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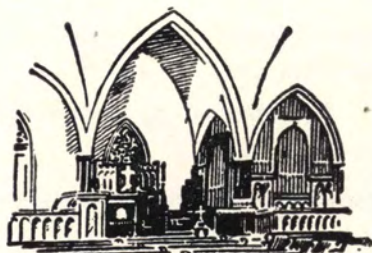
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**W. K. Fox—Editor of Christian Plea**

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**1955-56**  
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**National Christian Missionary Convention**  
Headquarters: Missions Building, 222 South Downey Avenue,  
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

**OFFICERS**

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Third Vice-President—A. C. Stone, 1515 Ruth, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Fourth Vice-President—Miss Lois Mothershed, 1313 Chester Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.  
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Recording Secretary—R. L. Saunders, 1654 President, Brooklyn 11, New York.  
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Parliamentarian—I. Q. Hurdle.

**STAFF**

Emmett J. Dickson, Executive Secretary.  
Lorenzo J. Evans, Director, Christian Education.  
Charles H. Webb, Director of Church Development and Evangelism.  
Miss Anna Belle Jackson, Director of Missionary Education-Christian Women's Fellowship.  
Mrs. Marjorie C. Parker, Office Secretary.  
Miss Carrie Dee Hancock, Director of Children's Work.  
Mrs. Dorothy Wilbert, Volunteer Children's Worker.

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R. L. Jordan, 2421 West Forest, Detroit, Michigan.  
S. W. Hylton, Sr., 517 Rutherford Avenue, N. W., Roanoke, Virginia.  
Miss Lois Mothershed, 1313 Chester Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.  
S. S. Myers, 2400 West Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri.  
R. H. Peoples, 2700 North Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.  
Mrs. Lenora Rolla, 4751 Ramey Street, Ft. Worth, Texas.  
R. L. Saunders, 1564 President, Brooklyn 11, New York.  
Rolland Sheafor, 222 South Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana.  
D. Ervin Sheets, 800 Test Building, Indianapolis 7, Indiana.  
L. F. Sledge, 750 Everett Street, Kansas City, Kansas.  
Harlie L. Smith, 222 South Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana.  
A. C. Stone, 1515 Ruth Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.



George Oliver Taylor, 222 South Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

A. I. Terrell, Winston-Salem Teachers' College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Mrs. Georgia Trevan, 6555 Vernon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Miss Jessie M. Trout, 222 South Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

W. M. Wickizer, 222 South Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

#### NATIONAL BOARD

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R. L. Jordan, First Vice-President.

Mrs. Lenora Rolla, Second Vice-President.

A. C. Stone, Third Vice-President.

Miss Lois Mothershed, Fourth Vice-President.

S. W. Hylton, Fifth Vice-President.

R. L. Saunders, Recording Secretary.

J. E. Walker, Treasurer.

Spencer P. Austin, United Christian Missionary Society.

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A. Dale Fiers, United Christian Missionary Society.

C. O. Hawley, Unifield Promotion.

Rolland Sheafor, Board of Church Extension

D. Ervin Sheets, Pension Fund.

Harlie Smith, Board of Higher Education.

George Oliver Taylor, United Christian Missionary Society.

Miss Jessie M. Trout, United Christian Missionary Society.

Willard M. Wickizer, United Missionary Society.

Term Expires 1956:

George Frazier, 504 East High Street, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.

Thomas J. Griffin, 1135 North East Sixth Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

George Lakes, 2315 Morgan Avenue, Parsons, Kansas.

S. S. Myers, 2400 West Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. Lenora Rolla, 4751 Ramey Street, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Paul Sims, 2310 South Boulevard, Dallas, Texas.

C. B. Terrance, 1358 East 42nd Place, Los Angeles, California.

R. Wesley Watson, 2704 Olive, Kansas City, Missouri.

Term Expires 1957:

Mrs. Carrie Clemmons, P. O. Box 28, Sharpsburg, Kentucky.

John R. Compton, 872 Wehrman Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

L. L. Dickerson, 93 North Ohio Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Melvin C. Dickson, 915 Eighth Street, N. W., Roanoke, Virginia.

Blair T. Hunt, 731 Hastings Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

A. J. Jeffries, 1928 Twenty-Sixth Street, S. W., Birmingham, Alabama.

Mrs. Cynthia Martin, 1235 S. Sawyer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Charles Sherman, 6424 South Park, Chicago 37, Illinois.

Term Expires 1958:

D. L. Jackson, 1145 Eastview, Jackson, Mississippi.

H. J. Penn, 307 Chestnut Avenue, N. W., Roanoke, Virginia.

L. F. Sledge, 750 Everett Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

A. I. Terrell, Winston-Salem Teachers' College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

E. W. Wilbert, 232 Mercer, Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Georgia Trevan, 6555 South Vernon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

F. B. Bradley, 520 "K" Street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

T. W. Courts, 1511 Wayne Street, Flint 3, Michigan.

### MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL BOARD

The newly-elected National Board of the National Christian Missionary Convention consisting of the following persons:

A. I. Terrell  
D. L. Jackson  
L. F. Sledge  
Mrs. Georgia Trevan  
F. B. Bradley  
T. W. Courts  
E. W. Wilbert  
H. J. Penn

The meeting was held in the dining-hall of the Summit Street Christian Church, August 27, 1955, at 12:15 P. M., with Rev. R. H. Peoples, President, presiding.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

The first order of business was the election of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following persons to serve as Trustees: John Compton, Ohio; L. L. Dickerson, Ohio; George Frazier, Kentucky; Thomas Griffin, Oklahoma; L. F. Sledge, Kansas; Mrs. Trevan, Illinois; S. S. Myers, Missouri; A. I. Terrell, North Carolina, and A. J. Jeffries, Alabama.

J. F. Whitfield, Chairman  
Lenora Rolla  
S. S. Myers

It was properly moved, duly seconded, and unanimously carried that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted, and that the persons recommended by the committee be elected as Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention. \*

It was properly moved, duly seconded, and unanimously carried that members of the agencies of the National Christian Missionary Convention be accepted as members of the Trustee Board of said Convention.

Tentative date of the fall meeting of the Trustee Board was set for Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving (1955).

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the President organize the Trustee Board by committees as provided by the constitution.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

R. H. Peoples, President  
R. L. Saunders, Secretary

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Emmett J. Dickson

#### Introduction

The call from 1945 to 1955 has brought about some progress in the work of the churches of the National Christian Missionary Convention. This convention has been and is a worthy vehicle of communication in the type of work and the Brotherhood we serve. Great work has been done and is now in progress by the National Christian Missionary Convention.

The sense of belonging to a larger fellowship has at last arrived among our members. The convention is a member of all the program planning bodies and participates in the work of helping to build the program for the local church. As a member of the International Convention we have the services and the guidance which is granted all member agencies of the International Convention. There has been



a marked improvement in service and program during these ten years. All phases of the work have been alert to the tasks assigned.

#### Staff

The staff has been the most wonderful servant, the most understanding comrades anyone could find in a small staff. All directors have proven their worthy devotion and love for the work of the church in the National Christian Missionary Convention. The reports given by members of the staff each month and reports made to the Board of Trustees, and the Annual Report made to the National Board, and the convention does not tell the full story of the staff services. May we pray that the Lord will continue to bless the work the staff carried forward in His name.

This year is our year of Promotion of money. I feel that the churches are now ready to launch into a program of giving money for the work of the convention. This year we shall begin to ask them to make full their hopes and desires. We hope to reach an all-time high in the raising of money for the convention. The plan will be an easy plan if the members will give the money.

#### The Goals

The dollar goals have been prepared for release. You will find only one system of asking; that is, we think the churches can reach the goal asked if they start early in the year making remittance to the Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 480 Linden Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

#### National Financial Promotion Committee

The Board of Trustees has recommended that a National Financial Promotion Committee be created to promote the giving of money to the convention. The committee set-up is:

Executive Secretary of Promotion—E. J. Dickson.

General Chairman—A. C. Stone.

Six Promotional Directors,

Rev. S. S. Myers—Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma.

Dr. C. C. Mosley—Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia.

Dr. J. E. Walker—Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee.

Rev. John R. Compton—Kentucky, Ohio, Eastern Seaboard.

Rev. C. B. Terrance—California.

Prof. A. I. Terrell, Piedmont, Tri-State, Florida, South Carolina.

In each state and convention area the Boards have set up National Christian Missionary Convention promoters to work with the responsibility of the Executive Secretary and General Chairman. Reports shall be made November, January, March, July, and at the Annual Session.

#### Budget

There was no violation of the total last budget, but we fully found out the difference in money in the treasury on the budget lists.

1955-56 Budget—

|                                          |             |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Salaries .....                           | \$23,459.00 |
| Executive Secretary                      |             |
| Director of Christian Education          |             |
| Director of Church Development           |             |
| Director of Christian Women's Fellowship |             |
| Two Office Secretaries                   |             |
| Travel .....                             | 6,000.00    |
| Nashville, Tennessee .....               | 300.00      |
| Office Expense and Equipment .....       | 2,000.00    |



|                                                      |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Program .....                                        | 2,000.00           |
| National Convention and Trustees .....               | 2,400.00           |
| Christian Plea .....                                 | 1,600.00           |
| Pension Dues ..                                      | 1,600.00           |
| Ministerial Training .....                           | 1,000.00           |
| Contingent .....                                     | 741.00             |
| Promotion .....                                      | 1,500.00           |
|                                                      | <b>\$42,600.00</b> |
| 1955-56 Askings—                                     |                    |
| United Christian Missionary Society .....            | \$15,000.00        |
| National Christian Missionary Convention Churches .. | 15,000.00          |
| Taylor Estate .....                                  | 4,000.00           |
| Christian Board of Publication .....                 | 4,000.00           |
| Board of Church Extension .....                      | 1,000.00           |
| Pension Fund .....                                   | 800.00             |
| Board of Higher Education .....                      | 400.00             |
| National Benevolent Association .....                | 1,000.00           |
| Field Reports .....                                  | 600.00             |
| Special Funds .....                                  | 800.00             |
|                                                      | <b>\$42,600.00</b> |

### Special Funds

That we ask for special gift to match or total the same amount set for the total goals of a state.

### Cooperation

All state conventions are in harmony with the work. All the cooperating agencies are giving more than lip-service in time and money to the work of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the goals be released.
2. That the Financial Promotional Committee be authorized and the Executive Secretary placed in charge of all promotions.
3. That we complete Taylor Men's Fellowship House, Christian Men's Fellowship Project.
4. That the Rosa Page Welch Scholarship Fund be completed this year.
5. That all state conventions be asked to give \$100.00 grant-in-aid to the Taylor Memorial Fellowship.
6. That each preacher be asked to give \$100.00 to help train a preacher.
7. Consideration must be given to the celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary Year, Dallas to Baltimore, \$40,000.00.

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHURCH DEVELOPMENT AND EVANGELISM

C. H. Webb

The year of Stewardship in the Long Range Program of Disciples of Christ has closed. Somewhere, while the embers of our anxious fires of months gone by subside, there should perhaps be an accounting. There have been some marvelous results of the planned efforts which so many well-trained people have put into the year of Stewardship, and the best is yet to come. This is as it should be, for if the year of Stewardship was anything at all, it was a teaching program. This single feature made the advent of the year of Christian Education a normal and logical follow-up to the local church emphasis for the previous year. Whether or not Negro Disciples of Christ will hence-

forth be concerned and active in making Stewardship an integral part of the Christian life, or in developing for our constituency an aggressive program of Stewardship Education, and whether or not we shall recognize the needs and opportunities in the world as ample motive and challenge to practice a deepening Christian Stewardship and the extent to which individual Christians are more willing to commit themselves to the full Stewardship of Life, can be determined only by the passage of time, the recruitment rolls, and the condition of the mission treasury.

### Evangelism

Our department co-sponsored with Second Christian Church, an Evangelism Institute. Thirteen (13) Ministers from five states attended and took part in the laboratory experience. There, approximately forty-five (45) workers enlisted to do the visiting aside from the preachers. The visitors made four hundred and sixty (460) calls in two hundred and fifty-two (252) homes and received one hundred and three (103) commitments. At the close of services "Decision Sunday," seventy (70) new members had been added to the church. Of this number, thirty-eight (38) were candidates for Baptism and thirty-two (32) transfers. The total additions from this effort reached about eighty (80) souls. Mr. Bayne E. Driskill of Oklahoma (Stillwater) served as director of the project. Planning and promotion were shared by the pastor and the Director.

In other Evangelistic Efforts, the Director served as leader for a similar project with the Central Christian Church of Cleveland, Ohio, Elder S. J. Compton. A group of seventeen (17) visitors serving alternately as teams of two made approximately seventy-four (74) calls in fifty-four (54) homes and received thirty-two (32) commitments. On the close of "Decision Sunday" there had been twenty-one (21) additions. A similar project with the Cedar Church yielded seven (7) additions on Decision Day.

Special one-week Revival meetings were held with the following churches:

Avalon—Los Angeles  
Eleventh Street—Birmingham.  
Central—Cleveland.  
Mosely Avenue—Macon, Georgia.  
Cedar (One Day)—Cleveland.

Total additions numbered forty-one (41). (See Exhibit "A" on Evangelism.)

### Ministers' Institutes

All of the Institutes this year carried, at least as a part of the program, some phase of the Long Range Emphasis. In addition to this, practical local needs were taken under consideration and the program fashioned accordingly. The schedule was as follows:

| Date        | Place          | Church          | Present |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|---------|
| Jan. 4-7    | Texas (1)      | Jarvis          | 32      |
| Feb. 28-29  | Piedmont       | Chatham         | 37**    |
| March 3-5   | Mississippi*   | Mt. Beulah      | 68      |
| March 8-11  | North Carolina | Goldsboro       | 55      |
| March 18-19 | Seaboard*      | Stuyvesant Hts. | 36      |
| March 25-26 | Alabama        | Montgomery      | 22      |
|             |                | Total           | 250     |
|             |                | Total Last Year | 136     |
|             |                | Gain            | 114     |

\*Joint Institute—(1) Ministers and Laymen. \*\*Estimated.



**FINANCIAL REPORT ON INSTITUTES**

Received for Ministers' Institute, January 1, 1955 ..... \$200.00  
 Balance, 1954 ..... 75.54

**\$275.54**

| Institute included materials, travel, food, etc. |           |          |          |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Institute                                        | Materials | Travel   | Food     | Total    |
| Texas                                            | \$ 11.55  | \$ . . . | \$110.00 | \$121.55 |
| Piedmont*                                        |           |          |          | 35.00    |
| Mississippi                                      | 19.90     | 5.00     |          | 24.90    |
| North Carolina                                   | 2.50      |          |          | 2.50     |
| Seaboard                                         | 3.00      |          |          | 3.00     |
| Alabama                                          | 3.50      | 15.75    | 27.20    | 46.45    |

Received . . . \$275.54

Spent ..... 223.40

\*Promised but not yet paid. (CHW) Balance in Full \$ 52.14

**Convention**

Since the last annual session of the National Christian Missionary Convention your Director has taken a part in the functional program of Station Convention in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Ohio and Missouri. In each instance, without exception, I was assigned responsibility for helping with the teaching program as the Conventions emphasized the current Long Range Themes.

Other general meetings attended were International Conventions in Miami, Florida, National Christian Missionary Convention Trustees, National Christian Missionary Convention Administrative and Finance Committee, Disciples of Christ Committee on Christian Vocations, Home and State Missions Planning Council, and Conference on Desegregation.

**Special Services Rendered**

This service included a variety of activity such as studying merger prospects for the churches in Jackson, Mississippi, Christian Men's Fellowship speaker on "Why Support the National Christian Missionary Convention Meetings." Guest speaker for the annual church meetings, speaker for anniversary and dedication services, counseling churches seeking ministerial replacements, and trying to assist in solving local church disharmonies. I extend my thanks to the Trustees for your prayers, for our efforts in the California Mission. I think your prayers were answered, but no one should have banners. There is still unrest, and only time can heal the many wounds of the conflict.

**This Ministry**

The Taylor Memorial Fellowship House remains in operation. For the second consecutive year, we have succeeded in getting a room papered. The project which the Christian Men's Fellowship and the Christian Youth Fellowship intended to help repair and redecorate the manse was stymied on the out-set by displacement of contract and later was sidetracked to make way for the National Financial Promotional Program. Last year there were five men residing in the house. They were William J. Barber, North Carolina; James E. Blair, Ohio; Samuel Holder, South America; Ronald Fowl's, Ohio, and Gerald Cunningham of Missouri. Three of these are graduate students and two are undergraduate. The prospect for the coming year is two additional students, one of whom has already arrived.

The financial situation at the Taylor House is constantly critical (and needs increase and accumulate steadily).



The really great issue now, however is this matter of "What Is Happening to the Preacher?" A close survey of the field will reveal that about ten preachers who were active pastors two years ago, and who still have service years of health are sitting on the side-lines or have left the church. There is imperative need today for a concentration of effort in the careful training and complete integration of our ministers and Lay-leaders into the total life and program of the brotherhood in order that the great causes and noble purpose of Disciples will not be confronted with such general apathy and indifference.

#### **Our Year of Christian Education**

The Department of Church Development and Evangelism recognized the great potential of both the Local Church and outreach emphasis of this Year of Christian Education. It is our intention to be alert to every opportunity to join with the various functions and fellowship groups within the framework of the church and the brotherhood to make the benefits of this year's program more helpful to the larger number of church people.

#### **New Churches**

The Mosely Avenue Church in Macon, Georgia, is growing steadily stronger as are the other new churches including the Third Church of Cleveland, Ohio, and the New Church of Springfield, Ohio. The baby church of the group is the new Walker Memorial Church which was born since the convention last August. It now boasts approximately 75 members. Additions in new churches have been numerous and the leadership is proving effective and efficient. Support and careful nurturing will bring these new congregations to full fruition in a short space of years.

