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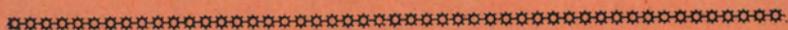
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### Minutes 29th National Convention of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Lloyd L. Dickerson

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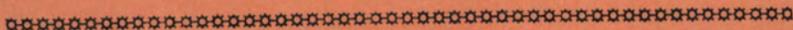
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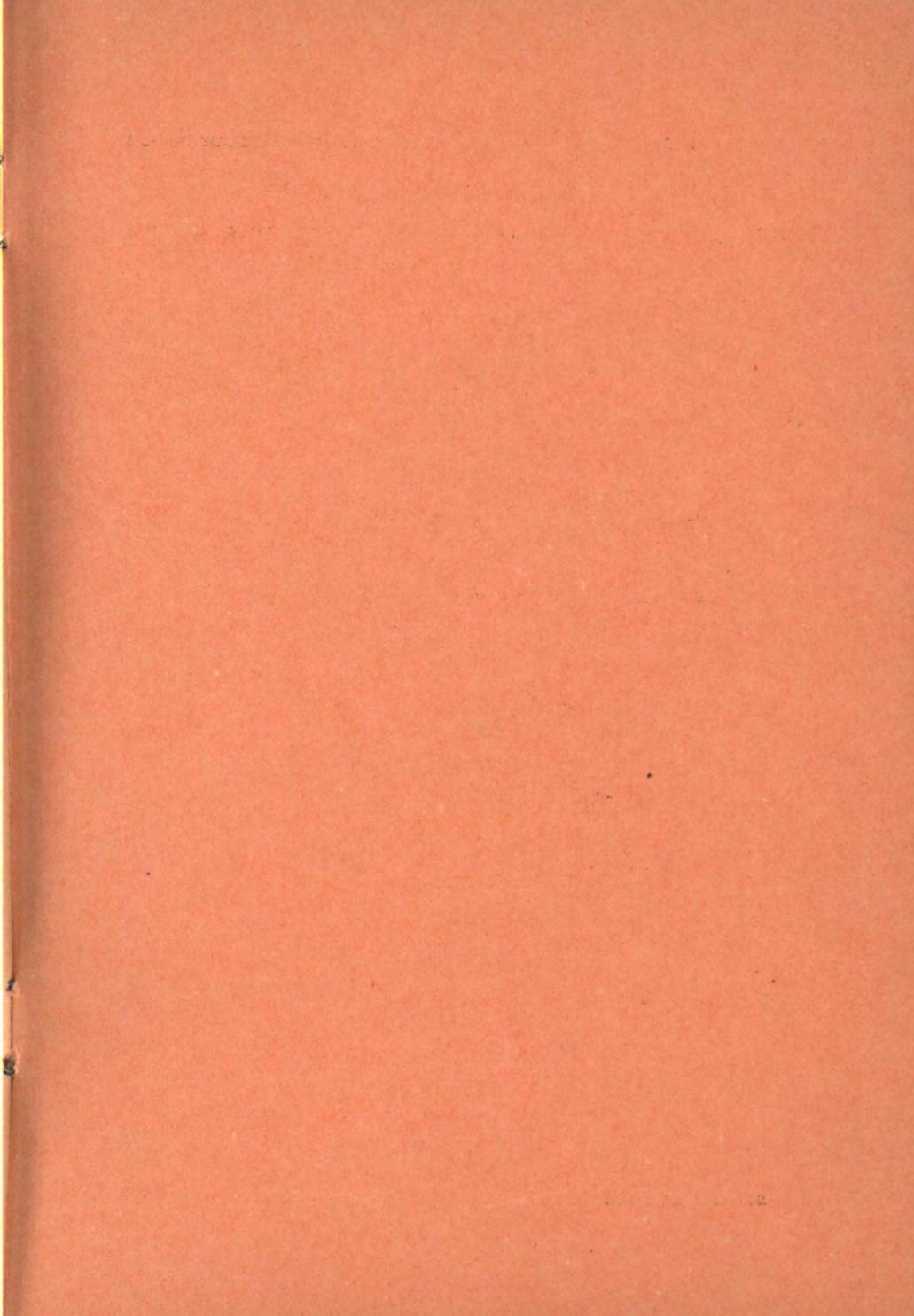


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## CONVENTION OFFICERS

Name	Address
S. S. Myers, President	2400 The Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri
R. H. Davis, 1st Vice-president	218 E. 44th St., Chicago, Illinois
B. C. Duke, 2nd Vice-president	4272 Avalon Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.
L. L. Dickerson, Secretary	93 N. Ohio Ave., Columbus, Ohio
J. E. Walker	234 Hernando, Memphis, Tennessee
Prof. M. R. Eppse, Editor	A & I State College, Nashville, Tennessee

## NATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

S. S. Myers	2400 The Pasto, Kansas City, Missouri
L. L. Dickerson	93 N. Ohio Ave., Columbus, Ohio
J. E. Walker	234 Hernando, Memphis, Tennessee
Ida Taylor	449 4th Ave. N., Nashville, Tennessee
M. R. Eppse	A & I State College, Nashville, Tennessee
Geneva Towns	846 W. 6th St., Indianapolis, Indiana
R. L. Jordan	11331 Oakland Blvd., Detroit, Michigan
Raymond Brown	Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas
Elizabeth Herod, 3 years to 48	4046 Boulevard Pl., Indianapolis, Indiana

## CONVENTION OFFICERS

Name	Address
T. W. Pratt—3 years to 48	3612 Thomas Ave., Dallas, Texas
C. C. Mosley—3 years to 48	Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss.
R. W. Watson—3 years to 47	2704 Olive, Kansas City, Missouri
C. H. Webb—3 years to 47	1130 N. Cleveland, Winston Salem, N. C.
Edith Bristow—3 years to 47	2216 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky.
C. L. Whitfield—3 years to 46	3722 Druid Sta., Baltimore, Maryland
R. H. Peoples—3 years to 46	2700 N. Capital Blvd., Indianapolis, Ind.
R. M. Hopkins	Missions Bldg., Indianapolis, Indiana
W. M. Wiehizer	Missions Bldg., Indianapolis, Indiana
Virgil Sly	Missions Bldg., Indianapolis, Indiana
Geo. Oliver Taylor	Missions Bldg., Indianapolis, Indiana
Mrs. H. B. Marx	Missions Bldg., Indianapolis, Indiana
Paul Preston	800 Test Bldg., Indianapolis, Indiana
John R. Davis	Missions Bldg., Indianapolis, Indiana
Wm. T. Pearcy	Missions Bldg., Indianapolis, Indiana
Lin D. Cartwright	2700 Pine St., St. Louis, Missouri

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

S. S. Myers, L. L. Dickerson, J. E. Walker, Geneva Towns, R. L. Jordan, Raymond Brown, Ida Taylor (Elizabeth Herod, Alt.), M. R. Eppse, T. W. Pratt, C. H. Webb, R. H. Peoples, Edith Bristow.

## MEMBERS OF THE STAFF

E. J. Dickson—Acting Executive Secretary and Director of Religious Education.  
 C. L. Parks—Director of Evangelism and Church Development.  
 L. Ruth Ratten—Director of Missionary Organizations.

## DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS

President Bible Schools..... Eld. R. L. Jordan, 11331 Oakland Blvd., Detroit  
 Secretary Bible Schools..... Miss Vallska Hart, 4352 Evans Ave., St. Louis, Mo.  
 Treasurer Bible Schools..... Mr. S. B. Wallick, 460 Howard St., Muskogee, Okla.  
 President Missionary Org..... Mrs. Geneva Towns, 846 W. 6th St., Indianapolis  
 Secretary Missionary Org..... Mrs. E. G. Starling, Route 5, Martinsville, Va.  
 Treasurer Missionary Org..... Miss Featon Hamilton, 6440 Rhodes Ave., Chicago  
 President C. E. & C. Y. F.—Mr. Raymond Brown, Jarvis College, Hawkins, Tex.  
 Secretary-Treasurer..... Mr. Edward Brown, St. Louis, Mo.

## TRUSTEES

Mrs. Ida Taylor	Term expires 1948
Mrs. Elizabeth Herod	Term expires 1948
Prof. T. W. Pratt	Term expires 1948
Eld. R. W. Watson	Term expires 1947
Eld. R. E. Latanche	Term expires 1947
Eld. B. T. Hunt	Term expires 1947
Dr. J. E. Walker	Term expires 1946
Eld. Z. H. Howard	Term expires 1946
Eld. R. L. Peters	Term expires 1946

The National Christian Missionary Convention convened at A and I State College at Nashville, Tennessee, Tuesday evening, August 21, 1945. The Lea Avenue Christian Church, Elder L. F. Sledge, pastor, host.

At 8 P. M. a welcome program was presented by the local church Elder Sledge presiding.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING 8:30

The Ministers' and Layman's Conference was conducted by Elder C. L. Parks and Elder F. T. Floyd who served as chairman.

At 10:30 A. M. the Convention assembled in general session. Elder H. B. Garner of Kentucky conducted the devotional services. The singing was directed by Mrs. Rosa Page Welch. Song—"I Am Thine O Lord." Scripture and prayer by Elder H. B. Garner. Song—"Sweet Hour of Prayer."

The Convention was called to order by President S. S. Myers. In the absence of the 1st and 2nd vice presidents, Elder L. L. Dickerson was called to preside. After a few brief remarks Elder Dickerson presented President Myers who delivered his annual address and the report of the National Board.

Elder Myers' message was filled with information, inspiration, faith and encouragement.

It was moved by Prof. I. J. Hurdle and seconded by Elder F. T. Floyd and Dr. J. E. Walker that we receive with thanks and appreciation the President's message, and that it be mimeographed and sent to all of the churches of the Brotherhood.

Report of Secretary and Treasurer was made by the treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker.

It was moved by Elder R. H. Davis that we adopt the treasurer's report with a note of thanks. Seconded by Elder J. F. Whitfield. Motion carried.

The President expressed his desire to utilize more fully our Laymen in our National Convention.

At 11:30 A. M. the Worship Service was conducted by Elder E. A. Daniels of Tennessee. Song—"How Firm a Foundation." Responsive reading. Song—"O God Our Help From Ages Past." Prayer by Elder E. A. Daniels. Sermon by Elder F. T. Floyd of Kentucky.

The sermon was a ringing plea for unity and cooperation in our own Brotherhood. Invitation song—"Just As I Am Without One Plea." Benediction by J. E. Bowles.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 2 P. M.

Devotions conducted by Prof. J. W. Ratten. Song—"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross." Scripture, 1st Psalm. Prayer by Prof. Ratten. Song—"Savior More Than Life to Me."

Panel discussion on National Convention. Elder R. H. Davis, Illinois, presiding. Those participating in the panel discussion were members of the National Board. The panel discussion finally developed into a prolonged and enthusiastic charges made in a report on Jarvis College and Southern Christian Institute.

It was moved and carried that we appoint a special committee to consider the charges made in a report on Jarvis College and Southern Christian Institute.

Appointment of Nominating Committee: C. H. Webb, R. W. Watson, M. L. Lambert, S. C. Devine, Dean C. C. Mosley, C. L. Whitfield, Mrs. Elizabeth Herod, P. C. Washington, D. L. Jackson.

