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Willard M. Wickizer 222 South Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana
Monday Night, August 17, 1953

The 37th Annual Session of the National Missionary Convention was officially opened Monday night by the President, Elder L. L. Dickerson.

7:30 Organ Prelude
Conventional Processional
Opening Declaration—L. L. Dickerson, President
Invocation
Opening Hymn
Greetings—Local Church Program
Special Music
Response—M. F. Mitchell
Music
The President's Address—L. L. Dickerson
Music, Announcements, Offering
Closing Hymn
Benediction

August 18, 1953 — Tuesday Morning, 8:30 A. M.
The meeting opened at the time designated with Elder L. L. Dickerson, presiding.
Hymn: "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"
Prayer by Bro. A. D. Gault of Kentucky
Song: "How Sweet The Name of Jesus"
Scripture: Matt. 20: 16-20, read by Elder L. L. Dickerson
A very inspirational message was delivered by Rev. G. W. Roland of Concord, N. C. He spoke from the theme: “Proclaiming Christ Together.”
Highlights: People must stick together for the cause of God.
No man can witness God with his mouth sealed up.
All things work together for good.
Song: “I Need Thee Every Hour.” Guidance of the day: L. L. Dickerson and E. J. Dickson. Mr. Dickson introduced the leaders for each seminar.
Mrs. Marjorie Parker assigned rooms for the various conferences.
Announcements.

August 18, 1953 — Tuesday Morning, 11:30 A. M.
L. L. Dickerson — Presiding
Devotion conducted by Elder L. L. Dickerson
Announcements
Music: Junior Choir of Lockland, Ohio
Introduction of Speaker by L. L. Dickerson
Sermon by Elder Robert Brown of Lockland, Ohio
Theme: “The Master’s Help In Proclaiming the Gospel.”
Prayer of Thanksgiving by Brother Pratt
Benediction — Elder Brown

Tuesday 2:00 P. M.

Minutes
The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Officers.
Prayer
Song: “Blessed Quietness”
President L. L. Dickerson asked for the reports of the States.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be received.

Nominating Committee

C. B. Tarrence, California
R. L. Brown, Missouri
J. T. Brittenden
Mrs. Edith Richardson, Texas
Mrs. Daisy Dean, Little Rock, Ark.
Mrs. Rosa A. McCrea
A. C. Stone, Ohio
Mrs. Van Buren, Missouri
Lloyd Brown, Texas

Dr. J. E. Walker moved that the nomination be closed until further notice.

Rev. Charles Webb made remarks and said that every time he has been on program in the National Convention, he was in a hurry every place except in Cincinnati. After this statement, he made his report. (See report)

Rev. Charles Webb asked Rev. R. L. Peoples to give report of his work in Evangelism at the Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

Highlights of the report were the following:

1. Faith to believe it can be done. Even then, we are still in the Thomas stage. 2. Hard to get ready. 3. Visitations. Outside leader has your folk ready. 4. Prospect list. 5. You have to tell them you are going to visit them. Write letters. 6. Church is looking for them. 7. List of 200 prospects, received about 60. The list has not been destroyed, but work continues on the list.

Bro. Dickerson thanked Bro. Webb for his wonderful report.

Bro. Arnold of Los Angeles, was introduced to the convention.

Dr. J. E. Walker made his report. (See report)

It was moved by Elder Tarrence, seconded by Rev. Mitchell, and carried that the report be accepted.

Bro. M. R. Eppse made report on the Taylor Estate. (See report)

It was moved by Bro. Mitchell, properly seconded, and unanimously carried that the report be received and turned over to the proper authorities.

The Nominating Committee was revised. It consists of the following persons:

Mrs. Van Buren, Missouri
Mrs. Rose McCrea, New York
Sallie Vaughn
Daisy Dean, Arkansas
Edith Richardson
Lloyd Brown, Texas
A. L. Kines, South Carolina
A. C. Stone, Ohio
Thomas Griffin, Oklahoma
R. L. Brown, Missouri
C. B. Tarrence, California

Mrs. E. G. Titus of Texas, was made Chairman of the Nominating Committee.
Bro. R. L. Saunders, Secretary of the Convention, made his report.

It was moved by Bro. Floyd, duly seconded and carried that the report be accepted. The President spoke complimentary of the services of the Secretary, and said some type of compensation should be given him.

Bro. Terry asked that we provide something for the Secretary. This suggestion is to be turned over to the Recommendations Committee.

Announcements.

August 19, 1953 — Wednesday Morning, 8:30 A. M.

The meeting was opened with devotions, led by Bro. M. F. Mitchell.

Inspirational sermon: Elder S. Wilber Hylton of Roanoke, Va.

Invitation: “There’s Power In The Blood.”

Elder L. L. Dickerson spoke briefly from the subject, “This Ministry.” He said our young men should be recruited, trained and placed.

Guidance for the day: E. J. Dickson.

August 19, 1953 — Wednesday Morning, 11:30 A. M.

The meeting was opened with a hymn and prayer with Elder M. F. Mitchell presiding.

Announcements.

Acknowledgement of Ministers.

Solo: Mrs. Daisy Williams of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Introduction of Speaker: E. J. Dickson

Inspirational Sermon: Bishop J. F. McLaurin of Elizabeth-town, N. C.

Theme: “Assist Me To Proclaim The Breaking of Day”

He stressed reverence in prayer, reverence in our positions and in the breaking of the day.

Invitational Hymn: “At The Cross.”

Benediction: Bishop J. F. McLaurin

Wednesday Afternoon, August 19, 1953

The meeting was called to order by Gene Mosley, presiding.

Song and spontaneous prayers.

Subjects presented were:

“The Program of the Youth,” by Lois Mothershed of Little Rock, Arkansas.

“CYF And Year Round Program,” by Kenneth Henry of Palestine, Texas.

CYF And Its Relationship to the Total Program of the Church.”

A summary of the talks was given by Paul Sims of Dallas, Texas.

Gene Mosley presented interesting books concerning the work and duties of youth in the world today.

Solo: Miss Lois Mothershed of Little Rock, Ark. (“Bless This House”)

Introduction of Speaker by Gene Mosley.
Address by Newton Fowler, one of the Youth delegates to Third World Conference.
Mr. Lorenzo Evans presented a citation to Newton Fowler for Meritorious work in representing the Disciples of Christ at the Third World Conference in Travancore, India.

The Christian Men’s Fellowship Forum—

Alfred Thomas, Presiding.
Hymn: “Come Thou Almighty King”
Scripture: Romans 12th Chapter, read by Bro. Samuels of Washington, D. C.
Prayer by Bro. McWilliams of Indianapolis, Indiana.
Hymn: “Come Thou Almighty King” (Last stanza)
President Dickerson explained the purpose of the Laymen’s League.
Alfred Thomas of Cincinnati, Ohio, elaborated on the subject: “If I Were a Preacher.” Elder J. F. Whitfield spoke on the subject: “If I Were A Layman.” Ten minutes were allotted for comments on speakers’ talks.
Report of “Christian Plea” by W. K. Fox. (See report)
Report of State Presidents. (See report)

August 18, 1953

The Initial Meeting of the National Christian Men’s Fellowship was opened at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, with the National President, Bro. Alfred Thomas of Cincinnati, Ohio, presiding.
Prayer by Bro. Bowie of Washington D. C.
After prayer, each man was asked to give his name, church and city.
The following committee chairmen were appointed: (members to be added later)
Nominating Committee, Bro. Charles Butler of Dayton, Ohio.
Organization and Promotion, Bro. T. W. Pratt of Dallas, Texas.
Program, Bro. E. McWilliams, Indianapolis, Ind.
Budget, Bro. A. D. Gault, Mayslick, Ky.
It was moved by Bro. McWilliams, seconded by Bro. Groves, and passed by the Body that the President of the Christian Men’s Fellowship, also be one of the Vice Presidents of the Convention.
Bro. A. D. Gault was appointed Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, who in turn, appointed his committee.
The meeting was turned over to the Resource Leader, Gene Mosley.

Wednesday, August 19, 1953
The meeting opened with Bro. Thomas presiding.
Prayer by Bro. McWilliams of Indiana.
It was moved, seconded, and carried that the report of the Organization and Budget Committee be received. The report of the Nominating Committee was read.
It was moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Nominating Committee be sent to the National Nominating Committee of the General Convention.
There was a discussion held on the area project. It was moved, seconded and carried that the area project be tried out for
one year.
It was moved, seconded and carried that the President and Secretary select the men for the area project leaders.
Closing Prayer — Bro. A. D. Gault.

MINUTES — AUGUST 19, 1953
Wednesday Evening, 7:30 P. M.

M. F. Mitchell, Presiding

Devotionals.
Introduction of Speaker by C. H. Webb.
Song: “Let The Lower Lights Be Burning”.
Address: Willard M. Wickizer. The subject of Mr. Wickizer’s address was, “Visitation Evangelism”.
Some of the highlights of his address were the following:
1. Lots of people in local churches give all sort of excuses when asked to go out on visitations.
2. We go out on visitations under the commission of Christ.
3. The growth of the church is not governed by the attendance we have on Sunday morning.
4. If sinners don’t come to church to hear the gospel, it is our duty to take the gospel out to them.
5. We send out groups on visitations, two by two in order to strengthen our program spiritually.
6. We are to go out and proclaim “The kingdom of God is nigh unto you”.
Solo: Mrs. Patterson.
Remarks by T. W. Pratt concerning the services rendered the convention by Dr. Willard Wickizer.
Remarks and presentation by Elder C. L. Parks to Dr. Wickizer a Certificate of Appreciation. Acceptance by Dr. Wickizer.
The presiding officer, M. F. Mitchell, acknowledged the presence of our former President, Dr. B. T. Hunt.
Solo: Lena Harris.
Solo: Julia Mae Ramsey.
Sermon: Thomas J. Griffin of Oklahoma City, Okla. His subject was, “The Gospel”.
Some of the highlights:
1. The Gospel of Jesus Christ speaks to every area of our life.
2. The world is crooked because the people in it are crooked.
3. We have not learned to walk the earth like men.
4. The trouble with the world is moral. We need to start at the bottom and work up instead of starting at the top and working down.
5. God in people make them great.
Invitation Hymn: “Just As I Am”.
Announcements.
President Dickerson appointed the following on the Resolutions Committee: C. B. Tarrence, California; E. K. Burton, Missouri; Dora Gaskins, Virginia; A. D. Gault, Kentucky; A. J. Samuels, Washington, D. C.
Remarks by Former President, Dr. B. T. Hunt.
Benediction: Thomas J. Griffin.

Thursday, August 20, 1953
Meeting opened with President Thomas, presiding.
Prayer: Bro. Sherman Hunt, Columbus, Ohio.
Minutes of the previous meetings were read and received.

Bro. Thomas discussed the banquet which is to be held Saturday night, August 22.

Bro. Webb discussed the theme of the year, "Evangelism" and the important part the laymen of the church play in it.

Closing prayer: Bro. McDuffey.

Friday, August 21, 1953

Meeting opened with President Thomas presiding.


Minutes of previous meeting read and received.

The leaders of the Area Projects were named:

Area I Bro. Buford Hall, Kentucky
Area II Robert Pugh
Area III Amos Artis
Area IV Bro. R. L. Groves
Area V Dr. A. Thomas King
Area VI Bro. T. W. Pratt
Area VII Bro. J. T. Chandler
Area VIII—Bro. H. Wiley

It was moved and seconded that should the Area Leader decline, the area should substitute the name of someone else in his place. The motion was amended to say that in the event the Area Leader declined, the President, Bro. Thomas, will have the power to select someone in his place.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that all states have districts and be apportioned. Each state is apportioned $6.00.

Natl Advisory Com.

L. L. Dickerson
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C. H. Webb
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Alfred Thomas, President
William Owens, Secretary

Members at Large

J. T. Chandler
A. C. Stone
Dr. H. Thomas King

It was moved, seconded and carried that all officers of the Christian Men's Fellowship be given a standing vote of thanks.

