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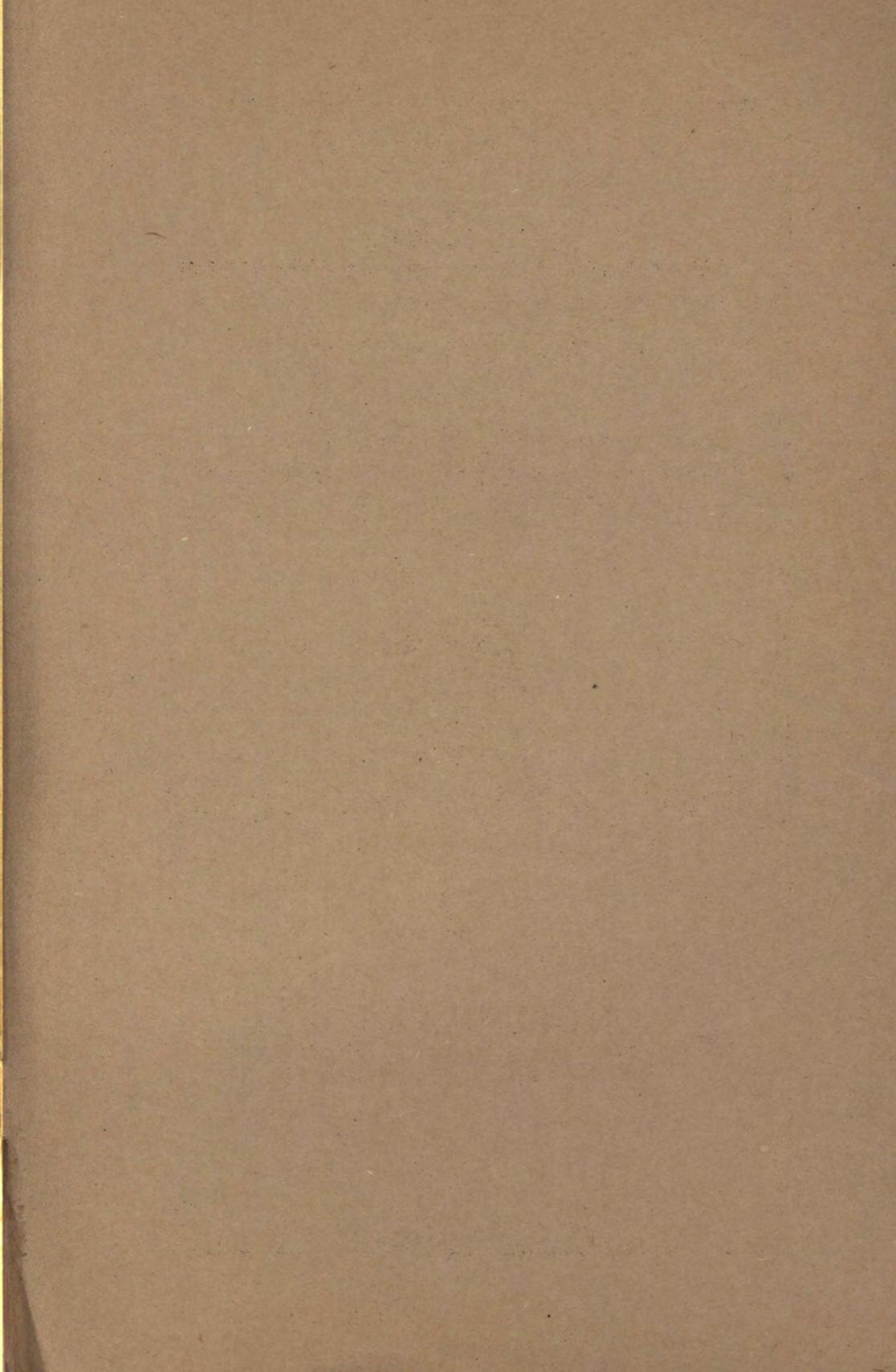


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SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

OFFICERS.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

President	Eld. R. A. Gooden, D. C.
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BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

The Bible School Department of the National Convention met with the Church of Christ, Indianapolis, Ind., August 21st, 1922. The house was called to order at 9 a. m. with the President, Rev. R. A. Gooden, presiding.

Bible Study by R. A. Davis of Cincinnati, Ohio, as programmed.
 Song, "God will take care of you." Series of prayers.
 Song, "Jesus is all the world to me."

Scripture Lesson—Matthew 28th Chapter, beginning with the 16th verse to the close.

Remarks by R. H. Davis on the Scripture lesson.

Song, "Beulah Land."

Prayer by Bro. H. G. Smith, Texas.

Services turned over to the President.

Introductory remarks in connection with giving the national workers a chance to display their vocational work.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT—Bro. R. Hancock, Miss Henrietta Herod, Miss Ella Martyn.

COMMITTEE ON LOVING CUP AND BUSINESS.—P. H. Moss, E. R. Williams, D. L. Blackburn, Mrs. T. Frye, Miss Harris.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.—R. A. Davis, Ohio; J. Merchant, Chicago; Wm. Martin, Paducah, Ky.; Eunice Singleton, Louisville, Ky.; Sister Elizabeth Brown, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Mary Alphin, Kansas City.

FUTURE WORK COMMITTEE.—Bro. H. G. Smith, Texas; Bro. M. M. Bostick, Ark.; Sister Eva Johnson, Topeka, Kans.; Bro. Virgil Gooch, Mo.; Bro. J. B. Parson, Ill.

Remarks by Rev. R. A. Gooden, Washington, D. C., as programmed. His remarks were full of helpful information.

Symposium—The Graded Literature an Adequate Program for Beginners, by Miss Virginia Givins, St. Louis, Mo.

This was begun by a story that gave a full illustration of how the birth of Graded Literature began. Bible School and its relation to evangelism.

Bible School and its relation to Evangelism.—By Bro. Bader, of St. Louis, Mo. His address was one worth while. We all repeated with him, "We tell it, they believe it, Christ does it."

(d) Intermediates and Seniors by C. B. Tarrence, Jarvis Christian Institute, Hawkins, Texas. He stressed five activities. (1) Physical, (2) Intellectual, (3) Social, (4) Religious, (5) Service. It was good from beginning to end.

Song—"There is Sunshine in my Soul."

President's message. At this time the first second nor third vice president were present, hence the chair was vacant. His message was read as programmed, which is as follows:

Song, "True hearted, whole hearted."

Address by Bro. Vance Smith, Danville, Ky., "The Educational task of the Local Church School," which is as follows:

Introduction of visitors by Rev. H. L. Herod.

Announcement that the joint committee will meet at the church at 1:45 p. m.

It was motioned by Bro. Martin and seconded by Bro. Davis that the President's Message be published in the minutes and in the Gospel Plea, and that the paper by Bro. Vance Smith be published in the Plea. It was suggested that all the papers be turned over to the proper committee. Carried.

Adjourned until afternoon session.

Benediction by Rev. W. P. Martin.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Praise service by Elder B. C. Calvert, Jackson, Miss.

Song, "I need Thee every hour."

Scripture, 13th chapter of Corinthians.

Series of prayers, beginning with Elder R. H. Davis, Cincinnati, and Elder Latouche of Chicago.

Song, "Jesus is all the world to me."

Remarks by Elder Calvert and services turned over to President R. A. Gooden.

Remarks by Pres. Gooden.

The Superintendent of the elementary division of the Bib's School was called upon to give an address in her own way. She proceeded by giving a report of the work she had done and a good model of a teacher.

It was motioned that this address be turned over to the proper committee and that Miss Blackburn give a copy to Bro. Herod in order that he might have it printed in the paper that all may read it. Seconded and carried.

Remarks by Pres. Gooden.

Address, "Vacation Church School, the What and Why of it," by Garry L. Cook, Secretary R. E., Indianapolis. From this address we received very much inspiration, information and tact, how to do this work.

Remarks by the president.

Remarks by Bro. Hopkins, as to how to divide the National Workers and have three schools.

Song, "Brighten the corner where you are."

Paper on the Restoration Movement, by Bro. J. Marchant of Chicago.

Address, "Teacher Training," E. R. Williams, Mathew, Ala.

Song, "Stand Up, Stand up for Jesus."

Address, "The Field," by Bro. P. H. Moss, Sec. R. E., Edwards, Miss.

Motioned by Bro. Parsons and seconded by E. R. Garrison that this address be turned over to the proper committee. Carried.

Remarks by Bro. P. H. Moss that Miss S. L. Blackburn have time to explain the work done in the Vacation School. Suggested that each State President give a two minute's talk about their schools in the state.

Information was asked for and given as to blanks being sent to various schools to make reports.

Those taking part were Bros. P. H. Moss, Ervin, H. G. Smith, W. M. Alphin and Evangelist Davis.

It was moved and seconded that blanks be printed in the minutes so all may get a form of blank. Halted.

Amendment given that the original be given to the Committee on Business. Seconded and halted.

This amendment was substituted to the original motion and must be submitted to the proper sources. Carried.

Miss Blackburn came before us to demonstrate the work of the Vacation church schools. It was displayed and the audience was asked to look at the work. One picture showed them, "Being Helpful."

Announcements concerning our needs.

Dismissal by Bro. Crawford.

TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION—7:50 P. M.

Song services conducted by mixed choir.

Song, "Send the Light."

Prayer by Prof. J. B. Lehman.

Devotionals by James McFarlane Irvine.

Song, "Since Jesus Came into my heart."

Prayer, Dr. Payne.

President asked for continuation of reports from states. The following reported:

1—California, Mrs. Keith.

2—Indiana, Miss Henrietta Herod.

3—Chicago, J. Merchant, Armour Ave. Church.

4—Chicago, Mrs. Latouche, South Side Church.

5—Maryland, Elder Evans.

Report of Enrollment Committee. Report received. (See report.)

Report of Future Work Committee. Report received. (See report.)

Report of Nominating Committee. Report received. See report.)

Dr. Payne of the College of Missions was introduced and spoke briefly closing with an invitation to visit the College of Missions.

Address and awarding of Loving Cup by Robt. M. Hopkins, General Secretary of R. E. St. Louis, Mo.

Remarks by the President.

Reading of telegram by Bro. Herod from Rev. Preston Taylor, president of National Convention in which request was made to appoint committees, which were appointed by Rev. Herod.

Solo, Mrs. Frye.

Introduction of visitors by Rev. H. L. Herod.

Public offering, \$12.02.

Announcements.

Benediction, Rev. O. Singleton.

REPORT OF ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE.

Alabama (State) E. R. Williams	\$5 00
Arkansas (State) M. M. Bostick	5 00
Indiana, Second Christian Church, Miss Henrietta Herod...	2 00
Illinois, National Bible School, Champaign, J. B. Parson...	1 00
Illinois, South Side Church, Langley, Ave., Mrs. M. A. Latouche	1 00
Illinois, Armour Ave., Christian Church, S. J. Merchant...	2 00
Missouri, (State) Virgil Gooch	5 00
Missouri, Woodland Ave., C. C. S. S., Mrs. Mary Alphin	1 00
Mississippi, (State) L. A. Garrison	5 00
Kansas, (State) Eva Johnson	5 00
Kansas, Kansas City, 8th Street, Trana Frye	1 00
Kentucky, Lexington, E. 2nd St., T. R. Everett	1 00
Kentucky, Louisville, Hancock, Fannie Harris	
Kentucky, Louisville, Hancock, Alaza Singleton	
Kentucky, Louisville, Hancock, Unice Singleton	
Kentucky, Louisville, Hancock, D. J. Bonner	1 00
Kentucky, Paducah, Wm. Martin	1 00
Kansas, Topeka, Eva Johnson	1 00
Ohio, (State) R. H. Davis	5 00
Ohio, Xenia, Raphal Hancock	

Ohio, Cleveland, W. P. Martin	1 00
Ohio, M. E. Thompson	1 00
Ohio, Springfield, C. J. Stewart	1 00
Texas, J. C. Institute, J. N. Irvin	12 50
Texas, (State) H. G. Smith	5 00
Oklahoma, (State) L. E. Maberry	5 00
Oklahoma, (Emergency Campaign)	1 00
Oklahoma, Chickasha	1 00
Oklahoma, Muskogee	1 00
Oklahoma, Okmulgee	1 00
Oklahoma, Clearview	1 00
Oklahoma, Oklahoma City	1 00
Tennessee, (State) Preston Taylor	1 00
Washington, D. C., Robert Gooden	1 00
Md. Everett, Kentucky	1 00

Committee,

RHAPHEL HANCOCK, Chairman.
 ELLA MARTIN.
 HENRIETTA HEROD.

COMMITTEE ON FUTURE WORK.