Appointment of Committee on Recommendations: R. W. Watson, F. T. Barnette, I. J. Hurdle, T. C. R. Bragg, R. R. Jordan, J. F. Whitfield, S. E. Tillman, Edward Griffin, Charles Sherman, C. L. Whitfield, E. A. Daniels, W. G. Strickland, R. H. Peoples, Edith Bristow, L. L. Dickerson.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT 8 P. M.

Elder R. E. Latouche, presiding. Song by Almeda and Lea Avenue Christian Church choirs.—“Faith Of Our Fathers.” Prayer by Elder R. E. Latouche. Song—“Sweet Hour Of Prayer.” Prayer by Elder F. T. Barnette. Solo, Mrs. Harris of Almeda Christian Church. Address—Mr. Paul Preston (of Pension fund)—Text: Roman 8-18, 19. Solo, Mrs. Rosa Page Welch. Address by Dr. J. E. Walker, Subject—“A United Brotherhood.” Offering—\$21.05. Announcements by Elder R. W. Watson, Elder R. L. Jordan, Mrs. A. L. Martin, Elder E. J. Dickson. Benediction, Elder G. E. Letton.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2 P. M.

Elder B. C. Duke, Vice-president, presiding. Address by Elder H. C. Paston, Kentucky. Subject—“The Place of the Church in the Post-War Planning.” Text—Matthew 28-19, 20.

Report of Elder C. L. Parks, Director of Evangelism.

Address by Miss L. Ruth Ratten.

Report of Regional Vice-presidents: C. L. Whitfield, Eastern; A. J. Jeffries, Alabama; S. E. Tillman, New Jersey; S. C. Devine, Ohio; J. F. Whitfield, District of Columbia; Edward Griffin, Mississippi; W. T. Strickland, Florida; M. L. Lambert, North Carolina; P. E. Carter, substituting.

Report of Special Committee on Jarvis College and Southern Christian Institute was called for. It was moved and carried that the report of Special Committee be Friday afternoon.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2 P. M.

Report of Christian Plea by Prof. M. R. Eppse. Moved and carried report be accepted with thanks.

Report of States and Churches. (See financial report).

Report of Committee on Recommendations. Moved and carried that report be adopted in sections. The recommendations were debated at length. Report of Recommendations Committee continued until next session.

It was moved and carried that report on Jarvis College and S. C. I. be referred to committee on recommendations.

#### SATURDAY MORNING 11 A. M.

Report on Committee on Recommendations continued. Moved and carried that the report be adopted as corrected.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

I. That we endorse the Disciples' Historical Society, and that an Historical Commission be established.

II. That the ministers make an annual report of their work on a form provided for that purpose and that a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) be paid with the report to the Ministers' Council, and that these reports be used in compiling a National Directory for Ministers.

III. That the music director of the National Convention be a member of the Program Committee.

IV. That state and district presidents serve as regional vice-presidents of the National Convention, and that their duties be to assist the States in raising their financial quotas.

V. That we accept the goals recommended by the National Board in suggested Goal Sheet.

VI. That the National Convention make an award to the state raising the largest amount over and above its goal. That the award be made on a percentage basis.

VII. That we accept the invitation to hold the 1946 Convention with the Stuyvesant Heights Church in Brooklyn, New York, and that the registration fee be the same as this year—\$8.00. (Six dollars for entertainment and two dollars

for National Convention registration.)

VIII. That Saturday be set aside by the Program Committee for sight-seeing.

IX. That the National Convention become a member of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches and the Elder J. F. Whitfield be our official representative on the Council.

X. That we foster and encourage a Layman's Organization.

XI. That we endorse the project of Institutes for Ministers in Service.

XII. That our churches be urged to intensify their efforts to enlist young men for the ministry and Christian service.

XIII. That it is the sense of this Convention that we have a Central Treasury and that all expenses of the Departments be paid out of that one Treasury.

XIV. That the Missionary Society, Bible School Department and Young People's Department submit to the National Board an itemized expense account for payment.

XV. That we express our opposition to—

A. Compulsory military training.

B. The use of the atomic bomb as an instrument of human destruction.

XVI. That a letter be sent to the War Department commending the loyalty, devotion, courage and sacrifices of our young men and women who have served in the Armed Forces during World War II.

XVII. That the National Board study the Evangelistic needs of our churches and if the findings warrant it, that a National Evangelist be appointed to serve the ensuing year.

XVIII. That the report severely criticising Jarvis College be referred to the Executive Committee of the National Board with the request that the Executive Committee make an investigation and report back to our Convention in 1946.

XIX. That Elder S. S. Myers be the delegate to the International Convention and Elder R. H. Davis, alternate.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### Transportation

WHEREAS, There has been no visible changes made in conditions of travel in the South, even though we have just emerged from a world war brought on by mistreatment and injustice, and

WHEREAS, The conditions of travel are beyond description, and

WHEREAS, The Law provides for equal accommodations, but separate,

THEREFORE, We recommend that the National Convention go on record of protesting and making these conditions known to the Interstate Commerce Commission and urge this Commission to investigate and take immediate steps to correct these conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS C. R. BRAGG,

WILLIAM MARTIN.

### Race Relations

WHEREAS, We are making definite progress in many areas in cementing the bond of friendship and brotherliness between the White and Negro races in this country. But, while the Church has not been inactive in the field of race relations, it has been too content to let secular organizations and movements—many of which are opposed to the church—take the lead in this field.

THEREFORE, Be it resolved that we urge the Ministry of the Church to use more effectively its good offices to bring our church up to the standard of contemporary advancement in the field of race relations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to our ministers, their churches, state secretaries and other agencies of information.

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Nomination, beg leave to submit the following:

For President, S. S. Myers; 1st Vice-President, R. A. Davis; 2nd Vice-President, Baxter Duke; Secretary, L. L. Dickerson; Treasurer, Dr. J. A. Walker.  
Board Members (three-year terms)—Mrs. H. L. Herod, Rev. C. C. Mosley, Prof. T. W. Pratt.

National Convention Trustees—Mrs. Preston Taylor, Mrs. Henry Herod, Prof. J. W. Pratt.

Respectfully submitted,  
COMMITTEE:

Mrs. H. L. Herod,  
Elder C. H. Webb,  
Elder C. L. Whitfield,  
Elder R. W. Watson,  
Elder Jackson,  
Dean C. C. Mosley,  
Elder M. L. Lambert,  
Elder P. C. Washington, Chairman;  
Elder S. C. Devine, Secretary.

### Minutes of the Disciples National Ministerial Conference at Nashville, Tenn., held August 21-26, 1945

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1945

The Conference period was opened at 8:50 a.m. with Elder F. T. Floyd presiding. Following a very fine song service, personal introductions were then made. Elder C. L. Parks was introduced and presented, who opened our discussion for the morning on the subject, "What Is the National Christian Missionary Convention?"

A period was given for the following suggestions: That the delegation have the privilege to elect members to the board. That we as a delegation be careful in our elections of department heads who automatically become members of the Board. That in order to promote a wider spirit of cooperation, the local minister should be forged ahead and recognized on our convention programs.

Problems concerning our Executive Secretary were also discussed, bringing to us the fact that funds were not available to hire a person for the position in full. Though we have our director of Christian education acting as same.

Remarks by the leader and adjournment.

E. W. HENRY, Acting Secretary.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1945

The ministers and lay-workers met as usual with Elder Floyd presiding, the opening was conducted in a song service, after which Elder C. L. Parks was presented who in turn presented Bro. Preston, who gave to us an explanation and the importance of the Pension Fund.

Bro. J. J. Hawkins, pastor of the Ninth St. Christian church in Des Moines, Iowa, made an appeal to the ministers and lay-workers to help this newly established church. We pledged him our whole hearted support.

Remarks by the leader and adjournment.

E. W. HENRY, Acting Secretary.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 1945

The ministers' Conference opened with Elder Floyd presiding. Following the devotions the membership dues were received. Five laymen and forty-five ministers paid one dollar each in membership dues making a total of (\$50.00) fifty dollars.

The next business in order was the report of the recommendation committee which made the following recommendations:

- (1) That Elder C. L. Parks become the Executive Secretary of our ministerial organization.
- (2) That our ministerial conference be limited to ministers only, in view of the fact that the convention proper carries in its recommendations an

- exclusive organization for laymen.
- (a) Amendment—that joint sessions may be called.
  - (3) Due to the fact that the ministerial organization organized to promote fellowship, with no expectations of financial gains, we recommend that requirements remain the same and the special emergency feature the same.
  - (4) We further recommend that our Executive Secretary see to it that each enrolled minister's name be included in our latest year book.
- Submitted by Charles Sherman.

MELVIN C. DICKSON, Acting Secretary.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1945

The minister's conference opened with Elder Floyd presiding. The opening song was "What a fellowship" which was followed with prayer by Bro. S. C. Divine. Elder Floyd presented Bro. C. L. Parks who continued the study of the National Convention.

The concluding business was the election of officers and committees, etc. The election of officers for the year 1945-46 was as follows:

- (1) President, F. T. Floyd, 2505 W. Chestnut, Louisville, Ky.
- (2) Vice-President, G. E. Lakes, 2317 Morgan Ave., Parsons, Kansas.
- (3) Secretary, J. J. Hawkins, 1026 9th St., Des Moines 14, Iowa.
- (4) Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, Tenn.

Those elected as board members were: W. O. Gill, P. E. Carter and A. J. Jefferets.

Those appointed to the committee on program for ministerial fellowship were: D. W. Heath, R. W. Watson, E. W. Henry, R. H. Peoples, and C. L. Parks.

A total of membership fees was \$50.00. Of that, \$10.00 to J. J. Hawkins (Treasurer) for correspondence, \$10.00 to C. L. Parks for membership cards, leaving a balance of \$30.00 to be put into the hands of the Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker.

It was moved and so carried that more ministers be put on to preach at the next National Convention. It was also carried that the \$1.00 be returned to the laymen if they so desired. This was the \$1.00 they paid for dues before the group became an exclusive ministerial organization Saturday morning August 25, 1945.

From this conference group an extra contribution of \$14.50 was made to the Ninth Street Christian Church at Des Moines, Iowa.

MELVIN C. DICKSON, Acting Secretary.