Thursday

The annual day set aside as Christian Women's Fellowship day opened at 7:30 A.M., with a beautiful candlelight service conducted by Mrs. A. L. Martin of Illinois. This Sacrificial Service is one of the highlights of the convention. Offering, $16.85.

The 8:30 worship period was opened with Mrs. B. A. Holmes presiding. Devotions conducted by Mrs. Lorraine Grove. Scripture, Matt. 5, read by Mrs. Holmes. Solo, "Help Me All The Way," by Mrs. Brown. Introduction of Speaker, Mrs. M. E. Lee. Mrs. H. Marcetta Smith brought a very inspirational message on the theme, using as a subject, "Assist me to be merciful". High points were: (1) Believe and build on the New Testament; (2) Be a Sales-
man for Christ in every walk of life; (3) Reach out to all men by being merciful; (4) Pray daily for guidance and use your talents for God’s service. Mrs. Holmes thanked Mrs. Smith for this great message and stated that “You can’t lead where you don’t go and can’t teach what you don’t know. Guidance for the Day — Elder L. L. Dickerson, “Needs of the Ministry”.

The afternoon worship was called to order by Mrs. B. A. Holmes. Meditations led by Mrs. Rubena Fox, Missouri. Solo, Mrs. Geneva Griffin, Oklahoma. The report of the National Director, Miss Jackson, was passed out to all present. Miss Jackson then conducted a forum on the theme, “Assist me to Proclaim”, Missionary Education through Worship, Service and Study. Leaders were Mrs. Grove, Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Webb. Song, “Pass Me Not”. Mrs. Holmes introduced the State President and expressed regret that time had run out and they would be unable to give their reports. Recognition was given to the new people attending and also to the delegates attending largest number of conventions. Report of Social Action Committee. (See report).

The evening session opened with worship service led by Mrs. Dietsy Gray, Missouri. Solo, Mrs. Marjorie Parker. Presentation of Speaker, Mrs. B. A. Holmes. Mrs. Rosa Page Welch gave a travelouge of her trip around the world under sponsorship of the Church Women of America. The great needs out on the mission fields around the world were recounted by her. Especially stressed were the hunger of the far east and the need of clothing in Africa. Mrs. Welch kept the audience ever aware of the many things that we as Church people have forgotten to share. Presentations of a Scroll of Achievement from the National Convention was given by Mrs. Buckner, an inscribed C.W.F. medal of honor by Miss Margaret Lee. Solo, Miss Lois Mothershed. Presentation of National Project ($3000.00) to African Relief by Mrs. J. E. Walker, acceptance by Mrs. Buckner. Presentation of Loving Cup to the West Paseo C.W.F. of Kansas City, Mo., by Miss A. B. Jackson. Remarks by Mrs. Holmes. Presentation to Taylor House ($100.00) from the Ohio C.W.F. Scholarship Fund by Mrs. H. M. Smith, acceptance by Elder Webb. The Consecrated offering service was conducted by Mrs. E. G. Titus. Offering, $220.00. Announcements, Fellowship, Benediction.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTER’S FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday Morning Devotions were led by Elder Jefferies of Alabama. Elder F. T. Floyd presented Elder C. H. Webb, who in turn introduced Mr. Wickizer, who was the resource Leader.

Mr. Wickizer emphasized the Long Range Program of our Brotherhood. In which 1953-54 the emphasis will be upon “Year of Evangelism.” He discussed the Long Range Program on Evangelism and discussed the Use of the Manuel of Evangelism which is put out by our Brotherhood.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Mr. Wickizer emphasized the Local Church Program.

THURSDAY MORNING, the emphasis was placed on “Outreach.” He also emphasized “Witnessing with our Lives” and “At-
tractive Church Buildings.” Make Evangelism normal and natural not Theological arguments. Warmth of Fellowship draws people. Sunday School with Trained Teachers and adequate facilities.

Mr. Wickizer further advised, not to prune our Church list. Get prospects for Evangelism. Make an Evangelist Prospect Roll. Train your Callers before sending them out. Make sure that visitors have tools, or some literature, then comes Membership Cultivation.

The Second Hour of Workshop was conducted by Dr. Crain. Head of the Social Welfare Department of our Brotherhood. He led us in a Group discussion on the Subject, “The Church Effectiveness in the World.” Test of truth is whether its work is Universal. The thought of the Church is to win the Individual. Use its influence. There is no agency that has the influence that the Church has, if it knows how to use it. Not always criticizing. If the Kingdom of God exist at all, it exists now, (in part at least).

Wealth is well being—money included yes, it is a good thing. The Three things the Church should advocate:

1. Christian Education should be in Public Schools. Bible should be read.
2. Courageous Adventures Leaders in Race Relationship.
3. Encourage these people to measure up to their Worthiness and observe World Order Sunday, Freedom and Democracy Sunday, Citizenship Sunday and Interracial Sunday.

BUSINESS SESSION FRIDAY MORNING: The Minister’s who are to appear on National Convention programs as following:
1. All who have supported Convention for at least five years.
2. Those who have never been on Program.
3. Those who have been on Program in last five years.
Recommendations voted on and passed.
There were Seventy-four Ministers registered as Members of the Ministers’ Fellowship.
Officers for the ensuing year are:
F. T. Floyd, Kentucky — President
A. J. Compton, Sr., Ohio — Vice-President
L. F. Sledge, Tennessee — Secretary

Friday Morning
7:00 A. M. Breakfast
Mrs. Edith W. Bristow, Presiding
8:30 A. M. Worship and Inspirational Address
9:00 A. M. Guidance for the Day — L. L. Dickerson
9:20 A. M. National Convention Workshop
11:20 A. M. Music and Prayer
11:30 A. M. Sermon and Invitation — C. L. Whitfield
Adjournment

Friday Afternoon
12:15 Lunch
Mrs. Edith W. Bristow, Presiding
2:00 P. M. Worship
2:10 P. M. Asist Me To Proclaim, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Lorenzo J. Evans, Director
Commission — Mrs. Bessie Rey
Conference Program — Mrs. E. G. Starling
Chi-Rho Camp — Miss Pauline Staples
Superintendent's Retreat
Stewardship — A. C. Stone
Summary — Lorenzo J. Evans

3:10 P. M. Usher's Fellowship Union — Order in Worship
Miss Ruby Ramsey, President
4:10 P. M. General Business
5:20 P. M. Adjournment
5:30 P. M. Dinner

Friday Evening
Mrs. Edith W. Bristow, Presiding
7:30 P. M. Worship
7:45 P. M. Address — Kenneth Henry
8:15 P. M. Oratorical Contest
Offering
Presentation of Awards
Announcements, Benediction
MINISTER'S WIVES RECEPTION — Mrs. W. K. Fox, President.
Resolution and Announcements

Saturday Morning
7:00 A. M. Breakfast
L. L. Dickerson, Presiding
8:30 A. M. Hymn and Prayer
8:45 A. M. Business and Reports
Report of Nominating Committee (see Report)
11:30 A. M. Report of Necrology Committee
Memorial Service
Sermon — R. H. Peoples

Saturday Afternoon
12:30 P. M. Lunch
2:00 P. M. Outing. To The Natural Bridge

Saturday Evening
6:00 P. M. Christian Men's Banquet

Sunday Morning
8:00 A. M. Breakfast
9:30 A. M. National Convention Church School — Mrs. Edith W. Bristow, Mrs. Frances Hancock, Local Supt.
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship — Melvin C. Dickson, Presiding
Organ Prelude — The Organist
Processional — “The Church's One Foundation"
Call To Worship
Invocation
Chant
Opening Hymn
Scripture — W. J. Majors

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Prayer
Congregational Hymn
Local Church Announcements — Mrs. D. D. Witten, Church Clerk.
General Convention Offering and Offertory
Benevolence Offering for Aged Ministers and Widows
Special Music — Meditation
Sermon — L. L. Dickerson
Hymn of Invitation
Convention Communion Service — Elders and Deacons
Benediction and Convention Adjournment—L. L. Dickerson
Organ Postlude

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL AWARDS

The Committee on Special Awards was appointed by the President, L. L. Dickerson.

The following Individuals were awarded Citations for meritorious Christian Service:

KENNETH HENRY, and NEWTON FOWLER, in the field of Youth Leadership. Delegates to the Third World Conference of Youth in Travencore, India, 1952.

DR. ISAAC HATHAWAY, in the field of Art and Ceramics. Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama.

DR. ROSA PAGE WELCH, Ambassador of Good-will in the field of Human Relation.

DR. WILLARD M. WICKIZER, and DR. JAMES A. CRAIN, for creative Churchmanship.

ATTORNEY JESSIE D. LOCKER, recently appointed Ambassador to Liberia.

The recipients of these awards were all members of the Disciples of Christ.

Committee:
T. W. Pratt, Texas
John Compton, Jr., Ohio
J. E. Walker, Tennessee
E. J. Dickerson, Indiana
D. Ervin Sheets, Indiana

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

L. L. Dickerson, President
M. F. Mitchell, 1st Vice- President and Vice-President of all Departments.

Mrs. Berniece Holmes, 2nd Vice-President and Presiding Officer of Missionary Education and C. W. F. Department.

Gene Mosley, 4th Vice-President and Presiding Officer of Christian Youth Fellowship and Youth Work.

Alfred Thomas, 5th Vice-President and Presiding Officer of the Laymen's Work.

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EXECUTIVE STATEMENT
To the members of the National Board, and Delegates to the

Greetings: We are truly grateful to our heavenly Father for
the privilege of meeting in another annual session of this con-
vention. Many and varied have been our experiences during the
past year, but God has been merciful, we have been blessed and
our churches have made progress.

I am deeply grateful for the honor that was conferred upon
me in Los Angeles, and for the privilege of serving our Brother-
hood as president of this convention. The officers of the con-
vention have labored diligently to keep the National Convention,
its program and the causes it represents alive in the hearts and
minds of the people.
The Staff under the able leadership of Elder E. J. Dickson, and ably assisted by Elder C. H. Webb, Elder L. J. Evans, Miss Annabelle Jackson and Mrs. Marjorie Parker have rendered invaluable services to the churches. Elder W. K. Fox, recently elected editor of the Christian Plea, is doing a magnificent job, the plea has improved in every respect. We are truly grateful to Dr. Cramblett and the Christian Board of Publication for the very great assistance they are giving to the Plea.

The sales promotion project for Greenwood cemetery has been put in operation. Prof. Eppse, the Manager of the Taylor estate continues to serve well. Additional information concerning the operation of the Taylor Estate will be given at another time. I want to express my sincere thanks to all of the officers of the Convention, The Trustees, the Members of the National Board, the Pastors and officials of our churches, for the counsel, encouragement and cooperation they have given.

During the year I have traveled more than 16,000 miles. Attended two meetings of the Trustees and one conference with the Staff in Indianapolis. Attended meeting of the Commission on Christian Education in Indianapolis. Attended two meetings of the Kentucky Christian Laymen's League as their guest speaker. Conducted a revival in Kansas City, Kans. Visited churches in Lexington, Ky., Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio, and Chicago, Ill, where I delivered the Dedication sermon for the new Park Manor Christian Church Elder R. H. Davis, pastor. I attended the Piedmont District Board Meeting, The General Assembly of the Disciples of Christ of Eastern N. C. Attended Kentucky and Ohio State Conventions. Attended International Convention at Portland, Ore. Wrote 200 letters, five (5) articles for the Christian Plea, made nine (9) long distance calls and sent 11 telegrams, and delivered 18 sermons and addresses.

