. Herod.

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ADOPTED REPORT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Whereas the place of setting of the New Convention is voted and whereas a period of investigation and adjustment by proper National Officials follows adjournment of this convention, and whereas this adjustment sometimes brings to light certain weakness which show unknown capabilities of the voted place, and whereas National Officials are left with the task of selecting a new place, and whereas many members are disappointed and dissatisfied with place selected by Officials, we recommend that select places for 1950-51 convention this year, thus allowing ample time for entertaining Churches to correct any maladjustment and conform to requirements mandatory to a successful convention.

2. We recommend that the National Convention should commence on Tuesday instead of Monday. It works a hardship upon the Pastors and extra expenses to the Trustees. Let us have some of the smaller meetings on the same day in order to cover the same amount of work.

3. Whereas, the giving of Negro Churches to the Crusade for a Christian World is unnecessarily small at the present time, and whereas, the Crusade closes June 30th, 1950, and whereas, the Brotherhood Crusade committee has not adequately promoted the Crusade program in the Negro Churches, Be It resolved that we, the National Convention of Disciples of Christ in America, urgently request the Crusade Committee, in cooperation with the National staff, to provide the necessary leadership to bring the
Crusade Offerings from our Churches up to a reasonable level by June 30th, 1950.

4. We recommend that the Invitation of the Second Christian Church of Indianapolis for the National Convention be accepted for 1951.

5. In view of the fact that the Convention voted to make the Second Vice-President of the Convention a member of the Administration and Finance Committee, we recommend that By-law 16 which reads, "The Department of Women's Work shall maintain a treasury of its choice," be eliminated.

6. We recommend that the Program Committee be instructed to provide greater opportunity for the women of the convention to participate, for example, through forums, symposiums, business session, etc.

7. We recommend that the planning conference for women's work meet at the National Convention Tuesday morning.

8. Whereas, we do not have a well integrated youth program among the Churches of the Brotherhood, and whereas, the National Staff is not of sufficient size to carry out such a program, be it resolved that the National Board begin now, and for the next twelve months work out plans for employing a full-time youth worker at the end of said period.

Be it further resolved that this matter is of such importance that this Convention in this session vote its opinion regarding this recommendation prior to its referral to any committee to which it might be referred and that this opinion be made a part of the record to be considered by the Committee to which this recommendation might be referred. Accept and be referred to the Trustees.

9. We recommend that $1.00 of the $2.00 registration fee be used for the Christian plea. (Refer to Trustees.)

10. We recommend that the price of subscriptions for the Christian Plea be raised from $1.00 to $1.25 as of June 30th, 1950.

11. We recommend that the Executive Secretary inform the Ushers Fellowship the number of sessions it is to serve.

12. We recommend that sessions of the National Convention be shortened to not over two hours and thirty minutes in length.

13. We recommend that morning worship and Communion Service be combined on Sunday.

14. That the fall Planning Conference be held November 25-26, 1949; and that each State send its Bible School President or alternate, Youth Director, Children Worker, and President of the State CYF to participate in the planning.

15. That the heads of these different departments serve as a medium through which the National Office can channel information and material to the local Churches.

16. That the District and State conventions promote the Young Peoples Summer Conferences within their own areas for the purpose of having a wider Church participation.

17. That the youth Oratorical Contest be sponsored again for another year; and that each local Church sponsor a contest with the winner going to the district, the winner of the district to the State, and the winner of the State to the National, and that a scholarship of one hundred dollars and a scholarship of fifty dollars be awarded the same as this year.

18. That each State and area plan and promote various training agencies such as Youth Meets, District Meets, State Youth Rally, District Youth Retreats, Young People's Summer Conferences, and Intermediate Camps.

19. That each State select local leaders for Children Workers and send them to their State Laboratory Training School or the one in St. Louis.

20. That the Delegates and alternates to the International CYF Commission for 1950 be elected at this convention.

21. That leaders in the field of Christian Education be urged to attend the Mid-Century Convention of Christian Education to be held in Toronto, Canada, August 19-20th, 1950.
22. That the Staff be requested to make visits to as many Churches as possible during the year to promote the raising of financial goals of the Churches and departments. Namely, Regular and Crusade goals.

23. That the Trustees be requested to secure space for a National Convention Exhibit at the Centennial International Convention in Cincinnati and that sufficient funds be provided for the same.

24. Whereas, Greenwood Park has been given to the National Christian Missionary Convention, a great Christian Organization, by a great Christian Leader, we recommend that a large summer building, shed or pavilion for our outdoor services, such as Convention, Summer Conferences, District, State and National meetings, etc., be built thereon and dedicated wholly to religious services and Christian activities. (Referred to Property Committee.)

25. That this Convention commend the men’s work for their achievements of the past in creating greater interest among our men in the total Church program.

26. That the Executive Committee of the Men’s Work be looking forward to the calling of a full-time Director of Men’s Work to further develop the great potential power.