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF STATES

Georgia .....	\$ 10.00
Mississippi (Church) .....	150.00
Mississippi (Bible School) .....	50.00
Mississippi (Missionary Society) .....	10.00
Mississippi (Willing Workers Missionary) .....	10.00
Kentucky .....	20.00
Piedmont District .....	10.00
Missouri .....	10.00
United (Eastern Seaboard) .....	10.00
Texas .....	10.00
Florida .....	15.00
New Jersey .....	5.00
Ohio .....	10.00
Tennessee .....	75.00
Arkansas .....	10.00
Kansas .....	10.00

## Report of Churches

Indiana Avenue (Wichita, Kansas)	28.00
High Street (Mt. Sterling, Ky.)	25.00
East Vine Avenue (Knoxville, Tenn.)	50.00
Indiana Avenue (Chicago, Ill.)	200.00
Frankford, Missouri (A. K. Burton)	10.00
Second Christian (Mayslick, Ky.)	2.00
Clay Street (Waco, Texas)	10.00
East 6th (Oklahoma City)	100.00
Cross Street (Little Rock, Ark.)	36.00
Eight Avenue (Kansas City, Kans.)	16.00
Fifth Christian (Cincinnati, O.)	70.00
Cleveland Avenue (Winston Salem)	50.00
Little Bethlehem (Leadville, N. C.)	25.00
Mt. Pleasant, (Greensboro, N. C.)	5.00
Eleventh Street (Birmingham, Ala.)	75.00
Hill Street (Louisville, Ky.)	10.00
Morgan Avenue (Parsons, Kans.)	10.00
Macedonna (Oxmorre, Ala.)	5.00
Union Point, (Calhoun, Ala.)	2.00
Ross Street (Montgomery, Ala.)	5.00
Salem Church (Calhoun, Ala.)	2.00
Bloomington 3rd (Bloomington, Ill.)	9.00
Monroe Avenue (Columbus, O.)	50.00
Indianola Church (Mississippi)	25.00
Pilgrim Rest (East St. Louis, Ill.)	11.50
Seventh Street (Paris, Ky.)	25.00
First Christian (Perdsville, N. C.)	30.00
West End (Perdsville, N. C.)	3.00
Ninth Straeet (Des Moines, Iowa)	10.00
Clay Street (Paducah, Ky.)	5.00
Mt. Olivet (Baltimore, Md.)	58.19
Twelfth Street (Washington)	100.00
Mt. Sinai (Little Rock, Ark.)	5.00
Oak Grove (Scott, Ark.)	5.00
Second Christian (Fulton, Mo.)	5.65
West Federal Street (Youngstown, O.)	100.00
East Main (Xenia, Ohio)	2.00
Ninth Avenue (Roanoke, Va.)	63.00
Christian Chapel (Port Gibson, Miss.)	5.00
Antioch (New Brunswick, N. J.)	5.00
Second Christian (Vandalia, Mo.)	25.00
College Addition (Jackson, Miss.)	5.00
28th Street (Los Angeles, Calif.)	25.00
First Christian (Clarsdale, Miss.)	20.00
Clarksville, (Tennessee)	203.00
Woodland Avenue (Kansas City, Mo.)	311.00
Mississippi Boulevard (Memphis, Tenn.)	25.00
Robbin Street (Covington, Ky.)	10.00
Edwards Chapel (Russellville, Ark.)	81.00
Lea Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)	25.00
Jarvis College	75.00
United (Detroit, Mich.)	24.00
Cedar Avenue (Cleveland, O.)	13.00
Stuyvesant Heights (Brooklyn, N. Y.)	13.00

Williamsburg (New York)	12.50
St. Phillips (New York)	5.00
Second Reformed (New Jersey)	5.00
Middle Fork (Winston Salem, N. C.)	26.00
Louisville Central	20.00
Centennial (St. Louis, Mo.)	75.00
Forest Grove and St. Elmo (Mississippi)	12.00
Southern Christian Institute	67.00
Canton (Ohio)	13.00
Elm Street (Jefferson City, Mo.)	15.00
Norwood (Dayton, O.)	20.00
Shaw (Mississippi)	20.00

### MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Robert L. Wilson, Yakima, Wash.	\$ 1.00
Eld. George F. Lewis, Chaplain, U. S. A.	10.00
Dr. H. L. Lee, Houston, Texas	25.00
A. D. Gault, U. S. Army	5.00
T. R. Frost, Texas	5.00
Dean Charles C. Mosley	25.00

Total \$ 71.00

## REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

SEPTEMBER, 1944—AUGUST, 1945

Christian Pleas Published.

September, 1944	Pleas	Pages	\$	August 24, 1945	
				Distribution of Pleas	
October, 1944	500	8	63.00	1944-1945	
November, 1944	570	8	61.25	Alabama	42
December, 1944	900	10	77.00	Arizona	1
January, 1945	875	12	87.00	Arkansas	31
February, 1945	850	12	87.00	California	25
March, 1945	1,100	16	104.75	Colorado	1
April, 1945	850	12	90.21	Connecticut	0
May, 1945	860	12	90.55	Delaware	0
June, 1945	1,025	12	88.20	Florida	7
July, 1945	900	12	87.00	Georgia	11
August, 1945	1,000	8	67.00	Idaho	0
	900	8	67.00	Illinois	71
	10,330	130	\$969.96	Indiana	31
Receipts for all money from all sources, September, 1944—August, 1945.				Iowa	2
U. C. M. S.	\$ 366.63			Kansas	20
National Convention—Dr. Walker	400.00			Kentucky	54
Subscriptions	435.10			Louisiana	0
Advertising:				Maine	0
Demoulin Co.	\$ 9.60			Maryland	8
Christian Board	84.92			Massachusetts	0
Standard Pub. Co.	38.40			Michigan	20
			\$ 132.92	Minnesota	3
Total money received	\$1,334.65			Mississippi	50
Money paid out September, 1944—August, 1945.				Missouri	56
McQuiddy Printing Co.	\$ 902.96			Montana	0
Secretary, Mrs. Ruth D. Eppse	300.00			Nebraska	3
Postal Notes Returned	8.40			Nevada	0
Editor's Office for incidentals	109.58			New Hampshire	0
				New Jersey	12
Total paid out	\$1,320.94			New Mexico	3
				New York	25
				North Carolina	12

Money owned on 1944-45 Operations.	
Ruth D. Eppse, 2 months' salary	\$ 60.00
McQuiddy Printing Co.	67.00
Bonc Sanders Paper Co. Stock	13.97
H. E. Mohler Typewriter repair	6.00
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Total debts owed	\$ 146.97
Balance in bank August, 1945	14.65
Total indebtedness	\$ 132.32
Wyoming	0
Exchanges	25

North Dakota	0
Ohio	81
Oklahoma	12
Oregon	3
Pennsylvania	4
Rhode Island	0
South Carolina	24
South Dakota	0
Tennessee	66
Texas	54
Utah	0
Vermont	0
Virginia	8
Washington	5
Washington, D. C.	4
West Virginia	10
Wisconsin	1
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Total	785

Respectfully submitted,

MERL R. EPPSE, Editor

### FINANCIAL REPORT

National Convention	Nashville, Tennessee	August 27, 1945
Brought forward August, 1944 at Lexington, Ky.		\$ 657.55
Net receipts at Lexington		1,691.33

Balance on hand at close of 1944 Convention		\$2,348.88
From State Conventions	\$ 464.00	
From Local Churches	2,511.25	
Local Churches sent to Treasure	\$1,288.57	
Individuals sent to Treasure	71.73	
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Received from Registrations	1,360.30	
Received from Missionary Department	264.00	
Received from Bible School Department	382.00	
	300.00	
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Total		\$5,281.55

Receipts from Brotherhood Agencies:	
U. C. M. S.	\$ 833.33
Board of Church Extension	150.00
Board of Higher Education	100.00
National Benevolent Association	125.00
Pension Fund	83.33
Christian Board of Publication	500.00

Total		\$1,791.66
Grand Total Receipts		\$9,422.09
Disbursements:		
Traveling Expenses for Board Members	\$ 882.19	
Traveling Expenses for Staff Members	300.00	
Convention Minutes	120.00	
Corrine Chase—Secretarial service	20.00	
Secretarial Office expense	10.00	
President Myers, Promotion expense	213.46	
Staff Expense (revolving fund)	400.00	

C. L. Parks, Moving expense .....	165.00	
E. J. Dickson, Moving expense .....	150.00	
Premium on Treasury Bond .....	5.00	
R. W. Watson for picture .....	3.00	
L. L. Dickerson for telegrams .....	3.12	
Salaries—E. J. Dickson, C. L. Parks, Miss Ratten .....	599.98	
Office Expense .....	200.00	
Christian Plea .....	400.00	
<b>Total</b> .....		<b>\$3,471.75</b>
Paid out at Nashville, Tenn.:		
L. F. Sledge for badges .....	\$ 30.00	
E. J. Dickson for Convention programs .....	30.00	
For Mimeographing reports .....	14.20	
J. E. Walker, travel .....	8.00	
T. W. Pratt, travel .....	85.00	
Rosa Page Welch, Director of Music .....	30.00	
R. H. Davis, travel .....	20.76	
L. L. Dickerson, travel .....	8.00	
L. L. Dickerson, service and office expense .....	30.50	
F. T. Floyd, travel to program comm .....	6.00	
S. S. Myers, travel and expense .....	52.00	
S. S. Myers, President Honorarium .....	100.00	
<b>Total</b> .....		<b>\$ 414.46</b>
Grand Total Disbursements .....		<b>\$3,886.21</b>
Grand Total Receipts .....		<b>\$9,422.09</b>
Grand Total Disbursements .....		<b>3,886.21</b>
Balance in Treasure at close of Convention, August 27, 1945 .....		<b>\$5,535.88</b>

## MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

Nashville, Tennessee

August 20, 1945—2:00 P. M.

### NATIONAL CONVENTION—WOMEN'S SESSION

Monday afternoon: Mrs. Geneva Towns, National president, presiding. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Mary Van Buren of Missouri. Remarks were made by Mrs. Geneva Towns, National president of women's work explaining why pre-convention sessions were not held this year.

Miss Ruth Ratten, newly appointed National Secretary, was introduced.

Remarks concerning the National report blanks to National Convention were made and it was suggested that they be filed and turned over to the statistical committee to be compiled.

Time was given to the discussion of the Loving Cup and the following committee named to purchase same. Mrs. Josephine Baker, Indiana and Mrs. Alma Harrison, Missouri. Requirements for winning the cup were re-read.

Sacrificial Breakfast was discussed by the ladies as to the possibility of having it. Mrs. Cynthia Martin, Illinois and Mrs. Mary Van Buren were named to assist Mrs. C. E. Craggett, Ohio, with plans.

State Presidents were suggested to be used as ushers on Women's Night this session.

It was further suggested that instead of having conferences each morning as in the past from 8:15 to 10:15 the time allotted would be given to committee meetings.

Area Workers are to be appointed by the President.

Meeting adjourned to meet Tuesday at 9:30 A. M.

August 21, 1945—2:00 P. M.

Tuesday afternoon: Mrs. P. A. Gray presiding. Mrs. Walker conducted a brief worship period.

Mrs. Gray, vice-president, asked that all persons present make expressions concerning what their local societies were doing. Each report was interesting and showed that the local societies were trying to do a grand job at home. Sixteen persons responded to this call.

Area Workers reporting at this meeting were:

Mrs. A. L. Martin, Illinois, representing Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan with \$35.16 of which \$12.00 was sent to National Treasurer, Miss Fenton Hamilton and \$23.16 brought to National Convention.

Mrs. E. G. Starling representing Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina with \$12.00. Total received at this meeting—\$35.16.

The duties of Area Workers were read and discussed:

1. Visit every church in the state; meet interested people of the church in groups.
2. Organize where there are no organizations, present materials; taking under consideration the time and place to visit.
3. Encourage quarterly increased giving; also stress the importance of sending reports to U. C. M. S.
4. That the Area Workers are to help to develop missions through the entire church program for adults, young people and children.
5. Encourage support of the minister and help him whenever possible in his work.
6. Build goodwill and fellowship, ever emphasizing the need of Evangelism throughout the Brotherhood.

Mrs. Dietsy Gray explained to the body the importance of buying more books from Christian Board of Publication and the benefits derived.

Mrs. R. H. Peoples added to the remarks made by Mrs. Gray.