Respectfully submitted

L. L. Dickerson

REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT
Mrs. Berniece Holmes

It is time to sum up our efforts for another year's work and measure our progress by what we have actually accomplished. The call to service is stronger than ever before as we face a world of war and unrest. The problems of the world were created by man and man must find himself by applying the teachings of Jesus to life's problems in order to solve them. As we attempt to plan for the work of the year, it is necessary to check our resources. The strongest need is for Christian people with time and talent to serve the local church. We can not say too much or urge too strongly the need for trained leadership in all departments of our church work; the need to know the church, and its work, and to know how to get it across to the local church people so it will create interest and make the membership conscious of the fact that the missionary task is the whole task and it is by no means a job to be taken lightly. It is a great responsibility that must be carried out. The National Christian Missionary Convention can not exist without the local churches of our brother-
hood, therefore, it must lend assistance at all times to the local church. When the National Christian Missionary Convention fails at this point, it is not feeding the roots of the tree that it hopes to bear the fruit of Christian service.

There is a different need for closer fellowship of large city churches and churches in smaller communities. It is the smaller church we are losing. They are falling for many reasons — no evangelistic program that touches them, no minister to pastor the small church, no stimulation of educational program, and the saddest of all, we are losing them to other church groups because we have not provided the means to hold them — no men and no money. We will lose ground as long as these conditions exist. The problem should be studied and steps should be taken to change these conditions. The local churches are looking to the National Christian Missionary Convention for leadership, expert program planning, and exemplary working methods for extending the Kingdom. The National Christian Missionary Convention can never rise above the local church, therefore, it must see to it that the local churches are kept strong with information and inspiration.

We have visited with churches in Texas, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma in the last twelve months. We are happy to report that the areas touched are moving forward. I assisted Miss Anna B. Jackson in two Christian Women's Fellowship Institutes in Oklahoma and Kansas. We feel that a great amount of good can come out of these meetings and each state should set aside some money for the continuation of this program. Church women are carrying burdens of missions for our churches, therefore, we feel that they should know what is happening around the world in the field of missions and become conscious of the great responsibility.

As we extend the program of Missionary Education, we will build stronger churches and a greater National Christian Missionary Convention. A conference with the women of Dallas showed us how anxious our women are to accept and carry out the plans and work of Christian Women's Fellowship.

It was most gratifying to note the interest and effort our women put into Woman's Day services in which I participated in Boll Street Church, Dallas, Texas and Eighth Street Church of Kansas City, Kansas.

I have attended two trustee meetings since our last annual session of the Convention. I also attended a meeting with the International Convention officers in Indianapolis, Indiana for the purpose of discussing the National Christian Missionary Convention application for membership. There were many angles of discussions, but the greatest factor in the end was the question of real Christianity which had to be faced. We appreciated the fine spirit of Brotherhood that some of the leaders expressed.

The National Christian Missionary Convention is continuing its program of expansion and facing new challenges which most urgently call for more workers and an increase in financial assistance. We must look forward to putting new interest into our National Christian Missionary Convention program and we must pay the cost. New people to give National Convention a
broader view of world problems would help us fit into all phases of worth while community life. We must look around for the best we can get and we must pay the cost.

The churches in our brotherhood can help our mission schools and the schools can help the churches, but there must also be a Board, the Pastors and officials of our churches, for the counsel, evangelistic program that touches them — no minister to pastor spirit of brotherhood. Our schools can give us leadership if our churches will give them the youth to train. School faculty and church leaders should work together and build a closer relationship. The National Christian Missionary Convention and school faculty must join hands in the effort to build stronger churches. We are dependent on each other in making our contribution to world needs.

In closing let me say that the National Christian Missionary Convention must take inventory of its own activities; too long there has been a feeling that this belongs to the men or that is the women’s problem, or the youth should do that. If the reorganization of the National Convention in 1947 was to unite us into one great convention we should accept that and move in an honest direction toward one goal — no more sex lines or organizational lines but one cause and one goal. Leaders can not hide behind poor alibis to keep from supporting the whole Disciple program. Let us as Christians wake up now to accept our responsibilities and move forward as an army of God’s, holding a torch that will light the world with truth.

REPORT TO THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Dear Fellow Christian Workers:

In the past year I have thought much about the vast amount of work to be done by our churches. EVERY member is needed in this task. The minister’s job extends through the entire week if his perspective is clear and definite. A well-informed laity completes the picture.

Nothing is gained in confusion; it’s better to be thoughtful, patient and calm. Things will straighten out in time. Surely each of us has seen many people, like Haman, fall in the ditch they dug for others. Our one endeavor is to do right at all cost.

All persons should have a conviction; should take a stand — then they will not be swayed, like blades of grass, by every breeze. “Be still”; listen to everyone; ask questions if necessary; then consider the evidences and arrive at a sane solution.

Our churches are asked to financially support the convention — this is right — and yet finance is only a portion of the total program. Let’s push the entire cycle of missions, Christian education, evangelism and finance. Too often finance is pushed at the expense of the rest of the program. The program of our church is captivating and will make our churches grow when we understand and organize working groups within the congregation.

I have attended meetings in Cincinnati and Indianapolis, had conferences with Elder Evans, our national worker, sent out letters to superintendents and state Bible School presidents, spoken
for the convention (wherever I have been) when given the opportunity by our ministers, helped conduct superintendents retreat and youth conference in Kentucky, met state board and district meetings in Kentucky at least once during the year.

I'd like to attend other state and district conventions to see how the work is progressing. I know that more attention should be paid to our reports and church records. We need to use more business tactics in our church life.

Each of us should realize that there is much yet to learn no one knows it all; learn to respect other's viewpoint and yet remain friendly. When this is done our theme, “Assist Me to Proclaim,” will have been carried out.

Respectfully submitted,
Edith W. Bristow, Third Vice-President

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN MEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Mr. President, members of the National Christian Missionary Convention and friends:

There has been many extenuating reasons and circumstances for the belated efforts and inactivity of the Christian Men’s Fellowship in our churches. I need not take the time to dwell upon the past.

Today, as I submit this report, I am very happy to say to you that I feel the utmost confidence in the growth of the Christian Men’s Fellowship. I am indeed grateful for the manifestations of faith, I have witnessed, by the support and cooperation that I have received from the Executive Secretary, Department of Men’s Work — United Christian Missionary Society; President, National Christian Missionary Convention, Executive Secretary, Trustees, Treasurer, Director of Church Development and Evangelism, Office Secretary and the response of State officers, ministers and laymen, has been most encouraging.

This spirit of unheralded co-ordination and interest is the stimulant and assurance, that precedes and previews our greatest hopes for the return of the laymen to the task of undergirding the whole program of the church.

The seven point goals and laymen’s retreat were approved by the Trustee Board. The program presented is as follows:

1. A layman field staff worker for evangelistic training program developed by the states and an organizational promotion program within the states to enlist all local churches.

2. A national apportionment of ten dollars for each state organization and local group.

3. Participation in the Taylor Memorial Fellowship House through a Library Project Fund.

4. A plea for special gifts from each local group and from individuals.

5. The annual Christian Men’s Fellowship Banquet at the National Convention annual session.

The awarding of a Fellowship Trophy Cup to the local church, with the largest layman attendance at the ban-
quet, the host church excluded. The local group receiving the award may hold the cup one year. Any local group receiving the Trophy three times may keep it permanently.

6. The insignia pin of the National Christian Missionary Convention CMF is available to applicants at this convention. Every layman is requested to apply for a pin.

7. All local groups have been asked to have photographs taken for exhibition at their state conventions then later at the National Convention.

We have circulated a form letter to all state presidents relating our plan to establish and develop ten permanent area conferences for the laymen of the brotherhood in the United States. We are introducing this plan of area conferences to reduce the expense of travel involved in holding a National Fellowship Retreat in a single city or place.

Each conference is expected to send a representative to the National Layman Advisory Council of the National Christian Men’s Fellowship.

We held the first retreat of the Mid-West Conference (Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois) on June 13th and 14th at Wehrman Avenue Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Recommendation:

That the National Christian Men’s Fellowship of the National Christian Missionary Convention recommend that the constitution of the Convention be amended to include the Christian Men’s Fellowship as a full department of the Convention with the status of a fifth vice-presidency.

FINANCIAL REPORT
March 10, to June 15, 1953

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ANNUAL REPORT OF NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY TO THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, U. S. A.

Mr. Chairman:

This marks the 7th year of our participation in the activities of the National Fraternal Council of Churches, U.S.A., Inc. Since 1947 when the National Christian Missionary Convention accepted membership in the Council, this organization has made considerable progress in the area of interdenominational cooperation and Christian fellowship.

Prior to 1945, when the Disciples became active in the affairs of the Council on the local level through the Washington Bureau, there were only five religious communions actively participating; these were the A.M.E. Church General Conference, A.M.E. Zion Church General Conference, C.M.E. Church General Conference, the Methodist Church, Central Jurisdiction, and the National Baptist Convention, Inc. Since 1945 however, six more communions, including the Disciples of Christ, have become active participants on the national level thus giving the organization greater democratic balance.

During this period of membership expansion the headquarters were moved from Wilberforce, Ohio, to Washington, D.C., where there was already a bureau in operation through which affairs and situations affecting the general welfare of our group were channelled. So it became necessary to purchase a building for headquarters because of this larger outreach of the Council.

After the purchase of headquarters in Washington, in 1948, it became necessary for individuals interested in the promotion of this new program to pledge their communions to help assume the financial obligation thus incurred on a voluntary basis. Your representative pledged $500.00 for the National Convention. And in 1949 convention we agreed to pay as much as possible each year on the amount until paid. This was broken down to allow some Hall of Fame, some for the float at the Presidential Inaugural ceremonies in 1949, and $25.00 for annual dues, with the balance to be applied to the building indebtedness.

But in 1950 the Council employed a national field worker and organizer at an annual salary of $3600 in addition to carrying on its activities already in operation which included paying off salary obligations to two former executive secretaries and a former bureau director. This necessitated the splitting of funds allocated by the different communions. Some were rather insistent on paying the former secretaries and director, while others were equally as insistent on paying the indebtedness on the property and the field worker whose salary had to be paid then each month. Your representative decided with the latter group. This occasioned paying money on the field worker's salary direct without it passing through the executive secretary's office. But, as unpleasant as this situation was, it was the only course to follow in view of the financially embarrassing experiences our field secretary had both prior to and after her services were discontinued in 1952.

The problem arising from the discontinuation of the services of the field worker was solved at the Detroit, Michigan Executive Board meeting at which Rev. R. L. Jordan was our representa-
tive, in April, 1953, by consent of the field worker to allow about $2000.00 of her claim of $3000.00 to be credited to sources of receipt of funds in the manner we described above.

As of July 3, 1953, the financial statement of the Washington Bureau was:

Receipts from rents (year ending June 30, 1953)........$1832.00
Receipts from memberships and contributions........3820.54

Total receipts for period indicated.....................$5652.54

In monthly meeting of July 3, 1953, the treasurer reported payment in full of the note made in December, 1949 with the Hamilton National Bank of Washington, D. C., in the sum of $2000.00. The treasurer also reported having met all monthly notes of $100.00 each to the building indebtedness and that all current bills were paid; that the trust had been reduced to $8000.00; that a net balance of $537.27 was on hand.

On June 25, 1953, a fire of unknown origin developed in the headquarters building causing serious injuries to one tenant and property damage of about $4000.00 which was covered by insurance. The insurance company has inspected the damaged portions and has agreed to pay for repairs. A contract was signed by the bureau commission with a local contractor to repair the damage at a cost of $3850.00, the lowest bidder out of three.

Our contribution in 1952 was $50.00. In the Detroit meeting the Executive Board voted to form a budgetary committee which would meet June 3, 1953 in Washington, D. C., to work out a budgetary scale for apportioning each member organization a given amount to pay each year toward an expansion program calling for $20,000.00 per year. This program contemplates obtaining more and better equipment for the bureau office, a field worker, a full time bureau director, and a quarterly journal to be published at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Of this annual sum the Disciples are asked to raise $250.00.