#### **EXHIBIT "A"** **FINANCIAL REPORT ON EVANGELISM** **1955**

|                                                    | <b>Second<br/>Christian</b> | <b>National<br/>Convention</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Guest Leader—\$370.00 . . . . .                    | \$185.00                    | \$185.00                       |
| Local Promotion and Materials . . . . .            | 55.00                       |                                |
| Housing 14 Visiting Ministers . . . . .            |                             |                                |
| Evening Meals 14 Visiting Ministers . . . . .      |                             |                                |
| Service Honorarium . . . . .                       |                             | 20.00                          |
| Expense of Visiting Minister . . . . .             | 25.00                       |                                |
| Food for Breakfasts and Lunches . . . . .          |                             |                                |
| Visiting Ministers . . . . .                       |                             | 51.02                          |
| Church Utilities . . . . .                         |                             | 30.00                          |
| Slide Rental . . . . .                             |                             | 2.50                           |
| Group Photo . . . . .                              | 3.25                        | 3.25                           |
|                                                    | <hr/> \$268.25              | <hr/> \$292.67                 |
| Received from National Convention . . . . .        | \$400.00                    |                                |
| Evangelism Expense . . . . .                       | 292.67                      |                                |
| Balanced Returned to National Convention . . . . . | \$107.33                    |                                |

#### **EXHIBIT "B"** **FINANCIAL REPORT** **TAYLOR MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP HOUSE** **FOR THE PERIOD 8/13/54 TO 7/18, 1955**

|                                          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| August 13, 1954 Deficit . . . . .        | \$ 35 35 |
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>                          |          |
| August Mrs. Mary Van Buren, Fulton, Mis- |          |

|           |                                                               |         |          |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
|           | souri, C. W. F. ....                                          | \$ 5.00 |          |
|           | Mr. Walter McLean, Louisville, Kentucky .....                 | 10.00   |          |
| September | Mrs. Daisy Dickerson, Ohio .....                              | 100.00  |          |
|           | Sarah Wilson Scholarship Fund .....                           | 100.00  |          |
|           | Loan For September Operation .....                            | 10.00   |          |
| October   | A Friend .....                                                | 3.50    |          |
|           | Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer, N.C.M.C. ....                    | 300.00  |          |
|           | Mr. Edwin Robertson Residential Fee .....                     | 36.00   |          |
|           | Other Sources .....                                           | 91.00   |          |
| January   | Loan for Operation .....                                      | 150.00  |          |
|           | Mrs. Eunice Miller—South Carolina, C. W. F. ....              | 20.00   |          |
|           | Mr. Kenneth Hunt, Monroe Avenue, C. M. F. ....                | 5.00    |          |
|           | Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer, N.C.M.C. ....                    | 300.00  |          |
|           | Department of Church Development and Evangelism U.C.M.S. .... | 300.00  |          |
|           | Ministers' Institute Fund .....                               | 60.00   |          |
|           | *INDIANA Christian Missionary Association .....               | 300.00  |          |
| February  | Mr. Charles Butler Summit Avenue, C. M. F. ....               | 27.50   | 1,818.50 |

## RESIDENTIAL FEES

|                         |        |            |
|-------------------------|--------|------------|
| James E. Blair .....    | 221.00 |            |
| Samuel Holder .....     | 294.00 |            |
| William J. Barber ..... | 369.09 |            |
| Gerald Cunningham ..... | 220.00 |            |
| Ronald Fowlis .....     | 350.00 | 1,454.09   |
|                         |        | <hr/>      |
|                         |        | \$3,272.59 |

\* Paid \$25.00 monthly

## DISBURSEMENTS

|                                                 |                                       |            |            |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
|                                                 | Salary to Matron at \$125 .....       | \$1,437.50 |            |
|                                                 | Operations (food and supplies) .....  | 917.50     |            |
|                                                 | Indianapolis Power & Light .....      | 105.45     |            |
|                                                 | Citizens Gas & Coke .....             | 279.39     |            |
|                                                 | Indianapolis Water Company .....      | 41.40      |            |
|                                                 | Board of Sanitary Commissioners ..... | 27.39      |            |
|                                                 | Indiana Bell Telephone .....          | 37.12      | 2,845.75   |
|                                                 |                                       | <hr/>      |            |
| October                                         | Payment on Loan .....                 | 150.00     |            |
| February                                        | Payment on Loan .....                 | 100.00     |            |
|                                                 | Ministers' Institute Fund .....       | 60.00      |            |
|                                                 | Grocery Account .....                 | 22.54      |            |
|                                                 | Electric Repairs (furnace) .....      | 5.80       |            |
|                                                 | Redecorating (papering) .....         | 27.50      |            |
| June                                            | Student Loan .....                    | 25.00      | 390.84     |
|                                                 |                                       | <hr/>      |            |
| August, 1954                                    | DEFICIT .....                         |            | 35.35      |
|                                                 |                                       |            | <hr/>      |
|                                                 | TOTAL .....                           |            | \$3,269.64 |
| Total Receipts .....                            |                                       | \$3,272.59 |            |
| Disbursements .....                             |                                       | 3,269.65   |            |
|                                                 |                                       | <hr/>      |            |
| Balance .....                                   | \$                                    | 2.94       |            |
| Residential Fees due by current residents ..... |                                       |            | \$ 778.16  |

**Year Book Report on Evangelism  
1954 Edition**

| State                | Baptisms     | Otherwise    | Total        | Pastors    |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Alabama              | 28           | 16           | 44           | 7          |
| Arkansas             |              |              |              | 5          |
| California N.        | 4            | 8            | 13           | 1          |
| California S.        | 21           | 71           | 92           | 6          |
| District of Columbia | 18           | 10           | 28           | 1          |
| Florida              |              |              |              | 2          |
| Georgia              | 28           | 12           | 40           | 6          |
| Illinois             | 75           | 119          | 194          | 8          |
| Indiana              | 22           | 35           | 57           | 3          |
| Kansas               |              |              |              | 4          |
| Kentucky             | 14           | 2            | 16           | 6          |
| Maryland             | 47           | 42           | 89           | 2          |
| Michigan             | 23           | 39           | 62           | 3          |
| Mississippi          | 2            |              |              | 1          |
| Missouri             | 62           | 48           | 110          | 13         |
| New York             | 159          | 37           | 192          | 10         |
| New Jersey           | 2            | 10           | 12           | 1          |
| North Carolina       | 819          | 528          | 1,347        | 104        |
| Ohio                 | 135          | 122          | 257          | 13         |
| Oklohoma             | 55           | 26           | 81           | 6          |
| Pennsylvania         |              |              |              | 2          |
| South Carolina       |              |              |              | 10         |
| Tennessee (1 Church) | 25           | 32           | 57           | 2          |
| Texas                |              |              |              | 9          |
| Virginia             | 4            | 1            | 5            | 2          |
| West Virginia        | 7            | 9            | 16           | 2          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>1,548</b> | <b>1,158</b> | <b>2,706</b> | <b>229</b> |

**This Is the Way We Look in the Year Book**

In many instances records in the office of the National Director indicate a far more healthy trend. Some of the State Conventions have records available to the National Convention Office, but in order to get in the Year Book, your Year Book Report Blanks will have to be sent into the International Convention Office before the publication deadline. Return the report within three days of receipt. The Deadline is August 15.

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Lorenzo J. Evans**

Mr. President, members of the Board and the National Convention. I am happy to bring to you a report of the work of the department for the past year.

**International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission**

I left the National Convention in St. Louis on Saturday, August 31, 1954, in order to attend the commission meeting at Bethan Hill, Tennessee. The states and area that had their delegates at this planning meeting were as follows: Mississippi, Tennessee, Eastern Seaboard, Goldsboro District, Piedmont District, Ohio, and Missouri.



The Commission this year is meeting the same week on the campus of Indiana University, Bloomington. This is the delegated group of Young People which plan the program emphasis for the Youth of Our Brotherhood. Our goal is to have a youth representative from each one of our convention areas.

### **State Conventions**

Since our St. Louis Convention I served in four State Conventions, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. The South Carolina Convention met at Burton and it was well attended with a larger number of delegates registering the first day than at any other convention I have attended. There were reports coming from about every church in the state.

The Georgia convention met at Valdosta. The state work is rather weak and will remain so until our churches are stronger. The Secretary Director, Mr. C. W. Ross of Macon, was in attendance at this meeting and one of the bright features was the setting-up of plans for a state planning commission in May during which time the state staff would come in and give assistance to the planning of a total state program. The Alabama Convention met at Mt. Willing. The State of Alabama is slowly building a strong program which is being undergirded by the churches. The Mississippi state convention met at Shaw. I worked with the group in setting up plans for following through with the program emphasis of Christian Education during the year.

### **International Convention**

I attended the International Convention which met in Miami, Florida. I served as one of the resource leaders in the workshop for church school superintendents. This convention reached an all time high in registrations. Some very inspiring sermons and addresses were brought to the convention under the general theme: "God Or Mammon." I am sure that these messages sent us all away with a sense of guilt realizing that all of us had fallen short of what was expected of us as Christians.

### **Executive Committee Meeting of the International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission**

The Executive Committee of the International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission met during Christmas week, December 27-31, 1954, at Missions Building, Indianapolis. The representative of the National and member of the committee, Miss Lois Mothershed of Little Rock, was in attendance. The commission is in session at Bloomington, Indiana, now.

### **Christian Education Assembly**

I attended the Christian Education Assembly at Spring Mill. This group has the responsibility of developing the curriculum which was previously done by the curriculum committee. A. C. Stone of Cincinnati, Ohio, was the only representative of the National Convention who was able to attend this meeting.

### **Religious Education Field Staff Meeting**

I was in attendance at the annual meeting of the field staff of the Department of Religious Education Christian Missionary Society which met at Spring Mill. A major portion of this meeting was given over to discussing plans for undergirding the program emphasis for the year 1955-56. This meeting always serves as a refresher in Christian Education with the workers from over the country sharing their experiences in the work and plans for the future program development.

### **National Council, Churches of Christ**

I attended the Division of Christian Education of the National

Council, Churches of Christ which met in Cincinnati, Ohio. I served as one of the representatives of the Brotherhood in the section on Leadership Education Administration.

#### **Curriculum Program Council**

I attended the Curriculum Program Council which met at Christian Board, St. Louis. I served in the Youth section of which I am a member. This group had the responsibility of reviewing the descriptions and spread for the youth curriculum of our brotherhood.

#### **Special Committee on Conference Curriculum**

I served on a special committee which was appointed at the field staff meeting at Spring Mill. The committee met in St. Louis at Hotel Statler for the purpose of taking a look at the whole conference curriculum, and to implement plans to correlate the different activities which are being carried on in the field. Mrs. Bristow was a member of the committee but because of illness was not able to be in attendance. Several conferences were named to serve as an experiment to give guidance for the development of the conference curriculum. Mrs. Bristow was brought to Indianapolis for conference on the possibility of carrying on an experiment with the Central Conference in Kentucky. It was not possible to follow through with this project this year.

#### **Promotional Financial Committee**

This committee had its mid-year meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, at Hotel Manse. In 1951 the year before this committee was organized the church schools reported to the treasurer before this convention \$265.50. As a result of the excellent work of the committee the giving has more than tripled. Please note Exhibit "B."

#### **International Sunday School Convention**

I attended the 23rd International Sunday School Convention which met in Cleveland, Ohio, July 27-31. This was one of the high experiences for me during the year. It was a real thrill to meet with Christians from around the world, people of different language and racial backgrounds and yet one in Christ Jesus. Certainly one was made to feel that God's love transcends all racial barriers and brings us all together as a part of one great family of God.

#### **Young Adult Work**

The Young Adult had for the first time last year a workshop at the convention in St. Louis. Mr. J. D. Montgomery, Director of Christian Family Life, United Christian Missionary Society served as the resource leader. Mr. Hiram Hart was the chairman of the group. As a follow-up of a recommendation coming from the group the department produced a pamphlet in connection with the Department of Christian Family Life, United Christian Missionary Society entitled, "Young Adults Face the World, How the Church Can Help." This pamphlet suggests several programs and projects that might be done by the group.

#### **Young People's Summer Conference**

There were eight conferences this year and two Chi-Rho Camps sponsored by the National Convention Churches. Note Exhibit "C."

All in all this has been a year of challenge. The question now is up to you and me. Will we accept it. We are beginning now Our Year of Christian Education. A year which will mean hard work if we are to meet the test of the hour and the teaching of Jesus made meaningful in the lives of people. It can be done only as we dedicate ourselves anew to the teaching program of the church. Teaching Christ is your task and mine, let's not try to shun it.



**EXHIBIT "B"**  
**CHURCH SCHOOL GOALS AND GIVING**  
**TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION**

| Promoter                     | 1954-55<br>GOAL | 1951<br>Giving  | 1952-53<br>Giving | 1953-54<br>Giving |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>A. C. Stone</b>           |                 |                 |                   |                   |
| Ohio -----                   | \$365.00        | \$ -----        | \$375.58          | \$431.37          |
| Indiana -----                | 100.00          | -- --           | 110.00            | 100.00            |
| Michigan -----               | 52.50           | 5.00            | 28.00             | 25.00             |
| Kentucky -----               | 424.00          | 24.00           | 171.00            | 208.65            |
|                              | <u>\$941.50</u> | <u>\$ 29.00</u> | <u>\$684.58</u>   | <u>\$765.02</u>   |
| <b>Miss Dorothy Colson</b>   |                 |                 |                   |                   |
| Illinois -----               | \$250.00        | \$100.00        | \$195.00          | \$125.00          |
| Kansas -----                 | 110.50          | -- --           | 22.00             | 28.00             |
| Tennessee -----              | 262.50          | 10.00           | 232.50            | 225.00            |
| Missouri -----               | 313.50          | 30.00           | 182.50            | 177.50            |
|                              | <u>\$936.50</u> | <u>\$140.00</u> | <u>\$632.00</u>   | <u>\$555.50</u>   |
| <b>Mrs. Agenora Millner</b>  |                 |                 |                   |                   |
| North Carolina -----         | \$154.50        | \$ -----        | \$ 35.00          | \$ 29.50          |
| Virginia -----               | 210.00          | -----           | 35.00             | 64.00             |
| West Virginia -----          | 20.00           | -----           | 2.50              | 7.00              |
| South Carolina -----         | 105.00          | -----           | 37.00             | 10.00             |
|                              | <u>\$489.50</u> | <u>\$ -----</u> | <u>\$119.50</u>   | <u>\$110.50</u>   |
| <b>C. J. Hinson</b>          |                 |                 |                   |                   |
| Alabama -----                | \$160.00        | \$ 55.00        | \$108.50          | \$108.50          |
| Florida -----                | 99.50           | -----           | -----             | 20.00             |
| Georgia -----                | 80.00           | -----           | 15.00             | 7.00              |
| Mississippi -----            | 249.00          | 15.00           | 33.00             | 16.00             |
|                              | <u>\$588.50</u> | <u>\$ 70.00</u> | <u>\$156.50</u>   | <u>\$151.50</u>   |
| <b>Mrs. Edith Richardson</b> |                 |                 |                   |                   |
| Arkansas -----               | \$ 80.00        | \$ -----        | \$ 28.00          | \$ 35.00          |
| California -----             | 120.00          | -----           | 75.00             | 25.00             |
| Oklahoma -----               | 180.00          | 5.00            | 37.50             | 30.00             |
| Texas -----                  | 612.60          | 16.50           | 218.10            | 181.00            |
|                              | <u>\$992.60</u> | <u>\$ 21.50</u> | <u>\$358.60</u>   | <u>\$271.00</u>   |
| <b>F. B. Bradley</b>         |                 |                 |                   |                   |
| Maryland -----               | \$ 60.00        | \$ -----        | \$ 15.00          | \$ 10.00          |
| New York -----               | 55.00           | -- --           | -----             | 10.00             |
| New Jersey -----             | 5.00            | 5.00            | -----             | -----             |
| Pennsylvania -----           | 5.00            | -----           | -----             | -----             |
|                              | <u>\$125.00</u> | <u>\$ 5.00</u>  | <u>\$ 15.00</u>   | <u>\$ 20.00</u>   |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL GIVING</b>    |                 |                 |                   |                   |
| 1951- -----                  | \$ 265.50       |                 |                   |                   |
| 1952-53 -----                | 1,966.18        |                 |                   |                   |
| 1953-54 -----                | 1,873.52        |                 |                   |                   |
| Decrease -----               |                 |                 |                   | \$ 92.66          |



## EXHIBIT "C"

## YOUTH CONFERENCES 1954

| Name               | Attendance | Faculty |
|--------------------|------------|---------|
| Alabama .....      | 38         | 10      |
| Magnolia .....     | 15         | 6       |
| South West .....   | 48         | 9       |
| Central .....      | 32         | 11      |
| Goldsboro .....    | 119        | 11      |
| South Carolina ... | 23         | 6       |
| Boner Spring ..... | 41         | 10      |
| Piedmont .....     | 36         | 10      |

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## CHI-RHO CAMPS

| Name           | Attendance | Faculty |
|----------------|------------|---------|
| Central .....  | 28         | 5       |
| Piedmont ..... | 26         | 7       |

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## YOUTH CONFERENCES, 1955

| Name               | Attendance | Faculty |
|--------------------|------------|---------|
| Alabama .....      | 33         | 7       |
| Magnolia .....     | 28         | 10      |
| South West .....   | 47         | 10      |
| Central .....      | 47         | 11      |
| Goldsboro .....    | 132        | 18      |
| South Carolina ... | 9          | 5       |
| Boner Spring ..... | 30         | 7       |
| Piedmont .....     | .....      | .....   |