Report of States was called for next. Missouri reported \$30.00—\$10.00 for state fee, \$20.00 for ten local societies.

Partial report was made by Mrs. R. H. Peoples, National Children's Worker:

1. Increased training agencies for vacation church schools.
2. Increased number of vacation church schools.
3. Use of regular vacation Bible school literature.
4. Continue publication of children's work bulletin. (Each state was asked to urge all people who had projects or new experiences to write them up in the bulletin.)
5. Initiate the work shop plan in all states wherever possible.
6. Place more emphasis on stewardship for children. Teach them the right use of time, money and possessions.
7. National workers be urged to make children's work an integral part of their work and promote it in all areas.

Missionary Benediction.

Adjournment.

August 22, 1945—8:15 A. M.

Wednesday morning: Devotions conducted by Misses J. K. Spencer and Lillian R. Ratten.

Remarks by Mrs. Geneva Towns, National president.

It was motioned and carried that we give Mrs. H. B. Marx, who was resigning, a gift and that we allow the sum of \$10.00 for same. The following committee was named to purchase the gift: Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Bush.

Introduction of delegates to the Convention.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

Report of purchasing committee on Loving Cup.

It was decided that the Society winning the cup in 1944, Indiana Avenue Church of Christ, Chicago, Illinois, be given the cup this year and that a new cup be secured as early as possible. A certificate being given to the winning Society this year; 1945.

A very excellent, verbal report was given by Mrs. A. Garrett of Texas.

Miss R. Ratten, National secretary of Women's Organizations was presented and spoke on "Program Study Materials" and explained to the group clearly program series and discussion courses. The "Guide Post" with special instructions to local presidents: Young Peoples' packs on Missionary Education. She asked that more time and interest be given to the children in the local churches.

Mrs. Marx added to Miss Rattens' remarks on "Guide Post" for service and the value it is to the president of the local society in building a better leader and society.

Thanks extended to both Miss Ratten and Mrs. Marx for their very helpful talks.

Letter read by Secretary from Mrs. Pearl Allen of Ohio, former secretary, expressing regrets for not being present and donating an offering of one dollar (\$1.00).

Two dollars (\$2.00) from Mrs. Alice Callens, Youngstown, Ohio West Federal Street Christian Church, Mrs. Claudie Jackson, president.

Both letters were received with thanks.

Adjournment.

August 23, 1945— 7:00 A. M.

Thursday morning: A very beautiful and impressive Sacrificial Breakfast was conducted by Mrs. A. L. Martin and Mrs. Mary Van Buren. Music was directed by Mrs. R. P. Welch. Offering \$21.30.

8:15 A. M.

Devotions conducted by Mrs. Bostock of Arkansas. Announcements and renaming of committees by president.

Miss Ratten presented Mrs. Marx who prefaced her talk by paying a very fine compliment to Miss C. L. Jamison who had served so faithfully and resigned to accept work in Los Angeles, California at the Avalon Community Center as Executive Secretary. Miss Jamison secured Miss Ratten, her successor, and urged for her our cooperation.

Mrs. Marx spoke on achievement certificates for local societies, urging those present to continue to give in their sacrificial way: The importance of making out blanks to National office, sending them on time with full information so that proper credit could be given.

Miss Ratten spoke on National Goals. Total givings were read and explained.

Mrs. Marx referred ladies to Mrs. Doan, vice-president of Women's Organizations, who would give all necessary information to persons planning a missionary education and desired help.

Mrs. E. G. Titus, Area Worker for the state of Texas, reported \$40.16.

Much time was given to the discussion on Central Treasurer.

Adjournment.

10:35 A. M.

Mrs. A. Garrett, vice-president, presiding.

Mrs. Geneva Towns, National president, gave the annual address.

Motion and seconded that the very fine report coming from Mrs. Towns be

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Special Music.

Officers of National Women's Organizations.

Mrs. Dietsy B. Gray spoke on the book exhibit from the Christian Board of Education and Mr. Chouser spoke for United Christian Missionary Society.

Mrs. R. P. Welch, Ambassador of Goodwill, gave an account of her rich experiences in serving in that capacity the past year.

Responsive reading led by Mrs. Allen of Kentucky.

Sermon: Elder E. J. Dickson.

Text: 119 Psalms, Verse 147.

Benediction, Elder Wilbert.

Thursday evening: Devotions conducted by Mrs. Cammie Doolin of Missouri. Dr. J. E. Walker, National Treasurer, introduced Dr. W. Davis, president of A and I State College, who made us welcome.

Mrs. Geneva Towns, presented Mrs. M. B. Marx, ex-secretary of Missionary Organizations. Mrs. Marx came to us with a heart full of gratitude and love for us whom she has worked with. Stressing our theme "Building Anew With Christ."

Mrs. Towns presented Mrs. Marx a gift from the National Convention.

Mrs. D. Gray presented the Loving Cup to the representative of the Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois, The Cup was received by Miss Fenton Hamilton.

Mrs. Towns read a letter from Miss C. L. Jamison sending the Convention a donation of \$10.00.

The secretary was requested to write Miss Jamison thanking her for the donation.

Mrs. Herod conducted the offertory service. Offering \$77.01.

The following persons were introduced: Miss Alma Lee, Miss Ruth Ratten and Chaplain J. Cowan.

Announcements.

Missionary Benediction.

Adjournment.

August 24, 1945—8:15 A. M.

Friday morning: Brief worship period by Mrs. Bessie Garner, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Miss Ratten presented goals for year 1945-1946.

Financial report read by secretary. Twenty-five cents was returned by the committee who purchased the gift for Mrs. Marx.

Much time was given to explanation of a Central Treasurer.

Mrs. Garrett, Mrs. Mosley and Miss Spencer were asked to word a recommendation to be read to the general body.

Motioned and carried that the following recommendation be read to the general body:

"After having carefully and prayerfully considered the long-range program and new set-up of our Brotherhood and having discussed with our women assembled in this convention, we realize the urgent need of our financial and spiritual support of planned program. We further realize the importance of enlisting the support of every local society in the Brotherhood.

We are also desirous of retaining our identity to the end that it may contribute to the development of leadership among our women.

Therefore, we recommend the Executive Board stipulate the amount of money it feels we should contribute for the new set up."

Faithfully submitted,

MRS. MOSLEY, Chairman

MISS J. K. SPENCER

MRS. A. GARRETT, Secretary

The following report from Treasurer was approved by the Auditing committee.

National Convention Women's Missionary Department Treasurer's Report.	
Amount in treasure at end of Convention 1944	\$568.91
Mrs. Cynthia Martin (Area Worker) July 1945	12.00
Katherine Blackburn Missionary Society, Indianapolis, Ind., July, 1945	18.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$599.41</b>
Disbursements:	
Mrs. Geneva Towns (Office expense and travel)	\$125.00
Mrs. Daisy Dean, corresponding secretary and travel	11.71
Miss Fenton Hamilton, treasurer-travel	15.19

Mrs. E. G. Titus, Area Worker, (Texas) travel .....	24.17
Mrs. Cammie Doolin, Area Worker, travel .....	11.03
Mrs. Pearl Allen, recording secretary-pro-tem, travel .....	10.76
Mrs. A. L. Martin, Area Worker (Illinois) travel .....	5.98
Miss Sadie Schaifer, Area Worker, (Mississippi) travel .....	4.75
Elder L. L. Dickerson—Minutes 1944 .....	35.00
Banking service .....	2.25

Total .....		\$246.34
Total Receipts .....	\$599.41	
Total Disbursements .....	246.84.	

Total amount in treasure August 24, 1945 .....

FENTON HAMILTON, Treasurer

\$352.57

### REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We the Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following? After carefully examining the receipts and disbursements made by Secretary and Treasurer, that both reports are correct according to the items mentioned in each report. Since the Treasurer received \$30.25 more than the Secretary; because of a bank expense of \$2.25, the Treasurer's balance is \$352.57 and figures tally with the money.

Faithfully submitted,

MRS. JOSEPHINE BAKER.

MRS. L. L. MARSH, Chairman.

MISS J. K. SPENCER, Secretary.

Motioned and carried that state presidents be named as Area Workers where needed.

### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We your committee on nominations submit the following:

President, Mrs. Geneva Towns, Indiana; 1st vice-president, Mrs. A. Carrett, Texas; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. D. Gray, Missouri; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. G. Starling, Virginia; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Daisy Dean, Arkansas; Treasurer, Miss Fenton Hamilton, Illinois; Ambassador of Goodwill, Mrs. Rosa P. Welch, Illinois; Historian, Mrs. A. L. Martin, Illinois; Committee, Mrs. Orene Cole, Mrs. Alma Harrison, Mrs. Clara Bush, Mrs. Cammie Doolin.

August 25, 1945—8:30 A. M.

Saturday morning: Devotions conducted by Mrs. Yarbough and Mrs. Patrell. New persons presented.

The Loving Cup committee made the following report:

Nashville, Tennessee,

August 25, 1945

We, the committee on the Loving Cup Award, wish to recommend the Indiana Avenue Missionary Society of Chicago, Illinois for the certificate award to be given by the National Christian Missionary Convention. The above Society having met all seven requirements laid down by the National Convention. Their total giving (\$400.00) four hundred dollars for the year, an increase of (\$142.00) one hundred forty-two dollars.

Submitted,

MRS. J. B. MOSLEY  
MRS. E. B. PENN  
MRS. M. C. DICKSON

Remarks by President S S. Myers on the long-range program.

Final remarks by Miss Ruth Ratten.

Motioned and carried that after expenses were taken out whatever is left aside from operating the society during the year be turned over to Executive Board.

After a lengthy discussion on the projects to support—ten (10) Native Evangelists in Africa; these persons volunteered to work in their respective states and make a report at the next Annual session, each being responsible for one hundred dollars (\$100.00); Mrs. Orene Cole, Arkansas; Mrs. S. A. Pirtle, Oklahoma; Mrs. Atkins, Tennessee; Mrs. L. A. Devine, Ohio; Mrs. Cammie Doolin, Missouri; Mrs. Josephine B. Baker, Indiana; and Mrs. Alice Cowan. Any other interested persons are permitted to do the same job if they desire.

Motioned and carried that these volunteered workers be authorized by the convention in writing to have permission to solicit funds for the above project. All reports are to be sent to Miss Fenton Hamilton, 6440 Rhodes Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

## CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We, your committee on Constitution of the Missionary Organizations' Department of the National Convention, submit the following report:

### Article I

The name of the organization shall be Missionary Organization of the National Christian Missionary Society.

### Article II

The object of this organization shall be to cultivate a missionary spirit; to encourage missionary efforts in the churches; to disseminate missionary information among all age groups; to secure funds for the work of U. C. M. S.; to promote throughout the states the work of organizing and developing missionary organizations auxiliary to U. C. M. S.

### Article III

This organization shall meet annually as a part of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

### Article IV

The membership of this organization shall be composed of active members of the Churches of Christ who are committed to the purpose of the organization.

### Article V

The officers of this organization shall be president, first and second vice-presidents, recording and corresponding secretaries, treasurer, historian and ambassador of goodwill, parliamentarian. Parliamentarian and historian shall be the same person.

Fares of secretaries and treasurer be paid and half fare of first vice-president to the National Convention and a part of officers' fare to Executive meetings.