We feel that the National Fraternal Council of Churches, U.S.A., Inc., has earned through hard experience the support and goodwill of our people on the national as well as the local level and I recommend our continued membership and financial support of this movement which is endeavoring to show by action that Christian unity, although far from having been accomplished in fact, can be achieved if we are willing to exercise faith, tolerance, understanding and cooperation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That $250.00 be allocated to the National Fraternal Council of Churches, U.S.A., Inc., which will include membership fee and program fund.

J. F. Whitfield, Representative
REPORT TO THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Miss Anna B. Jackson, Director

President Dickerson, members of the National Board, officers, members and friends of the 37th annual session of the National Christian Missionary Convention, GREETINGS! It is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that I give account of the accomplishments of the women of our brotherhood through the Christian Women’s Fellowships. I make this report with much more confidence, that the task to which we have been assigned might be completed through the efforts of all of us, than I did two years previously. Since I have been in the work I have seen organizations that were inactive come to life, some small groups have become larger. I have seen genuine fellowship among our women. This can not be attributed to any one person or cause, but it stems from the fact that women have caught the vision and have a genuine concern for the work of missions so much so that the spirit is contagious and has spread like wild fire across the brotherhood.

Office Work

Because of the great request for literature, information and other problems, the work in the office has been quite demanding since the last convention in session. Immediately upon my return from the Convention in California, the Unified Promotion goals were set and mailed to each local church. New yearly report blanks were formed for our women’s work and the same mailed to state presidents for distribution. This as one in addition to all of the other regular office duties.

Field Service

Quite a bit of travel was done in the interest of the work whereby I had the opportunity of visiting many of the churches of our brotherhood.

On October 3, 1952 I visited the Monroe Avenue Christian Church in Columbus, Ohio. The women are still working under the name of a missionary council but are doing a fine job. It is our hope that they too will soon join us as a Christian Women’s Fellowship.

Later on in the same month I worshipped with the congregation at Twelfth Street Church in Washington, D. C. The C.W.F. there is working very closely with Mrs. Slusher, who is serving as State Secretary. The women are well intergrated into the local as well as the State program. Many fine reports have come to me in regards to the work there.

It was a pleasure for me to work with Mrs. Chloe Kelly in a local church institute held at Cedar Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio, December 12-14.

I was principal speaker at the Gay-Lea Church in Nashville, Tennessee on February 6, 1953. The group is very eager to promote the work of missions there. The afternoon was spent giving detailed information about the work. The questions asked were greatly appreciated.
On March 22, I spoke at the United Church in Detroit, Mich., winning my first convert for Christ. Words can not describe the feeling of happiness that came over me. I can only re-dedicate my life and consecrate my efforts that His will might be done.

One of the best meetings that I have had was with the fellowship at Indiana Avenue Church in Chicago. The group was small but all of the women were highly interested in the work. I really believe they can do great things with the work there.

Convention

I was present in the Washington Norfolk Assembly October 7-10. I have never seen such a group of people who are so deeply rooted in their beliefs and doctrines. I sensed my mission immediately, that of giving the women especially, the picture of world wide missions. They support home missions magnificently, but little or no stress is placed on missions abroad. It will take time for them to reach the place where giving for world wide missions will seem natural to them.

Alabama

The Alabama Convention convened October 24 at Oxmoor, Alabama. The leaders there are looking ahead always for better and greater work. The entire years work was scheduled in a planning session held during the convention. Since then, one of the most faithful workers has died, Mrs. Mary O. Elmore.

Kentucky

The convention met in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky with the largest attendance in years. Plans were made for purchasing property, as a step forward in growth. The work of missions has taken on a new high under the capable leadership of Mrs. T. R. Everett. All groups met their state goals.

Kansas

At the Kansas Convention this year, which met at Kansas Technical Institute, we introduced the institute plan to the women. They were thrilled because it gave them an opportunity to seek answers to their problems, etc. On a whole it was the best gathering that Kansas has ever had.

Ohio

The Ohio Convention met at Xenia, Ohio, July 27-August 2. Though small in size, much work was accomplished. All committees which were appointed at last years convention, met prior to the beginning of the welcome program that evening of the first day. This gave all committee members a chance to be in all of the other business sessions. The State of Ohio is one among the few who have groups actually following through on the C.W.F. organizational set up. Not just in name only. It is our highest aim to have all groups functioning as a true C.W.F.

I regret the fact that I was unable to attend the International Convention in Portland, Oregon.
Christian Women's Fellowship Institutes

Eight of the state meetings for C.W.F. leaders have been held since our last convention. (Exhibit A) I can say, generally, that it was through such conferences that we have been able to find our strongest and weakest points in our state work which naturally affects our national work. Many of the states have voted that the Institutes become an annual affair.

Youth Meet and Conferences

I worked in the Ohio Youth Meet which was held at the Wehrman Avenue Church. There was a fine group of young people present and the churches were well represented. Mr. Eli Wilbert was in charge.

I served in two young peoples conferences this year—Central and Mid-West. The theme chosen by our youth certainly gives a challenge to us as adults. FORGET THYSELF AND FOLLOW ME.

Committee Meetings

I have tried as nearly as possible to attend all committee meetings and did attend the following:
Field Staff — Mitchell, Indiana, February 24-March 2
Board of Review — Indianapolis, Indiana, March 3-5
National Convention Program Committee — Indianapolis, Indiana, April 15
Board of Trustees — Indianapolis, December 18-17, 1952, April 16, 1953
Central Committee — May 13-17, 1953, January 12-17, 1953
Children’s Work — St. Louis, Missouri, November 28, 1952
Planning Commission — Indianapolis, Ind., November 28, 1952

National Project

This year our national project is money for Africa. Some money has been sent already but for the most part it was to have been brought to this convention. We are hoping for a substantial gift, which represents the giving over and above the regular offering of our societies.

Looking Ahead

As we look into the future we see many tasks that calls our attention. This year we will strive to reach every state through local visits, conferences, conventions and correspondence in order that we may be able to ever proclaim missions.
REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
To The
National Christian Missionary Convention
(Period of January, 1953 - August, 1953)

I.

PHILOSOPHY OF WORK: The objective for the general management of The Christian Plea is the development of our journal into a respected influence for good throughout the total brotherhood.

We are attempting to realize our major objective by making The Christian Plea a channel for promoting
1. National Christian Missionary Convention
2. A high quality churchmanship
3. Open forum on ideas relevant to Kingdom Building
4. Constructive proposal and evaluation
5. Dutiful service to all patrons, and

In this sacred endeavor, we guard zealously the rights of a free press. We make no effort to cater to any one group or vested interest. We strive earnestly to reflect the sensitive Christian conscience of Disciples of Christ as well as the courageous, yet understanding spirit of our Lord.

Our journal affords the most open channel for the free exchange of ideas related to the progress of our particular group. Let us hope that this will not forever be true. Yet six brief months in the capacity as editor, has convinced us of the real importance of this value.

Fear and mistrust must be removed. The Christian Plea must become a bridge of understanding between the races and particular groups within our brotherhood. We must develop intimate and free contact within our fellowship so that through open forum in The Christian Plea selected problems can be intelligently made known and cooperative inquiry and suggestion can be encouraged with tact and without fear.

II.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITY

Through action of the Advisory Committee during its meeting on April 13, 1953 in Indianapolis, Indiana, we adopted a policy of dropping all unpaid subscriptions to The Plea as of June 15, 1953. This policy was made known to all subscribers through notices in the May and June issues and two personal notices were sent to all delinquent persons involved.

Unforseen developments enabled us to secure Elder Ernest Newborn of Washington, D.C., as a part time field agent for The Christian Plea in the state conventions of Kentucky and Ohio. In conjunction with this responsibility, The Christian Board of Publication allowed him to supervise a book display at both conventions. Mr. Newborn is a third year divinity student at Howard University.

Mr. Joseph Wiley of St. Louis, Missouri, made his debut as a Plea agent in the Missouri Christian Missionary Convention which convened in Vandalia, Missouri. He is present at this con-
vention in the capacity of circulation manager for the Convention daily.

As a further means of promotion, The Christian Plea is issuing a four page number daily at this convention. It will be distributed free of charge.

III.

RECOGNITION

Through correspondence and an organizational meeting, our Advisory Committee on Publication has given basic guidance to the Editor. This counsel has been invaluable.

The help of The Christian Board of Publication has made possible the “new look” in The Christian Plea. We must acknowledge the splendid cooperation of Dr. W. H. Cramblet which has brought the wisdom and experience of a great publishing house to bear upon the development of our national journal. (See page 51 in the August-September number of The Christian Plea.)

The office of The National Christian Missionary Convention has been most cooperative in our new plans for expansion. The entire staff has pushed the paper on the field, and Office Secretary, Marjorie C. Parker, has been of immeasurable assistance in unsnarling the mechanical processes and performing as an ambassador of goodwill for the paper within the Missions Building.

Our patrons are growing in an understanding of our basic business policies. News is being sent in; monies collected are being reported; notices to delinquent subscribers are acknowledged and letters of all types are received by the Editor.

The Centennial Christian Church of St. Louis, Missouri, has been appreciative of our efforts, providing office space and file cabinets free of charge.

IV.

CONCLUSION

Through the foundation laid by great editors and advisory committees of the past and the help we are receiving from several sources in the present, The Christian Plea is making slow but steady progress. However, if we are to keep pace with the tremendous amount of time, talent, and money being invested in this worthy project, we must do more of the following in the future:

1. Send in well written news articles about your church.
2. Get people in your church to subscribe to The Plea.
3. Take interesting photos of church activities and send them in to The Plea office.
4. Interest people of other races and churches in subscribing to The Christian Plea.

The cooperation you have given us in the past six months has been greatly appreciated.

W. K. Fox, of The Christian Plea
THE CHRISTIAN PLEA FINANCIAL REPORT
St. Louis, Missouri

INCOME:
January 1 to July 31, 1953
Subscriptions $ 463.45
Advertising 40.00
Donations 23.60
National Convention 650.00

EXPENSES:
Postage 66.48
Printing 638.18
Office Help 94.59
Office Supplies 83.74
Donations 160.00
Bad Checks 12.00

$1177.05

SUMMARY:
Cash in Bank $ 45.30 (Bank Statement)
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Total cash in bank as of August 4, 1953 $188.30
Total outstanding obligations as of August 4, 1953 -- Unknown

Chas. H. Bennett, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHURCH DEVELOPMENT AND EVANGELISM
Charles H. Webb

Greetings!

One of the busiest years of my career as a national field worker has just about closed. This year has been marked with a wide variety of urgent concerns and appeals, none of which could be treated lightly as postponed to a more convenient day. There is a great need for two workers instead of one to carry the responsibility now being attempted. It is our hope that in the not too distant future our staff may be adequately manned to cover this outstanding requirement.

Wider Relationship

It was my privilege to serve with the adult section of the Central Committee, Religious Education Department, as a representative of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

As a member of the Joint Department of Evangelism National Council of Churches, I attended a meeting of the Department in New York while on other business with the Seaboard churches. Your Director has been honored with a request from Dr. E. G. Homrighousen, Chairman of the Joint Department, to serve on a special committee appointed to sponsor an affair in recognition of the retirement of Dr. Jesse Bader who for twenty years has
lead the Department as Executive Secretary. This event has been planned for December 1, 1953 in New York at Riverside Church.

**Christian Men’s Fellowship**

Under the aggressive and energetic leadership of the Christian Men’s Fellowship president, Mr. Alfred Thomas, the Men’s Work Department has projected an ideal program. Outstanding in the plans for the year was the holding of a Mid-West Retreat in Cincinnati in June. The attendance was not what we desired, but it was an excellent venture. W. H. McKinney, Executive Secretary of Men’s Work Department U.C.M.S. as present and enhanced the program greatly.

A fellowship trophy cup has been purchased and will be awarded to the church having the largest group of laymen present for the C.M.F. Banquet.