- 1 We recommend that every teacher and Bible School worker be a reader of at least one weekly paper on Bible School work, and that same recommendation be applied to each class.
- 2 Same as in 1921 minutes.
- 3 Same as in 1921 minutes.
- 4 Same as in 1921 minutes.
- 5 That we express our gratitude for what the UNITED CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY has done, and is doing for us, and that we give the Society our heartiest co-operation and support.
- 6 We recommend that a committee on By-Laws and Constitution be appointed.
- 7 That the awarding of the LOVING CUP be under the supervision of the Executive Committee, of the Bible School Department.
- 8 We urge the organizing of Training Classes in every school.
- 9 That we designate Independence Sunday as Round up Tag Day for the Bible School work.
- 10 In as much as we have the uniform blanks, we recommend that they be furnished each Bible School in the state, and that it be requested that they be used in sending in reports to the Secretary and also that each representative making a report in the Convention, first read same and then hand it to the Secretary.
- 11 See in the 1921 minutes.
- 12 Realizing as we do the great value that we are receiving from our National Workers, we feel that it is our duty to use all funds at our command for the advancement of that work, therefore, we recommend all funds above the expenses of the Convention be used in the development of the National Work.
- 13 See 1921 Minutes.
- 14 See 1921 minutes.
- 15 See 1921 minutes.
- 16 See 1921 minutes.
- 17 The Vacation School is being conducted in many churches and is much as it is.

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REPORT OF STATES.

State	Delegate	No. of Schools	Pupils	Sent Con.	For Miss.
Mississippi	L. R. Garrison	51	1027	\$ 5 00	\$ 456 36
Arkansas	M. M. Bostick	10	202	5 00	191 08
Kansas	Eva Johnson	8	291	5 00	95 53
Texas	H. G. Smith	65	800	12 50
California	Mrs. Keith	3
Alabama	E. R. Williams	13	5 00

LOCAL SCHOOLS.

See Enrollment Committee's Report.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

It is my very pleasant duty to make the eighth annual report of work done in the field of religious education among Colored Disciples. Retrospecting upon the past eight years of service in the light of the present achievements it seems to me that we can better measure our success by the depth from whence we have come, even more than by the heights we have attained. Eight years ago, the Bible School among Colored Disciples, was a very neglected field. The American Christian Missionary Society, which has become an integral part of the United Christian Missionary Society, sent out the first Field Worker, to break the sod and thus prepare the ground for seed sowing. He found a great per cent of our schools at low

ebb. We are glad to say that within these years many of these schools have awakened out of the lethargy of indifference and are beginning to be different. All however have not yet attained. This one thing many are doing, forgetting the things that are behind, they press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling.

The first of the conventional year our little field force met in conference and planned our program to get in personal touch with as many of our Bible Schools as we possibly could. We have been able to follow out this planning in a very pleasing way. We have touched every school either through personal contact or through correspondence. As a Bible School Team, or single handed we have visited and done some work in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, Nebraska, Illinois and Virginia. In Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, our Elementary Supt. has appointed state Elementary workers. Kentucky has organized the three departments, Elementary, Secondary and Adult with splendid supts. leading these departments into a larger program of service.

As in previous years, we have in many ways followed the same routine of activities, namely: organizing new schools and standardizing old schools, holding personal and group conferences, attending District, State and National Conventions serving on many of their Future Work Committees, conducting Institute, Leadership Training Schools, when feasible co-operation with the Field Workers of the International Sunday School Council of Christian Education, etc.

OFFICE WORK.

Our office has been both stationed and portable. Through our office we have endeavored to serve our constituents in every way possible.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOLS.

As a Bible School Team, we held our first Leadership Training School with the Woodland Avenue Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo., and our second with the North Little Rock Church having twenty graduates in all.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL.

We held a very fine Vacation Church School with the East Annie St. Church, Ft. Worth, Texas. This was the first and the only such school for Colored boys and girls in all the southwest. We are informed that the Kenyon Avenue Church, Cincinnati, Ohio and our new church in Cleveland, Ohio, have had very successful schools. There must be many more such schools held among our churches another year.

THE RURAL B. S.

There are many handicaps in carrying forward our program in the rural, our open country schools. First of all many of our workers in the country think that our program is suited for the city only and therefore impracticable for the country. Again there is some time, a dire need of leadership. Too often the country school closes its door when the first big frost falls to remain closed until the Easter season.

We discover once and again that a change in the leadership, would bring new life into the school. If many of the students returning home from school and many of the public school teachers in the community could be drafted into the Sunday school, it would help to lift many of the rural schools out of the rut of a quarter of the century.

FIELD FORCE.

Our field force consists of three workers, giving full time in the field. We hope some day in the not far distance that we may have a Secondary Supt. giving full time to the Young People's Department and an Adult Supt. who will give his time to this department.

STATE WORKERS.

There should be many giving volunteer service in the states. There is no good reason why other states should not organize the departments as has Kentucky. This state has a regular team, holding institutes in its district and state conventions. We crave a hearty co-operation from the state Supts. and Presidents. We are anxious to help you with your problems, and invite you to help us with ours. I am sure we can be of mutual help to each other.

LITERATURE.

We offer no criticism on the Uniform Lesson when used with the adults, they have served us for lo these many years. But the Uniform Lesson does not fit into the child's life as does the closely graded lessons. John Ruskin has said: "Education is leading human souls to what is best and making the best out of them." As the pupil passes through the various stages of development his interests widen and his needs become more complex. The curriculum, then must be comprehensive, to touch him on all sides; must meet his widening horizon, must be rich in contents to supply fully his every need. The graded literature takes into account, that every child is born again in a year's time. He has new views, new tastes, new talents, new emotions new social standards. We have just begun to appreciate the significance of adolescence, but few appreciate that somewhat of the same change comes in every year of every child's life. It does not manifest itself in the same way physically, but it is as real socially and intellectually. Let us ever hold in mind that: "The needs of a small group of children are the same as those of a large group and make the same demand upon us for adjustment and adaptation."

NEW AIMS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

1. To put new life into the Rural Sunday Schools.
2. Train more workers for the leadership of the church.
3. Organize more schools.
4. Grade and put in the graded lessons into more of our schools.
5. Give the people with whom we come in touch a financial conscience.
6. Stress as never before the departmental work in both state and local school.
7. Line up the adults of the church and community for Bible Study and Christian service.

8. The renovation of old church buildings and the building of new houses with departmental equipments.
9. To encourage the holding of more Vacation Church Schools.
10. Hand-pick Sunday school boys and girls for our schools and colleges.
11. Conduct more Leadership Training Schools.
12. To place the best literature in the hands of the leaders of our churches.

Faithfully submitted,
 P. H. MOSS, Field Secretary of R. E.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Passing at this time the third mile-stone as a worker on the field, I cannot but express my heart-felt gratitude for the fellowship and co-operation accorded me during these years of service. Without these there can be no achievements.

The year having carried forward a full program of work for us, and immense possibilities and responsibilities on every hand, I can say with pleasure that my work becomes more and more interesting every day.

WORK DONE.

My work this year has been similar to that of last year. I have had the pleasure of working with the team in Institute work through the following states: Missouri, Oklahoma, Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia and Texas. Assisted in one Vacation Church School at East Anna Street Christian Church, Fort Worth, Texas. This school brought to me many new experiences. Assisted also in two Five-day Schools of Methods in which a number of enthusiastic workers were awarded certificates at Kansas City, Mo., and North Little Rock, Ark.

TEACHER TRAINING

I have endeavored to give special attention to Teacher Training. It is to be regretted that out of thirty-nine classes, with membership of three hundred ninety-two reported last year, only fifteen are alive, representing two hundred four members in states as follows:

Alabama, Lum Christian Institute	8
Alabama, Macedonia Bible School, Oxmoor	12
Mississippi, Southern Christian Institute, Edwards	94
Mississippi, Christian Chapel Bible School, Port Gibson.....	10
North Carolina, Christian Institute, Golesboro	10
Texas, Jarvis Christian Institute, Hawkins	17
Texas, East Anna Street Bible School, Fort Worth	12
Kansas, Eighth Street Bible School, Kansas City	6
Kansas, Topeka Bible School	6
Missouri, Woodland Avenue Bible School, Kansas City	6
Missouri, Frankford Bible School	5
Missouri, Hanibal Bible School	4
Missouri, Lathrop Bible School	6
Missouri, Napton Bible School	3
Missouri, Centennial Bible School, St. Louis	5

New classes have been organized as follows:	
Georgia, Valdosta	10
Georgia, Thomasville	10
Georgia, Lake Park	6
South Carolina, Three-mile Creek, Ehrhardt	10
South Carolina, Matthew Grove, Ehrhardt	6
Total number of teachers in training 246.	

In many places teachers are availing themselves of the opportunity of the special correspondence course, thus helping to overcome the difficulty of providing suitable teachers for the class. Some classes die because suitable teachers cannot be obtained. If we are to put across our religious program, we must train our forces.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

We regret that among some of our leading churches enough emphasis is not placed upon Christian Endeavor Societies. We must realize that no other department of the Church's educational project offers a better place for expressions than the CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR. Every young person for whom the Church is responsible should be brought into it.

Promoters of the work could stimulate more interest by using literature offered by the Christian Board of Publication.

We recommend that a more prominent place be given on the program of the National Convention.

Closing this my third year's service, I am grateful to the Almighty for allowing me to work in the field of Religious Education. My gratitude goes out to those co-operating and sharing the responsibilities of the work.

E. R. WILLIAMS, Supt. T. T. and Y. P. S. C. E.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. August 26th, 1922.

The Executive Committee met at the call of the President, Eld. Gooden. Members present were: Eld. R. A. Gooden, Prof. P. H. Moss, Mrs. Hattie Malory, Mrs. Ida Taylor, Mrs. G. A. Franklin. The object of the meeting was to transact the financial business.	
Amount brought forward from the year 1921	\$ 4 25
Enrollment fees	81 50
Special collection Lea Ave. Church, Nashville, Tenn.....	100 00
State of Tennessee	13 00
State of Virginia	5 00
Public Collection	10 57

Total

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Secretary service	\$ 3 00
For Letterheads, which should have been paid to Eld. M. M. Bostick some time ago.....	8 00
President Gooden for part railroad fare	20 00
Letterheads	4 00
Mrs. Ida Taylor, to replace for money she paid in the enrollment fee	5 00
Paid for minutes for 1921	31 55
Total	\$ 71 55

Total raised	\$210 00
Total paid out	71 55
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Balance on hand	\$138 52
In hands of Treasurer, George Franklin. Port Gibson, Miss.	

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Indianapolis, Indiana, August 21-27.

Another year has silently fled by. To many of us it seems but a little while ago since we have been enjoying the sweet fellowship created by the union of kindred minds gathered from different sections of the country. Today we are again beginning to enjoy that fellowship and are reminded that a year with its success and failures, its used and its neglected opportunities has swiftly taken its flight and we are brought together again to review the past and receive inspiration and strength to triumph over the foes that we must daily meet in life's battles.

We are here as Christian men and women and, true to the Spirit of our great Captain, we must forever make OTHERS, our motto. We are here because we believe in the great principles of Christianity and our faith is firm in the transforming power of the Word of God on the lives of those who are brought intelligently in touch with it. From our own experiences and our observations of other lives we are convinced that the only life that is truly successful, the only one that is really worth living is that of a Christian. Others may, for a while, seem to be prosperous but the scene is quickly changed and while they are still within the gaze of our eyes, we may see exemplified in them the truth expressed by the Psalmist when he said, "Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity for they shall soon be cut down like grass and wither as the green herb," yet today there are many pursuing the path that leads to so tragic and disappointing an end and it is our privilege to direct their attention to a goal of far higher value and one that will endure as long as time itself. We must see our task clearly, see ourselves as workers together with God and behold mankind around us reaching out eagerly to grasp the gems of life and ours the privilege of pointing them to the true ones and helping to destroy that which is false.

We must see not only those associated with us in our immediate circle but must be acquainted with the existing conditions in the unlimited field that stretches far and wide around us. Here we meet with different groups. Some who are opposed to the program we are presenting, a far larger number that is cold and indifferent and still others who understand but imperfectly and even with a co-operating spirit may prove to be a hindrance to the cause. These are conditions that must be changed. In this larger field we must find our task and face it with the courage and strength that comes from our union with our ever present but unseen Leader. From these various groups we ourselves have been drawn and we stand now as the recipients of greater blessings as the ones who must be bearers of greater responsibilities. From this larger field we must draw others in to swell our own ranks. We cannot be successful

while others around us are failures nor can we be strong while they are weak for Humanity is one. No weaker brother can fall or falter, sin or suffer wrong, but the suffering reacheth every other and all the world with him doth weaker grow.

While we are met here as a National Convention, I am keeping more prominently before my mind the fact that we are the men and the women who are leaders in our local circles, both State organizations and church and it is as such that I am addressing you this morning. Here, we receive inspiration and instruction, there we translate them into practice. Each field has its own individual problem that can only be worked out there but there are great principles, fundamental laws of success that apply alike to all fields and to all workers, among these may be mentioned, a definite program, an aim, a purpose in each Bible School. Our Bible school work must not be a habit but a consciously directed activity that aims to reach some worthy goal. No individual nor organization can reach its highest attainment without some worthy object beckoning it onward. Illustrate with story of factory consuming all its products.