### Article VI

The representative fee in organized states be \$10.00 for states and \$2.00 for local societies and the representation fee for children's and young people's work be \$2.00; for unorganized states \$5.00.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY VAN BUREN, Missouri  
MISS S. P. WALKER, Texas  
MRS. I. H. MOORE, Kentucky

Brought forward from 1944 Convention .....\$352.57

Receipts for 1945:

Area Workers	\$ 75.32	
Sacrificial Breakfast	21.30	
Offering (Thursday night)	77.01	
State Fees	320 00	
Registration	68 00	
Refund	1.25	
Total receipts, 1945	\$562.88	\$562.88
Total receipts, 1945 and balance 1944		\$915.45

Disbursements, 1945:

Gift to Mrs. H. B. Marx	\$ 10.00	
Mrs. Daisy Dean, Cor. Sec., travel	21.51	
Mrs. E. G. Starling, Rec. Sec., travel	25.51	
Mrs. E. L. Martin, Area Worker, travel	8.52	
Compiling Minutes	10.00	
Miss Fenton Hamilton, Treas., travel	20.76	
Dr. J. E. Walker, National Treasure, Long-Range Program	450.00	
	\$546.30	\$546.30

Total disbursements deducted from total receipts leaving a balance on hand of \$369.15

MRS. GENEVA TOWNS, President  
MRS. E. G. STARLING, Recording Secretary  
MISS FENTON HAMILTON, Treasurer  
MRS. DAISY DEAN, Corresponding Secretary

### REPORT FROM STATES

	State Fee	Local Societies Number	Societies Amount	Total
Missouri	\$10.00	12	\$22.00	\$32.00
Texas	10.00	11	32.00	42.00
Piedmont	10.00	6	29.00	39.00
Ohio	10.00	2	4.00	14.00
Arkansas	10.00	5	10.00	20.00
Oklahoma	10.00		5.00	15.00
Tennessee	10.00			10.00
Mississippi	12.00			12.00
Kentucky	10.00	22	44.00	54.00
Alabama	10.00	2	4.00	14.00
Kansas	10.00			
Morgan Avenue		1	2.00	12.00
ILLINOIS				
Indiana Avenue, Chicago				5.00
Bloomington				5.00
Southside, Chicago				5.00
Pilgrim Rest				2.00
INDIANA				
2nd Christian, Indianapolis				6.00
EASTERN SEABOARD				5.00
CALIFORNIA				
28th Street				10.00
Avalon				15.00
MICHIGAN				
United Christian, Detroit				5.00

# MINUTES OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Of The  
NATIONAL CONVENTION  
Held In  
Nashville, Tennessee

August 22, 1945

The convention session of the Church School Department met in the Women's Building of the A and I State College with Elder R. L. Jordan, the president, presiding.

Elder Emmett Dickson, the National Director of Christian Education was introduced to the group. After giving a brief outline of the functions of his office, Elder Dickson guided the group in discussion "Ways of Utilizing our New National Office in the field of Christian Education on All Levels." The essence of the discussion was that the National President and the National Director of Christian Education work and plan together. The President will work through the state presidents; the state presidents will work through the district leaders and they in turn will work through the local churches.

As neither the Recording Secretary or her assistant were present, Valeska Hart was selected as acting secretary for the convention.

The meeting was adjourned.

August 23, 1945

The meeting opened at 8:15 A. M. with prayer by Mrs. Edith Bristow. Each person present introduced himself and stated his position in local and state work.

The day's theme for discussion was "Ways in Which We Can Motivate Our Work in the Local Church." After the President's opening remarks, Elder Dickson guided the discussion. Some good ways of motivating work in the churches are through well-prepared, conscientious leaders. Ways of securing such leaders are through training them in Worker's Conferences, Laboratory Training Schools and Workshops for Teachers.

Several schools sent workers to the Laboratory Training School held in St. Louis, Missouri last June. Those workers have proved an asset to the schools in which they are working.

As some schools are not using graded literature it was agreed that the Director of Christian Education spend more time working with these schools and help them get in step with the more progressive schools of the Brotherhood.

The session adjourned.

August 24, 1945

The session was opened at 8:15 A. M. with Elder E. J. Dickson directing. Recommendations of the Future Work Committee were thrashed out.

At 9:15 A. M. the Church School Group met with the C. Y. F. Group. Our National Workers were introduced. Elder E. J. Dickson spoke on "The Time Element in Planning". Persons who spend one half hour on Sunday in religious instruction, as is usually the case, are spending only one day and two hours in a year's time. This is too little time to gain worthwhile results. However, now, with the use of new techniques in Christian and personality development in building Christian character, we hope to spend more time and thereby harvest better results.

Miss Ruth Ratten, National Director of Missionary Education and Women's Work, spoke on the "Setting of Missionary Goals and Endeavoring to Achieve Them." We should set goals that we feel we are able to achieve and work hard to do so.

The session was closed by a brief, but inspiring worship by the Fellowship Group.

August 24, 10:30 A. M.

The convention session was opened with devotions led by Elder I. J. Hurdle of Texas.

The president, Elder R. L. Jordan, gave his highly inspiring annual message. We must take the business of Christian education as a serious and important factor in Christian character building. Better trained workers and better equipped church schools today make for better churches in the future. The president's message was received with great ovation.

Various means of improving teaching forces in christian education were presented by the Children's Work Committee. Mrs. Z. M. Peoples of Indiana gave a brief history of the committee. The following persons discussed the various leadership training agencies:

Mrs. Fannie Clark, Illinois—Workshops.

Miss Valeska Hart, Missouri—Laboratory Training Schools.

Miss Mary Butler, Kentucky—Vacation Church Schools and Young People's Conferences.

Elder V. G. Smith, New York—The Adult Work Program.

August 24, 7:45 P. M.

Donations were led by Elder J. J. Hawkins of Iowa.

Dean Charles Mosley of S. C. I. gave interesting and enlightening facts on the progress and works of our schools.

The message of the evening was brought by Chaplain Jason Cowan, Camp Crowder, Missouri. He brought a timely and inspiring message on the subject, "What We See On The Horizon."

August 25, 1945

"Securing Interest in the Program of the Church" was the theme for discussion of this session. This whole matter is linked closely with the problem of Adult Education, participation and leadership. Possible procedures in securing adult leadership and participation may be through two channels: promotion of leadership training classes and making the lessons interesting by fitting the lessons to the needs of the people. Available literature for the auxiliaries of the church were discussed. The group took a trip to the display counter of the Christian Board of Publication which was set up and conducted by Mrs. Dietsy Gray.

Teachers for the Sunday morning Church School were selected by the President.

August 26, 1945

Church School opened at 9:30 A. M. at the Lea Avenue Christian Church. Visiting teachers from the Convention took charge of the study. After the classes assembled a warm welcome was extended by the local superintendent, Mrs. Beatrice Chandler. Mrs. Edith Bristown read the Award Committees' report. An offering of \$10.76 was presented the local church school by the Convention school. A beautiful inspiring worship was led by Mrs. Z. M. Peoples.

## REPORTS

### Award Committee

#### I Schools

Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois and Mississippi Boulevard, Memphis, Tennessee are the leading schools with Twelfth Street Church, Washington, D. C. second and honorable mention to United Christian Church, Detroit, Michigan.

#### II States

Tennessee and Kentucky are the leading states financially.

Each of these evaluations was made according to reports handed in at this Convention.

Respectfully submitted.

ELD. G. E. LAKES  
ELD. O. D. HENRY  
ELD. W. O. GILL  
MISS VALESKA HART

Nashville, Tennessee,  
August 24, 1945

We, the members of the Future Work Committee, submit the following recommendations:

1. That, in order to bridge the gap between the National and Local Church Schools,
  - a. National officers be active state and local church school workers.
  - b. We continue to endorse the present Children's Committee; endorse the Youth Committee; and create an Adult Committee.
  - c. The National Church School Convention cooperate with the National Director to work out and promote a simple plan for grading our Church Schools on nationally recognized points.
  - d. That badges of recognition be given to superintendents and teachers in attendance at the National Convention; badges to be made by a designated Service Committee.
2. That, we participate in a central Secretary-Treasury department for all departments of the entire convention, if the Convention adopts it.
3. That, the National Church School Convention promote raising one hundred dollars (\$100.00) this year for the P. H. Moss Memorial Fund.
4. That, we suggest one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) be continued as our financial goal; and that the Executive Committee and Director of Christian Education be responsible for planning and promoting the goal to be raised.
5. That the Future Work report and other plans for local churches made during this convention be combined in a work sheet and sent immediately to local Church schools.

Respectfully submitted, V. G. Smith, Chairman; E. J. Dickson, Secretary of Christian Education; R. H. Peoples, Indiana; S. B. Wallick, Oklahoma; Orine Cole, Arkansas; W. J. Bryant, California; J. Harper, New York; M. M. Butler, Kentucky; T. Cole, Arkansas; N. S. Ellington, Missouri; A. Gunning, North Carolina; W. T. Strickland, Florida; E. B. Penn, Virginia; M. M. Spradling, Kentucky, Secretary.

We, the members of the Nominating Committee for the Church School Department of the National Convention, submit the following report:

President	Eld. R. L. Jordan, Michigan
1st Vice-President	Eld. E. W. Wilbert, Ohio
2nd Vice-President	Eld. D. W. Heath, Virginia
Recording Secretary	Miss Valeska Hart, Missouri
Corresponding Secretary	Miss Osceola Dawson, Kentucky
Treasurer	Mr. S. B. Wallick, Oklahoma

Faithfully submitted,

ELD. E. A. DANIELS, Tennessee  
 ELD. C. L. WHITFIELD, Maryland  
 ELD. I. HURDLE, Texas  
 MRS. DAISY DFAN, Arkansas  
 MRS. Z. M. PEOPLES, Indiana

### NATIONAL CONVENTION CHURCH SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT RECEIPTS FOR 1945

Alabama State Convention	\$ 10.00
11th Street Church, Birmingham	5.00
Macedonian Church, Oxmoore	2.00
Arkansas State Convention	5.00
Cross Street Church	2.00
Mt. Sinai Church	2.00
Oak Grove Church	2.00
Wynne Church	2.00
Edwards Chapel	2.00

CALIFORNIA

Avalon Church, Los Angeles .....	10.00
East 28th Street Church, Los Angeles .....	8.00
ILLINOIS	
Indiana Avenue Church, Chicago .....	10.00
Pilgrim Rest Church, East St. Louis .....	2.00
Third Church, Bloomington .....	2.00
Second Church, Rockford .....	5.00
South Side Church, Chicago .....	4.00
INDIANA	
Second Church, Indianapolis .....	5.00
Kansas State Convention .....	5.00
Morgan Avenue Church, Parsons .....	5.00
Kentucky State Convention .....	5.00
Kentucky Church Schools .....	15.00
MICHIGAN	
United Church, Detroit .....	5.00
Mississippi State Convention .....	5.00
Missouri State Convention .....	5.00
Woodland Avenue Church, Kansas City .....	2.00
Ohio State Convention .....	11.00
Monroe Avenue Church, Columbus .....	5.00
Tennessee State Convention .....	10.00
Texas State Convention .....	6.00
PIEDMONT DISTRICT	
Ninth Avenue Church, Roanoke, Virginia .....	3.00
WASHINGTON, D. C.	
Twelfth Street Church .....	5.00
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$165.00</u>
Balance in treasury at close of 1944 Convention .....	\$145.81
LESS—	
Disbursements:	
National Treasurer for Minutes .....	\$30.00
Bond .....	10.00
Postage .....	1.00
Total disbursements .....	<u>41.00</u>
Balance in treasury at beginning of 1945 Convention .....	\$104.81
Receipts for 1945 Convention .....	<u>165.00</u>
Moss Memorial Fund forward from 1944 .....	\$102.00
Receipts at 1945 Convention	
Oklahoma .....	\$12.00
Missouri .....	5.00
Kentucky .....	5.00
Total .....	<u>22.00</u>
Total Moss Memorial Fund .....	124.00
Offering Friday night .....	32.70
Sunday morning Church School offering .....	**10.75
Total in treasury .....	<u>\$437.26</u>

\*\*Amount left after paying host church school one-half of 21.51.