**State Development**

The work in the interest of state development has taken momentum during the past two years. Since our last convention we have concentrated in a mild fashion areas roughly identified by State boundaries. California, South Carolina, Georgia, Eastern Seaboard, Kentucky, Tennessee and Oklahoma.

In California there was an itinerary of two weeks which included Northern and Southern sections. Five churches were contacted and seven church workers institutes were held with an average of 26 people attending each.

Georgia keeps climbing. The state president, Brother D. T. Williams, keeps himself informed and is giving some fine leadership. The date of annual convention was shifted permanently so as not to conflict with another state which also desires the services of National Directors.

South Carolina and Eastern Seaboard had significant study and planning conferences, in which remarkable goals were set. The planning was pointed and thorough. Both areas are already reaping benefits.

Texas remains the only state which maintains a full time evangelist who also serves as promotional secretary church development director. Texas has supplied our office with one of the best statistical reports of the work we have seen. It was prepared by Professor Edwin Hurdle and his statistical committee in the state convention at Paris.

Kentucky has gotten her shot in the arm. This year we went to the state convention to observe. The program was virtually a model drawn from the pattern of the National Convention and applied with marked efficiency and success. The State President and Financial Secretary (George Frazier — A. D. Gault) keep busy and it is paying off.

Tennessee in its significant session at the beautiful Mississippi Boulevard Church last month took a long stride forward by electing to the office of general field secretary, Mrs. R. Bracy.

The Oklahoma State Convention took action in collaboration with the Oklahoma Christian Missionary Society to launch a revitalization program in the early Fall. The program will utilize primarily the techniques of visitation evangelism and the church life revival.
New Churches

A number of new churches have been born in recent years which have not been recognized, but the National Convention is especially interested in at least two very real developments. The Mobile Church is in the making. The plot has been purchased and some funds set aside by The Mobile First Church and the Alabama State Society. We hope by the time our next annual session is held that the Mobile Church will have a report on the record.

The Macon, Georgia Christian Church is a reality. Put together the following: a resourceful state secretary, a God-fearing laymen who will witness with his words to win a preacher, and then give a plot and build the house, and a handful of people who believe and obey — and the end product is the Mosely Avenue Christian Church of Macon, Ga., Elder M. C. Knowles, pastor.

Conferences have been held or correspondence carried on with interested parties in Atlanta, Ga., Monroe, La., and points in Florida, Indiana, Colorado and Pennsylvania.

This Ministry

The Taylor Memorial Fellowship House has closed another debt free year. This project is bearing fruit already. Four men are in ministerial service. One is a full time assistant minister, another is doing full time student pastoring and two others are serving as summertime student assistants to full time pastors. Three of these are residents of Taylor Memorial Fellowship House. The agencies cooperating with the National Christian Missionary Convention are very gratified with the possibilities and prospects of the project and have committed themselves for another year of support. We expect one new resident this year who will be in post-graduate school.

Five ministers were ordained and four licensed in the Texas Convention. Three of them had some college training and all but one had at least advanced high school education. If these and other fine men who are answering the challenge of the Christian Church appeal and plea are nurtured well and diverted carefully to the best channels of usefulness, the end of our ministerial problem is in view.

There is need however to continue our vigilence for young men who will prepare themselves for the best possible service to “Christ and His Church” through advanced training and “full life dedication.” Local church and state convention contributions are increasing and we are grateful.

In Service Training

There is continued need for the ministers, institutes, conventions, seminars, adult church workers conferences, etc., for in-service training of our ministers and church leaders. Our ministers institute program this year was confined to Washington-Norfolk District, Goldsboro-Raleigh District and Mississippi (SCI). The Seaboard Institute fell through due to inadequate attendance, and the Texas Institute which also was authorized was stymied at the planning stage, due to displaced and indisposed leadership. There are requests for three in the coming year; for Eastern Seaboard, South Carolina, and Texas in connection with C.W.F. Planning.
Our Year of Evangelism

The year of evangelism is upon us. We are anxious that each church will accept its goal of 15% of membership for this year. We have listed the evangelism goals for most of the churches this year on the same sheet with the financial goals. The stated goals represent in most instances 15% of membership as found in 1952 Year Book. Where more accurate or more recent figures were available, they were used as basis.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the National Convention make a contribution toward a token of esteem upon the retirement of Dr. Jesse M. Bader, Executive Secretary, Joint Department of Evangelism, National Council of Churches, which will be marked December 1, 1953 at Riverside Church, New York City.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL BOARD

R. L. SAUNDERS, Secretary

August 18, 1953

President, Officers, and Members of the Thirty-seventh Annual Session of the National Christian Missionary Convention:

Greetings:

As Secretary of the National Convention and National Board, I hereby, submit a report of the activities of the National Board for this Convention Year.

The National Board held its meetings according to the Constitution during the year, and gave thoughtful and prayerful consideration to all areas of the work of the Church with the aim of making the work of the Church more effective.

Reports concerning the work of the Staff were heard and discussed.

The National Board wishes to report to the Convention that it feels that the members of our Staff are doing an excellent work in their respective fields, and that each Staff member is worthy of our highest esteem and appreciation.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Attention has been given the problem of the Christian Ministry.

The Taylor Memorial Fellowship House has been operated during the year in a very efficient way. This project, as you know, is to provide a home for prospective ministers while in training at Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana.

THE TAYLOR ESTATE

Reports were heard and reviewed from the Taylor Estate. The Board wishes to report that the New Plan for developing the Greenwood Cemetery is now in operation, and the Board feels the New Plan will increase the productivity of the Greenwood Cemetery Enterprise.
THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The Board wishes to report the application for membership as a Reporting Agency to the International Convention has been accepted, and at present, our Convention is a part of the International Convention. We welcome this privilege of extended fellowship and service with the entire Brotherhood.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

Progress is evident in the publishing and managing of The Christian Plea. The Board wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the Editor, Rev. W. K. Fox and his Staff for such a fine National Organ, and wishes for it the hearty support of every disciple.

BUDGET FOR 1953-54

The National Board wishes to submit the following Budget for the Convention Year 1953-54:

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Total: $34,550.00

AN OUTSTANDING NEED

One of the outstanding needs of the National Convention is an increase in giving of the local Churches, including the Church Department, the C. W. F., C. M. F., Youth Groups, and Church Schools. Through increased giving, the entire program could be expanded in personnel and program activities.
CONCLUSION

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to all persons who have helped in any way to advance the program of the Convention and the Brotherhood.

 Faithfully submitted,
THE NATIONAL BOARD
R. L. Saunders, Secretary

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
Emmett J. Dickson

Introduction
The "All American" Star City of the South has greeted us with a welcome to make our star of work shine.

Staff
All departments of work of the Convention have had staff members assigned. This has been a busy year for every staff member and officer. We may now note with pleasure the service tenure of the staff members. We are thankful for this blessing of service which each member has so faithfully rendered to the National Christian Missionary Convention.

Total service miles traveled 135,997. Meetings with groups 282.

Annual session — The dream of Roanoke is now a reality. The convention is here!

Above and beyond our reporting stand now "Our Year of Evangelism" in the Long Range Program. We are working in full cooperation with the Council of Agencies. A great program has been built for this session. Elder Eli W. Wilbert is chairman of the program committee.

Elder R. W. Watson is chairman of the recommendation committee and will guide all recommendations, resolutions, and propositions through for final action.

International Convention
The National Christian Missionary Convention is now a reporting agency to the International Convention. The final action was taken in the general assembly held in Portland, Oregon, July 4-9, 1953. We must continue to prove worthy of this high and noble honor of membership which is now ours.

August 9, 1953

Dear Mr. Dickson:
I am pleased to quote the following action on Resolution No. 33 of the Portland Assembly of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ concerning "Application for membership in the International Convention of Disciples of Christ from the National Christian Missionary Convention, Disciples of Christ."

"The Committee on Recommendations approved the report on the application as shown on pages 197-198 of the 1953 Portland Assembly Program Book, and recommended the National Christian Missionary Convention for membership in the International Convention of Disciples of Christ."
“Action — VOTED approval of the application as recom-
manded, by the Convention Assembly. The Chair declared the
application approved by a two-thirds vote or more.”
We hope that your Roanoke meeting may be outstanding.
Very sincerely yours,
Gertrude Dimke, Secretary to Dr. Cook

Goals

Goals for money to all the churches is only the yardstick of
service. We list each church and make a suggested goal for all
auxiliaries. We ask that money for the National Christian Mis-
sionary Convention be sent to Dr. J. E. Walker, 480 Linden Ave.,
Memphis, Tenn., and that money be sent to Unified Promotion,
Indianapolis, Ind. We hope each church and organization will ac-
cept and reach its goal and in many instances pass the suggest,
ed goals. Our goals are not secret goals, every member should
know the goals of the churches. Our plea for goal acceptance is
in the light of world needs.

Budget

We have conducted the spending within the limits of the
1952-53 operating budget. The efforts to increase the operating
budget to the point where needed personnel may be employed
and program and service funds may be available, has met head-
on with our manner of convention stewardship. We still hope
for money for greater services.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Upon the presentation of properly signed vouchers, we
recommend that the treasurer be authorized to pay 1953
convention expenses.

2. That the suggested goals be accepted and presented to
the convention and released to the churches.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mr. President, members, friends of the 37th Annual Session
of the national Christian Missionary Convention and National
Board, I count this a grand privilege to bring to you my seventh
annual report. During these years we have shared our joys and
our sorrows, our defeats as well as our victories, and in the midst
of it all we have been able to look to him who is the author and
maker of every good and perfect gift. I want to express to all of
you a word of appreciation for the very fine spirit you have shown
as we have worked together with the hope to do the will of our
Father. I know these years have not been easy for you, because
you have been called upon to do things you have never done be-
fore and to venture out into new areas of service. You have an-
swered that call as brave soldiers of the cross. Let me hasten to
say on the other hand that the years ahead will be the years in
a large measure to test our faith. We will be called upon to go
places we have never gone before and to make untold sacrifices
if the church is to meet the needs of our present day world. “Rise
up o’men of God, the Church for you doth wait; her strength un-
equal to the task, rise up and make her great.”
International C. Y. F. Commission

I left California last year immediately after the convention closed for Lafayette, Ind., to attend the C. Y. F. Commission and Christian Youth Conference of North America, meeting on the campus of Purdue University. We had young people attending this meeting from Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. Each organized state or area has the responsibility of selecting their youth representative and send to the International C. Y. F. Commission with some financial aid from the National Office.

The Commission for this year, 1953, has already met at Camp Munecha, Corbett, Oregon, just preceeding the International Convention. Three of our young people were in attendance and we made it possible for all of them to attend the International Conventional in Portland, Oregon.

Local Church Visits

Service has been rendered to the following churches: Clay Street, Paducah, Kentucky; Maple Street, Lockland, Ohio; East High Street, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky; East Second, Lexington, Kentucky; Second Church, Indianapolis, Indiana; West Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri; Centennial, St. Louis, Missouri; Second, Atlanta, Georgia; Boll Street, Dallas, Texas; Cross Street, Little Rock, Arkansas; Ross Street, Montgomery, Alabama; Galilee, Holly Hill, South Carolina; Briner, Holly Hill, South Carolina, and Macedonia, Oxmoore, Alabama.

Finance Committee

For the first time we were able to bring together all of the members of the promotional finance committee for a meeting at the Hotel Mance, Cincinnati, Ohio. Others meeting with this group included Julian Stuart of Unified Promotion; E. J. Dickson of the National Convention; Mrs. Edith W. Bristow, Third Vice-President of the Convention; John R. Compton, Minister of the Wehrman Avenue Church, Cincinnati, Ohio; Robert Brown, Minister of Maple Street Church, Lockland, Ohio and myself.

The purpose of this meeting was to make plans as to how this group might better serve as a spring board in helping to promote the church school giving in the various areas. As a result, note exhibit and report of the Convention treasurer.