Such a factory was existing but it was making no contribution to the needs of the world and what was true of it may be true of Churches and Bible schools. It is easy to fall into the habit of drifting along without any definite aim and sometimes a still greater mistake is made—that of making self the aim. As workers in the Bible school we must be mindful of the fact that the school does not exist primarily for the advancement of our interests but we are called into active service for the advancement of the school and while we are faithfully rendering service with OTHERS, as our motto, this service reacts on our own lives and makes us stronger and wiser, if honor is attached to the positions that we occupy, we must be great enough to look beyond the honor and see the corresponding responsibility, the discharge of which alone can make the honor real. When teachers and officers of our Bible Schools shall have this sense of responsibility developed in all its strength and beauty, we may expect a new day to dawn for our work. This alone will lift us up to the heights where we can grasp the great and worthy Standard of Efficiency. As leaders, we are ourselves the living standard and those who are following us will not go any higher than the plain on which we are standing. I am going to recite a few of the sad scenery that may be witnessed in Bible School work even in this new day when everywhere around us in the business world Efficiency is the order of the day, I have seen classes assembled and the teacher was absent without making any preparation for the teaching of the class and some one who was unprepared and lacking the necessary qualification of a teacher was drafted to teach the class. I have seen teachers coming in ten and fifteen minutes late and still worse, I have seen teachers sitting before their classes who had made no preparation whatever for the teaching of the lesson and the short and precious moments filled with golden opportunities for impressing and changing a life were wasted. I do not believe that such irresponsible Bible School workers are to be found in a gathering of this kind. We are the ones who are supposed to have caught a vision of service, to have approached the years of maturity in our task and have put away childish things but the problem is still ours. In many cases, these are the ones among whom we are working and we must find

some means of making our sense of responsibility and our love for and devotion to the work be so strong that they cannot escape its contagious action. Our task is by no means a small one and it is challenging all that is strongest and noblest in us. Whatever else we may be, we are and ought to be teachers, whether we are called by that name or not and as such must face the fact that from all quarters we hear the same alarming news that only a small percentage of the children that enter the Bible Schools are carried safely through the teen age, and as strong young men and women are willing to do the work that is rightly theirs. This is only another way of saying that while the opportunities for doing so was ours, we had failed to make the impression of God and his kingdom so deep on these young minds and so real to them that the influences of the power of evil as manifested in the lives of many of their comrades could not overpower them. Such is in part, the task that confronts us, the work that we are called into partnership to accomplish. We can best do this first by making sure of our own standing for after all it is not what we teach, but what we are that really interests and impresses the lives of others. Thou must to thyself be true, if thou the truth wouldst teach. Thy soul must be overflowed, if thou another's soul wouldst reach. It takes the overflow of heart to give the lips full speech. But even when we are thus fortified, discouraging sceneries and reverses will come and we must have the faith and determination of Gideon and his three hundred or of a Daniel who will dare to stand alone for the right amid great opposing armies of wrong. It is the men and the women who refuse to surrender that are privileged to be leaders in the shaping of the destinies of their fellowmen and the wearers of such laurels as the world has to give. But we can find a greater incentive for faithfulness in our task in the strong words of Paul when he said: "They do it to obtain a corruptible crown but we an incorruptible. The picture of a great race comes full to our view. We see the contestants as they struggle onward to the end of the course. We are impressed with their wonderful power of endurance. The allurements of the spectators on either side have no charm for them but inspired by the thought of victory and a frail crown of fading leaves, they press toward the goal. Beholding the picture of this race we compare it with another, the one in which we are even now engaged but there is no comparison for the goal of our race overshadows theirs as the sun in its might would the frail light of a candle yet we do not find in our ranks the energy and the determined spirit that is to be found in theirs, but our race is not yet completed. We are now at the beginning of another mile. Let us face the future bravely and so run that we may win. To this end let us strive and pray for that sustaining vision that will not see defeat. See ourselves as a part of a mighty army marching on to certain victory and though as individuals, one by one we may be called from our places in the triumphant procession, we can go with joy knowing that we have made our contribution to the final victory and must continue to live in the thoughts and actions of others.

That we may be more practical, I shall not attempt to burden you with long and tiresome recommendations, but would call your careful consideration to those made a year ago which has but recently, if as yet come into your hands through our printed minutes.

As we plan and work together in this Convention, and enter into

the new Conventional year, may our Heavenly Father grant us more love, more power to overcome and the desire to co-operate in every good work.

R. A. GOODEN, Washington, D. C.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY PERIOD.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 22, 1922.

The Executive Board of the Woman's Christian Missionary Society met at the Second Christian Church, at 6 p. m.

Song, "I will follow Jesus."

Prayer, Mrs. Devine, St. Louis, Mo. The theme of which was "Lord, unite us and teach us Thy will." This was followed by a series of prayers, each echoing the same thought.

Introductory remarks by the President, followed by verbal reports of the work done in various states, inspiring and encouraging throughout the convention, Mesdames Devine and Alphin representing Missouri; Mrs. M. J. Brown, Mississippi; Mrs. Davis, Kansas; Mrs. S. M. King, Kentucky.

Song, "Rescue the Perishing."

Prayer, Mrs. Davis.

Adjournment.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY PERIOD.

August 23, 1922.

The Woman's Missionary Society convened in regular session at 10 a. m.

Song, "I'll go anywhere."

Devotionals, Rev. Martin, from the Corinthians.

Song, "My faith looks up to Thee."

Prayer, Mrs. Alphin.

Bro. Martin asked the hearty co-operation of the convention and presented the gavel to Mrs. H. A. M. Singleton, the president, who at this time made the introductory remarks.

Song, "Send out the reapers."

The president's message filled with words of wisdom and inspiration was delivered at this time. It was unanimously agreed that this report be adopted as read.

Report on Children's work, Miss S. M. King. Report heartily endorsed by the convention.

Report of states as listed was made:

Arkansas—Mrs. H. G. Smith (for Mrs. Bostick).

Alabama—Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs.

California—Mrs. Keith.

South Carolina—Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs.

D. C.—Elder Gooden.

Florida—Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs.

Georgia—Rev. I. C. Franklin.

Illinois—Mrs. C. W. Turner.

Indiana—Mrs. Weathers.

Kentucky—Mrs. W. N. King.

Kansas—Mrs. W. J. Sharp.

Missouri—Mrs. S. L. Devine.

Mississippi—Mrs. M. J. Brown.

Maryland—Rev. Evans.

Oklahoma—Mrs. F. E. Barnett.

Ohio—Mrs. Susan Offutt.

Texas—Mrs. H. G. Smith.

Tennessee—Mrs. Preston Taylor.

When the Arkansas report was made, Sister Alphin suggested that a special prayer be offered in behalf of our Sister, Mrs. S. L. Bostick. Business was suspended and a fervent prayer was offered by Sister Alphin.

Motioned by Sister Preston Taylor that letter of love be sent from this convention to Mrs. Bostick. Carried.

Report of Regional Secretary, Mrs. Lula Smith, Texas, received.

Report of Treasurer. It was stated that there is on hand \$134.43. This report was referred by motion to the Auditing Committee.

Address, Bro. Alphin, "The Woman's Missionary Society as a Factor in the Developing of the Church."

Song, "Throw out the Life Line."

Discussion of the work in Ohio was interestingly and inspiringly made by Bro. Daniels.

Graduates of Hiram, Butler, Southern Christian Institute and Jarvis Christian Institute were asked to stand and be introduced to the convention.

Address, Miss Blanche Hutsell, Kentucky, "What of our Jewels?"

It was conceded to be a masterpiece of literature. It was voted to send the paper to the daily papers of Indianapolis, and to the Gospel Plea.

Story, Miss Nora Donnell, editor, King's Builders. It was the story of the five loaves and the two fishes, told in such a way that every heart was touched.

Song, "I'll go anywhere."

Closing prayer, Mrs. Anderson, St. Louis, Mo.

Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION— C. W. M. S.

Song, "By the print of the nail in His hand."

Devotionals, Mesdames Davis and Moss.

Song, "Down at the cross."

Scripture lesson, Luke 14th chapter, Mrs. Davis.

Prayer, Mrs. P. H. Moss.

Song, "Send the light."

Minutes of previous session, read, received and adopted with corrections.

Report of Registration Committee. Committee retained to complete report.

Report, Corresponding Secretary. Secretary reported that it has been decided that letters be sent to the societies of the different states, but that there being no list of the societies, it was agreed to wait for the minutes.

The Workers' Conference, Mrs. Affra B. Anderson. Symposium:

Its Literature—Mrs. M. J. Brown, Mississippi.

Its Program—Mrs. L. E. Mayberry, Oklahoma.

Its Special Days—Mrs. Hattie Mallory, Illinois.

Its Finance—Mrs. W. A. Alphin, Missouri.

Its Prayer Hour—F. E. Smith.

Its Executive Committee—Mrs. N. King, Kentucky.

All of the talks were splendid. The after remarks of Mrs. Anderson were very impressive.

Song, "Hark the voice of Jesus calling."

Appointments.

Song, "Steal away," led by Mrs. Rosa Brown Grubbs.

Appointment of Committees.

FUTURE WORK COMMITTEE.—Mrs. Mayberry, Oklahoma; Mrs. Gerod, Indiana; Mrs. Rosa Brown Grubbs, Missouri, 2931 Lucas St., St. Louis; Mrs. Weathers, Mrs. Offutt, Ohio; Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Smith.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE.—Mrs. Mallory, Illinois; Miss Johnson, Kansas; Mrs. Turner, Illinois.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE.—Mrs. G. A. Franklin, Mississippi; Mrs. Frye, Kansas; Mrs. Berry, Kentucky; Miss Givens, Missouri.

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.

INDIVIDUALS.

Mrs. B. B. Hutsell, Paris, Ky.	\$ 25
Mrs. A. W. Davis, Kansas City, Kans.	25
Mrs. Lelia Berry, Louisville, Ky.	25
Miss Susie M. King, Ky.	25
Miss Virginia Givings, St. Louis	25
Miss Nannie McCree, St. Louis	25
Miss Lula Fletcher, St. Louis	25
Mrs. Ida Taylor, Tenn.	25
Mrs. L. G. Smith, Texas	25
Mrs. L. A. Divine, Mo.	25
Mrs. G. A. Franklin, Miss.	25
Mrs. M. J. Brown, Miss.	25
Mrs. P. H. Moss, Miss.	25
Miss R. C. Sneed, Miss.	25
Eld. Wm. Alphin, Mo.	25
Mrs. M. La Touche, Ill.	25
Mrs. Fannie Harris, Ky.	25
Mrs. O. Singleton, Ky.	25
Miss Izata Singleton, Ky.	25
Eld. O. Singleton, Ky.	25
Mrs. W. N. King, Ky.	25
Mrs. N. Sharp, Kansas	25
Mrs. S. Offutt, Ohio	25
Mrs. Trana Frye, Kans.	25
Mrs. Carrie W. Turner, Ill.	25
Mrs. L. E. Mayberry, Oklahoma	25
Mrs. Hattie Mallory, Ill.	25
Miss Eva Johnson, Kansas	25
Prof. Wm. Martin, Ky.	25
Hon. D. J. Bonner, Ky.	25
Mrs. Marcus Johnson, Ohio	25

STATES.

Arkansas—Mrs. H. G. Smith	\$5 00
Indiana—Mrs. H. L. Herod	5 00
Kentucky—Mrs. W. N. King	5 00
Kansas—Miss Eva Johnson	5 00

Mississippi—Mrs. M. J. Brown	5 00
Missouri—Mrs. Wm. Alphin	10 00
Ohio—Mrs. Susie Offutt	5 00
Oklahoma—Mrs. L. E. Mayberry	5 00
Tennessee—Mrs. Ida Taylor	5 00
Texas—Mrs. H. G. Smith	5 00

LOCAL SOCIETIES.