## DISBURSEMENTS

Elder R. L. Jordan—Expenses	\$ 51.00
Elder R. L. Jordan—To purchase awards	7.00
Mr. S. B. Wallick—Expenses	24.00
Miss Valeska Hart—For Minutes	5.00
To Lea Avenue Church School	10.76
To National Convention Treasury	300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$397.76</b>
Balance in treasury	\$ 39.50

## MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION Christian Youth Fellowship FOR AUGUST 19-26, 1945

Nashville, Tennessee

Theme: "WE MUST BE THE WORLD WE WANT."

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

8:30 P.M. Recital presented by Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, Mezzo Soprano of Chicago, Illinois, at the Lea Avenue Christian Church.

The first session of the National Convention C.Y.F. Monday morning, August 20, 1945, at 8:45 with Mr. Charles E. Sherman, Co-President, presiding.

The main resource leader for the week was Mr. Vance G. Smith.

The committees were set up as follows:

Worship—John Burns, Chairman.

Alva Shackelford and Mary Willis, resource leaders.

Study—Lura Wheaton Sherman, Chairman.

Mary Butler, resource leader.

Service—Raymond Brown, Chairman.

Rosa Page Welch, resource leader.

Recreation—Raymond Smith, Chairman.

Edith Bristow, resource leader.

The Personal or Enlistment Committee was taken care of by the group in the general assemblies.

After this the committees went into separate sessions in their respective meeting places.

During the assembly period, Mr. Vance G. Smith, our main resource leader, brought his first in a series of messages. His topic for this occasion was "Being On the Mountain Top."

Monday evening after each committee had met separately and reconvened, we adjourned for the Convention's general evening session.

TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 21—8:30

Charles Sherman presiding.

After necessary announcements and instructions by the President, Mr. Sherman, and the Director, Mr. Peoples, each committee retired to its previous meeting place.

During the Assembly period, which was from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. daily, the Worship Service was led by the Worship Committee under the direction of Miss Shackelford and Miss Willis.

Following Worship, Mr. Smith brought the second in his series of messages, using the topic, "Being Worth Something."

Afternoon—Committee meetings, assembly.

## ADJOURNMENT

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 22

third session met at 8:30 A.M. with Charles Sherman presiding.

The larger part of the committee meeting time was used to go over the whole of the pamphlet, "What Is the National Christian Missionary Convention of the Disciples of Christ?" This was gone over point by point with Mrs. Edith Bristow and Mr. Peoples on hand to help explain those points that were not clear to the young people.

Committee meetings.

Assembly-Worship by the Worship Committee at 10:30.

Mr. Smith brought the third of his series of messages, using as a topic for this occasion, "Being World Minded."

#### THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 23

The business session opened at 8:30 with Charles Sherman presiding.

The Nominating Committee was appointed by the President and was composed of the following:

1. Alva Shackelford, Chairman;
2. Linnie Welch, Secretary;
3. Thomas J. Griffin,
4. Raymond Smith,
5. Charles E. Sherman,
6. R. H. Peoples, Adviser.

Committee meetings.

At 10:30, worship conducted by the Worship Committee. After which Mr. Smith brought his fourth in his series of messages, using the topic, "Being Eternally Vigilant."

#### FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 24

There was a joint session of the C.Y.F. and the Bible School, with Rev. R. L. Jordan, President of the National Bible School, presiding.

A very timely message was brought by Mr. E. J. Dickson, Director of Christian Education and acting Executive Secretary. Also a message was brought by Miss Lillian Ruth Ratten, Director of Missionary Education and Women's Work.

No afternoon session.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 25

The last session opened at 8:30 with Charles Sherman presiding.

The Nominating Committee made the following report:

We, your Nominating Committee, wish to submit the following names for election to the national offices of the C.Y.F. for 1945-46:

CO-PRESIDENTS—

Raymond Brown, Little Rock, Ark., and Jarvis Christian College.

Evelyn Covington, Cincinnati, Ohio.

SECRETARY-TREASURER—

Edward Brown, St. Louis, Missouri.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY—

Linnie Welch, Chicago, Illinois.

The above named persons were elected by a unanimous voice vote, and are, therefore, the new officers for 1945 and 1946.

The morning hymn sing for the last business period was led by Miss Alva Shackelford, after which Mr. Charles Sherman delivered the annual C.Y.F. President's message.

A brief devotional service was led by Thomas J. Griffin, after which Raymond Brown, a ministerial student of Jarvis Christian College, delivered a very timely sermon on our theme, "We Must Be the World We Want."

Adjournment.

THOMAS J. GRIFFIN,

Secretary-Treasurer of C.Y.F.

### RECOMMENDATIONS STUDY COMMITTEE

Recommendations:

That the Study Committee recommends that each local church have an Education Committee in the Church, and that the young people be represented on this committee.

That the Study Committee become familiar with materials for the young people of the total Church program:

1. Sunday School.
2. Church Program.

- a. Lord's Supper.
  - b. Duty of Officers.
  - c. Worship.
  - d. Ushers.
3. Sunday Evening Services.
- a. C.Y.F.
  - b. C. E.

That the Study Committee use the local library worker for helping them build a Church library. Work out a time schedule for library, using Young People and leaders to serve each time.

That the committee make a survey of the town, district, or state, and even the National Brotherhood to list available resource speakers or workers of the race who can discuss with them or speak to them on various problems.

That the Young People use a variety of programs.

#### Methods

Use National Book-Week for securing new books, old books, or borrowing books.

Post books on different subjects, and ask the people to buy these books.

This committee is to keep each committee informed of the new books being published. This committee is also responsible for this list to be posted on the bulletin board and giving book reviews.

## SERVICE AND SOCIAL ACTION

#### Recommendations:

That we first establish ourselves within the local Church by doing some such service as repairing, cleaning, painting, fixing Prayers rooms and seeing that the grounds are clean, etc.

That we support the Christian World Friendship Fund by any method advisable within your group, such as: a sacrificial meal, the sale of books and seals.

That we cooperate with other inter-denominational Youth groups in meeting the current needs of our community, such as: Baptist Youth Fellowship, Methodist Young People groups, Westminster Youth Fellowship (Presbyterian) etc.

That we study the problem of returning service men and women within our community and include them within our planning.

That we cooperate with such inter-racial agencies as the committee on "Racial Equality" in order to assist in bringing about better racial understanding.

## THE FINDINGS COMMITTEE

#### Recommendations:

That the C.Y.F. National Officers and Directors investigate the local Church that is to entertain the National Convention to see if they have a functioning Youth group.

That in order to make our conventions more meaningful to our Young People, we recommend that the National Planning Committee investigate the feasibility of the following:

1. Establishment of a personal guidance counseling service at the National Convention.
2. The use of a question box at the Convention.
3. That some service project for all C.Y.F. Delegates be set up.

That this group send the names and addresses of as many state, district, local and committee chairmen to National Director as is possible.

That the President be empowered to appoint Young people on necessary committees in the Convention.

#### Other Recommendations:

That the National Convention Constitutions be amended to make one of the Youth Adult advisers a member of the National Board in addition to the Co-President of the C.Y.F.

That all Young People's groups of local Churches work with the local chapter of the N.A.A.C.P.

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF CYF

## RECEIVED FROM ORGANIZATIONS FOR APPORTIONMENTS

### Local Organizations

Jarvis College Church, Hawkins, Texas	\$ 2.00
Second Church, Indianapolis, Indiana	5.00
Clay St. Church, Paducah, Kentucky	2.00
Second Church, Vandalia, Missouri	2.00
Cross St. Church, Little Rock, Arkansas	2.00
Second Church, Fulton, Missouri	2.00
Indiana Avenue Church, Chicago, Illinois	5.00
Twelfth St. Church, Washington, D. C.	5.00
Central Church, Louisville, Kentucky	3.00
United Christian Church, Detroit, Michigan	5.00
North Middletown Church, North Middletown, Kentucky	2.00
Monroe Avenue Church, Columbus, Ohio	3.00
Pilgrim Rest Church, East St. Louis, Illinois	2.00
South Side Church, Chicago, Illinois	2.00
Dayton Church, Dayton, Ohio	2.00
East 28th St. Church, Los Angeles, California	2.00

Total ..... \$46.00

### State Organizations

Missouri	\$ 5.00
Kansas	5.00
Tennessee	5.00
Oklahoma	5.00
Ohio	5.00
Texas	5.00

Total ..... \$30.00

### Christian World Friendship Fund for 1945-1946

Second Church, Vandalia, Missouri	\$20.00
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Total ..... \$20.00

### Public Offerings

Sunday Night	\$10.26
Monday Night	11.91

Total ..... \$22.17

### Contributions

Miss Carnella Jamison	\$ 5.00
Mr. Vance Smith	1.00

Total ..... \$ 6.00

Local Organizations	\$ 46.00
State Organizations	30.00
Christian World Friendship Fund	20.00
Public Offering	22.17
Contributions	6.00

\$124.17

Brought forward from the 1944 Convention ..... 112.81

Total ..... \$236.98

### Disbursements

Vance Smith (Travel Expense)	\$ 56.76
Charles Sherman (Travel Expense)	30.51
John B. Eubanks (Travel Expense)	25.00
Mrs. Rosa Page Welch	25.00

Publicity .....	3.75
Long distance calls .....	2.20
Telegram .....	2.68
Materials—Typing paper, etc. ....	1.90
Flowers for Recital .....	4.50
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$152.30</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b> .....	<b>\$236.98</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b> .....	<b>152.30</b>
<b>Balance</b> .....	<b>\$ 84.68</b>
In National Convention Treasury .....	\$ 9.87
In U.C.M.S. Treasury .....	74.81
<b>Total in Treasury</b> .....	<b>\$ 84.68</b>

THOMAS J. GRIFFIN,  
Secretary-Treasurer of C.Y.F.

## REPORT OF SECRETARY OF EVANGELISM AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Mr. President, Other Officials, Members and Friends of the National Convention of The Disciples of Christ:

In coming to you today with our second annual report we feel keenly our inability to mirror the true picture as we have seen it on the field. But by the help of God, we will do our best that you may be able to understand some of the fundamental needs of our Brotherhood as well as vision some of the possibilities which lie before us.

Since being with you last, our path has taken us into many and varied sections of our Brotherhood and we have found one thing which is common to almost all areas: churches without pastors, congregations drifting and dwindling, sheep without shepherds. Some of these churches have great possibilities of becoming independent, some are independent now. The others are in dire need of spiritual stimulation to keep them from becoming a total loss to the Brotherhood. This phase of our Brotherhood life is alarming. We bring this picture to you today that each one of us may give serious consideration to this unwholesome condition with the view of determining the part he will play in servicing this great need.