Local Church Institutes

Institutes for Church School teachers and leaders were held in the following churches: East High Street, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky; and West Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri. The main objective was to strengthen the educational committee with the hope of helping them to become an active functional working committee in the church.

Family Workshop

A family workshop was held in Chicago at the Indiana Avenue Church, Elder R. H. Davis, minister, with Southside Church sharing in the project of which Elder R. E. LaToiche is the minister. We had the following work groups and leaders: Christian Family Life Program in the Church, J. D. Montgomery, Director of Christian Family Life for our brotherhood — Family Fellow-
ship and Creative Activities, Mrs. Kenneth Bowen, wife of the minister of Morgan Park Christian Church, Chicago (also an active adult worker) — Preparation for Marriage and Family Life, J. J. Van Boskirk, Executive Secretary Chicago Disciple Union — The Church, Its Youth, Children and their Homes, Lorenzo J. Evans. This workshop in our evaluation period proved to be a successful venture.

**Kenneth Henry Fund and Itinerary**

At the National Convention session in Los Angeles, I was given the responsibility by the National Board to solicit a minimum of $1,250.00 from our National Convention churches and leaders to help make it possible for Kenneth Henry to attend the Third World Conference of Christian Youth at Travencore, India and visit some of our mission stations with the hope of traveling during the summer sharing his experience with other young people as well as adults throughout this country and Canada. I am sure that you will be happy to know that the leaders and churches of the National Convention gave about $2,000.00 to this project to help make the trip possible. I want you to know that I personally appreciate your contribution to this effort. Both Kenneth and Newton are with us this week.

This convention session brings to a close the Kenneth Henry itinerary under the supervision of the United Christian Missionary Society. From the number of very fine reports I have received from churches visited, he has made a very fine contribution.

**State Conventions**

I served in two of the Fall conventions, South Carolina and Alabama. One of the bright features of the South Carolina Convention was the setting up of a state planning commission. The purpose of this commission is to plan a total program of work for the state.

I served in the Missouri Convention this year at Vandalia, carrying the total program emphases. A very fine observation was conducted under the direction and supervision of Miss Marjorie Hill of Kansas City. I taught a leadership class and had the privilege of presenting seven leadership credit cards on Friday night.

**Planning Conference and Commission**

The Sixth Planning Conference and the Second Commission were held in Indianapolis Thanksgiving week-end with thirteen states and areas represented. This was the most successful conference and commission we have had during three years. Our ultimate goal is to have every state and area represented to help us plan a total program of work.

**Central Committee Meeting**

I attended the Central Committee meeting at Hotel Claridge, St. Louis, Missouri, serving on the youth leadership and audio-visual committees as a part of my assigned responsibility of the Division of Christian Education, United Christian Missionary Society.
Division of Christian Education NCCC

It was my privilege again this year to attend the annual session of the Division of Christian Education National Council of Churches in U. S. A. This meeting was held in Cincinnati, Ohio. I served my last year on the Executive Committee of CCSA. This is the meeting where the major protestant bodies of this country representing their particular communion come together to study and develop new techniques and methods of undergirding and improving the program of Christian Education in the churches.

Fall Staff Meeting

Attended the spring meeting of the field staff, Division of Christian Education, U. C. M. S., held at Mitchell, Indiana. It was a rich experience to be in one of these meetings for the inspiration and fellowship with the group.

Conference with State Workers — Ft. Worth, Texas

A conference was held in Ft. Worth, Texas in the state office with the staff along with Mrs. Alva S. Brown for the purpose of completing plans for the Southwest Young People's Summer Conference. An Observation School for children workers under the supervision of Mrs. Paul Campbell, State Children's Worker of Texas, which was held at the State Convention in Paris. Plans were also made to have a Laboratory Training School at Jarvis College during the summer of 1954 with Mrs. Campbell giving guidance to the project.

Conference with new Directors of Religious Education

Following the field staff meeting at Mitchell, Indiana, I spent a day in the office helping in an orientation meeting with the new directors of religious education of the Division of Christian Education, U. C. M. S. The purpose of this meeting with the directors was to lift up to them the program of Christian Education of the National Convention and how it is implemented and to share with them as to how the state office personnel might give guidance in helping to undergird the total program in their own state or area.

Board of Review

Attended again this year the meeting of the Board of Review, Unified Promotion in the Severin Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Local Church Visitation

Mr. C. H. Webb and I spent a week in South Carolina, visiting local churches for the purpose of lifting up to them the total program of our brotherhood and how through its cooperative effort attempts to serve the local churches. The churches we were able to reach were helped in that they saw how their own local group tie into the total program of our brotherhood.

State Planning Meetings

I served in the Alabama state planning again this year. This was the third consecutive year that such a meeting has been held where the leaders come together with the state secretary director and plan their program of work for the year. A very good program of planning is being developed in this state. Following
through on a recommendation growing out of the state convention I was able to share in our first state planning meeting of South Carolina. This was a most important meeting because it gave me an opportunity to clear up some relationships between the National staff, state officers and local churches. It is always necessary to have a clear understanding of relationships before any constructive work can be done. Coming out of this meeting was the idea to have our institute type of program in their state convention which would be most helpful in the training of leaders. A committee was also set up for the purpose of making a study to expand the youth meet into a young peoples summer conference in 1954 and report the findings to the convention in October. This is a real possibility with the large number of young people in their state.

Local Church School Clinic

A local church school clinic was held at the Clay Street Christian Church, Paducah, Kentucky, with the church leaders in Christian Education. In this clinic we attempted to introduce the material and demonstrate how it can best be used. I want to call attention to the very fine contribution that was made by Mrs. Bessie Rey, who carried the children’s phase of the program and Mrs. Mary Washington, the youth phase. Both of these leaders are from the Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Missouri. I carried the phase of administering a program of Christian Education in the local church. Elder A. R. Rey, minister, was quite inspired over the outcome of the clinic and I am sure that it will add new life to the total teaching program of the church.

Minister’s Institute

I served in a minister’s institute with Brother Webb, held at Southern Christian Institute for the ministers of Mississippi. I had the responsibility of carrying the Christian Education phase of the program. It was a real privilege for me to have had this opportunity to serve in this institute.

Summer Conferences and Chi Rho Camps

Plans were set up this summer for eight conferences and two Chi Rho Camps. However, because of some last minute emergencies, we were not able to hold two of these conferences. Namely, Oklahoma and Magnolia at Southern Christian Institute. We are hoping to have them another year.

State Planning Meeting on Christian Education

I served in the state planning meeting on Christian Education of Missouri, under the leadership of Miss Marjorie Hill of Kansas City, State Bible School president. The meeting was held in the Missouri State Office in connection with the state planning meeting of Christian Women’s Fellowship. This was a very good meeting and an aggressive program of work outlined for the state.

International Convention

I attended the International Convention at Portland, Oregon and was scheduled to participate on a panel in the Family Workshop, but because of a previous commitment to serve in a conference and traveling on a pass, I was not able to remain for this assignment.
1. That each state or area organize a committee on Christian Education where there is not one already organized, and send in the names and addresses of such committee to the National Office in order that the director of Christian Education can work with said committee in the planning of a program of work.

2. That each state or area select a young person to represent the state or area in the 1954 International C. Y. F. Commission and send in the name to the National Office not later than May 30, 1954.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP WORKSHOP

Tuesday Morning

1st Hour

The C. W. F. workshop met in the small auditorium of the Loundsen Ave. Church at 9:25 a.m. The call to worship and work was given by Miss Anna Belle Jackson.

The workshop leaders for the convention sessions were introduced; Worship, Mrs. Lorraine Grove, Missouri; Study, Mrs. Margaret Webb, Indiana; Service, Mrs. Emma Saunders, Kansas. They each in turn gave a few highlights of what we would be discussing.

Mrs. Grove conducted a short worship service on the theme: "The Power of Faith". Personal experiences were recounted by various delegates.

Guide to better devotional life:
1. Daily reading
2. Be humble
3. Prayer for others
4. Meditation
5. Closeness to God
6. Fellowship
7. Sharing with others

The prayer room on the balcony level will be opened at all times.

2nd Hour

Mrs. Berniece A. Holmes, National President, presiding.

Mrs. Holmes spoke on Creative Living and recommended the book "Worship Highways" to be used as resources material. Song "Yes God is Real."

The following Committee Chairmen were appointed and asked to serve as national chairmen for 1953-54:

Publicity, Mrs. Daisy Dean, Arkansas
Service, Mrs. Katie Yarbrough, Tennessee
Study, Mrs. H. Marcetta Smith, Ohio
Worship, Mrs. R. H. Peoples, Indiana

The committees were formed by equally dividing the delegates into four groups. The committees will meet during convention and formulate plans to further the work throughout the coming year. Closed with the Fellowship Benediction.
Wednesday

1st Hour
Meditations led by Mrs. Peoples of Indiana. Mrs. Webb gave a lecture on Study materials and led out in the discussion on how to best use and promote study in fellowship meetings. All the materials for 1953-54 study were shown. The advantage of advance planning was stressed.

2nd Hour
Each committee met during this time to bring back a report on aims and convention recommendations for next convention. Report to be given at the Thursday session.

Thursday Morning

1st Hour Workshop
Meditation and worship led by Mrs. Martha Barnett, Ohio. Mrs. Emma Saunders led the discussion on Service and told of the many areas opened to fellowship groups to serve both at home and abroad.

2nd Hour
The reports from the committees were called for (reports on another page). It was moved and seconded that the reports from the worship, study, service and publicity committee be accepted and incorporated into the 1954 convention plans. Motion carried. The following are to serve on the Loving Cup Committee: Mrs. Meyers, Mo.; Mrs. Whitfield, D. C., and Mrs. Frazier, Kentucky.

Friday

1st Hour
Meditations led by Mrs. Fannie Clark, Illinois, "Fatherhood of God." Remembrance Committee was appointed by the President as follows: Miss Kemp, Mo.; Mrs. Vaughn, N. C., and Mrs. Jackson, Washington, D. C. They are to send cards from the convention to absent members who have attended through the years. The rest of the workshop period was spent in discussing what, where and how to send all money to be used for mission work. Explanation concerning the need for accurate answers to all communications from Miss Jackson was stressed. The information contained in the year book is secured only by the Churches sending in the information. National Representation fee was explained. Mrs. Page gave a short talk on the need for sacrifice. Closed with Prayer.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

Publicity
The Publicity committee met with Mrs. Daisy Dean, 2024 Howard St., Little Rock, Ark., presiding. The group elected Mrs. Eunice Miller, P. O. 401, Fairfax, S. C., as secretary.
The committee makes the following recommendations:
1. That an editorial be sent to the Christian Plea each month from the C. W. F.
2. That news be sent each month from the states. (These articles to be sent direct to the editor on or before the 8th each month.)

3. That the heading of the page be "THE VOICES OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP."

4. The committee names be printed in the Plea.

5. A list of names be chosen to be responsible for the editorial each month. October, Mrs. L. Rolla; November, Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy.

6. Mrs. Geneva Griffin be appointed to secure subscriptions for the Plea and World Call.

7. Each person on the Publicity Committee is asked to send in news from your local church and state to the Christian Plea.

The Committee:

Mrs. Geneva M. Griffin, 11 N. E. 6th St. Oklahoma City, Okla.
Mrs. T. R. Everett, P. O. Box 226 Midway, Ky.
Miss Lillian Kemp, 610 Miller St. Jefferson City, Mo.
Miss S. P. Walker, 2413 Lucille Dallas, Texas
Mrs. Sallie Crawford, 1621 Home Ave. Dayton, Ohio
Mrs. Florine Hunt, 344 N. Garfield Columbus, Ohio
Mrs. Lena Harris, 917 Warren St. Nashville, Tenn.
Mrs. Minnie E. Hill, 2073 Olive St. Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. Maude Jackson, Rt. 1, Box 746 Birmingham, Ala.
Mrs. A. L. Martin, 1235 Sawyer Ave. Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Esther James, 428 Mundell Dr. Pasadena 3, Calif.