## CHI-RHO CAMPS

| Name           | Attendance | Faculty |
|----------------|------------|---------|
| Central .....  | 17         | 6       |
| Piedmont ..... | .....      | .....   |
| Alabama .....  | 20         | 2       |

## EXHIBIT "D-1"

**CHRISTIAN WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND GIVING  
FROM YOUTH GROUPS OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION**

| Names (Arranged by States)           | 1950-51  | 1951-52  | 1952-53  | 1953-54  |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Birmingham, 11th St., Ala.....       | \$ ----- | \$ 15.00 | \$ ----- | \$ ----- |
| Birmingham, Macedonia, Ala.....      | -----    | -----    | -----    | 7.00     |
| Indianapolis, Second, Ind.....       | -----    | 12.00    | -----    | 41.53    |
| Parsons, Morgan Ave., Kans.....      | -----    | -----    | -----    | 5.00     |
| Louisville, Central, Ky.....         | -----    | 5.00     | -----    | -----    |
| Mt. Sterling, High St., Ky.....      | 5.00     | 5.00     | 5.00     | 5.00     |
| Little Rock, Paris, Ky.....          | -----    | -----    | 8.61     | -----    |
| Fairview, Sharpsburg, Ky.....        | 5.00     | -----    | -----    | -----    |
| Baltimore, Mt. Olivet, Md.....       | 5.00     | 15.00    | -----    | 9.50     |
| Detroit, United, Mich.....           | 5.00     | 22.50    | -----    | 25.00    |
| Southern Christian Inst., Miss.....  | 15.00    | -----    | 17.00    | -----    |
| Frankfort, Second, Mo.....           | 10.00    | -----    | -----    | -----    |
| Kansas City, Paseo Blvd., Mo.....    | .25      | 1.00     | -----    | -----    |
| St. Louis, Centennial, Mo.....       | 29.98    | 25.45    | 62.15    | 51.25    |
| Cincinnati, Fifth, Ohio.....         | 3.91     | -----    | -----    | 11.00    |
| Cincinnati, Wehrman Ave., Ohio.....  | 3.78     | 1.80     | -----    | -----    |
| Cleveland, Cedar, Ohio.....          | 2.00     | 3.00     | -----    | 3.00     |
| Cleveland, Central, Ohio.....        | 1.00     | .75      | -----    | -----    |
| Columbus, Monroe Ave., Ohio.....     | 10.00    | 10.00    | -----    | -----    |
| Dayton, Summit, Ohio.....            | 5.00     | 27.00    | .45      | 27.00    |
| Xenia, Main Street.....              | -----    | 2.00     | -----    | 5.00     |
| Muskogee, Second, Ohio.....          | 1.40     | 2.62     | -----    | -----    |
| Warren, Third, Ohio.....             | -----    | -----    | -----    | .23      |
| Springfield, Fourth, Ohio.....       | -----    | -----    | -----    | 1.00     |
| Tulsa, Pine Street, Okla.....        | -----    | 7.00     | -----    | 4.30     |
| Oklahoma City, E. 6th St., Okla..... | -----    | -----    | -----    | 10.00    |
| Philadelphia, Fellowship, Pa.....    | -----    | -----    | -----    | 5.00     |
| Holy Rock, Bonneau, S. C.....        | 3.00     | -----    | -----    | -----    |
| Memphis, Miss. Blvd., Tenn.....      | 40.00    | 50.00    | 35.00    | 25.00    |
| Nashville, Almeda, Tenn.....         | 5.00     | 5.00     | 5.00     | 10.00    |
| Dallas, Forest Ave., Texas.....      | -----    | 4.50     | -----    | -----    |
| Bluefield, Community, W. Va.....     | -----    | 4.00     | -----    | -----    |
| Total Amount Given to CWFF.....      | \$146.32 | \$218.62 | \$133.21 | \$245.83 |
| Numbers of Groups Giving.....        | 18       | 20       | 7        | 22       |
| 1954-55 Goal—\$1,000.00.             | -----    | -----    | -----    | -----    |

**EXHIBIT "D-2"**  
**YOUTH GIVING TO UNIFIED PROMOTION**  
**1953-54 BY STATES**

| State          | Giving   | Total   |
|----------------|----------|---------|
| Alabama        | \$ 4.00  | \$ 4.00 |
| Arkansas       |          |         |
| California     | 37.00    | 37.00   |
| Florida        |          |         |
| Georgia        |          |         |
| Illinois       |          |         |
| Indiana        | 1.55     |         |
|                | 10.00    | 11.55   |
| Kentucky       | 5.00     | 5.00    |
| Kansas         | 20.00    | 20.00   |
| Louisiana      |          |         |
| Missouri       | 1.25     |         |
|                | 25.00    |         |
|                | 25.00    | 51.25   |
| Maryland       | 5.00     | 5.00    |
| Mississippi    |          |         |
| Michigan       | 12.50    | 12.50   |
| North Carolina |          |         |
| New Jersey     | 5.00     | 5.00    |
| New York       | 5.00     | 5.00    |
| Ohio           | 19.00    |         |
|                | 2.00     |         |
|                | 34.72    |         |
|                | .58      | 56.30   |
| Oklahoma       | 6.75     |         |
|                | 2.00     | 8.75    |
| Pennsylvania   | 5.00     |         |
|                | 5.00     | 10.00   |
| South Carolina |          |         |
| Texas          | 8.36     | 8.36    |
| Tennessee      | 10.00    |         |
|                | 15.00    | 25.00   |
| Virginia       |          |         |
| West Virginia  |          |         |
| Grand Total    | \$264.71 |         |

**EXHIBIT "E"**  
**SCHOOL YEAR 1954-55**

A survey of ten colleges and universities of other communions and state-supported show a listing of 124 Disciples students enrolled. This means that unless the local church follows these young people we are likely to lose many of them. It is possible that other colleges would show a similar picture.

| College                                    | Number of Students |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Spelman, Atlanta, Georgia               | 5                  |
| 2. Teachers' College, Winston-Salem, N. C. | 30                 |
| 3. Philander Smith, Little Rock, Arkansas  | 6                  |
| 4. Jackson College, Jackson, Mississippi   | 5                  |
| 5. Kentucky State, Frankfort, Kentucky     | 18                 |
| 6. Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee   | 3                  |
| 7. Tennessee A. & I., Nashville, Tennessee | 12                 |

|                                             |     |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|
| 8. Langston University, Langston, Okla..... | 2   |
| 9. Clarke College, Atlanta, Georgia .....   | 2   |
| 10. Prairie View, Texas .....               | 41  |
| Total .....                                 | 124 |

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Miss Anna Belle Jackson

Mr. President, Board of Trustees, Officers and Friends of the National Christian Missionary Convention, Greetings:

Once again I submit to you a report of The Christian Women's Fellowship. With an area of work widely scattered as that of the National Convention Churches it is hard to repress the feeling that the work is being done in "dribbles," even though the worker has endeavored to serve wherever her services were required.

It is quite gratifying to me when a CWF group takes and uses the programs that are prepared for CWF groups and from that source builds a strong Fellowship among all women of the church. On the other hand there are some groups who are failing to use the suggested program and consequently are missing out on some of the vital issues concerning the missionary activities of the church today. More and more we are beginning to realize that missions is alive and cannot be promoted by individuals who are unaware of the current happenings around us each day.

Field services for the past year were as follows:

### **Eighth Street Christian Church, Kansas City, Kansas**

#### **December 5, 1954**

It was a joy to share in the observance of Woman's Day with the Eighth Street Church on December 5, serving as Guest Speaker. The women in the church did a fine job in making plans for the event. Every woman participated to make the day a grand success.

#### **December 7, 1954**

While in that vicinity I had a special meeting with the members and pastor of the Institutional Christian Church, lifting up the work of the Christian Women's Fellowship and the National Convention as a whole.

#### **December 8, 1954**

#### **Second Churches—Lawrence and Topeka**

On December 8, I visited the Second Churches in Lawrence and Topeka holding a joint meeting where the National Convention was discussed again. Whole-hearted pledges were given to the work and it is only through the willingness of individuals to support the Cause that anything worthwhile can be accomplished. Only as one sees himself in relation to the task, can a job be done.

#### **December 12, 1954**

#### **Morgan Avenue, Parsons**

On December 12, I served as the Woman's Day speaker for the Christian Women's Fellowship of the Morgan Avenue Christian Church in Parsons, Kansas. The theme, "Partners of the Way," lent itself beautifully in showing how we can be partners of God in a magnificent task here on earth in Building His Kingdom.

#### **January 10-15, 1955**

#### **Christian Education Assembly**

The Christian Education Assembly of the Religious Education Department of the United Christian Missionary Society met at Spring Mill State Park for a meeting in January for the purpose of studying



the strategy and mapping out new courses for the department. It also made new plans for the observance of "OUR YEAR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION." It was a very interesting experience as I had the chance to serve on the Adult Committee. Much thought and deliberation was given each item on the agenda before action was taken. The nature of the "INN" makes it quite conducive for hard work and our time was well spent as such.

#### **Visit to the West Coast**

##### **February 7-March 3, 1955**

I was invited to visit the churches on the West Coast, principally in the interest of the Christian Women's Fellowship, and served the following groups while there:

##### **February 12, 1955**

I had an invitation to meet with the Business and Professional Women's Group of Southern California. It was a joy to bring the devotional message to such a wide-awake group of working women. Mrs. Carnella Barnes serves as President for this organization.

##### **February 13, 1955**

I had the privilege to speak to the Cosmopolitan Christian Church congregation on Sunday, February 13th, and at Ninetieth Street Church on the evening of the same day. The women's organizations in both of these churches are not very strong, but I feel that with a good strong program of cultivation they would develop into fine groups.

I met with the Executive Committee of the Christian Women's Fellowship of the East Twenty-eighth Street Church. I found this group to be quite active and some well-founded plans were made for the months' activities. The following Sunday I served as morning speaker for the East Twenty-eighth Street Church.

Before going to the Second Church in Oakland I visited the State Office of the California Christian Missionary Society. Unfortunately the Secretary of the Christian Women's Fellowship was absent but we did get a chance to confer with the Executive Secretary and other members of the staff.

The church in Oakland is progressing nicely with a good number of interested women working in the church.

##### **March 17-20, 1955**

A local Church Institute was held at the Williamsburg Christian Church in Brooklyn, New York, with all the areas of work emphasized. For the first time two of the Directors and the Executive Secretary of the National Convention worked in a meeting together.

The congregation was divided according to the particular interest of the persons attending. A lot of hard work was done for three days and much was seemingly accomplished. A special program was given by the C. W. F. at Stuyvesant. Mrs. Lenora Rolla, Acting Second Vice-President of the convention and presiding officer of the C. W. F. Department gave some wonderful remarks about the work. She was also a worker in the Institute. The group at Stuyvesant are well organized into a working fellowship and from all evidences are using all of the women in the church.

##### **March 25, 1955**

A joint Institute for Christian Women's Fellowship Ministers was held with the Ross Street Christian Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Among our resource persons was Barton Hunter who brought a very challenging and inspiring message. The women of Alabama are very much interested in the matter of developing all women and made some very definite plans as to how this could be done. The ministers confess that they learned a lot about the C. W. F. program by listening

to the reports coming from that group. Mrs. J. D. Conwell was asked to serve as resource leader for the women. Mrs. E. J. Dickson served as proxy for Mr. Webb in the ministers' section.

#### **C. W. F. Institute — Piedmont Area**

**April 15, 1955**

An all day meeting was held in Martinsville, Virginia, for the C. W. F. of the Piedmont Area. Mrs. Vivianne Birnbaum served as resource leader and Mr. E. W. H. Henry, the Tri-State Worker, was very helpful with his ideas and suggestions. This was one of several institutes that have been held for the women in that area under the leadership of Mrs. E. E. Byers, the State President. More and more, the women are beginning to see that it is their work and not the work of the Director and as a result they are entering into the activities whole-heartedly.

#### **C. W. F. Institute, Arkansas,**

**April 23, 1955**

A one-day meeting was held at the Cross Street Christian Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. The attendance at this meeting was very small, but the willingness of the leaders and other workers to face the issues as they saw them and to dedicate themselves anew to the task made our efforts worthwhile. In relation to our study program one recommendation from this meeting was to have schools of missions in every church.

#### **C. W. F. Spring Institute, Columbus, Ohio,**

**April 29, 1955**

Under the capable leadership of Mrs. T. R. Everett, a one-day Institute was held at the East Second Street Church in Lexington, Kentucky, on May 14, 1955. The leaders of the C. W. F. groups in Kentucky met together to evaluate the work and to make plans for the future. Several women have been reached through attending such meetings as this who would not have been reached otherwise. We feel that meetings on the state level are very important and hope that leaders will still congregate to study the work together.

#### **Committee Meetings**

There are usually meetings that the Director must attend during the year in relation to her work, such as:

The Program Committee and National Board Meeting which met on April 12-13 to formulate the program for this session of the convention. Mr. Charles Sherman, serving as chairman, saw that the meeting was carried out smoothly and in a business-like manner.

#### **Curriculum and Program Committee**

**May 23, 1955**

I attended the C. P. C. meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 23, 1955, serving on the Adult Work committee. A week was spent in reviewing and selecting themes for our next missionary year.

I also attended the Missionary Outreach committee meeting which again met in St. Louis, Missouri, June 1-2. This was the first meeting of this committee with Mr. Dudley Strain from Texas serving as chairman and the capable assistant of Mr. Bill Hall of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Other meetings attended were: The Trustee Meeting of the National Christian Missionary Convention on September 21-22. This meeting was called by the President shortly after the convention session in St. Louis, Missouri, to study the financial status of the convention and to devise ways and means for supplementing the budget.



The C. W. F. Field Staff met at Missions Building in Indianapolis. This is a very important meeting for all State Secretaries. Of major importance was the revision of the C. W. F. Manual. There were other interesting phases of the work presented such as the "Status of Women." Mrs. Lenora Rolla was also in attendance at this meeting.

#### **Conventions**

Since the last convention I worked in the Washington Norfolk Assembly which met at the Free Grace Church, Manteo, North Carolina, October 5-9, 1955. It's always amazing to me how well the people in that area support the assembly both spiritually and financially. They are slowly but surely accepting the suggestions that we offer and are themselves making contributions to the work in general.

The Goldsboro Raleigh Assembly which met October 20-24 was conducted very much on the same order. The financial report was very good and to my surprise Mrs. Daisy Parks had solicited \$73.25 for Foreign Missions which is an indication that the women there have seen the vision and are willing to work and follow a planned program of missions.

Following the Goldsboro Assembly we went to Miami, Florida, where we joined thousands of people attending the International Convention. We heard many wonderful addresses and sermons built around the theme, "GOD OR MAMMON?" The experiences we received there cannot be compared to any others that we have had. Truly the spirit prevailed that we were "One in Christ Jesus."

#### **Kansas Convention**

**July 7-10, 1955**

The Kansas State Convention met at the Eighth Street Christian Church July 7-10, 1955. The leaders in the convention are really launching out on the "Year of Christian Education." A wonderful speaker was engaged for the afternoon period discussing, "The Church and the Supreme Court Decision." The women's worker was Mrs. Hele Schwab who was interesting and informative.

#### **Kentucky State Convention,**

**July 19-24, 1955**

I was responsible for the C. W. F. Workshop at the Kentucky Convention. We had an average of thirty women each day and some deep thought was given to the C. W. F. program on a state-wide level. The women were quite enthused about the Love Gift Project and voted to continue the project for another year.

#### **Missouri State Convention**

**August 2-7, 1955**

I attended and conducted the C. W. F. workshop at the Missouri Convention which was held in Columbia, Missouri. In the absence of the President of the C. W. F. the Vice-President carried on beautifully. Most of the group leaders were well informed about their study programs and made nice reports to the state.

#### **Summer Conference—Beaufort, South Carolina**

**June 5-11, 1955**

This year due to conflicting schedules I was only able to work in one Young People's Summer Conference at Beaufort, South Carolina. This conference is new and the attendance was very small. With a faculty of five and nine in attendance we carried a full program. It was hard on teachers and students alike, but the joy that the students received through wholesome fellowship was compensation enough for us all. It is the hope of the Director that the state convention will



undergird the conference program and that more young people will be enlisted to attend the conference next year.

### Projects

The Love Gifts are being accepted widely among the women of the Brotherhood. The money received from this effort is to be used for the training of missionaries, nationals, doctors, nurses, etc., on the foreign fields. The amount that we give is a symbolism of our love for persons giving themselves to full-time Christian service abroad.

### Capital for Kingdom Building

The Capital for Kingdom Building project which we so heartily accepted at the Roanoke Convention is yet unpaid. I sincerely hope that before we leave the convention this year that the debt might be eradicated. To date we have paid \$1,730.00 leaving a balance of \$270.00. Let's pay up and clear ourselves of the commitment we made.

### Future Plans

As we have worked and planned together for these four and a half years we can see the need for a national planning body. Therefore, I would like to suggest that the President of our State C. W. F.s come together and form a national planning committee whereby plans might be formulated and carried to the local C. W. F. groups for implementation and development.

We look forward to the future with the hope that our dreams and ambitions might be realized through the many changing ideas and programs that must be studied and tried until we no longer dream but having realized the importance of them, in proportion, they become realities.