In a large measure, this condition exists because of the shortage of ministers and to a lesser degree it exists because some churches have not been willing to pay ministers a living wage.

During the year ending now under the sponsorship of the United Christian Missionary Society, we have conducted five Institutes for Ministers. Each of the five Institutes was encouragingly attended and the enthusiasm of these ministers for broader knowledge of the function of the Christian ministry of our days presages a new era in Brotherhood achievement. However, in order to reap the full harvest of this upswing of interest, on the part of our ministers, this wholesome desire for capacity enlargement, this burning of passion to serve adequately the needs of the local church, the community and the world, a way must be found to make area Institutes, for ministers in service, an annual undertaking in our Evangelistic effort.

The National Brotherhood can never outgrow the local churches and the local churches can never outgrow their ministers. Therefore, if we would have a strong National Brotherhood, we must have strong local churches, and if we would have strong local churches, we must have strong pastors of the local churches. Yearly Institutes will help in this area of development.

In addition to yearly Institutes to benefit ministers in service, we must intensify our efforts to enlist young people for the ministry and make it possible for them and urge them to fully prepare themselves for the task.

The minister's influence should be felt for good in every phase of church life: in the Official Board, in the Bible School, in the Missionary Society, in the Christian Endeavor, in Youth Fellowship, in Finance and in all weekly activities for without the minister's good-will and guidance and strong passion for the spiritual enlightenment and growth of all members of the church, and without a burning zeal, on the part of this same minister, to lead sinners into vital relationship with God, the local church, the State Convention nor the National Convention will ever be able to do, adequately, the job assigned to our hands.

#### ENLISTING NEW CONVERTS

Statistical data shows that the mortality and transitory rate of church members demand that in order for a local congregation to live and experience healthy growth there must be brought into its membership ten new converts each for each one hundred members, not including reclaimed members nor transfers from other communions.

As we look over the record of new converts added to our churches each year we can readily see that we need to accelerate our pace in this area of church life. We think it would be healthy for us if we had some one on the field with no other assignment than to conduct Evangelistic Campaigns for new members. We feel sure that our brethren would welcome this type of service from a minister who is well qualified to do the job. We must grow numerically or we perish. The local pastor needs all the help he can get in this phase of his work.

#### NEW CHURCHES

Yes, we need to organize new churches. There are several metropolitan centers wherein we should establish new churches now. But the shortage of ministers makes it almost impossible for us to embark profitably in this vein, though it be keenly desired. Birmingham, Alabama, should have a new church. We have talked with Brother Jeffries, our pastor of the one church located there, and he agrees that it would be a timely move if we were able to follow through. We need a church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; we could easily establish another church in Jacksonville, Florida, if we had pastor power. Brother Griffin is doing a creditable job there pastoring the church we established last year, but in a city of 100,000 Negroes, one church, located on one side of such a mass of humanity is not sufficient representation for Disciples of Christ. There are other communities teeming with equally as great possibilities; however, it seems wise to wait until preacher power catches up with this particular phase of Brotherhood need.

#### RURAL CHURCHES

Our Rural churches must be given more consideration if they are to continue to live and be feeders to our Urban churches. Most of the members in our city and town churches come from Rural areas. These churches are suffering most of all for lack of pastoral counseling. Many of them do have preaching once per month but, in an era of highly specialized communication, Rural congregations are subjected to the same types of sin and vices as city congregations and while preaching once per month it is better than no preaching at all, it certainly falls short of the preaching need. There are other problems of the city and rural congregations which are one and the same. Death stalks and claims as its prey individual members of the Rural congregations just as it does the individual members of the city congregations, they marry in the Rurals just as they do in the city. they, in the Rurals, have their sorrows and trials and social and economic problems wherein the counseling of the minister would be helpful and encouraging but no minister. The problems don't come on the 1st, the 2nd, the 3rd, or the 4th Sunday in each month as the minister does, they have no definite date so far as we know, therefore the minister is more often away when he is needed most than in place.

The ministers of the most of these churches live in the cities and they have to make daily shifts to earn a livelihood for themselves and their families.. Most of these churches are not able to pay a minister for the service they need most, and so, there we are. Something needs to be done in order that our Rural churches may be serviced more adequately. Just one example of what we are talking about and then we are through.

Christian Missionary Society and one (1) member from each of the following boards: the Board of Higher Education, Board of Church Extension, Pension Fund Board, Benevolent Association and Christian Board of Publication.

I wrote the above mentioned boards, giving them full information about the Long Range Program, and invited them to consider becoming partners with us in this new adventure to do an old job better. They readily responded, indicating their willingness to meet with us and consider ways and means of perfecting the new program. The first meeting was called in Columbus, Ohio, during the meeting of the International Convention, in October, 1944. The results of the first meeting were most gratifying. All present gave testimony of their high hopes for a permanent organization.

Following the Columbus, Ohio meeting, an interim committee was appointed to work out an agenda for the December 20th meeting. At this meeting, we faced the possibilities and the need for such an organization. We talked in terms of relationships and budget, and laid the ground-work for a permanent organization. The Committee on Permanent Organization was appointed. The committee met and made a careful study of workers, headquarters, budget, Christian Plea and revised the report of the October meeting. In our May 1945 meeting the report of the committee was accepted with a few changes. The revised report was adopted and the Long Range Program was ordered to begin July 1, 1945, and the headquarters to be in Indianapolis, Indiana. The launching of this program presents the Convention with its greatest responsibility, opportunity and challenge.

C. L. Parks.  
C. L. PARKS.

## REPORT AND ADDRESS OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT ELDER S. S. MYERS

Mr. Chairman and delegates of the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ of America.

It is my privilege and pleasant duty to report to you the activities of the National Convention Board and Executive Committee, instruments of your creation to serve the Brotherhood during the recess of the Convention. The constitution provides that the President of the Convention should serve as chairman of both the National Board and the Executive Committee. On leaving Lexington, Kentucky, I recognized the graveness of my responsibility. I accepted the job of leadership of the Brotherhood with a willingness to cooperate with all our leaders, and with an awareness of the unfinished business of the Convention, in perfecting and launching the Long Range Program.

The Convention adopted the committee's report on Long Range Program which provided a change in the constitution, to include on the National Convention Board and Executive Committee, five (5) members from the United

In Lowndes county, Alabama, located south of the city of Montgomery we have nine Rural churches. All of these churches have pastors who preach for them once per month; all of the pastors live in the city of Montgomery. No criticism of the ministers, they all have families and must make their daily bread. These nine churches are clustered within a radius of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles, we mean by that that no one of the churches is more than 15 miles from the others. The Government has established in this Rural community, a Rural Housing Corporation and several of our church families are living in the project. With help, financial, it is possible, from what we were able to learn while down there last June, to get some one or two ministers to live down there with the people and truly minister to their spiritual needs.

My Christian friends, this, to our mind, is true Christian service, and may God grant us vision and inner strength by His power with might to see and work that our less fortunate brother in Rural America may know that we care for him too.

Respectfully submitted,

The National Convention and The United Christian Missionary Society, both, were interested in getting the best results from the labors of the workers and money invested in the work. The National Convention's relationship to the UCMS in working among Negro churches was one of approved acceptance and good will. The UCMS had full charge and control in directing the work done among our churches. The leaders contended for years that the National Convention be given a larger part in matters of planning, directing and administering the work done for Negro churches. No one can deny that much good has been accomplished by their labors. God forbid, if we become critical and criticize, or become ungrateful for all the lovely services of the past. The old system was not desirable, in every way. We do not claim perfection for the new, but we believe that it is a great improvement over the old. It provided a way for us to share together in projecting a program in the interest of the Brotherhood. This new-born babe has been placed in our lap. He looks up into our eyes, saying—"my life, my future, depends on your loving care. I am tender in months, but I have in me every possibility of becoming useful in the life of the church." To accept the responsibility of giving nurture to the new enterprise, is to give assurance to a glorious future of christian service for the kingdom of God. To neglect it through carelessness, indifference, and a lack for support is to sign its death warrant. The ball has been tossed to us; are we going to fumble it, or are we going to take and carry it to the goal? The Brotherhood boards have met us over half way thus proving their willingness to cooperate and make a success of the new plan.

When General Eisenhower was elevated to the commandership of the Allied Armies, he came to his first staff meeting realizing the graveness of his responsibility. He said, "Defeatism and pessimism will not be tolerated at this headquarters. And soldiers or officers who cannot rise above the recognized obstacles and bitter prospects that lie in store for us, has no recourse but ask for release. Those who do not, will go home anyway." When Eisenhower took over, the military condition could hardly be described as hopeful. Tobruk had just been taken by Rommel, and 30,000 British prisoners. Let us accept our new job with an optimistic spirit and rule out all defeatism. We cannot afford to do less for the kingdom of God than a military General did for his country. Let us face our task with the same determination and optimism as that of General Eisenhower.

### Staff Selected

We are proud of our staff. Mr. Parks has served our churches for two years. His work stands for itself. He has done one of the most satisfying pieces of work. We believe that he will continue to give the church department great leadership. Mr. E. J. Dickson and Miss Ruth Ratten came to us with a rich background of christian service and preparation. We believe that they are fully prepared to give necessary leadership to our Brotherhood. Let us keep in mind that they are our servants. We can make them great, their work easier, and a success if we will give them our best support. No minister or leader, desiring cooperation to get their work done, has any right to ask anyone to cooperate with them unless they are willing to cooperate with others. I am sure everyone of us will give these workers our prayers and our whole-hearted support in every way that lies in our powers.

### Object and Program

Object No. 1.—"To serve as an instrument to integrate the Negro membership into the organized life of the Brotherhood and to give them a sense of belonging to the whole.

The present plan puts into action the practice of brotherhood at the base. We have the ear and interest of every Brotherhood Board. This gives us a hearing in all the cooperative enterprises of our great church. Never before in the life of our Brotherhood has the Negro work been exposed to such a fellowship of christian leaders. They represent the best in the church life. We are looking

forward, and rightly so, for men of color to be appointed on all our school boards and finally to be placed on many of the other boards.

Let us prove ourselves by being faithful over little things and the big things will take care of themselves.

To provide an adequate program to meet the needs of the churches in the following areas of the church—(a) Education, (b) Evangelism, (c) Mission, (d) Stewardship, (e) Pension and Relief, (f) Church Extension, (g) Higher Education, Christian Literature, (h) Benevolence.

To provide a home for the aged and youth of our church is one of the big jobs we must face. We know that we must take steps slowly, but if we work at our problems, we will solve them in due time. Mr. Carlson has given me the assurance that he is willing to cooperate in every way possible to meet these needs. There is a small fund now in the treasury of the Benevolent Association that can be used to help worthy ministers and wives of ministers.

### Christian Literature

The Christian Board of Publication is well prepared with vast resources and Christian leadership to serve the churches. Mr. Lin D. Cartwright, representing the Christian Board of Publication, is the embodiment of good will and Christian cooperation. This great enterprise belongs to us. The net proceeds go for missions. They have given the national board \$1000 to help in this new program. We are going to lean heavily upon this board for support in the years to come. We must order literature and books from our own publishing house. It is interesting to note that the entire shipping department is carried on by men and women of our race.