Worship

The worship committee of the C. W. F. of the National Convention met at the Louden Ave. Christian Church, Roanoke, Va.

The following plans were made for the 1954 Convention:

1. The C. W. F. will publish in the CHRISTIAN PLEA three model worship services during the year. Chosen to write the services are: Mesdames Saunders, Kansas; Webb, Indiana; Esma Edkins, Texas.

2. The following will prepare services for the 1954 Convention:
   Tuesday — Miss Margaret Lee, Ohio.
   Wednesday — Miss Alcorn, Kentucky.
   Thursday — Mrs. A. W. Davis, Kansas.
   Friday — Mrs. F. T. Barnett, Ohio.
   Saturday — Mrs. M. C. Dickson, Indiana.

Others chosen to write worship services were:

Mrs. Minnie Greenwade, Ohio Mrs. Thomas Callens, Ohio
Mrs. M. E. Lee, California Mrs. J. O. Bowles, Illinois
Mrs. Ethel Bass, Ohio Mrs. Lorraine Grove, Missouri
Mrs. R. L. Jordan, Michigan
The Committee:

Mrs. C. H. Webb  Mrs. A. W. Davis
Mrs. R. L. Saunders Mrs. Minnie Greenwade
Miss M. E. Lee Mrs. Amelia Jones
Miss Alcorn Mrs. R. H. Peoples, Chairman
Mrs. R. L. Jordan Mrs. Lorraine Grove
Mrs. Pearl Craggett Mrs. T. Callens
Mrs. Ethel Bass Mrs. E. Edkins
Mrs. M. C. Dickson Mrs. J. O. Bowles

Study

The Study Committee recommends the following:

Local Level

1. That where possible have a Sunday Mission Study Class during the regular Sunday School hour.
2. That greater use be made of the free materials available and pass it on to all members of the Church.
3. That efforts be made to interest all women in reading for personal enrichment.
4. That local news for publication in the Plea be sent to the Plea. (Study)

National Level

1. That each National Chairman make contact throughout the year by mail or wherever possible visit in order to keep the women informed as to the aims of the convention.
2. That a study period to learn the women how to set up their local study groups with an actual class in progress. The delegates having the privilege of going from one class to another if so desired.

If the above plan is not feasible the following is suggested:

That a model committee be set up and function throughout the convention, with a comprehensive well planned program so that the delegates will have some concrete ideas to work on in their local C. W. F.

The Committee:

Mrs. H. Marcetta Smith, 845 Olive St., Chrm. Cincinnati, Ohio
Mrs. Gertrude Gilmore, 1235 S. Sawyer Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Clara Bush, 1180 Long St. Columbus, Ohio
Mrs. Mary Whitfield, 2931 11th St. N. W. Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Dietsey Gray, 4940 Terry Ave. St. Louis, Mo.
Mrs. Leatha Howell, 1757 Aubert Ave. St. Louis, Mo.
Mrs. Anderson, 322 Hall St. Maysville, Ky.
Mrs. J. E. Blair, 176 William S. W. Warren, Ohio
Mrs. Vera Pearson, 900 Oak St. Warren, Ohio
Mrs. Annie Vaughn, Box 1173 Riedsville, N. C.
Mrs. Willis Detroit, Michigan
Mrs. Jarman Dayton, Ohio
Mrs. Elden Henderson, Ky.
Mrs. Ruth Lewis, Secretary, 157 Weakley Dayton, Ohio
SERVICE

The Service Committee under the leadership of Mrs. Katie Yarbrough, 1076 S. Orleans, Memphis, Tenn. Silent prayer was offered. Mrs. R. M. Fox was asked to serve as secretary. The following committees were appointed:

Offering—Mrs. Marie Brown, Mary Howard and Maude Jackson.

LOCAL PROJECT

That each local society or fellowship some time during the year do a service project for an institution, shut-ins or physically handicapped in your local community.

STATE PROJECT

The states are asked to supply soap, cleanser, bathroom tissue and washing powder to the Preston Taylor House through the year. The service committee along with the National worker would be responsible for notifying each state or area when they are to serve. Mrs. Smith, the house mother, will notify Miss Jackson when the house is overstocked. The states will serve alphabetically beginning with the month of October.

NATIONAL PROJECT

Christian Mexican Institute was over ruled and the Christian Women's Fellowship joins with the National body to help raise funds to remodel the parsonage of the Los Angeles All Peoples Church.

SERVICE ROLL FOR TAYLOR HOUSE

Alabama Oct. '53
Arkansas Nov.
California Dec.
Eastern Seaboard Jan. '54
Florida Feb.
Illinois March
Kansas April
Kentucky May
Missouri June
Mississippi July
Ohio August
Oklahoma Sept. '54
Piedmont Area Oct.
South Carolina Nov.
Tennessee Dec.
Texas Jan. '55

Faithfully submitted,
Mrs. Katie Yarbrough, Chrm.
Mrs. Rubena M. Fox, Secretary

REPORT OF RECOMMENDATION COMMITTEE

1953 Accepted Recommendation — Roanoke, Virginia

We the committee on recommendations wish to submit the following accepted recommendations:

1. That the Convention establish a “Commission on the Ministry” to study the matter of recruiting, training, placing and supporting an adequate ministry for our churches. That the committee be of such size and so located, geographically, that meetings can be held at intervals, and that transportation expenses for said committee be paid by the convention.

2. That a work sheet be compiled containing all accepted
recommendations at this convention. That the same be mimeographed and copies distributed to the representatives from the various churches. (To be published in The Christian Plea).

3. That necessary arrangements be made to facilitate the editing, printing, and distribution of the minutes three months after the adjournment of the convention.

4. That the price of the Convention badge be included in the registration fee.

5. That a department be organized in our National Convention to be known as Young Adult Fellowship to take care of those adults between maximum CYF age and that of Christian Women's Fellowship and Christian Men's Fellowship. That the above be submitted to the Department of Christian Education for further study and implementation.

6. In as much as the Christian Men's Fellowship of the National Christian Missionary Convention has been accepted and approved as an auxiliary and department of the National Christian Missionary Convention, and whereas the constitution has been amended for these changes, but it resolved that they be put into effect immediately.

7. Whereas there is a possibility that many of our (white) church buildings will be discarded as places of worship for the reason that radical changes are being made almost overnight (Negroes geographically) and because of this fact many lovely buildings (churches) will be lost to the brotherhood unless we are able to solicit not only the support of our National Christian Missionary Convention and the United Christian Missionary Society. Whereas this possibility prevails in Los Angeles, Calif., perhaps more so than in many other places, be it resolved that our 37th Convention session go on record by recommending to our cooperating agencies that they make possible a policy by their moral and financial support in saving many lovely church buildings throughout the nation in our brotherhood.

8. Whereas it has been discovered that there is no specific time allotted on the convention program for committee meetings, we recommend that the program committee arrange periods for committee meetings.

9. Due to the steady increase of the work and duties of the secretary of the National Convention, it is hereby recommended that some financial consideration be given him. Let us therefore request that the National Board work out the amount to be given the secretary during 1953-54 and provide the same amount in the 1953-54 budget. The amount should not be less than $250.00 per year and not more than $500.00 per year. That the above be referred to the trustees for further study and implementation.

10. Whereas the National Christian Missionary Convention has committed itself to be the guest of the Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Mo., in 1954, and the guest
of the Summit Avenue Church, Dayton, Ohio, 1955; we therefore having received certified invitations, recommend that the convention honor these invitations by becoming the guests of the Boll Street Church, Dallas, Texas, in 1956 and the Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Baltimore, Md., in 1957. Subject to the By-Laws and prevailing conditions in the local community.

11. That all ministers support the National Convention by giving $10.00 annually as a personal gift.

12. That each church support its minister, if he desires, to enroll in the Pension Fund, Disciples of Christ.

13. That our churches be encouraged to establish a nursery wherever possible.

14. That more emphases on Christian Family Life be stressed in our churches.

15. We recommend that the National Convention accept as a special project in "Capitol or Kingdom Building" the repairs and remodeling of the parsonage of The All Peoples' Church and Community Center for the sum of $2,000.00.

16. That the report of the Social Action Committee be adopted as read.

17. That the National Convention make a contribution toward a token of esteem upon the retirement of Dr. Jesse M. Bader, Executive Secretary, Joint Department of Evangelism, National Council of Churches, which will be marked December 11, 1953, at Riverside Church, New York City. That the above be referred to the trustees for further study and implementation.

18. Whereas, the Negro ministry has been officially informed of the new approach which Institutional Missions is to make in the re-vamping of the program for Southern Christian Institute in the south, and

Whereas, for the Past 78 years the major formulation of policy and program for institutional missions among our people has been largely determined by the United Christian Missionary Society or the representatives of that board, and

Whereas, this board or its representatives has developed a commendable program, productive of many of our best leaders, a fact greatly appreciated by our convention,

Whereas, such policies and programs, though sincerely developed, have been done FOR and not WITH the counsel and cooperation of the convention leadership,

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That in launching this new and expanding program, the paternalistic approach to policy and programs be avoided.

2. That the president of this convention appoint a committee of five (including himself) from the convention to request the U. C. M. S. to give early consideration to working out a joint approach to this problem.
19. Whereas, Dr. Rosa Page Welch is a highly honored and respected member of the Disciples of Christ and the National Christian Missionary Convention, and has made an outstanding contribution to the work of the Brotherhood, and;

Whereas, Dr. Welch has called attention to the Disciples of Christ of the need for American missionaries of various races, and;

Whereas, because of her outstanding service to the Brotherhood, it is highly to be desired that a fund of not less than $1000.00 and with a maximum goal of $5000.00 to be known as the Rosa Page Welch Scholarship Fund, be raised by the National Christian Missionary Convention, the amount so raised to be deposited as a permanent fund with the United Christian Missionary Society, the income therefrom to be used to train candidates with the understanding that if none are in training, then the income is to go to the general program of missionary training.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Christian Missionary Convention honor Dr. Rosa Page Welch by the creating of a Dr. Rosa Page Welch Scholarship Fund in the amount of not less than $1000.00 and with an ultimate goal of $5000.00, such scholarship funds to be turned over to The United Christian Missionary Society as a permanent fund in the name of Dr. Rosa Page Welch Scholarship Fund, such fund to be administered by The United Christian Missionary Society and the income therefrom to be used in the training as funds of candidates with the understanding that if no candidates are in training as funds are available from time to time, then the income from such fund is to go into the general missionary training program of The United Christian Missionary Society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and staff of the National Christian Missionary Convention be authorized and directed to proceed with the raising of the money for the Dr. Rosa Page Welch Scholarship Fund. (Committee appointed to work out specific details for the Fund).

20. Inasmuch as we have received inspiration and enthusiasm at the convention, be it resolved that radiate the same to our local congregations by beginning our year of evangelism with a rededication service at which every Christian will reconsecrate himself or herself to the evangelistic work of the Disciples of Christ.

21. Whereas there are delegates to our convention who enjoy the fellowship of blending their voices, we recommend that they be given and opportunity to render services in a convention choir to be used whenever practical.

22. That a special effort be put forth as recommended by the minister’s wives in the local church for scholarship funds and that the proceeds be sent to Dr. Walker. (Not recommended by the committee in view of the action taken in the Rosa Page Welch Scholarship Fund).
23. In view of the fact that this is our year of evangelism, be it resolved that we observe this phase of our long range program in its entirety through:
   a. re-dedication of ourselves to the principles of Jesus Christ.
   b. use of the materials and techniques made available by our brotherhood agencies
   c. through personal and visitation evangelism
   d. non-resident membership recruitment
   e. recommitment of in-active members
   f. revivals in our local churches.

24. That the fourth Sunday in January be set aside as National Usher's Day and that each local usher board raise and send at least $25.00 to the National Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker.

25. That each state or area convention usher board represent in the National Convention with $10.00. This representation fee should be mailed to the National Treasurer not later than June 30th.