### EXPENSES FOR INSTITUTES

1954-55

C. W. F. and Ministers' Institute, Montgomery, Alabama

|                                           |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Cash Received .....                       | \$ ..... |
| Cash on Hand (Balance from 1953-54) ..... | 54.00    |

#### EXPENSES:

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Friday, March 25—Lunch .....   | \$ 22.50 |
| Dinner .....                   | 12.50    |
| Saturday, March 26—Lunch ..... | 21.60    |

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Total .....   | \$ 56.70 |
| Deficit ..... | 2.70     |

C. W. F. Institute, Little Rock, Arkansas

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Cash Received ..... | 50.00 |
| Lunch .....         | 7.22  |
| Total .....         | 7.22  |

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Balance .....       | 42.78 |
| Minus Deficit ..... | 2.70  |

|                       |          |
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| Balance on Hand ..... | \$ 40.08 |
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### REPORT OF THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION

R. L. Jordan

This, the third annual report of this Commission to the Convention. The formation of such a Commission was authorized by the 1952 convention meeting at Los Angeles, for the purpose of alerting the

convention churches and members of social issues that have bearing on the church's task and witness. Commission members were appointed by the Convention Trustees at their regular meeting in the fall of 1952. Since that time the members of the Commission have sought to discharge their responsibilities to the convention by giving serious study and attention to the current social scene. The annual reports made to this convention have been the chief means of calling attention to the implications of social forces for our church life and also sharing with the convention our conviction that the Christian Gospel has profound implications for every social issue in our time. Through resolutions brought to the convention through these annual reports, we have, as a convention, expressed our concern for a more Christian social order in the United States and overseas.

As a Commission we feel that we have been working long enough at the job to conclude that the function we serve is a necessary one for our convention. As a convention, we will continue to need the continuing contributions of some group that will make studied recommendations for our consideration and action in the area of social issues.

We feel that the effectiveness of the churches affiliated with the convention as witnesses to the Kingdom of God will be strengthened by enabling the Commission to follow-through on the beginning it has made on these three years. Consultation and conversation among Commission members has been conducted largely by mail. Meetings of the Commission have been restricted to getting together at Conventions. Recommended action has been delayed or postponed altogether because of the inability of the members to come together to consider issues.

Your Commission would like to see a Social Action Commission working in each of the State Conventions. Your Commission would like to see, also, a Social Action Committee in every church affiliated with the convention. We would like to arrange for leadership to help churches that are interested in organizing such a committee; we would like to help those congregations that have committees to develop a full program. We would like to do these things, so that the actions taken by this convention on the recommendation of the Commission could be carried out in each church.

Seeing these things that would increase the total witness of the church, we have included in our recommendations this year one that if acted upon favorably, would enable us to undertake a beginning of this wider program.

Some of the major events of the past year indicate the direction of and play their part in shaping man's destiny. Some of these major events were:

The Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches meeting at Evanston; the Bandung Conference of the leaders of the nations of Asia and Africa; the restoration of Austria and parts of Germany to the family of free nations; the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the establishing of the United Nations; the meeting "at the summit" in Geneva of President Eisenhower, Eden, Bulganin, and Faure; the first conference on the peaceful uses of Atomic power, sponsored by the United Nations, participated in by most of the nations of the world; the mood of peace, the lessening of International tensions that have characterized the statements of both Russia and the United States.

These events are barometers indicating the strong desire for peace, the continuing struggle for equality, the age-long hope that



man will use economic and physical resources of the earth in ways that contribute to the community of all men.

Within the United States domestic events that indicate the trend are:

The continued high level general economic prosperity; The United States Court May 31, 1955, decision that places responsibility for integration of the public schools on local and state authorities; The reactions of public officials, school authorities, churchmen, and others to the implications of this May 31 decision; The decline of Senator McCarthy as a political figure and of McCarthyism as the controlling mood in many communities.

Taking the social pulse of America is never easy, but the statistics and findings on the great variety of American behavior patterns indicate that in spite of the widely-heralded "Return to Religion" that supposedly characterized America, as a people, we still spend more money on alcohol, or tobacco, or cosmetics, or entertainment than we do on education or church-related enterprises. And this nation claiming 60% of its people are church members! This is the great "social problem" that confronts the nation and which confronts our churches. How can the Christian Gospel, the fact of Christian community and brotherhood, be translated into the lives of our church members? How can the transforming power of Jesus Christ be brought to bear in our neighborhoods, our homes, our work situation, and our pocket-books?

One of the factors of our American life to which the church will need to give increasing attention is the new revolution in industry. "Automation" is the popular word, to describe the process of using electronically controlled machinery to do jobs previously requiring the presence of several skilled workers. This process as a process is to be welcomed as another step forward in man's long journey to avoid physically-shattering drudgery. The social implications of the process that are in some industries, and just those that employ the most workers, the number of workers that will be dismissed as the "automation" process is perfected. Jobs will be eliminated. Families of such workers? How will the increased leisure time of industrial workers be used? The Guaranteed Annual Wage may be part of the answer for which workers are looking, but it will be an answer for only those who are employed. Has the Church a solution to the issues raised by "automation" as an economic fact with which we must live?

Other social problems affecting our local and national life, which the Church is called upon to analyze and to assist in solving are: Delinquency, Adequate Housing, Sanitation and Health, Increasing Educational Opportunity, Control of Gambling, and the Alcoholic Beverage Industry.

To take the last mentioned first: The control of gambling and the control of the alcoholic beverage industry are pressing problems because the cloak of respectability has been carefully fastened by those who profit most, upon both the lottery and the drinking of alcoholic beverage. Americans have come to accept lotteries as respectable and then go on to conclude that it is therefore Christian. We have, as a nation, had it drilled in our ears and flashed before our eyes with such skill that we have come to believe that "beer belongs." In such an atmosphere of acceptance of the product, there is little disposition to keep controls effective on the makers of alcoholic beverages. The Church needs to keep aware of its responsi-



bility to distinguish between what is legal and what is "righteous." It needs to study and publish widely for its membership the measured effects of gambling upon family and community life. And it needs to keep alive the concern of its members to find ways to protest effectively the expansion of liquor manufacturers, and their practical monopoly of advertising.

Several of the problems listed above have bearing, or are the point of focus, for an inventory of the continuing struggle to improve relationships between racial groups in America. Such an inventory provides reason for rejoicing and a place for sorrow. The Supreme Court's May 31 decision on the integration of public schools has brought various results. Some immediate gains for those of us who are committed to an integrated society; some temporary postponements.

Since the decision there has been increased activity in the organization of groups who oppose what is now the declared law of the land. So long as these groups are committed to the policy and practice of working within the means available to change the interpretation of the Constitution, they may contribute to the health of America by helping all of us to examine the alternatives which they can suggest. But where such organizations which oppose the law use unlawful means of suppression of speech and free association, violence and the threat of violence, economic reprisals and persecution to dominate any community, the Church shares the responsibility of supporting the persecuted and exposing the unlawful persecution.

Most of the constituent members of the National Council of Churches have gone on record approving the end of segregation in the schools, and calling upon their churches to give leadership to the solution of local issues. Increasingly, in the past year, church bodies have been passing resolutions calling for the ending of segregation within the congregational life. This has been true of the Disciples of Christ meeting in state conventions. Our brotherhood held its first Conference on Desegregation in June in which church and agency leaders discussed steps to be taken to eliminate all barriers of race. The Survey of Racial Practices of the Disciples of Christ made early this year has found that about 20% of the churches responding have persons of at least two racial backgrounds as members of the congregation. In contrast, less than 5% of those responding indicated that they **would not** welcome persons of other races as members.

It remains our conviction that racial barriers to full citizenship, opportunity and fellowship constitutes the major domestic social issue for Americans. And racial barriers to full Christian fellowship remains the major issue for American churches. As American citizens and Christians we must give our support to every organization and group that is working to bring full justice, full equality, full dignity to every person. Our churches of the Disciples of Christ, generally speaking have an aroused conscience that something must be done. We now must devote ourselves to the practical skills of overcoming present habit patterns of behavior and thinking, so that all barriers between God's children will be removed.

Let us never forget that full citizenship involves greater responsibility on our part. While we push for equality, let the churches prepare our people with the attitudes and skills that we expect of all persons to whom we give leadership and trust. Everyone of us has a part of his Christian vocation, the responsibility to initiate

action in his own community to bring about full compliance with the Supreme Court's decision on the public schools. Everyone of us is required as part of his civic and Christian responsibility, to support with money and time the various groups that seek justice and equality through legal and economic means. Everyone of us shares the responsibility laid upon us by the Christian faith to work through our churches and the communities of which they are a part for the full realization of Christian brotherhood.

The churches of our convention must be increasingly concerned with the neighborhoods in which our people live. The customs and practices of the neighborhood do more to shape the lives of young people, children and adults than do the formal programs of education and preaching of our churches. Our churches must be concerned with the other institutions and agencies effecting for the lives of people good or ill in our neighborhoods. Christianity is concerned with the spiritual regeneration and the social redemption of every person. As Christ demonstrated, His Father and ours is concerned that men have nourishment for their bodies, minds and spirits.

Suitable housing, warm clothing, sufficient food, respect as a person, opportunity for developing the potentials of mind and body—all these are the concern of the Church because all these contribute to the development of whole persons.

The Church as the instrument through which God has chosen to gather into fellowship those who are followers of Jesus Christ, must earn through the service it renders the right to community leadership. It can lead man and the community to the constant examination of social, economic, and political practices in the light of the Christian Gospel. It can do this, however, only when the faithfulness of its members, the integrity of its leaders, and the genuineness of its love first directs it to remove from its congregational. We submit the following resolutions for your serious consideration and action.

#### I. WORLD PEACE

We are followers of the Prince of Peace. The Christian Church is dedicated to working for a lasting peace among the people of the world. We are grateful for the "easing of tensions" in the international situation, but we know that as long as nations continue to stockpile hydrogen and atomic bombs, that as long as there are suspicions and hatreds between nations; that as long as we as a people are spending more for instruments of war than for the programs for peace, we are not doing all that is possible for peace.

Be it resolved therefore:

1. That we ask the Program Committee for our Convention in 1956 to arrange for a guest leader who will speak to the Convention and lead a workshop on the technical agencies of the United Nations, so that we can become more acquainted with what these agencies are doing for peace.
2. That we urge each church affiliated with the National Convention to observe World Order Sunday October 24, 1955, in the morning service through a sermon on peace, the United Nations, or the churches working for peace.
3. That since the suffering of persons made homeless by world tensions continues and will continue until new homes are found for them, we urge our Social Action Commission to explore



with several of our churches and possibility of the churches resettling a refugee family.

### Resolutions

#### II. ALCOHOL AND GAMBLING

The use of alcohol as a beverage and the increased acceptance of gambling among the people of America causes serious infection in our family life. Both these social practices are contributing factors to broken homes, juvenile delinquency, divorce, political corruption, and the increasing number of deaths on the highway.

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That we commend our brotherhood publications such as the Christian Evangelist for its continuing efforts through editorials and articles to keep this issue before our church people.
2. That our churches strengthen the protests already made to radio, television, newspapers, and magazines about the nature of the liquor advertising they carry. We suggest the following specific project for all the churches.

That in April, 1956, a group in each church undertake the following: Using the March, 1956, magazines, to cut out each liquor ad and mail it to the magazine with a note which says: "We like your magazine but we do not like this kind of misleading advertising coming into our homes."

3. That our churches be encouraged to protest publicly the bringing of gambling or liquor establishments into the community near the church and that we continue to voice our opposition to legalizing gambling under the pretext of helping social service or religious groups.

### Resolutions

#### III. EQUALITY OF PEOPLE

We call upon the joint committee that has been working on the matter of admission without regard to race to make a full report of its findings at the 1956 assembly of this Convention.

#### IV. THE CHURCH AND FAMILY LIFE

Vandalism by teen-agers has not decreased in the United States over the past year. One of the factors, if not the major factor, causing this destructive spirit in youth is the lack of parental affection and training. The home life of many of these destructive young people is less than adequate because of the absence of both parents from the home. Many of these mothers work in factories or other places. While we recognize the economic factors that bear upon this decision of both parents to be gainfully employed, we yet must express our concern that parents may deprive their children of essential attention and care by such arrangement and do what we can to help the young people of our communities find a wholesome and constructive life. While we work at the basic economic factors in such a situation, there are some things our churches can do to alleviate some of the community and family tensions that are the result of such neglected home life.

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That we encourage each church to study its community in terms of what recreational, nursery, or social needs of the young people the church can provide; and what needs, which the church cannot meet, should be brought to the attention of community agencies.
2. That the church establish a regular monthly Family-Night at the church to which all families of the congregation would be

- invited for purposes of recreation and fellowship.
3. That each church explore the situation of its own members and find if there are ways that some families could be helped by arranging for the care of the children in those instances where both parents must work.

#### V. SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION

The social witness of the churches to the concern of Christ for every human relationship would be strengthened by the work of a Committee on Social Education and Action in each church affiliated with the Convention. Some churches have such committees, but most do not. The Social Action Commission has been created by this Convention to give leadership to this important area of the Church's task. Without a budget the work of this Commission has been limited to the preparing of an annual report to be made to the Convention with accompanying resolutions. With some money to be used for necessary travel for volunteer leaders, for regular meetings of the Commission, and for a minimum amount of research, the Commission could provide more definite help to those churches desiring to organize and implement a program of Social Action.

Therefore be it resolved:

That this convention request the Trustees to provide \$600.00 to the social Action Commission to be used in the current year for:

- a. Necessary travel and expenses for volunteer leaders who would help churches set up and organize social education and action committees.
- b. The beginning of a regular program of research on matters of importance to this Convention.
- c. Necessary expenses for the holding of regular meetings of the Commission for the planning of program in the area of the Church and social issues.

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E. W. Henry  
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#### REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN PLEA EDITOR

(From August 1, 1954, to July 31, 1955)

W. K. Fox, Editor

##### Introduction

The editor of The Christian Plea has endeavored to foster the interest of the National Christian Missionary Convention and the general brotherhood during the past 12 months through our national organ. The editorship aspect has been a privilege and pleasure; however, the response from patrons and potential supporters from the field has been weighed and found wanting.

The National Convention needs a better means for keeping its constituency (as well as other interested persons within the brotherhood) informed of its objectives and program progress. It has been expressed by many that the present publication is capable of meeting this need. However, it is the opinion of key brotherhood leadership that some type of plan needs to be adopted whereby a greater number of Disciples throughout our nation and the world could receive



the benefit of a meaningful Convention release.

In order that we all might get the factual picture of the status quo of The Christian Plea, the editor is giving all of our basic financial details involving the management and editorship of our publication for the past twelve months. It is hoped that at this convention a bold, new and courageous step will be taken which will point toward a more vital Christian witness in our time.

#### **Field of Activity of the Editor**

1. He attended the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches of Christ held in Evanston, Illinois, last August, 1954. Reports of his impressions (for the six days he was there) and practical suggestions for the brotherhood appeared in the form of three successive articles in the October, November, and December issues of The Christian Plea.
2. He appeared in Port Gibson, Mississippi, at the memorial service for Elder I. C. Franklin in September, 1954, (in behalf of the National Christian Missionary Convention).
3. He attended two trustee board meetings and the program planning conference (all held in Indianapolis).

#### **Promotional Efforts**

1. Pastors of churches were singled out who have few or no subscribers within the membership and requested to support The Christian Plea through suggested "package deal" plans.
2. Strategically located white pastors in 25 churches were sent personal (air mail) letters asking for subscriptions or club sponsors.
3. Posted "Renew Your Subscription" plugs in regular releases of our publication.
4. In cooperation with The Christian Board of Publication, placed a promotional statement on the back of the Convention Notebook; this was used in the St. Louis Convention.

#### **Major Problems**

1. September 29, 1954, Mr. W. G. Krager of The Christian Board of Publishing (auditing department) discovered that "the charge should have been \$109.53 for the month of February, 1954, which was erroneously omitted." This has been added to a previous balance which has been lagging due to a lack of available funds.
2. At present we are behind in our payments to The Christian Board of Publication. (Supplemental receipts to the regular convention check of \$133.00 trickle in at such a sluggish rate that we have not been able to keep up with obligations.) As of August 1, 1955, owed \$343.48.

NOTE: The following is the basic monthly financial need for publishing The Christian Plea. (Compare with actual expenditure in report.)

\$199.00—Our share for printing (without cuts, etc.).

40.00—Management expense payable to editor.

15.00—Mailing expense (without plate servicing).

2.00—Postage.

15.00—Secretarial or office machine service.

\$182.00—MINIMUM COST PER MONTH (not considering extras).

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. The editor recommends that the Trustee Board consider a major revision of our program for a convention publication, and that such revision be set in motion within the next twelve months. The details of this proposal will be presented to the Trustee Board at this convention.
2. It is further recommended that "Loyalty Offerings" be taken in this convention to liquidate The Christian Plea indebtedness.