Knoxville, Tenn., Mrs. Chas. Harris	\$2 00
Armour Ave., Chicago, Mrs. Hattie Malory	2 00
Second Christian, Kansas City, Kans., Mrs. Amanda Davis..	2 00
Hancock, Louisville, Ky., Mrs. H. A. M. Singleton	2 00
Lea Ave. Christian Church, Mrs. Ida Taylor	2 00
Paris Christian Church, Paris, Ky., Brs. Blanche B. Hutsell	2 00
Port Gibson Chapel, Port Gibson, Miss., Mrs. M. J. Brown..	2 00
Mound Bayou, Miss., Local Society, Miss Roksie Sneed....	2 00
Edwards Christian Church, Edwards, Miss., Mrs. P. H. Moss	2 00
Christian Church, Xenia, Ohio, Mrs. Susie B. Offutt	1 00
Springfield, Ohio, Mrs. Susie Offutt	1 00
Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. Susie Offutt	1 00
Dayton, Ohio, Mrs. Susie Offutt	2 00
Lockland, Ohio, Mrs. Susie Offutt	1 00
Decatur, Ill., Missionary Society, Miss Carrie Turner ...	2 00
Texas, Local Missionary Societies, Mrs. L. M. Smith	21 00
Oklahoma Local Missionary Societies, Mrs. L. M. Mayberry	6 00
Arkansas Local Societies	5 00
California Local Missionary Societies, Mrs. Kathrine Keith	2 00
Langley Ave., Chicago, Ill., Mrs. M. A. La Touche.....	2 00

Money as reported and received by the Enrollment Com- mittee	\$120 25
Money received otherwise	24 83

Total amount received at meeting	\$145 08
Balance on hand from last year	134 68
Total	\$279 76

AUDITING COMMITTEE.—Mrs. P. H. Moss, Mississippi; Mrs. Keith, California; Mrs. Thrash; Mrs. La Touche, Illinois; Mrs. Nola King, Kentucky.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.—Mrs. Devine, Missouri; Mrs. Davis, Kansas; Mrs. Galloway.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE.—Mrs. Sharp, Kansas; Miss Fletcher, Missouri; Miss McCree, Missouri.

NIGHT SESSION.

Song, "Lord keep my feet on higher ground."

Choruses, "My Jesus I love Thee," "What a friend we have in Jesus," "Sweet hour of prayer."

Series of prayers, led by Mrs. Susan Offutt, Pres. Irvin and Rev. Davis.

Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Address, on the missionary work in India by Bro. Graham, a re-

turned missionary. The address was very interesting and touched the hearts of the audience.

Song, congregation at which time a collection was taken amounting to \$17.58.

Adjournment.

CALL MEETING—AUGUST 24TH.

Minutes of afternoon and evening session read and adopted, with corrections.

Report, Committee on Resolutions.

Art. 1. Read and discussed.

Mrs. Alphin offered the amendment to tax each state a minimum of \$5.00 enrollment and be apportioned by the E. B. Carried.

The second, third, fourth and fifth Articles were adopted.

It was moved that each state be allowed one delegate to every five societies. Motion carried.

The Auditing Committee made no report. It was moved and carried that this report be turned over to the Executive Committee.

Report Nominating Committee. Unanimously adopted.

Report of Enrollment Committee. \$120.25.

Adjournment.

REPORT OF FUTURE WORK COMMITTEE.

1. We recommend that each state be represented in the National Convention by paying \$10.00 and that each local Society represent with \$2.00 and States where there is no organization, the local Societies to represent with \$5.00.

2. We recommend that wherever there is a local Society in which there is a National Officer, that the Society be urged to assist in sending that officer as a delegate to the National Convention.

3. We recommend that a committee on reports be appointed.

4. We recommend that a day be known as Scholarship Day be observed the first Sunday in October, and that each local Society be asked to take an offering, the same to be sent to the treasurer to be used as a Scholarship fund for students who have pledged to render life service to the church.

We further recommend that a special letter be sent to each State President, by our National Field Worker calling attention to this special day.

5. We recommend that an Honor Roll be maintained with the following points of merit:

(a) That the society will have twelve monthly meetings with programs.

(b) That there will be held twelve executive meetings of committees.

(c) The Society pay the National Representation fee.

(d) That four quarterly reports be sent to the United Society and to the state treasurer.

(e) That there be a 50 per cent increase in membership.

6. That half of homes in the Missionary Society be subscribers to the World Call.

7. A paid-up membership observing the Special Days. We further recommend that all societies, meeting requirements, receive a certificate of Honor.

Motion by Mrs. W. N. King that this report be adopted by items. Carried.

First item read and motion by Mrs. Alphin that it be amended by reading: each state represent with \$5.00, and each Society be apportioned by the Executive Board to pay a certain amount. This was seconded by Mr. J. Merchant. Carried.

Articles 2, 3, 4 and 5 were adopted as read.

Motion the adoption of the whole. Carried.

Motion that each state be allowed a delegate to each five Societies. Carried.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT.

We your Auditing Committee report that we are not able to report. Motion to turn this report or work of this committee to the Executive Committee. Carried.

DISBURSEMENTS.

To President, Mrs. H. A. M. Singleton, expenses	\$ 46 78
Eld. T. B. Kalane, African Mission	25 00
Prof. J. N. Irvin, J. C. I. Library	25 00
Printing of Minutes, 1921	19 55
Miss S. M. King, expenses	75
Miss R. C. Sneed	56
Tokens of appreciation to the President and ex-President.	4 25
Mrs. M. J. Brown, Sec'y	10 00
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Total paid out	\$131 89
Balance on hand	\$147 87

NOMINATION COMMITTEE.

(See Title Page.)

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Executive Committee met in general session Friday evening.

Motion that all the expenses of the President be paid. Carried.

Motion that all orders issued be signed by the President and Recording Secretary and sent to the Treasurer to be paid by the Treasurer. Carried.

Adjourned.

AUGUST 26, 1922.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee met in regular session Friday evening.

It was moved and carried that the expenses of the president be allowed.

It was moved and carried that all orders made by the president, signed by the Recording Secretary and sent to the treasurer be paid by the Treasurer.

It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Singleton be our delegate to the Winona Convention for 1922. Carried.

It was moved and carried that \$25.00 be given to J. C. I. for the library.

It was moved and carried that this apportionment of money be sent up every three months.

Moved and carried that our aim for this year (Missionary) be \$5000.00.

Moved and carried that Mrs. Brown be allowed \$10.00 instead of \$6.00.

Moved and carried that the bill of \$4.25, cost of tokens of love and appreciation be paid.

CHURCH PERIOD.

The sixth National Convention of Disciples of Christ met with the Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Ind., Thursday morning, August 24th, 1922. The house was called to order by Eld. M. Jackson, Ohio, First Vice President. Devotionals conducted by Eld. H. L. Herod, Indianapolis. Eld. Chas. O. Lee, Indianapolis, conducted the Bible Study. Lesson, John 18:37. Theme, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness of the truth." The study of this lesson was very instructive. Prayer, Eld. Chas. O. Lee. Song, "Jesus keep me near the Cross."

After some remarks by Eld. H. L. Herod, the President was introduced and took charge of the meeting.

Partial report of the Enrollment Committee was made, committee continued. Committee: Harry G. Smith, R. H. Davis, L. H. Crawford, Dr. J. E. Walker and J. W. Evans.

President called for report of evangelists as follows: Eld. I. C. Franklin, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina; Eld. R. B. Wells, Arkansas; Eld. Harry G. Smith, Texas; Eld. S. E. Divine, Missouri; Eld. A. W. Davis, Kansas.

A letter from Eld. C. H. Dickerson was read, which contained a money order for \$5.00 to be used for the best good of the Convention. Mrs. Keith of California made a report for the state and Eld. R. A. Gooden made a report for the District of Columbia.

President announced the time for the order of the day had come and reports would be suspended until the afternoon session. Eld. Raphael Hancock led the Devotionals for the session. Song, "Holy, Holy, Holy." Prayer, Prof. J. N. Irvin. Eld. Hancock introduced Eld. W. P. Martin, the speaker of the hour, who delivered the Convention sermon. Text, "Jesus the way, the truth and the life," John 14:6. Eld. Martin delivered a powerful sermon.

The time from 12 o'clock to 1 o'clock was given over for the Women to finish up their business.

THURSDAY—2:00 P. M.

House called to order by the President, Eld. Preston Taylor. Devotionals conducted by Eld. R. W. Watson, Kentucky. Song, "I am so glad that Jesus loves me." Scripture lesson, Phil. 2:1-14. Prayer, Eld. R. W. Watson.

President Taylor asked for the continuation of reports of Evangelists. Eld. J. W. Evans reported for Maryland; Eld. M. Jackson

reported for Ohio; Eld. J. B. Parsons, for Illinois and Eld. L. R. Garrison reported for Mississippi. Many reports were made from new fields where states are not organized.

Reports of Regional Secretaries as follows: Eld. I. C. Franklin, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida and Georgia. Eld. R. W. Wells, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Report of General Evangelist, Eld. A. W. Davis. He reported having the church at Kansas City, Kansas, almost complete.

Report of Commission on Evangelism, Eld. Wm. Alphin, Kansas City, Mo. Report showed that from the Pre-Easter Campaign and efforts made along the line of Evangelism that nine hundred souls had been brought into the church during the Convention year.

Report of Supt. of Missions, Prof. J. B. Lehman, Edwards, Miss. Report on another page. (See report.)

Report of schools made by Prof. J. B. Lehman nad Prof. J. N. Ervin. Prof. Lehman said that the Alabama Christian Institute increased fifty per cent over the last year's enrollment. He said that the Piedmont Christian Institute would not open until the Fall of 1923, because of the repairs and building that was going on at the school.

Prof. Irvin reported Jarvis Christian Institute improving in every way and asked our support in sending students to the schools. "Stand behind the schools, for they are ours," said he.

Introduction of visitors, announcements and song, "I'm pressing on the upward way." Benediction, Eld. B. C. Calvert.

THURSDAY EVENING—7:30.

Devotionals conducted by Eld. L. H. Crawford, Missouri. Song, "Down at the cross," prayer, Eld. C. C. Carter, Missouri. Reading of the 23rd Psalm in concert, led by Eld. L. H. Crawford. Song, "I need Thee every hour." Eld. Herod introduced the speaker of the hour, Eld. B. T. Hunt, who delivered a sermon on "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Eld. Herod introduced Mrs. Trana Frye of Kansas, who sang a solo, "He lifted me." Prof. J. W. Daniel of Missouri was introduced and delivered the Educational Address, subject, "Christian Education." Prof. Daniel paid tribute to Prof. O. Singleton, who has done so much in the establishing of a home for orphans. He spoke of the Darwinian Theory of man's origin and denounced it. Song, "Take the name of Jesus with you." Eld. Herod introduced the President, who delivered his annual address, in which he mentioned the sin of division in the world. (See printed address.) Motioned by Eld. M. Jackson of Ohio, seconded by Dr. J. E. Walker of Tennessee, to adopt the address. Carried.

Offering, \$12.15.

Announcements, Eld. H. L. Herod.

Benediction, Eld. R. W. Watson.

FRIDAY MORNING—9:00.

Meeting opened by Eld. R. W. Watson, Kentucky. Song, "Where He leads, I'll follow," led by Eld. A. W. Davis, Kansas. Bible quotations led by Prof. J. N. Ervin, Texas. Prayer, Eld. R. W. Watson. Song, "Rescue the perishing." Bible study, Prof. O. Singleton, Ky. Lesson John 15:1-7.

Minutes of the previous meetings were read and adopted with the proper corrections. President announced the Committees.

President asked Eld. Herod to read the changes on the program. A letter from Eld. J. D. Smith, Kansas was read by Eld. Preston Taylor. The letter stated that there was in it an order for \$10.00 to be used for the Convention in any way the Convention thought best, for the cause of the Master.

Order of the day was called for by the President. "Roundtable discussion on the subject, "Some practical problems confronting the Negro Disciples." The subject was opened by Eld. H. L. Herod, Indianapolis, Ind. Eld. Herod discussed the "Pastoral Supply." The subject was discussed very forcibly. He said that many churches are shut out of pulpit supply because often the Minister's claim is never placed before the membership.

Dr. J. E. Walker of Tennessee discussed the "Lay Leadership" of the church. Prof. J. N. Ervin discussed "Financing our National work." Eld. B. C. Calvert of Mississippi discussed "Missionary Co-operation," and Eld. Wm. Alphin discussed "The Church Paper."

Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs was invited forward and the President turned over to her the money sent from Tennessee.

The Rev. Jackson, pastor of the C. M. E. Church was introduced, and asked to come back at some time or session when he would have more time to speak to the Convention.

The hour of the day was called for, which was an address by Eld. Harry G. Smith. Devotionals conducted by Eld. R. H. Davis of Ohio. Song, "He's the one," led by Eld. J. B. Parsons. Scripture lesson, Mark 16:1-16. Song, "Jesus is all the world to me." Eld. Monroe Jackson presided at this period, President Taylor being out on the work of the Advisory Committee. Eld. Jackson introduced the speaker, Eld. Smith, who delivered the address, subject, "The program of Jesus Christ for the world." Eld. Smith delivered a powerful sermon. Invitation song, "Coming Home."

Miss Alice Kerrefs, who is associated with the Madam Walker Company, was introduced and spoke briefly.

Announcements.

Benediction, Eld. H. G. Smith.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—2:00 O'CLOCK.