### Higher Education

We must give encouragement to men preparing for the ministry. A goodly number must go on to the top. We will need men to teach in our schools; and as well as to give leadership for the church at large. We should see to it that \$1000 a year be added to the now established scholarship fund of \$10,000. We must stand by our schools, and give them our best support. We cannot afford to rest until they are among the best in the country. We wish to commend President P. C. Washington and President John Long and their teachers for the fine way they are carrying on in our schools and pledge to them our support in the future.

### Church Extension

Church Extension is on the job providing loans, helping our churches to buy new church homes. The church in Roanoke, Virginia is buying a beautiful church building at a cost of \$19,000 with the loan being arranged by the board. The board of Church Extension with her thousands of dollars, and the good business judgment of the staff, stand ready to help us.

### Pension Plan

Every church must join the pension plan. We shall keep this item of business on our program until the last church has come in. The officials of the churches must be taught the value of the plan. The office of the ministry is dignified in this plan. Young men will be encouraged to enter the ministry if they know that their families will have protection.

The United Christian Missionary Society has always stood by us. She has given us leadership and helped us plant churches in the larger cities. Without this aid we would not have come as far along as we are. They are still with us one hundred per cent. UCMS is carrying the heaviest part of the load, putting into the budget of the National Convention \$10,000 a year plus what they give to help ministers in local churches, and to do evangelistic work. We are what we are, we have what we have, because of her fine support during the years. Without UCMS's cooperation, it would have been impossible for us to have gone ahead with our present plan.

## Evangelism

The church's first and last responsibility is to seek the lost, and enlist them into the kingdom of God. The note of evangelism must become the key-note of the National Convention Program. We must make the churches realize the necessity of placing evangelism at the heart of the Christian program. Every man, woman, and child must be enlisted and trained, and commissioned to go and win someone to Christ. Mr. Bailey in his book, *Evangelism for a Changing World*, says, "evangelize or perish." Rev. M. H. Fagan, addressing the International Convention from the subject, *Evangelize or Die*. The subject itself is a great warning. Mr. Willard M. Wickizer says something like this, "If you win no one to Christ and His church, you vote for a dying church. If you win one to Christ and His church, you vote for a static church. But if you win two or more to Christ and His church, you vote for a living and growing church." The greatest need in the life of the church today, is a Christ-like compassion for the lost, the Master's flame of courage, conviction, and assurance.

Christian Education must not be neglected. Christianity is a teaching religion. The teaching program of the church furnishes the church its finest tools and methods in getting the job well done. We must see to it that the teaching force in the local church is better prepared. The children of our Brotherhood deserve more attention than they are getting. I am hoping within a few years, that we will have a national worker who will give full time to the children and young people. Through the teaching process we can train them in the christian skills and methods. The old slogan is good today, "Information, inspiration, and realization."

Christian missions provide us with service projects. Here is where we make our christianity real or come true to life. The missionary spirit is the test of any man's or church's Christianity. As long as there are sick to be visited, hungry people to be fed, imprisoned to be visited, sinful men to be saved, injustices to be corrected in the world, missions will still have a day. The only way the church can save her soul, is by losing herself in service for others. The missionary spirit motivated and inspired by the Christ of Calvary is the hope of the world. The people in the war-torn areas of the world are suffering in body, spirit, and soul. The church cannot afford to turn the cries of these little ones away. To do it is to seal her own doom. The UCMS provides us our best channel of helping these little ones. Our missionary giving then must be increased.

## Stewardship

I believe we are weaker in our stewardship practices than we are in any of our Christian graces. The disciples are too cheap. The ministers are partly the blame for it. We have too many ministers preaching a free gospel. We must teach the members in our churches the meaning of stewardship. We will never have an increase in staff, in the state and national work, a better paid ministry, good church buildings, well equipped, and an increase in support for world missions. Not until we lift the standard of giving in the life of our church members. We need to bow our heads in shame for our poor stewardship practice. We have not been faithful over little things, how can we expect our heavenly Father to give unto us in abundance, Christian Missions, Christian Education, Evangelism, all depend on our practice of Christian Stewardship. Christian Stewardship is not a part of the Christian life. It is the Christian life. The minister must face this condition in the life of the church and put forth some good efforts to correct these conditions in the life of the members of the churches. The minister must teach the doctrine of stewardship as a great Christian truth. The supreme need of this hour in the life of the church is to develop a Christian personality that will lay on the altar of God, time, talents and material possession. Christian Stewardship embraces all that a man is, to him God is the owner of all things, and that he belongs to God. I am His, my hands, head, heart, my all.

## Together ness

Kelly O'Neill, speaking to the delegates of the International Convention, in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1936, began his address with these words, "The genius of civilization is man's capacity for togetherness." Jesus knew the secret of this great law of togetherness. The Kingdom, He came to set up on earth and build, was a brotherhood. He wanted men to recognize God as Father, and that they were brother keepers. (He prayed that all His followers be one, so the world might believe that His Father sent Him.)

Unity of the followers of Christ is absolutely a necessity. When we think that the very purpose of our movement was to unite and bring into one fold, all of God's people, and we have failed among ourselves in giving an example to the world. We have condemned and protested against the heresy of sectarianism. We have stood for the unity of God's people in word and doctrine, but in practice, we have fallen down.

Charles R. Scoville says, "We have preached the doctrine strenuously, but we have practiced it so feebly." Mr. O'Neill said, also, in that same address, "There were three great foes that prevents the spirit of togetherness from becoming a reality among the disciples. (1) Our suspicions of one another. (2) Our dogmatic prejudices, our pride in independence.

Today is one of the great days of God. The faith of men in God is the inherent compulsion to bring others to His way of life. Let us recommit ourselves to His way of life for all mankind.

Will our strategy in carrying out our program be one of christian cooperation or selfish individualism. The answer to this question will determine whether we shall move forward or backward. If we are going to move forward at all, we must move together. The divine plan points ahead, and not to the rear. Jesus is out in front of His church, calling unto His own, "follow me, follow me."

If we are ever to build a strong, growing, thriving, and influential and powerful Christian Brotherhood, we must get close together. We must work together in the bond of Christian fellowship and love. Darker the world, greater the wounds, deeper the virus of hate, the more consecrated we must become to our task. The only way we can find and save ourselves is to become lost in the unity of Christian service. The thing that is going to count from now on, is not what you have done in the past, but what you are going to do in the future. Let us join hands, hearts, souls and will our wills to God through Jesus Christ. All the devils in Hell cannot hinder us from succeeding.

May God help us to be strong enough, Christian enough, have faith and love enough, and be courageous enough, to unite with Christ in Christianizing the world.

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION**

August, 1945

Balance on hand, Lexington, Kentucky, Convention	\$ 657.55
Net receipts from Lexington, Kentucky, Convention	1691.33
Clarksville, Tennessee, Church (Rev. John Barker)	20.00
Missionary Society	60.00
Woodland Avenue Christian Church (Elder S. S. Meyers)	103.55
Robert L. Wilson, Yakima, Washington	1.00
Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Memphis, Tenn.	301.00
Mississippi Christian Missionary Convention	100.00
George F. Lewis, Chaplain	10.00
Robbin Street Christian Church, Covington, Ky.	25.00
Dr. H. E. Lee, Houston, Texas	25.00
Edwards Chapel Christian Church, Russellville, Ark. (J. H. Woodard Jr.)	11.00
Lea Avenue Christian Church (Elder Sledge)	81.00
Jarvis College (Pres. P. C. Washington)	25.00
United Church, Detroit (Elder R. L. Jordan)	21.25
Cedar Church, Cleveland (Elder C. E. Craggett)	24.00
Stuyvesant Heights, Brooklyn (Elder R. E. Hancock)	13.00
Williamsburg Church, Brooklyn (Elder Wm. F. Keyes)	12.50
St. Phillips Church, Brooklyn (Elder W. C. Kinard)	5.25
Second Reformed Church, New Brunswick (Elder Tillman)	5.00
Kenyon Avenue Church, Cincinnati (Elder S. C. Divine)	5.00
Midvale Forks Church, Winston Salem (Elder G. W. Roland)	26.00
Unified Youth Group (Miss. Blvd. Christian Church)	10.00
Louisville, Kentucky, Central Church	20.00
Centennial Church, St. Louis	75.00
A. D. Gault	5.00
Forest Grove & St. Elmo Churches, Miss. (Elder J. C. Norrell)	12.00
S. C. I. Faculty and Church (Pres. Long—Dean Mosley)	67.00
Canton, Ohio (Bro. J. R. Edwards)	13.00
Georgia State Convention (H. J. Johnson)	10.00
Elder T. R. Frost, Hawkins, Texas	5.00
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Second Christian Church, Rockford, Ill. (Mrs. Carey)	18.00
Elm Street Christian Church, Jefferson City (Miss Gilmer)	15.00
Norwood Church, Dayton, Ohio (Elder Wilbert)	20.00
Public Offering, Mississippi Convention	50.00
Bible School, Mississippi Convention	50.00
Indianola Church (Dr. A. R. Walker)	25.00
Dean Charles C. Mosely, S. C. I.	25.00
Shaw Mississippi Church (Mrs. Tounsel)	20.00
Missionary Society (Mississippi)	10.00
Willing Workers Missionary Society (Mississippi)	10.00
Second Christian Church (Elder Frank Coleman)	25.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$3708.43</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>2,671.77</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$1036.66</b>
<b>INCOME FROM COOPERATING BOARDS</b>	
United Christian Missionary Society	\$ 833.33
Board of Church Extension	150.00
Board of Higher Education	100.00
The National Benevolent Association	125.00
Pension Fund of Disciples of Christ	83.33
Christian Board of Publication	500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1791.66</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS FROM COOPERATING BOARDS

E. J. Dickson, Executive Secretary .....	\$ 799.98
BALANCE .....	\$ 991.68
BALANCE FROM NATIONAL CONVENTION .....	1036.66
GRAND TOTAL IN TREASURY AUGUST 20, 1945 .....	\$2028.34

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## NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

August, 1945

### DISBURSEMENTS

Christian Plea ..... \$ 400.00

#### TRAVELING EXPENSE

Elizabeth Herod .....	\$ 12.30	
Geneva Towns .....	11.17	
Charles E. Sherman .....	25.83	
R. Wesley Watson .....	123.44	
R. L. Jordan .....	58.64	
R. H. Peoples .....	13.10	
Edith Bristow .....	42.77	
T. W. Pratt .....	72.30	
J. E. Walker .....	129.00	
C. L. Whitfield .....	23.34	
Charles H. Webb .....	104.17	
S. S. Myers .....	195.19	
L. L. Dickerson .....	43.50	
Merl R. Eppse .....	17.94	
R. H. Davis .....	9.50	
Traveling Expense for Staff .....	300.00	\$1182.19
L. L. Dickerson, telegrams .....		3.12
L. L. Dickerson, minutes .....		120.00
Corinne Chase, secretarial service .....		20.00
Secretarial-office expense .....		10.00
R. W. Watson, picture .....		3.00
Office and expenses for Elder Myers .....		213.46
E. J. Dickson, staff expense .....		400.00
Premium on bond for Treasurer .....		5.00
Moving expense for Elder C. L. Parks .....		165.00
Moving expense for Elder E. J. Dickson .....		150.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....		\$2671.77

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Walker, M.D., Treasurer.