**CHRISTIAN PLEA RECEIPTS**  
**(SUMMARIZED VIA BANK DEPOSITS)**

**August 1, 1954—July 31, 1955**

|                               |          |            |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Brought Forward July 31, 1954 | \$ 29.80 |            |
| August, 2, 1954               | 109.00   |            |
| August 20, 1954               | 80.00    |            |
| August 24, 1954               | 17.85    |            |
| September 3, 1954             | 30.00    |            |
| September 20, 1954            | 273.00   |            |
| October 12, 1954              | 12.00    |            |
| November 3, 1954              | 144.85   |            |
| November 9, 1954              | 7.50     |            |
| November 15, 1954             | 10.50    |            |
| December 10, 1954             | 134.50   |            |
| December 21, 1954             | 12.55    |            |
| January 7, 1955               | 136.00   |            |
| February 3, 1955              | 136.00   |            |
| March 31, 1955                | 135.50   |            |
| March 31, 1955                | 157.60   |            |
| April 8, 1955                 | 11.00    |            |
| May 3, 1955                   | 136.00   |            |
| June 2, 1955                  | 123.00   |            |
| June 21, 1955                 | 20.50    |            |
| June 29, 1955                 | 44.25    |            |
| July 5, 1955                  | 133.00   |            |
| July 28, 1955                 | 133.00   | 2,027.40   |
| Total Receipts                |          | \$2,027.40 |

**Itemization of Subscriptions Received in St. Louis Office**  
**(and Other Receipts)**

**August 1, 1954—August 5, 1955**

**1954**

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|-----------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| August 1  | Donational National Convention            | \$ 100.00 |
| August 17 | J. E. Banks, Bluefield, W. Va.            | 1.50      |
| August 19 | Thomas Griffin, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma   | 1.50      |
| August 19 | Dr. C. C. Mosley, Jackson, Mississippi    | 1.50      |
| August 19 | Mrs. F. Wiley, Brooklyn, New York         | 1.50      |
| August 18 | Mrs. L. Shumate, Cleveland, Ohio          | 1.50      |
| August 18 | Mrs. Chris. Smith, Knoxville, Tennessee   | 1.50      |
| August 18 | Mrs. C. P. Phillip, Temple, Texas         | 1.50      |
| August 18 | Mrs. C. V. Larance, Wichita, Kansas       | 1.50      |
| August 18 | Mrs. Martha Robinson, Wichita, Kansas     | 1.50      |
| August 18 | Mrs. Maude Jackson, Birmingham, Alabama   | 1.50      |
| August 18 | Mrs. Sallie Crawford, Dayton, Ohio        | 1.50      |
| August 18 | Mrs. A. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma | 1.50      |
| August 18 | Elder E. W. Henry, Palestine, Texas.      | 1.50      |



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|--------------|--------------------------------------------|---------|
| August 18    | Elder M. C. Knowles, Macon, Georgia        | 1.50    |
| August 18    | Elder W. M. McLaurin, Fayetteville, N. C.  | 1.50    |
| August 18    | Elder C. M. Roach, Louisville, Kentucky    | 1.50    |
| August 18    | Elder D. C. Artix, Wilson, North Carolina  | 1.50    |
| August 18    | H. C. Penn, Roanoke, Virginia              | 1.50    |
| August 18    | Moses Brown, Jackson, Mississippi          | 1.50    |
| August 18    | Mrs. Nellie Sharp, Los Angeles, California | 1.50    |
| August 18    | Wm. J. Alphin, St. Louis, Missouri         | 1.50    |
| August 18    | Elder T. R. Moore, Greenville, Texas       | 1.50    |
| August 18    | Mrs. Pearl Walker, Dallas, Texas           | 1.50    |
| August 18    | Elder B. L. Jacobs, Edwards, Miss.         | 1.50    |
| August 18    | Elder L. F. Sledge, Kansas City, Kansas    | 1.50    |
| August 18    | Elder F. T. Barnett, Cleveland, Ohio       | 1.50    |
| August 18    | Mrs. I. W. Dean, Little Rock, Arkansas     | 1.50    |
| August 18    | Elder F. T. Barnett, Cleveland, Ohio       | * 9.00  |
| August 19    | Elder R. E. Brown, Hannibal, Missouri      | 11.50   |
| August 19    | Elder S. Edwards, Pensacola, Florida       | 1.50    |
| August 19    | Mrs. Amanda Davis, Kansas City, Kansas     | 1.50    |
| August 19    | Elder R. Hines, Norfolk, Virginia          | 1.50    |
| August 19    | Mrs. Gladys Gantt, Nashville, Tennessee    | 1.50    |
| August 19    | Elder C. L. Whitfield, Baltimore, Maryland | 1.50    |
| August 19    | R. M. McDuffey, Cincinnati, Ohio           | 1.50    |
| August 19    | Mrs. Callie Wintersmith, Louisville        | ** 3.00 |
| August 19    | Elder W. L. Gilmore, Muskogee, Oklahoma    | 1.50    |
| August 19    | Mrs. Ethel Bass, Dayton, Ohio              | 1.50    |
| August 19    | Mrs. Minnie Warre, Ecorse, Mich.           | 1.50    |
| August 19    | Mrs. Lenora Rolla, Ft. Worth, Texas        | 1.50    |
| August 19    | Mrs. Louis Butler, Dayton, Ohio            | 1.50    |
| August 20    | Elder G. B. Tarrance, Los Angeles          | 1.50    |
| August 20    | Elder F. T. Floy, Louisville, Kentucky     | * 1.25  |
| August 20    | Mrs. Gladys Harrison, Indianapolis         | 1.50    |
| August 20    | Mrs. Vera Pearson, Warren, Ohio            | 1.50    |
| August 20    | Mrs. A. E. Sanford, Jefferson City, Mo.    | 1.50    |
| August 20    | Mrs. Vera Robinson, Marshall, Texas        | 1.50    |
| August 21    | Mrs. Lillian B. Robinson, Cincinnati, Ohio | 1.50    |
| August 21    | Mrs. H. M. Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio         | 1.50    |
| August 21    | Alfred Edwards, Des Moines, Iowa           | 1.50    |
| August 21    | Mrs. R. L. Groves, Jefferson City, Mo.     | 1.50    |
| August 21    | Miss Rosa Brown, Indianapolis, Indiana     | 1.50    |
| August 21    | Ralph E. McWilliams, Indianapolis, Indiana | 1.50    |
| August 21    | Mrs. Katie Yarbrough, Memphis, Tennessee   | 1.50    |
| August 21    | Mrs. Ruby Ingram, Chicago, Ill.            | 1.50    |
| August 21    | Mrs. Marie Brown, Knoxville, Tennessee     | 1.50    |
| August 22    | Mrs. A. E. Willis, Detroit, Michigan       | 1.50    |
| August 24    | Miss Mary H. Bassett, Bassett, Virginia    | 1.50    |
| August 24    | Elder R. W. Watson, Kansas City, Mo.       | ** 3.75 |
| August 24    | Mrs. Ila Ramsey, Chicago, Ill.             | 1.50    |
| August 24    | L. V. Isaac, Mineola, Texas                | 1.50    |
| August 24    | Mrs. C. J. Barnes, Los Angeles, Calif.     | * 3.75  |
| August 24    | J. C. Lewis, Chicago, Ill.                 | 1.50    |
| August 24    | Mrs. Harold Kelley, Richmond, Indiana      | 1.50    |
| September 20 | Donational National Convention             | 273.00  |
| November 3   | Donational National Convention             | 133.00  |
| November 5   | Elder R. H. Mitchell, Dublin, Georgia      | 1.50    |
| November 5   | Elder J. R. Hilson, Tennille, Georgia      | 1.50    |
| November 5   | Miss M. L. Smith, Tennille, Georgia        | 1.50    |
| November 5   | Elder W. T. Williams, Atlanta, Georgia     | 1.50    |
| November 5   | Miss M. L. Smith, Tennille, Georgia        | 1.50    |
| November 5   | Elder Eugene Mason, Montgomery, Alabama    | 1.50    |

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| November 9  | Dr. J. Q. A. Martin, New Bern, N. C. ....   | 1.50    |
| November 9  | Mrs. T. C. Dickson, Indianapolis, Ind. .... | 1.50    |
| November 13 | John T. Smith, Louisville, Kentucky ....    | 1.50    |
| December 8  | Donational National Convention ....         | 133.00  |
| December 14 | Elder D. W. Heath, Rockford, Illinois ....  | * 2.55  |
| December 21 | Mrs. O. B. Garner, Lexington, Kentucky .... | 1.50    |
| December 27 | Mrs. Thomas Callens ....                    | 1.50    |
| December 31 | Donational National Convention ....         | 133.00  |
| December 31 | Cherry St. Church, Canton, Ohio ....        | * 10.00 |

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| January 15  | Mrs. O. B. Garner, Lexington, Kentucky ....      | * 1.50  |
| January 18  | Dr. Harvey Baker Smith, Marshall, Mo. ....       | 1.50    |
| January 19  | John Edwards, New Brunswick, New Jersey ....     | 1.50    |
| January 28  | Donational National Convention ....              | 133.00  |
| February 7  | Mrs. Frances Arnold, Los Angeles, Calif. ....    | 1.50    |
| February 14 | Richard Cole, Little Rock, Arkansas ....         | * 4.50  |
| February 24 | Mrs. O. B. Garner, Lexington, Kentucky ....      | ** 1.50 |
| February 25 | Donational National Convention, Memphis ....     | 133.00  |
| March 7     | Mrs. Malinda Scott, Clarksdale, Miss ....        | 1.50    |
| March 14    | Second Church, Indianapolis, Indiana ....        | * 20.00 |
| March 23    | Ohio Missionary Society, Cleveland, Ohio ....    | 1.50    |
| March 28    | Donational National Convention, Memphis ....     | 133.00  |
| April 1     | E. B. Penn, Roanoke, Virginia ....               | 1.50    |
| April 2     | Mrs. O. B. Garner, Lexington, Kentucky ....      | * 1.50  |
| April 3     | Mrs. Daisy Williams, Birmingham, Alabama ....    | * 6.50  |
| April 5     | Miss Anna B. Jackson, Indianapolis, Indiana .... | 1.50    |
| April 5     | Elder W. D. Johnson, Birmingham, Alabama ....    | 1.50    |
| April 7     | Mrs. D. J. Holden, Little Rock, Arkansas ....    | 1.50    |
| April 25    | Mrs. A. M. Haygood, Birmingham, Alabama ....     | 1.50    |
| April 28    | Mrs. Cammie Doolin, Frankfort, Missouri ....     | 1.50    |
| April 29    | Donational National Convention, Memphis ....     | 133.00  |
| April 30    | Mrs. O. B. Garner, Lexington, Kentucky ....      | 1.50    |
| May 21      | Elder Richard Cole, Little Rock, Arkansas ....   | * 3.00  |
| May 24      | Elder A. H. Patterson, Los Angeles, Calif. ....  | 1.50    |
| May 30      | Donational National Convention, Memphis ....     | 133.00  |
| June 4      | Mrs. O. B. Garner, Lexington, Kentucky ....      | * 1.50  |
| June 6      | Mrs. Agenora Millner, Reidsville, N. C. ....     | * 2.50  |
| June 6      | S. W. Hylton, Roanoke, Virginia ....             | 1.50    |
| June 6      | C. W. Spencer, Roanoke, Virginia ....            | 1.50    |
| June 18     | Elder R. W. Watson, Kansas City, Kansas ....     | ** 9.00 |
| June 20     | Mrs. Mary Ratten, Okmulgee, Oklahoma ....        | 1.50    |
| June 23     | Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Memphis, Tennessee ....        | 41.25   |
| June 30     | Donational National Convention, Memphis ....     | 133.00  |
| July 21     | Mrs. O. B. Garner, Lexington, Kentucky ....      | * 1.50  |
| July 28     | Donational Convention, Memphis ....              | 133.00  |
| August 5    | Mrs. Sophia Smith, Chicago, Ill. ....            | 1.50    |

## TOTAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS (ITEMIZED)

DONATIONS &amp; SALES ..... \$1,961.05



**ITEMIZATION OF CHRISTIAN PLEA EXPENDITURES  
(VIA CHECK)**

**August 1, 1954—July 21, 1955**

| Printing (Includes cuts and engraving)  | Payments  | Totals    | Budget     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 9/20/54 Christian Board of Publication  | \$ 250.00 |           |            |
| 12/21/54 Christian Board of Publication | 175.00    |           |            |
| 2/ 7/55 Christian Board of Publication  | 65.00     |           |            |
| 1/31/55 Christian Board of Publication  | 50.00     |           |            |
| 4/11/55 Christian Board of Publication  | 150.00    |           |            |
| 7/22/55 Christian Board of Publication  | 195.00    |           |            |
| 7/30/55 Christian Board Publication     | 50.00     | \$ 935.00 | \$1,560.00 |

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|--------------------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Mailing (Includes servicing of plates)     |       |        |        |
| 8/ 5/54 National Mailing Service, Inc.     | 26.87 |        |        |
| 10/ 5/54 National Mailing Service, Inc.    | 36.97 |        |        |
| 10/29/54 National Mailing Service, Inc.    | 21.23 |        |        |
| 1/31/55 National Mailing Service, Inc.     | 33.22 |        |        |
| 3/ 4/55 National Mailing Service, Inc.     | 16.54 |        |        |
| 4/11/55 N. C. M. S. (Sales Lit.) back bill | 8.01  |        |        |
| 5/ 9/55 National Mailing Service, Inc.     | 43.53 |        |        |
| 7/18/55 National Mailing Service, Inc.     | 16.78 |        |        |
| 7/30/55 National Mailing Service, Inc.     | 15.00 | 218.15 | 175.00 |

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|------------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| Office Help (Personnel and machine)      |         |        |        |
| 8/15/54 thru 11/1/55 varied office help  | 29.00   |        |        |
| 11/17/54 Miss Dorothy Flowers            | 6.90    |        |        |
| 1/ 5/55 Help from use Edison Voicewriter | 7.35    |        |        |
| 2/ 7/55 Help from use of Voicewriter     | 114.75  |        |        |
| 4/11/55 Help from use of Voicewriter     | 16.75   |        |        |
| 6/ 2/55 Help from use of Voicewriter     | 44.25   |        |        |
| 7/30/55 Help from use of Voicewriter     | 14.75 * | 133.25 | 208.00 |

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| Donations on Personal Expense of Management |       |        |        |
| 8/24/54 W. K. Fox, Convention Donation      | 50.00 |        |        |
| 9/27/54 W. K. Fox, Convention Donation      | 40.00 |        |        |
| 10/17/54 W. K. Fox, Convention Donation     | 40.00 |        |        |
| 12/21/54 W. K. Fox, Convention Donation     | 40.00 |        |        |
| 1/--/55 W. K. Fox, Convention Donation      | 47.35 |        |        |
| 2/ 7/55 W. K. Fox, Convention Donation      | 40.00 |        |        |
| 3/ 4/55 W. K. Fox, Convention Donation      | 40.00 |        |        |
| 3/ 3/55 W. K. Fox, Convention Donation      | 45.00 |        |        |
| 5/ 9/55 W. K. Fox, Convention Donation      | 40.00 |        |        |
| 6/20/55 W. K. Fox, Convention Donation      | 40.00 |        |        |
| 7/20/55 W. K. Fox, Convention Donation      | 40.00 |        |        |
| 7/30/55 W. K. Fox, Convention Donation      | 40.00 | 502.35 | 480.00 |

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| Promotion (Stamps, Cards, mailing fees)   |       |       |        |
| 10/ 5/54 Postage and cards                | 5.75  |       |        |
| 1/24/54 Postage and cards                 | 8.00  |       |        |
| 12/29/54 Postage and cards                | 5.00  |       |        |
| 1/ 5/55 Postage                           | 6.00  |       |        |
| 2/ 9/55 Postage and cards                 | 8.50  |       |        |
| 3/25/55 Postage and cards                 | 5.25  |       |        |
| 5/25/55 Postage and cards                 | 10.60 |       |        |
| 7/ 5/55 Rental fee for 1 year on Box 4427 | 12.00 |       |        |
| 7/30/55 Deposit, Postmaster for mailing   | 8.00  | 69.10 | 480.00 |

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| Travel Expense                       |                                           |            |              |
| 8/24/54                              | Supplemental from WCC Trip                | 50.00      |              |
| 9/ 8/54                              | Trip to Port Gibson for Funeral           | 35.00      | 85.00 340.00 |
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| Special Services (Photography, etc.) |                                           |            |              |
| 4/11/54                              | Alfred Edwards, Des Moines, Ia.           | 4.00       | 4.00 120.00  |
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| Miscellaneous                        |                                           |            |              |
| 4/ 6/55                              | Membership Fee in Associated Church Press | 10.00      | 10.00 60.00  |
| <hr/>                                |                                           |            |              |
|                                      |                                           | \$1,956.63 | \$3,495.00   |
|                                      |                                           | (Spent)    | (Budget)     |

**SUMMARY**

| PHASE OF OPERATION              |                   | BUDGET            |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Share of Printing Costs         | \$ 935.00         | \$1,560.00        |
| Mailing (and Plate Servicing)   | 217.93            | 175.00            |
| Office Help                     | 133.25            | 208.00            |
| Donations on Management Expense | 502.35            | 480.00            |
| Promotion (Stamps, Cards, Fees) | 69.10             | 480.00            |
| Travel of Editor                | 85.00             | 340.00            |
| Special Services                | 4.00              | 120.00            |
| Miscellaneous                   | 10.00             | 60.00             |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                   | <b>\$1,956.63</b> | <b>\$3,495.00</b> |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>           |                   | <b>\$2,027.50</b> |
| <b>TOTAL SPENT</b>              |                   | <b>1,956.63</b>   |
| <b>BALANCE ON HAND</b>          |                   | <b>\$ 70.87</b>   |

**Key for Receipt Section**

\* Money received from sales.

\*\* Two or more subscriptions

**Note**

1. By using a voicewriter for other work, the editor is able to act as his own secretary.
2. Balance due The Christian Board of Publication as of

August 1, 1955, was \$343.48. (This does not include the \$100 charge which has been made for the August-September, 1955, issue.

3. Not listed among the receipts is an item of \$20.00 from the Pension Fund for advertisement in our paper.

**REPORT OF THE NATIONAL BOARD****R. L. Saunders, Secretary**

To the Officers and Delegates of the Thirty-ninth Annual National Christian Missionary Convention of the Disciples of Christ, Greetings:

As the Secretary of the Convention, I hereby submit this report of the National Board and Trustee meetings. The following meetings have been held:

Two (2) NATIONAL BOARD AND TRUSTEE MEETINGS  
—(one at the close of the 1954 Convention held in St. Louis, Missouri; and one (1) at the beginning of the 1955 Convention held at Dayton, Ohio.