Devotionals conducted by Eld. T. R. Everitt, Kentucky. Song, "I believe on the Son." Prayer, Bro. Torrence, Texas. Song, "Throw out the Life Line." Sentence prayers. Scripture lesson Romans 12:1-10. President Taylor introduced the speaker of the evening, Eld. O. Singleton, Kentucky, who spoke on the text Eph. 2:11-12. Prof. Singleton said in his travel in the interest of the children he had found more than 3,800 Negro children destitute of the things that life demands. Prof. Singleton, who is President of the Home of Orphan Children, said he would grant to the brotherhood or give to the brotherhood 20 acres of ground, providing the brotherhood would give \$2,000 for the erection of suitable buildings to house some of the children, and that all the children kept on this ground over twelve years of age would be self-supporting. He said if the Christian Brotherhood did not accept of it, he would give the other people a chance at the same offer. Song, "Rescue the perishing." Eld. Herod introduced Miss Mary Francis Coston, who is also in the work of caring for dependent children in the city of Indianapolis. Miss Coston made a strong appeal to the church to help in this work. Prof. Herod said that the work being done by Miss Coston and Prof. Singleton was the spirit of the church,

and that the Church led out in this movement. And all work of this kind can be traced back to the Church. Eld. Taylor said he and his Church, (Lea Avenue) were with Prof. Singleton in the beginning of his work.

Eld. Herod introduced Dr. Taylor, who spoke and in turn introduced Eld. Herman Williams who also spoke briefly. Song, "I can hear my Saviour calling." Eld. Herod introduced Mr. Grant K. Lewis the speaker of the hour, Supt. of Home Department of the United Christian Missionary Society. Mr. Lewis read Article No. 3 of the Constitution of the Missionary Society, showing that the Society was to reach the peoples in all lands, give Christian Education, build churches, orphanages, and do all the religious work and benevolent work for the advancement of God's kingdom, so that His will may be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Eld. L. H. Crawford spoke with reference to what Bro. Lewis had done for the St. Louis church. President asked Eld. Herod to introduce Bro. Smith, President of the Ministerial Relief Association. Bro. Smith urged on the Ministers to take out a policy with the Association. He urged also that we subscribe for the "World Call," "Gospel Plea" and the "Christian Evangelist." President introduced Prof. J. H. Thomas, president of Piedmont Institute, his daughter and Bro. Mitchell, who had just arrived.

Partial report of the Joint Advisory Committee made by Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs. Motion made by Eld. L. H. Crawford of Missouri to adopt the partial report as read, seconded by Bro. D. J. Bonner of Kentucky. Bro. Jackson said he objected to adopting the report as a whole, but because of the shortness of time he would not object. Dr. Walker asked how our churches would get the information, and Prof. Lehman promised to print the resolution in the Gospel Plea and send at least six to each preacher. President Taylor said they would also be printed in the minutes. After some questions and discussion, the motion passed. Prof. Lehman said the states would apportion themselves in their State Board Meetings and notify the National Committee or the Missionary Board. He urged upon us accepting the resolutions and preaching sermons on the different tasks. After the questions were asked and explained or answered the vote was taken standing while we sang "Jesus keep me near the cross." President announced the acceptance of the partial report of the Committee.

Announcements, Eld. H. L. Herod.

Benediction, Eld. F. E. Smith.

FRIDAY EVENING—8 O'CLOCK.

Meeting opened by Eld. H. L. Herod. Song, "The Son of God goes forth to war," Indianapolis Choir. Prayer, Prof. J. H. Thomas. Scripture lesson, Romans 12. Prayer, Eld. La Touche, Chicago. Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers." Selection from the Junior Quartette of the Christian Church, Indianapolis. Dr. Taylor was introduced and spoke on "The Gospel of Good Will and Inter-racial Relation." He paid a great tribute to the race, and said our race has made the greatest progress of any race known to history. His was a masterful address. Dr. J. E. Walker of Memphis said the address was too great to go by unmentioned. He spoke briefly in terms of praise. Motion that this address be given the papers for publication. Eld. Herod said by common consent it would be pub-

lished. Solo, Mr. Robert Price. Eld. Herod asked Dr. Walker to come forward and lift the offering for the evening. Offering \$23.32.

Presentation of tokens of appreciation to Mrs. H. A. M. Singleton, ex-President of the Women's Missionary Society and Mrs. Wm. Alphin, President elect. The presentation was made by Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs, to Mrs. Singleton was presented a Silver Tray, and to Mrs. Alphin a bouquet of flowers. Both responded to the presentation in befitting words. Prayer, Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs. President announced the program for Saturday morning.

Committees were called by committee chairmen.

Announcements, Eld. H. L. Herod.

Doxology, Choir.

Benediction, President Taylor.

Eld. Herod and the members gave a grand reception to the Convention at the Masonic Hall. All enjoyed it.

SATURDAY MORNING—9:00 O'CLOCK.

Meeting opened by singing "What a friend we have in Jesus," led by Eld. A. W. Davis. Prayer, Eld. A. W. Davis. Eld. Herod introduced Dr. J. D. Garrison who conducted the Bible Study from John 14:1-9, emphasizing the 9th verse. Prayer, Dr. Garrison. Song, "O for a closer walk with God."

Minutes of the previous sessions were read and adopted with some corrections. Eld. Herod introduced Bro. Marion Stevenson of St. Louis, who spoke briefly. Report of Recording Secretary. (See report.) Report of Treasurer. (See report.) Motion to adopt the report and turn over to the Auditing Committee. Carried. Dr. J. E. Walker spoke of the need of raising more money to carry on our National Convention work. Eld. T. R. Everitt spoke along the same line. President Taylor said that all the money raised in the National Convention should be turned over to the National Treasurer. Eld. A. W. Davis spoke also. Eld. R. A. Gooden motioned that a report of all money raised be turned over to the Auditing Committee to be printed in the minutes perpetual, seconded by Eld. Raphael Hancock. Carried.

President called for the reports of states that had not reported. Prof. Thomas reported for the Piedmont Christian Institute, and asked all who were able to send \$10.00 for the school and their photo, so that it could be placed on the walls of the building.

Eld. A. W. Davis reported the church in Kansas City, Kans., being almost completed and asked for the reading of a letter written by Prof. G. B. Buster, recommending Bro. Davis and the great work done by him since his taking up the work in Kansas City, Kans. Eld. Davis presented pictures or views of the new church, and announced the price at 50c.

Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs made a report of the money received from the states sent in to the United Christian Missionary Society. (See report.) Bro. Torrence of Texas read a resolution for the Endeavor Department, asking that more time be given in the Convention for the Endeavor work. Motion by Eld. L. H. Crawford of St. Louis, seconded by Dr. J. E. Walker of Tennessee, that the Resolution be turned over to the Business Committee. Carried.

Committee on Time and Place made its report as follows: That we meet at Chicago, Ill., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, and through the

fourth Sunday. Motion by Eld. Raphael Hancock, seconded by Eld. J. B. Parsons the adoption of the report. A substitute motion was made after much discussion by Eld. C. C. Carter, seconded by Eld. R. W. Watson that we meet at Kansas City. Substitute motion carried. Eld. J. B. Parsons made a strong plea for the Convention to go to Chicago while Eld. Wm. Alphin made a strong plea for Kansas City. After the motion had passed, Bro. J. Merchant of Chicago congratulated Kansas City on winning the Convention.

President asked all to stand in appreciation of the work done by Prof. J. B. Lehman, Supt. of Negro Work, during the year.

Report of the Business Committee. (See report.) Motion to adopt the report by sections. Carried. 1st Section was read, discussed and passed. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th passed without discussion. Partial report of Auditing Committee made and the Committee continued. (See report.) Report received. Report of Committee on Nomination of officers. (See report.) Motion by Eld. J. B. Parsons, seconded by I. C. Franklin the adoption of the report with the exclusion of Eld. H. G. Smith's name, as he was already employed. Carried. President Taylor explained the organization of the Executive Committee, and asked the Missionary Society to appoint their members to represent them. Eld. Raphael Hancock suggested that the Nomination Committee of the Women's Department and the Church Department retire and bring in the names for the names for the Executive Committee. Common consent.

Eld. Preston Tylor read a letter from Central Christian Church, Louisville, Ky., Eld. Wm. Owens, pastor. The letter contained \$5.00 for the Church Convention and \$3.00 for the Missionary Society. He read a letter also from Mrs. Georgia Stevenson and Bro. Chas. M. Harris of Tennessee containing \$7.00. The Nomination Committee returned and reported having decided on Eld. H. L. Herod as a member of the Executive Committee. Motion by Dr. J. E. Walker, seconded by Prof. Franklin the adoption of the report. Carried. Eld. Stafford Campbell made the report for Kentucky. Committee on Nomination of Officers in the Women's Department recommended Miss Roxie Sneed of Mississippi and Mrs. Hattie Malory of Chicago as members of the Executive or Advisory Committee. Motion by Mrs. Sharp of Kansas the adoption of the report, seconded by Mrs. Trana Frye of Kansas. Mrs. Preston Taylor offered a substitute motion or a motion to substitute Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs instead of Mrs. Hattie Malory; after some discussion the substitute passed. Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs and Miss Roxie Sneed were elected as members of the Committee.

President asked Prof. J. N. Ervin to serve as Commissioner of School Exhibits and Publications. He asked some of the Ministers to prepare a book for the next Convention.

President introduced Eld. C. C. Carter of St. Louis who had been recently ordained in the Missouri Convention as a minister. He is also the Editor in Chief of the Publication known as "The Harmonizer," published in St. Louis, Mo. Eld. H. L. Herod asked to be taken off the Program Committee, but Eld. Wm. Alphin motioned that he still be the Chairman of the Program Committee. Carried. Partial report of the Advisory Committee made by Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs. President asked that the report be re-read by item and thus adopted. First item recommended Eld. H. L. Herod as National Field Secretary to raise finance to support the work. Eld. Herod expressed himself as being unwilling to accept the position and resigned, or declined. Eld. Wm. Alphin spoke in defense of the

work of the Committee, and asked all who were in favor of Eld. Herod to stand. All stood. Eld. Herod said he would consider and notify the Committee. Second item read and discussed by the following: Elds. Preston Taylor, L. H. Crawford, B. C. Calvert, Raphael Hancock, Wm. Alphin, H. L. Herod and Prof. J. H. Thomas. Motion carried to adopt. Session suspended without dismissal for dinner to return immediately to finish up the business.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—2:45.

Song, "Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry!" led by Eld. L. H. Crawford, Missouri. Prayer, Eld. Blakely, Kentucky. Minutes of the previous sessions read and adopted with corrections. President introduced Eld. C. C. Carter of St. Louis, who spoke in behalf of the "Harmonizer," a publication of which Eld. Carter is Editor in Chief. Eld. Stafford Campbell spoke in defense of the paper and Eld. T. R. Everitt also spoke.

President called attention to the printing of the minutes and asked all of the departments to send in their matter to the Secretary not later than fifteen days. Some discussion followed. President asked that we print three thousand minutes this year, and that we get bids from different places.

President read a telegram from Paducah, Ky., announcing the accident of Mrs. Ida Smith, rib fractured by a fall. Message sent to Mrs. Ella Brooks, sister to Mrs. Smith. He announced also that Bro. Bostick was called home because of the illness of his wife. A letter was read from the Hancock Street Christian Church, Louisville, Ky., asking the Board to open Central Christian Institute in their church, and they would pay \$50.00 per month so the teacher could fill their pulpit. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee. Prof. J. E. Bean of Indiana was introduced by Eld. A. W. Davis. Prof. J. N. Ervin introduced Prof. J. S. Julian, a young man he baptized. President asked that the Resolution Committees from the departments report at the same time.

The Business session being closed, a short memorial service was held for those who had passed away and for the sick among our ranks, especially Mrs. S. L. Bostick and Mrs. Ida M. Smith. Song by the audience. Sentence prayers. Song, "My faith looks up to Thee." Closing prayer, Sister Keith, California.

The delegation was escorted over the city in automobiles furnished by the members and friends of the Christian Church. The scenery was great. We viewed the grounds and buildings of the College of Missions which is a delightful place. We shall never forget the spot.

Saturday night we enjoyed a delightful program made up of the talent of Indianapolis and delegates. Eld. H. L. Herod served as Master of Ceremonies. Program opened by singing "Steal Away," and "Swing low sweet chariot," led by Mrs. Mitchell. Eld. Stafford Campbell was another great feature of the evening reciting Shakespeare.

Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs collected the Emergency Pledges, \$180.87. Announcements.

Benediction, Eld. Wm. Alphin.

SUNDAY MORNING—AUGUST 27TH, 11:00 O'CLOCK.

Devotionals conducted by Eld. H. L. Herod.

Music, Indianapolis Choir.

Scripture reading led by Eld. Herod.
 Prayer, Eld. Wm. Alphin.
 Music, Choir.
 Announcements, Eld. Herod.
 Special Music, Choir.
 Sermon, Prof. J. H. Thomas. Text, Matt. 14:22, 32. Invitation
 "There is a fountain filled with blood.
 Offering. Each delegate was asked to pay \$1.00 in the offering
 which went to the local church.
 Doxology. Benediction, Eld. L. A. Devine.
 One hour Bible School conducted by Profs. Hays and Moss from
 12:30 to 1:30.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON—3 O'CLOCK.