26. That the National Usher President be the National field worker and that she appoint a key worker in each state or area in cooperation with the state or area usher board president.

27. That we set special local church goals for National Christian Missionary Convention to be reported on December 1, March 31, June 1, and July 31. Other funds, special or convention registration, to be sent or brought to the convention in session.

28. That March shall be National Christian Missionary Convention month with an effort put forth to awaken a large number to a realization of their obligations and privileges to the work of the church which is vital for their own salvation.

29. That an advance conference experience be made available for our young people and those having finished the four-year high school conference. (To be referred to the trustees).

30. That each state will hold a conference on evangelism during the ensuing year when there is a committee on evangelism, and that the state supplement at least one half the cost.

31. That the convention continue to endorse the $100 movement for evangelism.

32. All churches and ministers make a careful study of the budget of the National Convention for the fiscal year 1953-54 with possibility of fulfilling our local goal and if possible, further extension to 10%.

33. That the local ministers and local churches in each state cooperate very carefully with the Executive Secretary due to the fact that we had a deficit this year of $1,807.61, therefore, the responsibility of this work is increasing to the extent that the Executive Secretary will be forced to give more time to business effects and promotion.
34. That the Executive Secretary remind each local church of its financial goal each quarter and a quarterly report system be set up for the churches.

35. That the Asking Budget for the Convention year 1953-54 be accepted.

36. That each person who is an official delegate from local churches or states be certified by presenting a letter from the church or state authorizing them to serve on recommendations committee.

37. That our brotherhood urge our churches to give greater financial aid to our schools and that a greater program of student recruitment be initiated.

FINANCIAL REPORT RECORD
Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer
BEFORE CONVENTION

1952-53

Gross Receipts from National Convention —
Los Angeles, California $4,636.48
Corrected Balance in Treasury at Los Angeles Convention 1,680.66

$6,317.14

CHURCHES

Aug. Grove Hall Christian Church - Summerville, S.C. 10.00
Dec. Second Christian Church - Oakland, Calif. 15.00
Jan. Twelfth Street Christian Church - Austin, Texas 6.00
Feb. Mt. Olivet Christian Church - Baltimore, Md. 20.00
Elm Street Christian Church - Jefferson City, Mo. 12.50
March Second Christian Church - Indianapolis, Indiana 250.00
South Third Christian Church - Dallas, Texas 2.50
Crocket Street Christian Church - San Antonio, Texas 2.00
Indiana Avenue Christian Church - Chicago, Ill 50.00
Christian Chapel Christian Church - Port Gibson, Mississippi 18.00
Third Christian Church - Warren, Ohio 15.00
United Christian Church - Detroit, Michigan 80.00
S. C. I. Christian Church - Edwards, Miss. 50.00
Institutional Christian Church - Kansas City, Kas. 10.00
April East 6th Street Christian Church - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 80.00
Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church - Memphis, Tennessee 200.00
First Christian Church - Trenton, Missouri 10.00
Centennial Christian Church - St. Louis Mo. 55.00

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### BIBLE SCHOOLS

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- **Wyatt Street Christian Church Bible School**, Waxahachie, Texas
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- **Clark Street Christian Church Bible School**, Greenville, Texas
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- **Fairview Christian Church Bible School**, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky
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- **Alameda Street Christian Church Bible School**, Nashville, Tennessee
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- **Second Christian Church Bible School**, Fulton, Missouri
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- **Indiana Avenue Christian Church Bible School**, Chicago, Illinois
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- **Centennial Christian Church Bible School**, St. Louis, Missouri
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- **Second Christian Church Bible School**, Lawrence, Kansas
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- **South Side Christian Church Bible School**, Chicago, Illinois
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- **High Street Christian Church Bible School**, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky
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- **Twelfth Street Christian Church Bible School**, Austin, Texas
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- **Wehrman Avenue Christian Bible School**, Cincinnati, Ohio
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- **Rogersville Christian Church Bible School**, Rogersville, Tennessee
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        CWF of Osage Avenue Christian Church - Okmulgee, Oklahoma .................................. 10.00
        Missionary Society of Fifth Christian Church - Cincinnati, Ohio ................................ 15.00
        CWF of Second Christian Church - Hagerstown, Maryland ........................................... 10.00
        Missionary Society of First Christian Church - Concord, North Carolina ....................... 5.00
May    Ohio State Christian Women’s Fellowship .......................................................... 20.00
June    CWF of Lincoln Avenue Christian Church - Youngstown, Ohio ........................................... 20.00
        Missionary Society of Macedonia Christian Church - Birmingham, Alabama .................. 4.50
        CWF of Ross Street Christian Church - Montgomery, Alabama ........................................ 5.00
        CWF of Lorman Christian Church - Lorman, Miss. ................................................... 20.00
July    CWF of Central Christian Church - Cleveland, O. .................................................. 10.00
        CWF of Morgan Avenue Christian Church, CYF, Church and Church School, Parsons, Kansas 35.00
        Missionary Society of Paplar Hill Christian Church - Ridgeville, South Carolina .......... 10.00

$ 325.00

REGISTRATION FEES - CYF - CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

USHER BOARDS

Jan.    CYF of Twelfth Street Christian Church - Austin, Texas ........................................... 10.00
        Usher Board of Cross Street Christian Church - Little Rock, Arkansas ...................... 12.50
March   CYF of United Christian Church - Detroit, Mich. ................................................ 12.50
April   Senior Usher Board of Indiana Avenue Christian Church - Chicago, Illinois .............. 30.00
        Usher Board of Ross Street Christian Church - Montgomery, Alabama ......................... 10.00
June    CYF of Macedonia Christian Church - Birmingham, Alabama ..................................... 4.50
July    CYF of the State of Mississippi .............................................................................. 5.00
        Usher Board of Second Christian Church - Indianapolis, Indiana ................................ 5.00

CONVENTIONS

Sept.    Piedmont Tri-State Convention:
        Church Department, $15.00; Bible School, $10.00; Laymen League, $5.00 .................... 30.00
July    Georgia State Convention ....................................................................................... 12.00
        Florida State Convention ............................................................................................ 25.00
        Tennessee Christian Missionary Convention .............................................................. 50.00

$ 117.00
MISCELLANEOUS

Jan. Taylor Estate - Nashville, Tennessee $2,000.00
April Crusade Fund 1,000.00
March United Christian Missionary Society - Refund Financial Promotion Committee Meeting Expense (L. J. Evans) 20.50
May United Christian Missionary Society - Refund Board of Trustees Expenses 16.50
United Christian Missionary Society - Refund Program Committee 23.24
June Taylor Estate 800.00

$3,860.24

CONTRIBUTING AGENCIES

United Christian Missionary Society $12,999.96
National Benevolent Association 750.00
Board of Higher Education 300.00
Pension Fund of Disciples of Christ 600.00
Board of Church Extension 600.00
Christian Board of Publication 3,000.00

$18,249.96

SPECIAL GIFTS

Mrs. Amanda Davis - Kansas City, Kansas $75.00
Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Warrick - Kansas City, Missouri 5.00
Elder C. L. Parks - Goldsboro, S. C. 5.00
Mr. William E. Bell - Norfolk, Va. 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Dunston - Norfolk, Va. 2.00
Mrs. Jessie C. Butler - Norfolk, Va. 2.00

$90.00

MEN - WOMEN $100.00 MOVEMENT FOR EVANGELISM

Mr. Lorenzo J. Evans - Indianapolis, Indiana $100.00
Miss Anna Belle Jackson - Indianapolis, Indiana 115.00
Mrs. Thomas Calens - Youngstown, Ohio 100.00
Dr. J. E. Walker - Memphis, Tennessee 100.00
Mr. E. J. Dickson - Indianapolis, Indiana 15.00
Mrs. J. E. Walker - Memphis, Tennessee 100.00
Reverend B. T. Hunt - Memphis, Tennessee 60.00
Professor T. W. Pratt - Dallas, Texas 100.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Herod - Indianapolis, Indiana 100.00

$790.00

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

CMF of Summit Christian Church - Dayton, Ohio $50.00

TOTAL INCOME $33,713.30
CRUSADE FUND

Income

Balance Brought Forward from 1951-52 $2,111.57
Income from Distribution Check 471.89
TOTAL INCOME $2,583.46

DISBURSEMENTS

National Christian Missionary Convention $1,000.00
BALANCE IN TREASURY $1,583.46

NOTE: Through error a contribution of $40.00 from the United Christian Church, Detroit, Michigan, was not listed on the Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 1952.

INFORMATION

MINISTERS' FUND (Amount in Treasury) $191.79
TAYLOR MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP HOUSE LIBRARY PROJECT (Amount in Treasury) 38.65

TAYLOR ESTATE

REPORT OF TREASURER

As of August 3, 1953

Income

1952-53

Balance in Treasury at the Los Angeles Convention $5,251.73
Dec. Report of M. R. Eppse - Sept. 29 - Nov. 29 1,835.16
April Report of M. R. Eppse - Jan. 5 - Jan. 31 558.76
Report of M. R. Eppse - Feb. 2 - Feb. 28 463.32
Report of M. R. Eppse - March 2 - March 28 595.96
June Report of M. R. Eppse - March 30 - May 30 369.76
July Report of M. R. Eppse - June 1 - June 27 371.52
TOTAL INCOME $11,627.63

DISBURSEMENTS

Sept. Taylor Memorial Fellowship House $500.00
Oct. M. R. Eppse - Bills, Taylor Estate 815.57
Nov. Goodpasture, Carpenter & Dale - 1952 Retainer Fee 250.00

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L. L. Dickerson - Travel and Expense, Nashville, Tennessee ........................................... 37.50
Mrs. Elizabeth Herod - Travel and Expense, Nashville, Tennessee ................................ 29.50
S. S. Myers - Travel and Expense, Nashville, Tennessee ................................................... 52.50
R. H. Peoples - Travel and Expense, Nashville, Tennessee ........................................... 22.40
J. E. Walker - Travel and Expense, Nashville, Tennessee .................................................. 32.76
Dec. M. R. Eppse - Bills, Taylor Estate .................................................................................. 2,220.00
M. R. Eppse - Honorarium, July - Dec., 1952 ..................................................................... 360.00
Jan. National Christian Missionary Convention ................................................................. 2,000.00
March M. R. Eppse - Bills, Taylor Estate .............................................................................. 1,500.00
Tri-State Bank of Memphis - Safe Deposit Box Rent ......................................................... 4.80
April J. E. Walker - Travel and Expense, Nashville, Tennessee ........................................ 32.76
L. L. Dickerson - Travel and Expense, Nashville, Tennessee ........................................... 39.50
R. H. Peoples - Travel and Expense, Nashville, Tennessee ........................................... 20.00
M. R. Eppse - Bills, Taylor Estate ....................................................................................... 532.14
June National Christian Missionary Convention ................................................................. 800.00
L. L. Dickerson - Travel Expense to International Convention (Loan to National Christian Missionary Convention) ........................................................ .................................. 200.00
July Goodpasture, Carpenter & Dale - 1953
Retainer Fee .......................................................................................................................... 250.00
Charter, $3.00 .......................................................................................................................... 253.00
City of Nashville, Texas for the years 1946-52, inclusive—449 4th Avenue, North .......... 810.66
M. R. Eppse - Honorarium, Jan. - June, 1953 ..................................................................... 360.00
Miss Ida M. Walker - Secretarial Work ............................................................................... 50.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ........................................................................................................ $11,259.16
BALANCE IN TREASURY (Cash) .......................................................................................... 368.47
Board of Church Extension (Trust Fund) ............................................................................ 5,000.00
Interest on Trust Fund .......................................................................................................... 531.44
TOTAL BALANCE .................................................................................................................. $ 5,899.91
Special Note: Disbursements of Treasurer isn't recorded in this Minute. Any one desiring complete Treasurer's report may write National Office.
### SUPPLEMENT TO THE TREASURER'S REPORT

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