The August, 1954, meeting concerned itself with the election of



the Trustees for the New Year and the setting up of the organization for the new Convention year. The 1955 Board Meetings held at this session, reviewed the work of the Trustee Board meetings, special committees appointed by the Trustee Board during the year, and considered the Annual Reports of the Staff Workers, Treasurer, and Editor of the Christian Plea. The National Board feels that a commendable job has been done by the Officers and Staff of the National Christian Missionary Convention, and is grateful for the same.

During the year two (2) Trustee Meetings and one (1) meeting of the Administrative and Finance Committee have been held. These three meetings were held at the Second Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, with the President of the Convention, R. H. Peoples, host pastor. All of the meetings were fairly well attended and the results of the meetings have been seen in the development and growth of our work.

The Trustee Board, in addition to listening to and considering the Quarterly Reports of the work done by the members of the Staff, Treasurer, and a report of the Editor of the Christian Plea, gave themselves to the consideration and discussion of many suggestions and recommendations that have made the work of the National Convention more effective during the year, and the years to come.

Some of the major concerns of the Trustee Board this year have been in the areas of Evangelism, Stewardship and Finance Promotion. The completion of the Rosa Page Welch Scholarship Fund, the project in Capital for Kingdom Building, Local Church concerns and will come before us at this 1955 Session of our National Convention for its consideration and adoption as a result of these Trustee meetings.

During the year a National Evangelism Workshop was held by the National Convention, which proved very successful and helpful to the local churches. This was the first of its kind to be held by the Convention. It was held with the Second Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. During the year a Finance Promotional Committee was set up. It is the hope of the Board that this Committee's work will make for greater financial support to the work of the Convention.

Some of the important recommendations passed in the Board meetings which directly concerns the local churches are as follows:

#### **RECOMMENDATION FROM MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEPTEMBER, 1954**

(No. 5) We recommend that the Rosa Page Welch Scholarship Fund be set up under a special committee and that it be promoted on an individual basis; and that promotional expenses be allowed on a percentage basis decided on by the Trustees. (See revised statement in Minutes.)

(No. 6) We recommend that all future National Convention projects be planned far enough in advance to be incorporated into the total budget.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** \*(No. 6) We suggest that letters be written to state secretaries requesting that all Negro ministers and church leaders in the state be included in the initial planning of promotional assemblies held by brotherhood workers and that an invitation be extended to the Negro workers.

(No. 8) That the principle of the State Rally be preserved and promoted at the Annual Convention.

We recommended the following Operating and Asking Budget for 1955-56 be approved as follows:

## 1955-56 Budget

|                                          |             |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Salaries .....                           | \$23,459.00 |
| Executive Secretary                      |             |
| Director of Christian Education          |             |
| Director of Church Development           |             |
| Director of Christian Women's Fellowship |             |
| Two Office Secretaries                   |             |
| Travel .....                             | 6,000.00    |
| Nashville, Tennessee .....               | 300.00      |
| Office Expense and Equipment .....       | 2,000.00    |
| Program .....                            | 2,000.00    |
| National Convention and Trustees .....   | 2,400.00    |
| Christian Plea .....                     | 1,600.00    |
| Pension Dues .....                       | 1,600.00    |
| Ministerial Training .....               | 1,000.00    |
| Contingent .....                         | 741.00      |
| Promotion .....                          | 1,500.00    |
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|                                          | \$42,600.00 |

## 1955-56 Askings

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|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
| United Christian Missionary Society ..... | \$15,000.00 |
| National Christian Missionary Convention  |             |
| Churches .....                            | 15,000.00   |
| Taylor Estate .....                       | 4,000.00    |
| Christian Board of Publication .....      | 4,000.00    |
| Board of Church Extension .....           | 1,000.00    |
| Pension Fund .....                        | 800.00      |
| Board of Higher Education .....           | 400.00      |
| National Benevolent Association .....     | 1,000.00    |
| Field Reports .....                       | 600.00      |
| Special Funds .....                       | 800.00      |

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to the Officers of the Convention and to all the members of the many churches who have helped in any way to make this year a successful one, and we solicit your needed support this year.

### REPORT OF THE THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT A. C. Stone

Mr. President, Members of the Board and Friends of the Convention:

Last year in St. Louis I accepted the office of Third Vice-President of the Convention and presiding officer of the Department of Christian Education, with deep humility and a feeling of not being capable of such a responsibility. However, because of the fine support of leaders like you it has been a real joy for me to serve.

This has been a year of challenge to me and one that has brought to me many opportunities for growth and development. I attended the CPC meeting at Spring Mill Inn, Mitchell, Indiana, serving on the Adult Committee section. I was also appointed Vice-Chairman of the Leadership Administrators section. It was my privilege to attend the Fall Planning Conference and Commission in Indianapolis Thanksgiving week-end. Out of that a special committee was appointed to give some study as to some specific plans on the Year of Christian Education emphasis. This committee met in St. Louis and as a result the leaflet entitled "This Is Where We Start" was produced. We also had a meeting of the Promotional and Finance Committee of the department in Cincinnati, at Hotel Mance. This committee met for the purpose of giving some thought to the church schools.



It was also my privilege to attend the Twenty-third International Sunday School Convention which met in Cleveland, Ohio, July 27-31. This was a very inspirational meeting with leaders in Christian Education gathered from all parts of the country and Canada, as well as other countries of the world. I want you to know that I count it a real privilege to have this opportunity to serve. It has been one of real joy as well as a challenge.

Now for what lies ahead. . . . We are now in Our Year of Christian Education." One which presents some real challenging goals for all our churches. These goals can be achieved and they must be if our church is to match the needs of this hour. I call on all of you to redouble your efforts and may I remind you that you will be called on to go the second round, but I have faith in all of you to believe that you will do it without complaining. In the name of our Lord and Master let us go forth now to put forth every effort to teach as never before.

### **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**S. W. Hyton, Sr.**

Mr. President, Officers, Members and Friends of the Thirty-ninth Annual Session of the National Christian Missionary Convention:

This has been a happy privilege to serve with you and for you during the past twelve months, in carrying forward our great brotherhood program. We note with a degree of satisfaction the progress of the men's work in their local Fellowship Groups and in their cooperation with both state and national programs. I see definite signs of advancement of the men of the churches to greater Christian Service in response to the call that has gone out, challenging all men to stand with Christ and His Church, in meeting the many and great needs of our world.

I shall give you a brief resume' of my activities as President of the Christian Men's Fellowship during the past year.

September—We held two important meetings with the men of Loudon Avenue Christian Church with good results.

October—I attended the Worker's Planning Meeting held at Fayette Street Christian Church, in Martinsville, Virginia, where I made contact with State Presidents and other leaders in the Piedmont Tri-State Convention Christian Men's Fellowship.

October 25-31—The International Convention of the Disciples of Christ was in session in Miami, Florida. As your delegate, it was one of the great experiences of my life. The theme of this Convention was, "God Or Mammon." At this gathering I was impressed with the need for and support of this International Convention of the Disciples of Christ. Also, during the month of October, I attended the Men's Day Service at Loudon Avenue Christian Church.

November—I had the opportunity to visit the Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, where I enjoyed a great fellowship, and spoke in the interest of the program of our National Christian Missionary Convention. The Roanoke Area Christian Men's Fellowship held a dinner-meeting in November, 1954, and this enabled me to make some valuable contacts with State Workers of Virginia. While attending an Area Meeting of our District Christian Men's Fellowship at Mt. Zion Christian Church at Floyd, Virginia, we met with representatives of four other Christian Men's Fellowship groups in that area.

December—We held a one-day conference with leaders from West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina in regard to our work here in

Piedmont Tri-State Area.

January—Attended the Quarterly Roanoke Area Christian Men's Fellowship dinner-meeting at First Christian Church, Roanoke, Virginia, and gained much information and help from those present.

March—Christian Men's Fellowship Retreat held with the Jerusalem Christian Church in Martinsville, Virginia. There we witnessed great inspirational messages and commitments to Christ by those in attendance.

April—Attended Area Meeting of the Christian Men's Fellowship; worked in the Program of Visitation of Loudon Avenue Christian Church, Roanoke, Virginia. Many added to the church.

May—Guest speaker both morning and afternoon with the Summit Avenue Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio. There we found a very active Christian Men's Fellowship Group headed by Brothers Butler and Owens and their pastor, Rev. Eli Wilbert. I also served as guest speaker at the Cleveland Avenue Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on the occasion of Men's Day. There we had very fine organized groups of men, under the leadership of Brother A. I. Terrell. In May I also visited the Twelfth Street Christian Church, Washington, D. C., and spoke to them on the work of the Convention and its great needs.

June—I served as guest speaker for the Men's Day service at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Roanoke; attended a special service for men at Loudon Avenue Christian Church, the Roanoke Area Meeting of C. M. F. meeting with the Bethan Christian Church.

August 3-7—The Piedmont Tri-State Christian Convention was held in Roanoke, Virginia. There the reports of Men's Work were very encouraging. One of the great disappointments of the year was that due to illness I was unable to attend the World's Convention held in Toronto, Canada, August 14-21. I had long looked forward to the fellowships and information which I might have gained from this Convention, and from working with the leaders in Christian Men's Fellowship groups throughout the world, as they assembled in Christian Men's Fellowship Commission, which met prior to the World's Convention.

As I have come in contact with the various Men's Fellowship groups throughout the year I have endeavored to bring them face to face with the great need for surrendering ourselves to Christ's Church and to His way of life.

I am very grateful to Rev. E. W. Henry of Roanoke, Virginia, our Evangelist and State Worker for the Piedmont Tri-State Convention for the very fine job he is doing in promoting the various departments of our church. He has been of great help to me.

I am also mindful of the counsel and cooperation that I have received from the President of this great Convention, our Executive Secretary, and other members of his staff, our ministers and leaders of this convention have all been very helpful.

Our plea has been to call men from the back rows of slowfulness and indifference to the front-line of active leadership in the Church of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As we come to the close of this conventional year may we realize our mistakes of the past and with repentance of our failures, go forth with faith and courage, guided by the Spirit of Him Who gave us the great mission of teaching all nations. May we resolve in our hearts today to go forth from here to live, preach, teach, and work for this great program of Christian Education.



**REPORT OF THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES,  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC.**

**J. F. Whitfield**

THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES continues to urge the religious community of the United States to carry out its responsibility to support all agencies which are attempting to promote world peace, political and economic stability among peoples who have recently achieved a larger measure of freedom; social and spiritual growth in areas where peoples have been deprived of opportunities to develop their capacities and inclinations for expansion and progress.

THE COUNCIL HAS URGED SUPPORT OF UNITED NATIONS AND ITS AGENCIES. Because the United Nations is the best WORLD ORGANIZATION that has thus far been devised to promote with a measure of authority the cause of WORLD PEACE, the Council feels that the church has no other choice but to give unqualified support to this great organization, which, in spite of its many shortcomings, has achieved a significant amount of cooperation and practical support on the part of all co-political parties in our own Nation. Noticeable strides have been made since the end of WORLD WAR II in the way of achieving stability in Europe and parts of Asia. The COLD WAR has been kept cold; Korea has been pacified after a struggle that nobody wanted in particular; progress has been made in carrying out successfully practical POINT FOUR programs in several undeveloped countries, notably in Iraq, Egypt, India, Burma, and the Philippines.

THE FRATERNAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SUPPORTED THE BANDUNG CONFERENCE. Very likely history will some day record that the Conference of the Colored Races at Bandung, Dutch East Indies, last spring did more to inspire success attitudes on the part of THE BIG FOUR World Leaders in Geneva, Switzerland, last July, than any other single factor. Bandung was a significant success in that for the first time in history such a great number of Colored Peoples came together to discuss their common political, economic, social and cultural problems and to adopt practical measures of solution or amelioration. No doubt this fact has had a salutary effect upon Russia, for, after all, the ruling class in Russia belongs not to the Colored Races, but to the Western European Caucasian with its Eastern European antecedents. Therefore, it is plain to observe that Russia's best interest is served when she attempts to work out world problems with England, France, Germany, and the United States rather than with China and Japan, exclusive of the interest and cooperation of England, France, Germany, and the United States. The National Fraternal Council urges support of future similar conferences, for they will increasingly deter military aggression in Europe and the United States, for fear of a greater menace which is less susceptible to control.

THE COUNCIL BELIEVES THAT OUR NUMBER ONE DOMESTIC PROBLEM, RACIAL SEGREGATION AS A SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICY, COMES UNDER THE SCRUTINY OF BANDUNG AND GENEVA. No problem facing the United States in the last ten years has influenced its decision in matters of National and International statesmanship as has the problem of racial segregation as a social and economic policy. On every hand our country has had

to meet and attempt to deal with this problem abroad as an international issue. European countries may have their class systems, Central Europe may have its religious regimentation, India may have its caste system, but all of this is never as embarrassing to those peoples in international politics as our policy of segregation on the sole ground of race and color and previous social status is to us. There are those of our citizens who are daily criticizing our Secretary of State and our diplomats for trying to show that the United States is fair and without racial prejudice by making concessions to China and India, and other underdeveloped countries. It is evident that if we did not have this problem here at home we could deal with those peoples more firmly in matters of state-craft. We almost always have to lean backward in our dealing with them in order not to appear that we have a superiority fixation, because we are often behaving so very badly at home in dealing with our social problem Number One. We are criticizing the United States Supreme Court for its decision outlawing federal enforcement of covenants restricting citizens in their rights to live where they can buy or rent living space, because of race or color, and declaring that segregation in public schools on account of race or color is unconstitutional, period. May we ask this Christian nation, if you please, what other kind of a decision could the Court have reached with the pressure of international politics, the searching of heart and conscience by honorable and honest men of integrity and responsibility from every geographical area of our Nation, we are persuaded that they could have rendered no other decision. The National Fraternal Council of Churches has exerted its influence in supporting our statesmen, our President, the Supreme Court and other individuals and groups in their praiseworthy efforts to create goodwill on the part of all so that our people may abide by the law of the land, even though it may be distasteful to some of us. The Council believes, hopes and prays that time and progressive living on the part of all of our citizens will result in the achievement of all that is sought in these two famous decisions.

**RUMBLINGS OF LAWLESSNESS AND UNREST RESULTING FROM SUPREME COURT'S DESEGREGATION DECISION CAUSE NATIONAL FRATERNAL COUNCIL LEADERS TO CALL ON PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AT THE WHITE HOUSE.** It is now in the public press of our Nation to be read by all that there is open rebellion against the United States Supreme Court's Desegregation Decision in some parts of our Nation. The situation in some areas is growing no better. There are threats and intimidation and at least one or two murders have been reported as the result of outbreaks of lawlessness. So, on June 8, 1955, a conference was called at the White House in Washington, D.C., by the President of the Council, Bishop Edgar A. Love, and the Chairman of the Executive Board, Dr. W. H. Jornagin. Prior to meeting with the President, a meeting was held at two of the local churches to draw up a statement to be laid before the President and his advisors pointing up the essential factors which are disturbing to the public conscience of America in this social struggle.

On the date indicated above the delegation representing the National Fraternal Council of Churches met with the President at the White House. President Eisenhower, dressed in a double-breasted brown business suit, was ushered into the room by his aide, Mr. Raab. After an appropriate prayer was made by Dr. W. H. Borders, of Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Jornagin introduced the delegation to which the President spoke very feelingly and the following document was placed before him:



June 1, 1955

President Dwight D. Eisenhower,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.  
Dear Mr. President:

The more than eight million members of the National Fraternal Council of Churches express through us their sincere appreciation to you for the strong emphasis you have given to the spiritual values in our national life. The past two years of your administration have given new hope to many millions of our own nation as well as to many other millions throughout the world. We commend the stand you have taken for justice to all people, freedom for all who deserve it, and honorable peace for the entire world.

A little more than two years ago, before you assumed the full responsibilities of President of our great nation, we submitted to you a memorandum setting forth some particulars which we hoped you would see fit to include in a progressive program designed to strengthen our country and to set in the midst of a darkened world a shining example of real democracy at work. Practically every item of our memorandum has had your attention and noticeable improvements have been effected in our national policies regarding minority groups in the country. The great single victory for American democracy in recent times was the May 17th Supreme Court anti-segregation ruling. Your appointment of a qualified Negro to a sub-Cabinet position in the Executive Branch of our Government, and another as a White House secretary, is testimony of your will to correct the inequities that have long existed in our representative system. The elimination of segregation in the Armed Services is a personal victory for you and a blessing for our country. All these things we applaud, and we recognize in them the strength of your leadership.

However, there are several areas of concern which still need your right leadership and the influence of your office to effect satisfactory adjustments in the interest of a healthy democracy.

1. The State of Mississippi has repudiated the Constitution of the United States. We ask the President to direct the U. S. Attorney-General to begin an intensive investigation for the purpose of prosecuting those who are guilty of violating civil rights that are guaranteed by the Constitution and the laws of the United States. We make this request for the following reasons:

- a. The Mississippi State Legislature has passed laws which are openly directed at limiting voting by Colored citizens solely because of race and defying the U. S. Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public schools.
- b. By exercising economic pressure through an organization known as Citizens Councils, certain residents of Mississippi seek to deprive Colored Citizens of the right to vote. Three Councils have created a pattern of public behavior that promotes violence. Rev. G. W. Lee, who actively worked to increase the number of Colored voters in Belzoni, Mississippi, was murdered the night of May 7th by an assailant who fired on him while he was driving a car.
- c. The evil of an election based on appeals to prejudice has reached all the way to the Senate of the United States. The Nation was shocked on May 5th when the Senior Senator from Mississippi, James O. Eastland, who is now

chairman of the powerful International Security Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee, openly campaigned for re-election in 1954 on a platform of race-hate.