Devotionals conducted by Eld. H. L. Herod.
 Song, "What a friend we have in Jesus," Indianapolis choir.
 Scripture lesson, 1 Cor. 10:28 and prayer, Eld. J. W. Evans.
 Song, "Jesus keep me near the cross." choir.
 Solo, Mrs. Trana Frye.
 Sermon, Eld. Stafford Campbell, text "What Must I do?" Invitation
 "I am coming to the cross."
 Announcements, Eld. H. L. Herod.
 Offering for Ministerial Relief, \$16.84.
 Benediction, Dr. White, pastor Simpson Chapel C. M. E. Church.
 Communion Services conducted by Prof. P. H. Moss and Prof. J.
 N. Irvin.

SUNDAY EVENING AT 7:00 O'CLOCK.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Devotionals conducted by Prof. E. R. Williams.
 Song, Audience.
 Prayer, Prof. O. Singleton.
 Song, Audience.
 Address, "Christina Endeavor, its means," Mr. Torrence.
 Paper, "Committees of Christian Endeavor," Miss Ruth Herod.
 Paper, "Prayer meeting of Christian Endeavor," Miss Givings.
 Song.
 "Program of the Christian Endeavor," Vance Smith.
 Adjournment.

SUNDAY EVENING—8:00 O'CLOCK.

Devotionals conducted by Eld. H. L. Herod.
 Song, "Come Thou fount." Choir.
 Prayer, Eld. M. Jackson.
 Song, "I need Thee every hour."
 Scripture Lesson, Prof. J. N. Ervin, Jer. 12.
 Prayer, Eld. Wm. Alphin.
 Song, "I love to tell the story."
 Special selection, Choir.
 Prof. J. N. Ervin introduced the speaker, Eld. J. W. Evans who
 preached the sermon of the hour, subject "Challenge of Endurance,"
 Text, Jer. 12.
 Prof. P. H. Moss was asked to extend the invitation. Song "Lord
 I'm coming home."
 Offering.

Motion by Eld. Wm. Alphin that Prof. J. N. Irvin represent the National Convention at the Inter-National Convention at Winona Lakes, seconded by Eld. Stafford Campbell. Carried.

Committee on Resolution made its report.

Eld. Alphin spoke of the splendid entertainment given the delegates by the good people of Indianapolis. Eld. M. Jackson spoke and also Eld. Stafford Campbell. Motion to return a vote of thanks for same. Carried.

Eld. Herod spoke of the service rendered by the Committee of women and how faithful they had been. Mrs. Alphin also spoke of the excellent service rendered.

Prof. J. N. Ervin spoke of the Gospel Plea, and asked our support of it. Eld. Herod called for the names of the Ministers who had passed away and others from our ranks. The following names were called: Eld. M. J. Mace of Kansas, Eld. S. W. Scott, Missouri, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Reed. Prof. Singleton was asked to lead in prayer.

Doxology, "God be with you till we meet again."

Benediction, Eld. M. Jackson.

Closed.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

KENTUCKY—

D. J. Bonner	\$	
Eld. W. M. Martin		1 00
Eld. W. M. Blakley		1 00
Eld. T. R. Everett		5 00
Eld. R. Wesley Watson		
Eld. Stafford Campbell		10 00
Mrs. H. M. Singleton		
Central Christian Church, W. M. Owens, Pastor		5 00

KANSAS—

Eld. A. W. Davis		10 00
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TENNESSEE—

Eld. Preston Taylor		10 00
Eld. B. T. Hunt		

OKLAHOMA—

Eld. R. B. Wells		10 00
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ILLINOIS—

Eld. R. E. Latouche		1 00
Eld. J. B. Parsons		1 00
Mr. J. Merchant		2 00

ARKANSAS—

Eld. M. M. Bostic		
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TEXAS—

Eld. H. G. Smith		
Prof. J. N. Ervin		
Mrs. H. G. Smith		
Mr. T. B. Torrance		

OHIO—

Eld. Monroe Jackson		10 00
Eld. R. H. Davis		

Eld. R. Hancock	
Eld. W. P. Martin	
Eld. Isaac Wilson	
Mr. W. M. Smith	
MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON, D. C.	10 00
Eld. J. W. Evans	
Eld. R. A. Gooden	
MISSISSIPPI—	
Eld. L. R. Garrison	10 00
Eld. B. C. Calvert	
Eld. I. C. Franklin	
MISSOURI—	
Prof. J. W. Daniel	10 00
Eld. S. C. Divine	
Eld. W. M. Alphin	
Eld. C. C. Carter	
Eld. H. D. Griffin	
Eld. L. H. Crawford	
Mr. Virgil Gooch	
Mrs. L. A. Divine	
Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs	
Mrs. L. H. Crawford	
Mrs. E. B. Brooks	
Miss Virginia Givens	
Miss N. E. McCree	
Miss Lula Fletcher	

REPORT OF THE WORK DONE FOR THE NEGROES BY THE UNITED CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

It is a pleasure for me to report to the National Convention the work done for the Negroes by the United Christian Missionary Society for the year beginning July 1st, 1921 and ending June 30th, 1922.

The Educational and Evangelistic work has been under my supervision and this will be my primary report, but supplemental to this I will also give a report of other departments. In the United States and in foreign lands. The world is fast becoming a homogeneous whole so far as uplift work is concerned and therefore work done in Jamaica and Africa contributes to the one end; viz. the bringing of this branch of the human family into the fellowship of the kingdom.

SUPERVISION.

Salary of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lehman.....	\$ 1425 00
Travel (this includes travel for the three regional evangelists as there was no other fund to which this could be charged)	2109 16
Total for supervision	\$ 3524 72

THE SCHOOLS.

Southern Christian Institute	\$23358 29
Jarvis Christian Institute	25960 23

Piedmont Christian Institute	20007 50	
Alabama Christian Institute	3747 70	
Central Christian Institute, (on note) ...	2459 00	
		\$ 75532 72

PRODUCED AT THE SCHOOL AS SELF-SUPPORT.

Southern Christian Institute	\$25838 33	
Jarvis Christian Institute	10539 77	
Alabama Christian Institute	191 71	
		\$ 36569 81

FOR GOSPEL PLEA.

From U. C. M. S.	1200 00	
From S. C. I. Budget	641 06	

Total for Gospel Plea \$ 1841 06

Note—The income from subscriptions for the Gospel Plea was \$318.94, thus leaving a deficit of \$1,522.12.

Total given to the Schools and the

Gospel Plea \$117477 75

Students graduating from the Southern Christian Institute are granted a state license by Mississippi and we are in the act of getting Jarvis Christian Institute an accredited school. Piedmont Christian Institute expects to open in the fall of 1923 as a junior college.

It is the purpose to raise the standard of the college course in all our schools except the Alabama Christian Institute which must remain a junior high school. But it is not our purpose to lose sight of the feature that has gained such a great success for our schools. It will be many years yet before we may hope to get students in the upper grades, well prepared in spirit and intellect for service from public schools or from other colleges. We must make these and so we must maintain a strong work in the preparatory grades. Into these schools must come students above the seventh and eighth grades in great numbers. Only a per cent of these will show a development that would suggest going on through the college course. But they can get a very useful training. Unless the Negro can help the South to develop its latent industries and restore its worn-out farms he must soon move out and go into public works, and this would be a misfortune both to the South and to himself. Our schools can thus become a civilizing instrument and provide a very reasonable means of maintaining a high college course.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Pastors and evangelists were aided as shown below:

H. D. Griffin, Columbia, Mo.	\$ 1000 00
W. P. Martin, Memphis, Tenn.	1000 00
W. P. Martin, Cleveland, Ohio	191 66
Blair T. Hunt, Memphis, Tenn.	200 00

L. H. Crawford, St. Louis, Mo.	450 00	
R. E. LaTouche, Chicago, Ill.	300 00	
R. L. Love, Ft. Worth, Texas	200 00	
A. C. Chicon, Austin, Texas	200 00	
L. H. Tate, Clarksville, Tenn.	200 00	
C. J. Bolling, Yalaha, Fla.	200 00	
R. H. Davis, Cincinnati, Ohio	458 34	
A. Green, Springfield, Ohio	175 00	
James I. Rundles, Jackson, Miss.	300 00	
Robert A. Gooden, Washington, D. C.	1200 00	
On note on Washington Lot	3148 22	
I. C. Franklin, Regional Evangelist, Ala., Fla., Ga., S. C.,	1000 00	
H. G. Smith, Regionald Evangelist, Texas	900 00	
R. B. Wells, Regionald Evangelist, Ark. and Okla.	900 00	
K. R. Brown, State Evangelist, Miss.	200 00	
J. W. Evans, Baltimore, Md.	350 00	
Monroe Jackson, Dayton, Ohio	200 00	
Total for evangelistic work		\$ 12773 22
Total under by supervision		\$130250 97

OTHER WORK NOT UNDER MY SUPERVISION.

Flanner House, Indianapolis, Ind	\$22084 31	
Loan to Okmulgee Church, Oklahoma	700 00	
Aid to aged ministers and widows.	945 00	
Missionary work in Jamaica, four of whose missionaries are S. C. I. graduates	23909 32	
Africa	97182 76	
Sunday school work under P. H. Moss.	4089 49	
Total expended in other departments		\$148906 88
Total expended for the Negro		\$279157 85

A GLANCE OVER THE PAST YEARS.

If we should add to this what has been expended in the past years for these departments in the United States we would have to add considerably over a million dollars. The Church Extension has loaned over \$100,000 to churches all of which has been paid back with interest. Brother Muckley tells with pleasure that not a dollar has been lost, though we may add that some of the accounts became long overdue.

We give this in order that it may be seen how much the Negro Disciples of Christ have profited by being in fellowship with a great brotherhood. If a policy had been adopted from the beginning that the Negro Disciples are an entirely separate people to whom might be given a hand-out occasionally, it is a serious question whether they would not have disappeared long ago except a few scattering churches. But this was never thought of. It would be impossible to think of its Colored constituents as a separate people, or denomination. Color will no more justify us in making a denomination than doctrine or creed.

It is impossible for me to make an accurate statement of the amount the Negro Disciples have contributed to this showing. But

beginning with the first rally put on by C. C. Smith which amounted to over \$600, the effort has grown each year, until the Jubilee effort was undertaken in 1916 to raise \$20,000. This amount was nearly raised in three years. Then came the Emergency drive for three special objects; viz., the Washington Church, the Central Christian Institute and Foreign Missions. Pledges were taken to the amount of \$115,000.00. Mrs. Grubbs will make a report of what was gathered.

This showing is good when we remember the difficulties to be overcome. The first of these difficulties to be mentioned must be the old and archaic financial methods of the Negro Churches. They assessed each member five, ten, twenty-five or fifty cents a month irrespective of how well they were off. And they never raised missionary money, except a few days before the convening of the annual convention. They were not taught to give as the Lord has prospered them. The next difficulty to be mentioned is the habit of thinking in terms of segregation. It was extremely hard for the entire brotherhood, white and colored, to think that we are one. It was always us and you. Every gift that they gave to the National Board in those days was looked upon as given to some one else. The full power of the Negro Churches can not be made available until they can feel that the redemption of the world is our work.

We close with a most earnest prayer that our Heavenly Father may lead us to see how great a task we have undertaken. The way has been opened for the Negro's voice to be heard in our National Councils in proportion to his own development. We are doing that which must have a powerful influence on the solution of all race problems the world over, and it would be a great misfortune if ignorance and narrowness on the part of leaders in any race should keep this from full fruition.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. LEHMAN.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 5, 1922.

Orders issued for the year of 1922 are as follows:

Deficit from 1921	\$	43
Sept. 26, 1921, for balance due Eld. R. E. Pearson.....	13	00
Sept. 9, for Eld. Alphin, Cor. Sec., for expense	9	00
Sept. 9th, for Wm. Martin, salary	10	00
Oct. 14th to Eld. Alphin for stationery (printing)	6	00
July 7th to Eld. Herod for printing of programs	35	00
Total	\$	73 43
Turned over from last convention 1921 to be sent to treas. .	\$145	00
Sent to treasurer from Mississippi	10	00
Total	\$155	00
		73 43
Balance in treasure	\$	81 52

Signed W. M. MARTIN, Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Memphis, Tenn., August 21, 1922.

Mr. President, Officers and Disciples of Christ assembled in Convention. Greetings:

I herewith submit you the report of the Treasurer of the National Convention:

RECEIPTS

Sept. 9, 1921, received from National Convention\$155 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Deficit from 1921	\$ 48
Sept. 9, 1921, Eld. W. M. Martin, Sec.	10 00
Sept. 9, 1921, Eld. W. M. Alphin (stationery)	9 00
Oct. 3, 1921, Eld. R. E. Pearson	13 00
Oct. 19, 1921, Eld. W. M. Alphin (Letterheads)	6 00
July 27, 1922, Eld. H. L. Herod, (programs)	35 00

Total disbursements	\$ 73 48
Balance on hand	\$ 81 52

J. E. WALKER.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 26, 1922.

We your Committee beg leave to state that the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were found to be correct, and hereby submit our statement for your reception.