27. Whereas, the leadership of the Ministry is fundamental to the success of our local congregations and to the advancement of the kingdom of God, and—

Whereas, a definite policy on Ministerial support was settled for all time by the scriptures, “Even so did the Lord ordain that they that proclaim the Gospel should live of the Gospel,” and—

Whereas, too large a number of Ministers must have gainful, secular employment in order to secure the necessities of life, and—

Whereas, there is a need of more well-prepared young men who should not be hindered in the doing of the Lord’s work by a lack of support, and—

Whereas, living costs are high, and wages for those engaged in business and industry go far beyond the salaries of Ministers, and—

Whereas, pensions are based on salaries and low salaries mean low future pensions:

Be it Resolved, that this convention recommends to each congregation of the Brotherhood that a serious effort be made to adequately support the Ministry on a full-time basis so that the undivided services of Ministers may be had for the work of Christ and his Church.

Be it further Resolved, that this Convention recommend to each Minister and to each Church that Minister and Church participate in the Pension Plan for the security of the ministry and the protection of both.

28. Whereas, some Churches have failed to support the National Brotherhood, we recommend, that each minister in the local church make a concerted effort to meet his apportionment by having each member pay dollar, or more a year for the National Convention support. (Sent to the Committee.)

29. That there be a report blank furnished by the National Board, arranged setting forth each local Church’s complete work: the same be filed with the Recording Secretary of the Convention at the end of each Convention year.

30. That the goal of each Church (regular or Crusade) be mailed to the National Treasurer, on or before July 31st of each year.

31. That all Ministers pay $10.00 a year for the support of the National work.

32. Resolve that each pastor appoint from his Church a National Committee on Finance, a Committee for Christian Plea Work, and one for the State work; the name be mailed to the Editor of the Christian Plea with the address, to be published every six months.

33. That the President of the National Christian Missionary Convention be a delegate to the Centennial Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 25-30.

34. We recommend a change in By-Law number 3, paragraph (i) to read: “Administrative and Finance Committee, consisting of not more than nine members including President of Convention as Chairman.”
35. That hearty support be given to some program of in-service training for Ministers even if it means continuation of the present program, Minister's Institute, for another year.

36. That we urge cooperation of State Conventions and officers in the setting up of permanent machinery to collaborate in the execution of our program of Evangelism, i.e., committee on evangelism or state evangelist, or state director of evangelism, etc.

37. In view of the intent of the benefactor, I recommend that we petition the committee on property to retain the Taylor Estate and endeavor to make there a perpetual monument to the Brotherhood (Greenwood Park).

38. In view of the timeliness of Mrs. Garrett's address, I recommend that we have the message printed and distributed to all our Churches.

39. Whereas, the World Convention of the Disciples of Christ is to be held in Melbourne, Australia, in 1950, be it resolved that the President of the National Convention be empowered to select delegates to represent the Brotherhood at this assembly. Without financial obligations.

40. Whereas, the National Christian Missionary Convention is an active member of the National Fraternal Council of Churches in America and, whereas, the council has asked this Convention to accept as the Christian Churches' share the sum of $550.00 toward the cost of the Council's headquarters in Washington, D.C. Be it resolved that this convention shall contribute the sum of $100.00 on the suggested apportionment.

41. We recommend that an Advisory Administration Committee of Religious Education be appointed and the following persons of each State or area serve on this Committee to assist the National Director of Religious Education and cooperate with the Directors in the particular states and areas with channeling the program of Religious Education to the local Churches:

Mrs. Pearl Jackson, Mrs. O. B. Garner, Miss Blanche Thomas, Miss Bessie Chandler, Mr. W. K. Fox, Rev. J. Q. Hurdle, Rev. J. J. Hawkins, Justinia K. Spencer, Mrs. Rosa McCrea, Mr. Paul Sims, Rev. E. W. Henry, Mrs. E. W. Wilbert; Mrs. Edith Bristow, Mrs. Eunice Miller and Mrs. H. P. Phillips. The representative from the West Coast will be assigned after the Ministers' Conference.

42. That since Brother S. E. Tillman of New Jersey is not engaged as a Pastor, I recommend that he be commissioned by this National Convention to serve in New England District, parts of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and the main cities as a Regional Evangelist to try and begin work for the Brotherhood.

Be it understood that he is to serve without a salary and that he have a written report presented at the next National Convention of all the places he has covered. He is to report the funds received from Churches and the assistance which he has rendered. An account of his expenses is also to be reported.

43. That resolution No. 15 of last year's recommendation be amended to read: "Whereas it is important that the National Convention and the entertaining church cooperate in providing adequate entertainment and accommodations for the delegates, be it resolved that this convention delegate give the authority to the Executive Secretary and the President of the convention, to work with the local committee on arrangements, and that the Executive Secretary serve as manager of the local arrangements."

44. We recommend that the 34th National Christian Missionary Convention of the Disciples of Christ accept the invitation of Memphis, Tenn., for 1950 convention, and Indianapolis, Ind., in 1951.

Committee