Signed,

J. N. ERVIN, Tex., Chairman.
 I. C. FRANKLIN, Miss.
 J. D. GRIFFIN, Mo.
 T. R. EVERETT, Ky.
 J. W. DANIEL, Mo.
 R. HANCOCK, Ohio.
 J. MERCHANT, Ill., Sec.

REPORT OF THE JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The Joint Advisory Committee is composed of the Executive, of the National Convention and of five members chosen by the United Christian Missionary Society. This plan of considering the questions arising from the fellowship of this large group of Disciples in the enterprises of the world missions was adopted by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions and has been fully accepted by the United Missionary Society and the National Convention. All questions of policy must therefore go through this committee before they are adopted either by the United Christian Missionary Society or the National Convention.

The proceedings of the committee during the last convention were adopted and have been published in the minutes of the meeting. The committee has held two sessions since that Convention, one at Winona Lake in September and one at St. Louis in March.

THE MEETING AT WINONA LAKE.

The proceedings of the meeting at Winona Lake, were as follows:

1. That the United Christian Missionary Society through the Home Department recommends that in a temporary way the school for training Religious workers be started this autumn.

2. That H. L. Herod be asked to conduct the school in connection with his work as pastor of the Second Christian Church of Indianapolis, Ind.

In accordance with these recommendations a budget was provided for and plans were made for the opening of the school, but the effort was made too late in the season and some opposition developed and so nothing was accomplished.

THE MEETING AT ST. LOUIS.

The meeting at St. Louis in March considered the plans anew, made report of work done, appointed a committee to visit the Kentucky State Board and confer with them relative to some sentiments expressed by them in communication to the Home Department and made the following recommendations:

1. That the churches be advised that all pledges made to the Emergency Campaign and receipts therefrom belong to the United Christian Missionary Society to be expanded by the executive Committee in accordance with agreement formulated in the Joint Advisory Committee.

2. That a revised list of pledges be compiled and authenticated by each state.

3. That a letter be sent to all churches and pledges reporting the action of the Joint Advisory Committee regarding the Emergency Campaign.

4. That someone approved by the Joint Advisory Committee in each state to be responsible for the collection of the pledges.

5. That Easter Sunday be set as a time for the collection of these pledges, as far as possible, and for the securing of additional funds for the work.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Joint Advisory Committee which convened at Indianapolis, Ind., August 22, 1922, makes the following recommendations:

1. That this committee be called the Executive Committee instead of the Joint Advisory Committee and shall be made up of the President and Corresponding Secretary of the National Convention, the President of the Woman's Department, the President of the Sunday School Department, three others chosen by the National Convention and seven members chosen by the United Christian Missionary Society; but it is provided that at least three of the members representing the National Convention be women.

2. That it shall meet at least once between the time of the Conventions and shall be responsible for all matters of policy to be recommended to the United Christian Missionary Society.

3. That a budget of \$20,000 be adopted for the coming year and that Executive Committee apportion this among the several states subject to the approval of the State Boards, who, when they shall have approved, or fixed some other amount, shall apportion the churches subject to their acceptance and instruct them to send promptly to the United Christian Missionary Society taking care to

give the correct name of the Church and address so proper credit can be given.

4. That this apportionment shall be based on the Emergency pledges yet unpaid and that the payment of all unpaid pledges shall be credited to the apportionment of the State and Church in which made.

5. That every pastor, Sunday school and Superintendent, and woman Missionary leadsr be urged to teach the Churches to get under the whole task of the church.

6. That, in view of the fact that within 20 years the churches will probably need over four hundred ministers and the schools over two hundred teachers and the Missionary organizations many field workers and organizers, we urge every church to observe a Go Away to School Day on the first Sunday in July, 1923.

7. That we express our gratification over the fact that means have been provided to furnish the first unit of the Washington Church, the new College building at the Peidmont Christian Institute and to put a family on the farm near Louisville.

8. In view of the fact that there is a new and growing interest in evangelism, and since our Brotherhood has a great five year evangelistic program to add one million new members to our churches at home and abroad, we recommend the following:

(1) That every church among us enter most heartily into the "Each One Win One" Pre-Easter Campaign which is to be carried on in 1923 from January to Easter Sunday.

(2) That the churches be asked to observe a special simultaneous evangelistic camplagn during June, July and August, 1923; and that some time during these three months every church plan and hold a revival meeting either with home forces, with another pastor, or with an evangelist.

(3) That every pastor among us be urgently requested to hold one revival meeting aside of his own local church and that this revival preferably be in a weak or pastorless church. That the churches be urged to give their pastor for this work and pay them regular salaries while they hold missionary meetings.

(4) That each church seek to have at least a 15 per cent increase during the year.

(5) That during the time of the Pre-Easter campaign and the simultaneous revival a wide use of the evangelistic tracts and literature of the United Christian Missionary Society be made by the ministers and churches.

(6) That personal workers classes be organized and trained during the Pre-Easter campaign, or during the month of May after Easter.

(7) That two decisions days be observed in the Bible Schools this year—Christmas and Easter.

(8) That the churches or their pastors be asked to report their revival meetings and evangelistic plans this year to the secretary of evangelism, Wm. Alphin, who shall publish the same in the Gospel Plea, and that cards for reports be sent out soon with the expectation that they be promptly returned.

(9) That the Program Committee of the next Convention be asked to give two whole sessions to evangelism.

(10) That during the fall months we seek to intensify the Evangelistic passion and spirit in all our churches, schools and organizations.

(11) That the following definite items be suggested to the churches to help promote evangelism:

- (a) And evangelistic committee be appointed and organized in every church consisting of the pastor, a member of the official board and representatives from the Bible School and the Endeavor Society.
- (b) A personal workers' class be organized and trained in each church.

9. We recommend that H. L. Herod be appointed General Secretary of the churches by the National Convention, and that he shall be responsible to the United Christian Missionary Society and to the National Convention and the National Convention shall be responsible for \$1000 for his salary.

10. That in view of the fact that the Gospel plea can not in its present form serve the greatest good we recommend that William Alphin be given the department of Church Life, J. N. Ervin the department of Education, P. H. Moss the department of Religious Education and Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs the department of Missionary Education, and that if possible an associate office editor be secured during the year.

Committee for the National Convention:—Preston Taylor, William Alphin, H. L. Herod, J. N. Ervin, R. A. Gooden, Mrs. Hattie A. M. Singleton, Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs.

For the United Christian Missionary Society:—Grant K. Lewis, Robert M. Hopkins, E. L. Cunningham, Affra B. Anderson, J. B. Lehman, Chairman.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF EVANGELISM AND CORRESPONDENCE.

In the beginning of the ministry of Jesus he appointed twelve, that they might be with him and that He might teach them, and send them forth to preach.

Thus emphasizing the fact, at the beginning, a preacher of the Gospel must be taught (prepared) and sent. The Church of Christ on earth is the result of preaching the Gospel. The Church was born in an atmosphere created by Evangelism.

The mission of the church on earth is to preach the Gospel. Evangelizing the world has been Committed, by Christ and his church, to men, men, not angels or Holy Spirit, received the great commission on Mt. Olivet. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon men who preached the Gospel. The evangelism taught in the New Testament is very simple. It was, and forever must be under the direction of the Holy Spirit. It was effective in the days of the Apostles. It will be effective now. Evangelizing the people was the one big task to which the Apostles committed themselves. The Gospel of the first century is the Gospel for the twentieth century.

The Restoration of the New Testament Church must be accomplished by the restoration of the spirit of New Testament Evangelism. With the disciples of Christ there is no substitute for New Testament evangelism in the great restoration movement.

Therefore the five-year campaign of Evangelism to win an addition of one million souls to Jesus Christ. The five-year campaign of evangelism is under the Home Department of the U. C. M. S. Following the recommendation of the Inter-National Convention, the Executive Committee of the U. C. M. S. called Mr. Jesse Bader,

of Kansas City, Mo., as superintendent of Evangelism. Immediately upon assuming his duties he inaugurated the five-year world-wide program of New Testament evangelism.

Upon the recommendation of Pres. J. B. Lehman, the Cor. Sec. of this Convention was asked to serve as secretary of evangelism for the Colored churches. This was approved by this Convention.

Since the last Convention we have endeavored to get the program, as outlined by Mr. Bader to all our pastors, churches and conventions. All pastors, who answered the appeal, adopted the program. Many of them also held meetings. The evangelist and regional workers also accepted and approved the program. All conventions were asked, through president or Secretary, to give Evangelism a place on their State Convention Programs. The reports of meetings held by pastors and Evangelists are encouraging and show we are at least beginning to get in on the program of evangelism.

The Literature, requests and programs sent by Mr. Bader have been careful and promptly gotten out to pastors, churches and conventions. During the fall of last year several meetings were held by the pastors and evangelists in different states. A few of the churches and pastors have adopted and are working the "Each one win one and each one won win one" program.

The Pre-Easter campaign was urged and the largest number of reports and results came from this campaign.

However, we learn some of our larger congregations failed to observe the Pre-Easter Campaign. Encouraging reports came from the Bible School that observed the Decision days. We have ground for hope of a better observance of the decision days in our Bible Schools. The program of Christian Education, that is being installed in the local schools and Conventions, by Bro. Moss and his Associate workers, should give us much inspiration and great hope.

The program for conservation of the additions was sent out following the pre-easter campaign. We are sure from the response from pastors and workers, this was a great help to the active pastor. It helped him by sane and practical suggestion, to reach and elicit, and find places of service for both the old and new members.

It is impossible for me, or Bro. Bader, to actually tabulate the really great results of the evangelistic program that have come to our entire church work. Again, we are sure its value will increase as we learn more about it, and really work it. It will greatly help if we put really into practice the Colossal "All," and all get into the evangelistic Campaign according to the program. The Home Department of the U. C. M. S. and Mr. Bader writes encouragingly of the results so far, but are exceedingly anxious that the evangelistic spirit of pastors, churches and all departments continue to increase, and a larger fellowship and full co-operation on the part of all be secured.

I have tried to get some State reports that we might, at least, get an estimate of the activities etc., in a general way. As you may know we sent State report blanks to all of our State Secretaries and President. The following states reported:

Missouri, Arkansas, California, Alabama, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Texas, North Carolina, Virginia (Piedmont District), Oklahoma.

(I hope the secretaries or delegate from these states will be given time to read these reports, and others who may have reports from their state.)

While the pastors, churches and evangelists are requested to make their reports directly to Mr. Bader, we kindly asked for the benefit of the Convention, they make state reports of a larger nature to this convention. These reports should include the Evangelistic, and financial activities of our local churches. Such reports are expected to be carefully gotten by the Presidents and Secretaries of our State Conventions, and carefully compiled and reported in this state report to this National Convention. The Executive Committee of this Convention should have full information and knowledge of the evangelistic, educational and financial activities of the Constituency. Otherwise how can they be efficient and intelligent representatives.

Therefore, your secretary kindly ask that although you make your report of Evangelism directly to Mr. Bader (and do not fail to do so) that you also make the same report to your secretary, or in your state report to this Convention.

The fall program of evangelism will soon be distributed. It is very much desired that all our churches line up in the Campaign this fall. The annual report of our churches should show a large increase in the membership. The local church is the base of all our Missionary activity. All will grow if the local church grows. In truly strengthening the local church by evangelism, we strengthen all our Common interest. Circumstances, are of such our pastors must be evangelists. Some one has said "Set the Pulpit on fire and the world will come to see it burn." Evangelism converts men for the Ministry, the schools help to prepare them.

More genuine Gospel evangelism will produce more men for the Ministry. The main cause of the lack of preachers is the lack of New Testament evangelism in the church. The spirit, zeal and loyalty of New Testament evangelism, will help to make preachers out of educators and men of all professions.

Evangelism Consecrates and brings out the best service of the church. The pastor and church that are truly evangelistic meets few impossibilities. Truly vacinate the church with the spirit of gospel evangelism and she will be protected from many diseases so often taken by our churches. Nothing disciplines a church membership, boil out the imperfection, give her rich red blood, a spiritual appetite and put her to work on the real job, more than straight forward evangelistic gospel preaching. As already said nothing will substitute for it.

It will bring into the church both personal and group evangelism. New Testament Evangelism will put the whole church in on the job of soul winning. The church of Jesus Christ is the only institution on earth that has for its sole objective the winning of souls and lives to the service of God and man, in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ. The church must not so entangle herself with materialism, socialism and commercialism as to change her objective and take from her the only method, evangelism by which her objective must be met.

The church has in her possession the solution of all human problems—the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ALPHIN.

EXPENSES AS SECRETARY OF EVANGELISM.

Postage and Stationery	\$ 2 36
Stenographer	1 00
Telegrams	80
Service	10 00
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EXPENSES AS COR. SECRETARY.

Postage and Envelopes	\$ 2 08
Telegrams	1 60
Service	5 00
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WILLIAM ALPHIN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

We your Committee on Time and Place beg to make the following report:

We recommend that the seventh National Convention of Churches of Christ in America will meet in Chicago, Ill., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, preceding the 4th Sunday and including the 4th Sunday in August, 1923.

Your Committee,

W. P. MARTIN, Ohio, Chr.
 R. W. WATSON, Kentucky.
 B. T. HUNT, Texas.
 R. H. DAVIS, Ohio.
 J. W. EVANS, Maryland.
 R. E. LA TOUCHE, Illinois.
 L. R. GARRISON, Mississippi.

RECEIPTS FROM THE NEGRO CHURCHES BY STATES FOR THE YEAR JUNE, 1921 TO JUNE, 1922.

Alabama	\$ 86 23
Arkansas	218 24
California	34 19
District of Columbia	44 55
Florida	82 59
Georgia	167 27
Illinois	192 90
Indiana	171 30
Kansas	223 54
Kentucky	388 21
Maryland	67 63
Mississippi	1270 36
Missouri	827 99
North Carolina	30 06
Ohio	197 42
Oklahoma	499 85
South Carolina	135 79

Tennessee	412 00
Texas	1069 99
Virginia	175 07
West Virginia	18 45
Virginia special offering for Martinville School	2237 00

Total\$8478 34

MRS. ROSA V. GRUBBS.

REPORT OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE.

We your Committee on Nomination of officers for the National Convention, after careful consideration beg leave to submit the following:

President	Eld. Preston Taylor, Tennessee
First Vice President	Eld. Monroe Jackson, Ohio
Second Vice President	Eld. B. C. Calvert, Mississippi
Third Vice President	Eld. L. H. Crawford, Missouri
Treasurer	Dr. J. E. Walker, Tennessee
Recording Secretary	Eld. W. M. Martin, Kentucky
Assistant Secretary	Eld. R. B. Wells, Oklahoma
Corresponding Secretary	Eld. W. M. Alphin, Missouri
Statistician	Eld. C. C. Carter, Missouri
National Evangelist	Eld. A. W. Davis, Kansas

Respectfully submitted,

ELD. A. W. DAVIS, Chr.
 ELD. C. C. CARTER, Sec.
 ELD. M. M. BOSTICK.
 ELD. B. C. CALVERT.
 ELD. W. M. SMITH.
 ELD. R. B. WELLS.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

1. We recommend that the name of all delegates and visitors be placed in the hands of the pastor of the local church entertaining the National Convention at least six days before the sitting of the National Convention.

2. We recommend that a budget of \$4000.00 be set by this convention to provide for overhead expenses of the National Convention that the executive committee apportion this amount among the states through their corresponding secretary, and ask the churches of each state to pay the same quantity on or before the sitting of our National Convention, and the said money to be sent to the treasurer through the Corresponding Secretary, and if they can not pay the amount set by the committee, say what they will pay.

3. We recommend that all contracts and disbursements be left to the wisdom of the executive committee.

4. We recommend that the President's recommendations be adopted as read.

5. Whereas, a thousand dollars have been conditionally offered through Attorney D. J. Bonner of Louisville to be applied on the expense of the Central College if opened in Louisville this fall to

be paid on or before December 10th, 1922. We recommend that said matter be referred to the executive committee for immediate consideration.

6. We recommend that the program committee make provision on its program for a Layman's session and we also recommend to the State Conventions in the election of their delegates to the National Convention that the Laymen of the church be considered.

7. We recommend that Brother E. R. Williams who represents the C. E. Department of a member of the Program Committee.

Signed,

- H. L. HERROD, Chr. Ind.
- W. M. ALPHIN, Mo.
- J. B. PARSONS, Ill.
- D. J. BONNER, Ky.
- L. H. CRAWFORD, Mo.
- J. E. BEAN, Ind.
- W. M. BLAKELY, Ky.
- M. JACKSON, Ohio.
- H. G. SMITH, Texas.

ANNUAL STATE REPORT TO NATIONAL CONVENTION.

STATE	Churches	Membership	Value Property	Amount Raised
Alabama	22	785		
Arkansas	10	259	\$ 677 00	\$ 168 95
California	3	150		
Florida	8	250		
Georgia	19	750		
Kansas	12	700	45000 00	11000 30
Kentucky	40	3960	138000 00	18142 58
Mississippi	43	3000	30000 00	1500 00
Missouri	30	1320		1410 65
N. Carolina	12	460	26000 00	10000 00
S. Carolina	26	2085		145 00
Texas	60	4500	150000 00	

FINAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS.

Total from States and collections	\$188 25
From Sunday School Department for Minutes of 1921	31 55
From Women's Department	19 55
Total	\$239 35

ADDRESS OF PRESTON TAYLOR, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

If we count the years, we must of necessity take in the calculation, the advantages and the disadvantages, prosperity and adversity. The world loves its own and would have us look on the things temporal and be made level with the tide. The world is in keeping with gravitation. Not only did the apple fall, but Adam fell with it, and we, like the dew of heaven, have been falling and counterfalling ever since. We are consoled with the knowledge of temporal things ending. The human family is still in a probationary state and must continue in this condition for a period. Our line up is much like the condition I found at the depot—one sign read: "This way in," another read: "Exit—this way out." This is why Jesus brought the lessons of regeneration so vividly to the attention of Nicodemus. It is the way out of the pollution of the world. The world is drunk today with denominationalism, divisions and the dogmatic of the so-called creeds. Why should these corruptable things assume the nature of the incorruptable things,

In comparing the teaching of Jesus with that of men, what a wide breach. All things are yours if you accept of Jesus. You must accept of His message also, as the condition of salvation, you are representatives of the new dispensation. First, it is new because Jesus is king. Second, it is new because He has established His Church. Third, it is new because all of the ordinances are new. No Lord's day, no Lord's Supper, no immersion until Jesus opened up His kingdom on earth. Who would be guilty of taking the children's bread and eating it to the dogs? Be not contented of eating the crumbs falling from the Master's table, but be a full-fledged disciple in name and deed. Do you want Jesus to love you? Is it too much to ask you to love Him? No one can live alone. You can exist without Jesus and Jesus wants you to be his friend and co-worker in the mission of the world.

THE REFORMATION.

Is the stone cut from the multiplicity of churches and like a mighty army have marshalled its forces against every creed of men, and when you count every human organization in opposition to the progress, it is marvelous to record its growth, numbering a million and a half in membership and millions invested in church building, colleges, schools, hospitals, homes for the destitute, with thousands of agencies as ministers, teachers, missionaries and workers in many foreign and home fields. Time would fail to tell of the great contributions of money in support of these great enterprises. The tide has swept over land and sea until we stand the third largest religious body in the world. If the Lord be for you who can be against you?

The reformation does not mean a new doctrine, but going back to the old paths and walking therein, finding the land marks of the Pentecostal church where our hearts are purified by faith. Repentance changes the life and immersion changes the state, and we rise in the new relationship to our Lord Jesus Christ. Like the word religion, means rejoicing to the separated. The world has been divorced from God on account of its disloyalty to Him, but God says: "Come now, and let us reason together saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." And Jesus

reaffirmed and extends an invitation, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING AT WINONA LAKE

Received your delegates and they were accorded all the courtesies needful. We were assigned to one of the most important committees where we rendered very satisfactory service, and arrived at some of the most vital decisions.

THE JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Was called in session at Winona Lake, all being present except Brother William Alphin, to consider the school proposition. After much discussion about the Louisville and Kentucky location, the committee found the most complete arrangement could be had at Indianapolis and Brother H. L. Herod was selected as the President of the temporary school. But on account of short time for advertising and enrolling young men, the school did not open.

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK

Has been a very hard and trying one the past year. The correspondence has increased a hundred fold, and invitations to be present at the opening of newly bought church property, dedications, rallies and State Conventions have been answered to our fullest capacity, and there are many more on our calendar to be considered. The greatest opportunity is now open to our brethren to buy the very best church property in a number of leading cities, and many are taking advantage of it. This is an age of progress and our brethren should lose no opportunity in securing the very best locations and the most improved church buildings for their congregations. The best is what you need for the cause that you represent.

THE EMERGENCY DRIVE

Was in many respects the best asset the church ever launched. It brought before the people the object of a progressive undertaking, and aroused a sleeping church, besides giving an acquaintance of the many wealthy members and friends. It was bread cast upon the waters to be gathered in the near future. The seed sown are already bearing fruit. It has inspired our Boards to undertake some gigantic work that is much needed. Nothing gives more encouragement, to those who can help, than to see those in need helping themselves. Let us keep in mind the campaign that housed the millions of dollars that put over the great world's war. There is a moral lesson in this ambitious work that ought never to be forgotten by the disciples of Christ.

THE WORK OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Cannot be computed in dollars and praise. Instead of being the fifth annual convention, it ought to be the one hundredth gathering of the Disciples of Christ. We attended the fiftieth annual Convention of the brethren in Kentucky last month. Their increase has been wonderful, both in ministry, property and missionary work. Our object is a nation wide work, and we have covered much of the ground we had in view. It has brought together from the four parts of the globe these master workmen which has been one of

the greatest achievements. All of our plans and future work have been thoroughly thrashed out. We understand the great commission of Jesus as never before, because we understand the brethren better.

SOME OF THE WORKERS.

Your general Evangelist, Brother A. W. Davis, has remained with the brethren in Kansas City, Kansas, and built for them one of the most commodious and finest building in the Brotherhood and the membership increased to a hundred fold. Brother P. H. Moss, Brother E. R. Williams, and Sister Deetsy L. Blackburn are growing in favor of the whole child kingdom. The young people are singing their praises everywhere and they are building up the future church which will develop some of the greatest men and women out of their product. The State Evangelists and workers are covering every inch of territory with good results and our ranks are growing. Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs has been steady at the helm, directing the field from a long range of correspondence, covering the emergency track, enrolling new workers, and in a general way, directing the line of march which has been bountifully blessed with the efforts put forth.

OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE UNITED CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Is all that the customs and laws of the land will permit. Unquestionably, they are bestowing upon us ten-fold more than they are receiving from us. No better evidence is needed to convince all concerned that they are seeking to save us with a larger legacy than we could possibly otherwise have received, besides the fellowship is worth more than mines of gold. Like the Master, they are not ashamed to call us brethren and extend to us greetings as a National Convention, representing the entire Church among our people. We are thankful for the deep interest fostered by them in our cause and ask for increase in interest and support for the cause we represent.

THE WASHINGTON CHURCH.

The building is well on the way of construction with the first unit and will soon be ready for service, which will be one of the leading monuments of Christianity, and stands in the midst of the capital of the nation, in sight of the Washington monument and long beside one of the most costly Young Men's Christian Association buildings in use for our people, and the Brotherhood may be assured that the congregation in Washington City will measure up with any among us and will be a convoy to all who may visit them.

PRINTING PRESS.

We delegated Miss Elizabeth Harden, of Lexington, Ky., to proceed with full authority to buy the outfit, if it came up to the requirements, but another party stepped in ahead of us and closed the deal for it. Mrs. Ida D. Taylor is anxious to donate the promised sum of money to put in operation the much needed machinery.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We recommend the election of a General Financial Agent, whose duties shall be to raise funds to carry forward the work.
2. We recommend that competent teachers be employed and a Bible chair be put in operation, both in the Southern Christian Institute, at Edwards, Miss., and at Jarvis Christian Institute, Hawkins, Texas, at the opening of the fall term.
3. We recommend the renewing of our Emergency Campaign and we ask each state organization to put out a strong team and canvass every member and friend to raise funds to meet these demands.
4. We recommend the opening of a school that will meet the requirements of our young men and women for the ministry, teachers and leaders; that it be the slogan of this Convention to press this claim for immediate action.
5. We recommend that this Convention endorse the action of the brethren in St. Louis in purchasing the property under consideration, realizing they cannot win out in their present location and surroundings.
6. We recommend that our churches open up community work in every city. Instead of our churches being closed five days out of seven, let them be opened daily for institutional work, Bible reading, prayers, singing, music. Put in charge your local workers.
7. We recommend that our churches select a reporter in every city whose duty shall be to furnish the local papers their church news, advertise in street cars, public places, the location of the church, hour of service. One firm spends a million dollars a year advertising its drinks. It pays to advertise.
8. We recommend that a standing committee be appointed to take under advisement the securing and opening of a home for orphans, widows and old ministers.
9. We recommend that the Pre-Easter Campaign be put on this year, and our ministers enter into the spirit of the work with all of their forces to save souls, and that Brother William Alphin be superintendent of that department.

Reach down thine arm of salvation,
And cause us to attend;
Where congregations never break up,
And rest never ends.

There the wicked will cease their troubling, and the weary be at rest.