2. We urge that you issue a policy statement at once to require the builders, lenders, state and local governments, and all others who receive aid through direct grants, insurance, tax exemptions, or in any other form for building of rental or sale housing, slum clearance or development must agree that there will be no discrimination against renters, purchasers, or users of such housing or facilities because of race. The practices of the Federal Government in this field make it the greatest single force today in promoting racial segregation in housing. We are also conscious of the need to provide housing for the groups who are displaced by the slum clearance program, but who, because of low income, have no opportunity to get decent housing either outside the cleared area, or in new dwellings built when redevelopment is completed.
3. There is need for a policy statement declaring that as a condition of receiving Federal assistance for schools, hospitals, recreation areas, and all other programs, the states must agree that there will be no segregation or discrimination because of race, religion or national ancestry in the facilities made possible because of such grants.
5. The men and women of our fighting forces must not be required to bow to racial segregation at home or abroad.
6. Further attention should be given to the Negro as a Civil Service employee. Hundreds of thousands of them, many of whom are proficient, well-trained, conscientious, honest Negro men and women "have borne the burden in the heat of the day" without ever realizing aspirations to move above the GS-4 level. Meanwhile, others who are white, daily pass them by as advancements and promotions routinely become available. Your issuance of Executive Order 10590 establishing the President's Committee on Government Employment Policy on January 18th, 1955, brought great hope. This committee must undertake sweeping corrective measures if we are to eliminate continuing racial discrimination in the Federal Service. We ask that you insist upon getting periodic reports on the progress of the committee's work to make certain that it does not get bogged down either through its own inaction or because of resistance from Federal Agencies.
7. We urge you as Chief Executive to call upon the Congress to pass Civil Rights laws that will erase forever a Federal acquiescence to un-American practices of racial discrimination. Now is the time to seek protection for all against mob rule such as caused the death of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore, who were killed by a bomb explosion in their home in Florida on Christmas night, 1951. This is the time to insure that our citizens may obtain jobs for which they are qualified without regard to race, religion, or national origin. We must abolish the Poll Tax as a requirement for voting. We must guarantee by law for our citizens at home all of the noble objectives we seek to preserve throughout the free world.

We are fully aware that a healthy democracy depends upon the vigilance of the people to protect and affirm the freedoms which



they cherish. It is in this spirit that we address ourselves to you in full knowledge that you respect and welcome our comments.

We pray that God's blessings will continually be with you, and on your administration, that Justice and Peace be established in the world.

Most respectfully yours,

W. H. Jornagin,  
Chairman, Executive Committee  
Edgar A. Love, President  
George W. Lucas,  
Executive Secretary

AT THIS CONFERENCE THE FOLLOWING NATIONAL CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS WERE REPRESENTED. ALL OF WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:

T. Bishop J. H. Perters  
The Methodist Church (Central Jurisdiction), General Conference  
Bishop H. T. Medford  
The A. M. E. Church General Conference  
Bishop W. D. Womack  
The C. M. E. Church General Conference  
Bishop S. L. Green  
The A. M. E. Church General Conference  
Rev. Dr. W. H. Borders  
The National Baptist Convention of U. S. A., Inc.  
Bishop S. L. Kelsey  
The General Assembly of the Church of God in Christ  
Rev. Smallwood E. Williams  
The Assemblies of the Church of God in Christ Jesus  
Bishop Z. V. Plummer  
The United Church of God

THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES DESERVES THE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF ALL WHO WORK FOR PEACE, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL EXPRESSION AND EXPANSION THROUGH LEGAL AND PEACEFUL MEANS THROUGH THE CHURCH AS A WHOLE WITHOUT DENOMINATIONAL PROSCRIPTION OR RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. We are proud of the significant contribution the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has made to this movement. We recommend that individual congregations send to the Executive Secretary, the Reverend G. W. Lucas, Dayton, Ohio, each year, the sum of \$5.00 as a local church membership. Our fight for what the law guarantees is ours, but which is being denied us by some, has just begun. We are duty bound to give our moral and financial support that victory may be achieved on the side of those who stand for Christ and the Church.

#### **REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STAFF RELATIONSHIPS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Committee: Willard M. Wickizer, C. O. Hawley, R. H. Peoples**

As the special committee faced the problems of staff relationships and responsibilities of the National Christian Missionary Convention it recognized several areas of concern which it feels require remedial action.

##### **1. Financial Promotional Responsibility**

It is the feeling of the committee that the staff of the convention, especially the Executive Secretary, is not given sufficient attention

to the matter of financial promotion. The problem of financial cultivation of the churches and individuals constituent to the National Convention is basic for, unless resources are available, the whole structure of the convention will topple. The matter of financial support is a responsibility that must of necessity be carried largely by a staff for it involves field work and personal contact with the supporting constituency. The Board of Trustees can and should consider and approve general promotional plans and policies but the application of these policies and the execution of these plans must rest largely with the staff.

This is especially true of the Executive Secretary. It is his responsibility to bring to the Board of Trustees for its consideration and approval matters of financial policy and specific plans looking to the adequate support of the National Convention and then to operate within these policies and plans to the end that the program of the convention may be adequately supported. This is a responsibility which he cannot dodge or shift. Nothing can be allowed to take priority over it in his time schedule. In fixing the responsibilities of the Executive Secretary it is the feeling of the committee that this officer's duties in the field of cultivation of financial resources should be clearly spelled out and the priority of such duties definitely established. It will then be possible for the Board of Trustees and the convention to hold him responsible for such financial cultivation.

While directors on the staff are primarily responsible for program phases, they too, should share a certain degree of responsibility for the promotion of the resources that are required to undergird the program phases for which they are responsible. The Executive Secretary should see that each staff member is guided in definite promotional activities and each staff member should be personally concerned with the cultivation of resources. Much of the cultivation of resources on the part of staff members can be carried on concomitantly with their program promotion, but some time must be devoted directly to financial cultivation.

### **2. Regularly Scheduled Staff Meetings**

While the staff reports that it holds staff meetings from time to time it would seem that such meetings are not regularly scheduled at stated intervals. If the staff is to work together as a team, if the thinking of each member is to be brought to bear on the total program, and if each is to understand his place in the total structure it would seem that regularly scheduled staff meetings of at least two days' duration should be held at least four times per year. This will not preclude the holdings of specially called meetings at irregular intervals but will insure a more definite correlation of function and more cooperative thinking.

### **3. Staff Relationships to Departments of the United Christian Missionary Society**

The National Christian Missionary Convention does not seek to be primarily a program-planning agency for the local church. Rather, it is a channel through which the program conceived by the United Christian Missionary Society and its planning processes is carried to the local church. Staff members of the National Convention have a fine fraternal relation to the staffs of the various departments of the United Society and maintain many informal contacts. It is the feeling of the committee, however, that the relationship between staff members of the convention and corresponding departments of the United Society should be closer and on a more formal basis. The committee



recommends, therefore, that the National Convention explore with the United Christian Missionary Society a basis of more adequate staff cooperation between the two agencies.

#### **4. Staff Relationship to State Secretaries (White)**

More and more state missionary societies which have been concerned almost entirely with the white churches in their respective states are becoming concerned with Negro churches as well. This raises the problem of the relationship of state secretaries and other state staff members (white) with state and national staffs serving Negro churches. The move in the direction of state missionary societies serving all churches within any given state is a desirable one but it should not eventuate in two unrelated approaches being made to Negro churches. In some manner correlation should be achieved at the state level.

The committee proposes that the Board of Trustees of the National Convention approach the National Association of State Secretaries with the proposal that a joint committee be created to study the problem of state relationships to Negro churches in an effort to discover a pattern that will be mutually agreeable and of most service to Negro congregations.

#### **5. Meeting of Administrative Committee With the Executive Secretary**

In view of the fact that the Executive Secretary of the National Convention carries major responsibility for financial promotion and general administration it is the feeling of the committee that he should receive more guidance and counsel than at present from the administrative committee of the Board of Trustees. It is therefore proposed that the administrative committee meet at least four times each year in regularly scheduled meetings with the Executive Secretary for the purpose of giving him counsel and advising financial promotional and general administrative matters.

#### **6. Impingements Between Executive Secretary and Director of Church Development and Evangelism**

It would seem to the committee that there are certain impingements between the current responsibilities of the Executive Secretary and the Director of Church Development and Evangelism, especially in the fields of church establishment and church maintenance. Each of these staff members are involved in new church projects and church maintenance support of aided congregations. The committee feels that the Executive Secretary should not permit his time to be too greatly consumed with problems involving individual local church projects but should leave to the Director of Church Development and Evangelism the investigation, cultivation and supervision of all new church projects and church maintenance aided congregations. In so doing the Executive Secretary will have more time to devote to promotion and general administration.

#### **7. Staff Responsibility for Layman's Work**

It would seem that staff responsibility for layman's work has never been clearly fixed. The committee feels that this is a responsibility that can best be given at the present time to the Director of Church Development and Evangelism and so recommends.

#### **STAFF DUTIES**

##### **Executive Secretary**

In any consideration of the duties of the Executive Secretary

it is well to have clearly in mind the provisions of Article VII, Section 7, of the constitution. This read as follows:

"The duties of the Executive Secretary shall be those generally incumbent upon the Executive Secretary of a national church organization; shall have charge of the office and each department of work of the convention with the help of the national directors assigned to the specific phases of the work. He shall take his place with the executive secretaries of all cooperating agencies and boards in securing funds for our organized work. He shall give definite leadership to the committees, commissions and other groups authorized by the Convention. He shall coordinate the work of the staff members in their relationship to all agencies and boards. The Executive Secretary shall employ the office secretary and secretarial assistants with the approval of the Board of Trustees, as the work may require. He shall act under the direction of the Trustees in carrying on the work of the Convention not otherwise provided for in the constitution. The Executive Secretary and national directors shall satisfy such conditions of service as the Board of Trustees may impose.

In the light of these constitutional provisions the committee recommends that the Executive Secretary be charged with the following specific duties:

1. Be responsible for the general administrative affairs of the convention, including the supervision of the executive staff.
2. Be responsible for recommending promotional policies and plans to the Board of Trustees and, after they have been approved, see that they are effectively carried out.
3. Seek to maintain the best possible relations with the churches, individuals and other Brotherhood agencies.
4. Represent generally the National Convention in inter-agency and inter-denominational circles.
5. Prepare annually, in cooperation with the staff, a budget covering the work of the Convention and, after it has been approved by the Board of Trustees, administer the work of the Convention in keeping with the approved budget.
6. In cooperation with the President of the Convention prepare the agenda for meetings of the Board of Trustees, see that all reports to be made to the Board of Trustees are in proper form and carry out such actions as the Board of Trustees may direct.
7. Conduct regular staff meetings, seeking to correlate the total program activities of the staff members.
8. In cooperation with the program committee and the Board of Trustees make arrangements for the annual session of the Convention and serve as its administrative officer throughout the sessions.
9. Study ways and means whereby the service, program and purposes of the convention may be carried out more effectively.
10. Arrange for the preparation in written form of the staff, committee and board reports which are to be made to the annual session of the convention.
11. Participate in the various program planning bodies of the



Brotherhood.

12. Seek a working relationship with all state missionary societies to the end that the churches cooperating in the National Convention may be effectively served.
13. Administer the office of the National Convention, giving supervision to all office personnel.
14. Render general field services, giving aid and assistance to local congregations as time and opportunity permit.

**Director of Church Development and Evangelism**

1. Serve as a member of the staff of the National Convention, assuming such general promotional and program responsibilities as may be assigned to him and seeking to correlate his work with the work of other staff members.
2. Plan and promote an effective program of evangelism, taking into account the general evangelistic plans of the Brotherhood.
3. Plan and promote a program of church development designed to lead congregations to the utilization of better methods in such areas as organization and administration, worship and the devotional life, membership cultivation and new member integration.
4. Promote ministerial recruitment, seek to provide opportunities for the in-service training of the ministry and offer aid in the area of ministerial placement.
5. Give leadership in the areas of church establishment and church maintenance.
6. Promote inter-racial cooperation.
7. Give leadership in the field of layman's activities.
8. Seek the enlistment of ministers and churches in the Pension Fund.
9. Represent the National Convention in inter-agency and interdenominational groups involved in program phases for which the director is primarily responsible.
10. Participate in the various program planning bodies of the Brotherhood.
11. Render field service, giving aid and assistance to local congregations as time and opportunity permits.

**Director of Christian Education**

1. Serve as a member of the staff of the National Convention assuming such general promotional and program responsibilities as may be assigned to him and seeking to correlate his work with the work of other staff members.
2. Plan and promote an effective program of Christian Education for children, youth, and adults, taking into account the general Christian Education program of the brotherhood.
3. Represent the National Convention in inter-agency and interdenominational groups involved in program phases for which the director is primarily responsible.
4. Participate in the various program planning bodies of the Brotherhood.
5. Render field service, giving aid and assistance to local congregations as time and opportunity permits.

### Director of Missionary Education and Christian Women's Fellowship

1. Serve as a member of the staff of the National Convention, assuming such general promotional and program responsibilities as may be assigned to her and seeking to correlate her work with the work of other staff members.
2. Plan and promote an effective program of missionary education for the local church, taking into account the general missionary program of the Brotherhood.
3. Seek to organize Christian Women's Fellowship groups in each church and promote the Christian Women's Fellowship program.
4. Cooperate in the holding of youth meets, retreats, district and state conventions.
5. Promote the missionary giving of C. W. F. groups, including the National Missionary Project.
6. Represent the National Convention in inter-agency and inter-denominational groups involved in program phases for which the director is primarily responsible.
7. Participate in the various program planning bodies of the Brotherhood.
8. Render field service, giving aid and assistance to local congregations and C. W. F. groups as time and opportunity permits.

### YOUNG ADULT GROUP REPORT

**August 23, 1955**

In the absence of Mr. Herman Hart, Chairman of the Young Adult Group, who could not be with us this year, Miss Anna Overby of Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, was selected as Acting Chairman. Gussie Palmer of Forest Avenue Christian Church, Dallas, Texas, as recorder. Mr. J. D. Montgomery was selected instructor of the Young Adult Group.

After the formal opening, there was a round-table discussion.

The following churches were represented: Second Christian, Indianapolis, Ind.; Forest Avenue Christian Church, Dallas, Texas; Liberty Hill Christian Church, South Carolina, and United Christian Church, Michigan.

Local way in which Young Adults were working:

- (1) Panel discussions; (2) Picnics and other outdoor activities; (3) Fund-raising activities.

Young adults are those persons, both single and married, who are growing into adulthood. While there is no strict chronological limitation for young adults, the general areas of operation are: Study, Worship, Fellowship, Recreation and Service.

**August 24, 1955—Wednesday**

The workshop began with a review of the previous day's work. A larger group was present. The Chairman of the Steering Committee, Miss Bessie Chandler, requested that a representative be selected from the Young Adult Group along with the chairman and instructor of the group. Gussie Palmer of Dallas, Texas, was selected.

At the conclusion of the review and revival period, a very interesting film of family life was shown. Young adults may help those persons and families who are unfamiliar with the facts of life through appreciation of love, counsel and help, films, and resources.

In order to start or reactivate a Young Adult group one must



first of all be interested and must seek to arouse interest in others. A class may be started in the church school. Meetings may be held on Sunday or other week days.

#### August 25, 1955—Thursday

The workshop on Thursday began with the continuation of the Hows and Essential Factors of starting a Young Adult Group.

| First Steps               | How?                              | Essential Factors           |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Be interested yourself | 1. Start a class in Sunday School | 1. Program                  |
| 2. Interest others        | 2. Meet on Sunday evening         | 2. Leaders and Leader       |
| 3. Plan the program       | 3. Meet on week days              | 3. Resources                |
| 4. Organize the group     | 4. Plan special meetings          | 4. Schedule a Plan          |
| 5. Choose your resources. | 5. Be a part of the church        | 5. Prospects—potential list |
| 6. Follow through         |                                   |                             |

Mr. Montgomery gave the group a briefing on the meeting with the Steering Committee. The yearly goal is training for 20% of the membership of the church.

The chairman of the Young Adult Group, Miss Anna Overby, asked that we break up into four groups with a chairman for each group, for the purpose of working out aims of goals for the groups and reconvening with the view to reconciling the information gathered in the groups.

What does the counselor do when he has got the Young Adult group together, started and functioning: (1) Counselor should stay at least a year or so if possible; (2) It is important that we begin now to train our leaders, also preparing places for the group, for in a few more years we will have twice as many young adults as we now have. A playlette on interesting a minister in the Young Adult Groups was given. Characters: Minister—Rev. Thomas J. Griffin, Oklahoma; Young Adult—Miss Alice Overby, Indiana; Young Adult—Mrs. T. Roberson, South Carolina.

After a very well-acted and effective performance, the group divided into three groups: (1) Planning a Program—Chairman, Miss Anna Overby; Workers, Lillian and Dixon and Reed; (2) Fellowship and Service Activities—Chairman, Mrs. T. Roberson; Miss Gladys Williams, Miss Anna Overby, Miss Wilhelmena Frazier; (3) Resource and Leaders—Chairman, Rev. E. W. Henry; Workers, Gussie Palmer, Ethel White, Mr. H. Anthony.

#### August 26, 1955—Friday

Miss Anna Overby, Chairman of the Young Adult Group, opened the Friday workshop with a briefing on the Steering Committee. A panel discussion followed. Participants: Miss Alice Overby, "Planning a Program" Mrs. Telestine Roberson, "Fellowship and Service Activities," and Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, "Resources."

### SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

#### Planning a Program

- I. Plan program well is the first and best objective
  1. Home gathering (small groups)
  2. Retreat (yearly groups)
  3. Sunday School Class
  4. Youth Choirs
- II. Aims of Purposes
  - Goals 9 (differs in each church)

**III. Main Objective**

Christian growth through study, worship and service

**IV. Caution—Do not plan too many projects; do have limitations****Fellowship and Service Activities****I. Suggestions for Fellowship**

- (a) Thanksgiving Breakfast
  - (b) Ascension Breakfast (Prayer Meeting)
  - (c) Fellowship with other denominations by alternate meetings (informal supper club)
  - (d) Picnics
  - (e) Theatre parties
  - (f) Talent night for families
  - (g) Christmas Banquet
- Service: (a) visiting convalescent homes, (b) floral clubs, (c) fall festivals

**Resource and Leaders****I. Planning Material**

- (a) The Christian Education of Young Adults
- (b) Planning for Young Adults National Council of Churches

**II. Study or Letter**

- (a) Faith that complies for my loyalty
- (b) Young adults are important

**III. Alternate Books**

- (a) Doctrine and Thought
- (b) Christian Happiness in the Home
- (a) Young Adults Face the World

**Leaders**

- I. We cannot do the task without the tools to work with. The counselor should
  - (a) Be flexible-minded
  - (b) Be a person who will take the time to work
  - (c) Be qualified or trained for the work
  - (d) Have religious training, and
  - (e) have the confidence and respect of the group

**The Young Adult Group made the following Recommendation to the Local Churches**

- 1. That more stress be put on better hymn singing.
- 2. That we be more serious about our worship service
- 3. That the persons responsible for prayers, parting to offering communion or other special prayers, limit their prayers to just that.
- 4. That announcements be printed in the Service Bulletins and not be made from the floor.

**The Group offers the following Suggestions to the Next Convention**

- 1. The Young Adult Group sponsor an effective speaker at some type of meal, with tickets sold.
- 2. Recognition service for those who have worked so hard and faithfully, who are still living.

The Acting Chairman and Acting Recorder for the Young Adult Group, Miss Anna Overby of Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Mrs. Gussie C. Palmer of the Forrest Avenue Christian Church, Dallas, Texas, were chosen Chairman and Secretary, respectively, for the ensuing year. We were dismissed with prayer by Mr. John Anthony.



## REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Tuesday

The C. W. F. Workshop met in the auditorium of the Dunbar High School. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Lenora Rolla, Texas. Each person present introduced herself and told what offices she held. The call to prayer and worship was given by Mrs. Rolla. The reports of the State Presidents on "Double Membership" were called for.

#### Highlights of reports:

1. Indiana—Letters were sent to all women followed by a personal letter

2. Ohio—Neighborhood group meetings Sunday Bible Class Postal Cards sent out monthly

C. W. F. Handbooks and Tags were passed to each one present. Miss Anna Belle Jackson, National Director of Missionary Education and Christian Women's Fellowship, introduced Miss Martha Whitehead, Program Coordinator of the United Christian Missionary Society, who was the Workshop leader. Subject, "Leadership Training." Many materials and helps were discussed by the women present. The following committees were appointed:

Love Gift—Berniece Holmes, Oklahoma (Chairman); Lethel Howell, Arkansas; Annie Ferderick, North Carolina; Maude Jackson, Alabama; Joella Douglas, Kansas.

Loving Cup—Minnie Greenwade, Ohio (Chairman); C. E. Rowan, Tennessee; A. M. Dumas, California; Curley Spencer, Virginia; E. B. Penn, Virginia.

C. W. F. Representative to the Christian Education Committee—Georgia Trevan, Illinois.

### Wednesday

Mrs. Lenora Rolla . . . . . Presiding  
Worship . . . . . Mrs. E. G. Titus (Texas), Director of Worship  
Call to Worship . . . . . Mrs. Sanford (Missouri)  
Hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" . . . . .  
Scripture, "The Beatitudes" . . . . . Mrs. C. Doolin (Missouri)  
Prayer . . . . . Mrs. Daisy Dean (Arkansas)  
Prayer-Song, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"  
Poem, "Just Build a Better You" . . . . . Mrs. Sanford (Missouri)  
Hymn, "We've a Story to Tell"

Miss Whitehead, Program Coordinator, U. C. M. S.,

#### Presented 1955-56 Study Materials

General Theme: "Light Unto Our Paths." Special mention was made concerning the study, "Live Thy Creed," written by Miss Osceola Dawson.

Mission Study: Indian Americans.

Recommended Materials: "Home Missions Program Packet," "Indian American Discussion Packet."

Books Recommended: "Indian American," published by Friendship Press for all age levels.

Color Film Strip: "Song of the Shining Mountain."

Decorations: Place-mats and other novelties put out by Wright Studio for added touches to create interest in the study course.

January-June: "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World." (Covers task of the church in world missions.)

Bible Study: "The Fourth Witness," Steveson. (A study based on the Book of John.)

**Business**

A discussion was held on the advisability of having a Fall National Planning Meeting of the State President and local representatives in order to plan and carry through the program of Missions. It was moved by Mrs. Titus, Texas, and seconded by Mrs. Wilhoit, Missouri, that we appoint a committee to study possibilities of the plan to have a National Planning Conference. The above motion was amended by Mrs. Bracy, Tennessee, to the effect that a report be made at this session and a vote taken. Motion carried.

Committee—E. G. Titus, Texas (Chairman); Bessie Parks, North Carolina; Georgia Trevan, Illinois; Bernice Holmes, Oklahoma; Rosa Bracy, Tennessee.

The committee was asked to report at the Thursday session. Miss Whitehead gave a brief statement on the Toronto Convention of C. W. F., which had 1,800 women in the afternoon session. The World C. W. F. was organized, fifty four women from eight countries sang as a choir. Kenneth Henry was a C. Y. F. representative.

One-minute speeches were given by those attending the International Convention, Florida, and the Toronto Convention, Canada. Echoes from Evanston were given by Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward.

A committee to select a representative business woman to the International C. W. F. Commission was appointed as follows:

E. J. Dickson, Indianapolis (Chairman); R. Robinson, Alabama; Leatha Howell, Arkansas; M. E. Lee, California; Lydia Everett, Kentucky; H. Fitzgerald, Ohio; S. M. Keyes, Eastern Seaboard.

Fellowship Benediction.

**Thursday**

**7:00 A. M.**

Annual Sacrificial Service..... Mrs. A. L. Martin  
Sermonette..... Rev. Pauls (Simms, Texas)  
Offering—\$17.50.

**8:00 A. M.**

Mrs. Lenora Rolla, Presiding

Worship.....Miss D. Dickson (Indiana)  
Hymn, "O, Worship the King"  
Scripture.....Miss Emma Crim (Ohio)  
Prayer.....Miss Arlene Knowles  
Solo.....Miss Marie Bell (Michigan)  
Sermon.....Rev. B. L. Jacobs (Mississippi)  
Announcements.

**9:30 A. M.**

**Workshop**

Worship.....Mrs. E. G. Titus (Texas)

Miss Whitehead discussed the three areas of C. W. F., "Worship, Study and Service," also the "Reading Plan." Open discussion.

The President, Mrs. Rolla called for reports from the National Directors. Worship—Mrs. E. G. Titus; Study—Mrs. H. Marcetta Smith; Service—(no report); Publicity—Mrs. Daisy Dean.

The reports were given orally and each director thanked the women for their cooperation during the past year.

**Reports**

National Planning Conference Committee—By common consent the committee voted for a pre-convention conference to be held all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon preceding the National Convention.

E. G. Titus, Chairman

G. Trevan, Secretary



It was moved by Mrs. Trevan and seconded by Mrs. Wilhoit that the report be received. Motion carried.

Steering Committee—Mrs. Georgia Trevan.

Love Gift—Mrs. Howell.

Goal sheets were passed out and explained by Miss Anna Belle Jackson.

### 11:30 A. M.

Worship . . . . . Mrs. L. Rolla, Presiding  
 "Take Time to Be Holy" . . . . . Led by Rosa Page Welch  
 Prayer—  
 Sermon . . . . . Rev. J. B. Holmes (Oklahoma)  
 Invitational Hymn, "I Gave My Life for Thee"  
 Greetings from Fraternal Delegate . . . . . Brother Cyril Morris  
 (Jamaica, B. W. I.)

### 2:30 P. M.

Worship . . . . . Mrs. E. G. Titus  
 Report . . . . . Miss Anna Belle Jackson, National Director  
 Report . . . . . Mrs. Lenora Rolla, National President  
 State Presidents Oral Reports on Progress  
 Symposium—  
 "New Directions in World Mission" . . . Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward  
     1. Read Signs of the Times  
     2. Accept All as Sisters  
     3. Christian Union  
     4. Mobility  
 "Need for Full-Time Christian Workers" . . . Mrs. Rosa Page Welch  
     Lack Due to:  
     1. Lack of Inspiration at Home  
     2. Ministers Tear Down the Professions  
 "Tour to Mission Fields—Jamaica and  
 Puerto Rico" . . . . . Mrs. Anna M. Farrison (Michigan)  
 Greetings from Fraternal Delegates Present—  
     Mr. and Mrs. William Short . . . . . Fall Kirk, Scotland  
     Mr. and Mrs. Alex Scott . . . . . London, England  
     Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Augstin and Family. Indianapolis, Indiana

### 7:30 P. M.

Worship . . . . . Mrs. E. G. Titus  
 Presentation of Speaker . . . . . Miss Anna Belle Jackson  
 Address . . . . . Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward  
     "C. W. F. Outreach to All Women"  
     Service—Reach Out to Others  
     Study—Inform All  
     Worship—Everyone, Everywhere, Anytime  
 Solo . . . . . Miss Winifred Perpener  
 Sermon . . . . . Rev. William Hall, Former Missionary to India  
     Acts 4:10-12 "Religious Faith Makes the Difference"  
 Invitational Hymn, "Lord, We Are Able"  
 Offering—\$133.75.

## Presentations—

|                                    |                                  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Loving Cup Award                   | Mrs. Minnie Greenwade (Ohio)     |
| Acceptance                         | Styvesant Heights, Brooklyn      |
|                                    | Louden Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia |
| Love Gift—\$30.13                  | Mrs. B. A. Holmes, Oklahoma      |
| Acceptance                         | Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward, Indiana      |
| \$200 from Miss Justina Spencer,   | Tuition for Two Native           |
| Students                           | Mrs. E. B. Penn                  |
| Acceptance                         | Mr. E. J. Dickson                |
| Past Presidents                    | Mrs. A. L. Martin (Illinois)     |
|                                    | Mrs. B. A. Holmes (Oklahoma)     |
| \$1,000 to Taylor House from Ohio  | C. W. F. Scholarship Fund        |
| Acceptance                         | Mrs. Minnie Greenwade            |
| Ministers' Wives Queen             | Rev. E. J. Dickson               |
|                                    | Mrs. Lucile Compton              |
|                                    | By Mrs. Courts                   |
| \$200 Ministers' Wives Scholarship |                                  |
| Gift                               | Mrs. R. H. Peoples               |

## Fellowship Benediction

## Friday

Music . . . . . Mrs. Evans

Movie, "The Good Way"

Correspondence . . . . . Greetings from Miss Jessie Trout (Yakima)

Greetings . . . . . Miss O. A. Dawson (Kentucky)

## Buzz Session—

|                   |                               |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Officers          | B. A. Holmes                  |
| Service           | R. B. Bracy and A. B. Jackson |
| Study             | S. M. Smith and M. Whitehead  |
| Worship           | E. G. Titus and M. Y. Ward    |
| Evaluation Period | (Reports on Another Page)     |

## Appointment of Directors 1955-56

|           |                                 |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Worship   | Mrs. E. T. Titus (Texas)        |
| Study     | Mrs. H. M. Smith (Ohio)         |
| Service   | Mrs. Alzora Marshall (Illinois) |
| Publicity | Mrs. Daisy Dean (Arkansas)      |

## Report of Commission

We, the Committee on Recommendation to the C. W. F. Commission, prayerfully submit the following report:

We recommend Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy as a representative to the Christian Women's Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. J. Dickson, Chairman  
Mrs. S. M. Keyes, Secretary

It was moved by Mrs. Holmes, Oklahoma, and seconded by Mrs. Trevan, Illinois, that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

## Christian Education Report

Report of the Christian Education Steering Committee representative. The following items were discussed in the C. W. F. workshop groups. The time allotted was a total of twelve minutes.

The purpose of these discussions was to coordinate the C. W. F. along with other church departments into the phase of Christian Education teaching:

1. Family Life, the Home and the Church
2. Leadership-Training and Selection
3. Establishing a Christian Education Committee in the Local Church
  - a. Its Functions



## b. Its Relation to All Church Departments

Group reactions were as follows:

Interested participation and a desire to use material in Youth and Adult groups.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Georgia E. Trevan

It was moved by Mrs. Wilhoit, Missouri, and seconded by Mrs. Dean, Arkansas, that the report be received. Motion carried.

Representation from eighteen States and the District of Columbia were enrolled in the C. W. F. workshops throughout the week.

**Buzz Session Reports**

Officers—The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Holmes, our instructor. Her first instruction was that we be on time.. First, have the Minutes of the past meeting. Have your secretary on hand. Have a roll call so that we know who is absent. Prepare an agenda. Attend to all business that is reported in your Minutes; new business, reports of committees and group reports. We were instructed that the President let other members preside some time in order to develop all women. Committee reports should all come in writing. Business meeting can be first or last during your regular meeting but do not let it take the spirit from your planned program. Insist that all participants prepare the material that will be used and be on time. We were instructed on the C. W. F. pattern concerning offices. There were a number of questions and answers which were too lengthy to record.

L. K. Everett, Secretary

**Worship**

Emphases stressed:

1. Worship is very important. It is our spiritual contact with God, our personal contact with Christ. Worship is reverence for God.
2. Worship requires careful planning.
3. Participants meet at least a half-hour previous to program and have a word of prayer together. Thoughtful planning should begin well in advance by a planning committee.
4. Prayer is a vital part of any worship service. Without it, there is no worship. Daily devotions should be a "must" in the life of every Christian.
5. The Worship Committee should relate itself to all the worship service in the total Church life. This can be done by working in close co-operation with the Pastor and other leaders of worship.
6. Worship Centers create an atmosphere of worship. **Clean Churches** induce reverence because cleanliness is next to Godliness.
7. Respect for worship should be stressed and strictly observed. Do not make unnecessary noises or movements during a worship service.
8. A relaxed body and mind are necessary for one to fully participate in a worship service. A real leader of worship demonstrates this quality and will cause her group to have a real worship experience.

Mrs. R. H. Peoples, Secretary

**Study**

The Study Chairman is responsible for the promotion and carrying out of the planned study materials as recommended. Open discussion was held and the following are some ways that women have used to further the use of the materials in order to reach all women: Sunday Bible classes, Weekly Study classes in the homes, Book Reviews by various members. Study materials for 1955-56 were discussed and how best to use them.

1. We recommend that the local C. W. F. groups secure and use the study materials for this year.
2. We recommend that the local groups inaugurate the C. W. F. Reading Plan.

Mrs. W. H. Wilhoit, Secretary

**Service**

Service Groups participated in local church activities and community projects such as: All Peoples Church, Avalon Community Center, Christmas Gifts to Shut-Ins and those who have served the local church, Church Improvement, Hospital Visitations, U. S. O., Health Centers, Red Cross and Bandages for patients.

Ways and means of financing church improvement were as follows: Apron Rally, Friendship Dinner, Pie-Selling, Mail Box, Rainy Day Bags and Coupon Rally.

Mrs. A. M. Dumas, Secretary

**LOVE GIFT REPORT  
NATIONAL CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
August, 1955**

|                                                       |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Ohio .....                                            | \$ 30.50 |
| Kentucky .....                                        | 146.00   |
| Missouri .....                                        | 100.00   |
| California .....                                      | 30.00    |
| Kansas .....                                          | 25.10    |
| Indiana .....                                         | 22.00    |
| Memory of Mrs. J. E. Walker (Mississippi Blvd.) ..... | 25.00    |
| Oklahoma .....                                        | 10.28    |
| Piedmont District .....                               | 62.00    |
| Arkansas .....                                        | 17.39    |
| Brooklyn Guild .....                                  | 12.21    |
| Texas .....                                           | 7.64     |
| Alabama .....                                         | 19.00    |
| Brooklyn Church .....                                 | 20.65    |
| Total .....                                           | \$530.77 |

**MINUTES OF USHER FELLOWSHIP UNION**

**Tuesday Morning, August 23, 1955**

The National Usher Fellowship met on the above date during the workshop period, 9:00-11:20, with the President, Mrs. R. Ramsey Ingram, presiding.

Devotion: Song, "What a Fellowship." Prayer, Mr. John Anglin.  
 Business Session—President stated 1954 Minutes not at hand.  
 Remarks. Acknowledgement of delegates and members.  
 Mrs. John Anglin, 1516 Cedar St., Louisville 3, Kentucky.  
 Mrs. Lottie Brock, 2414 W. 20th St., Little Rock, Ark.  
 Miss Joyce A. Davis, 1025 W. Tad St., Dayton, Ohio.  
 Mrs. Mary Dixon, Rt. 3, Walstonburg, North Carolina.



Mr. Willie Lacy, 5059 Meadow St., Dallas, Texas.  
 Mrs. Odessa J. Leak, 3315 Perkins Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Mrs. Lucinda Rice, 4005 West Belle Pl., St. Louis, Mo.  
 Mrs. Frances Robinson, 171 Walnut St., Warren, Ohio.  
 Mrs. Louis B. Sallee, 4025 Boulevard Pl., Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Mrs. Francis Thomas, 403 Jackson St., Mt. Sterling, Ky.  
 Mrs. Cora Weatherford, 1504 Ruth Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Mrs. Elray Williams, 2702 Park Row, Dallas, Texas.  
 Mrs. Ruby Ramsey Ingram, 6125 S. Rhodes Ave., Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Esma Edkis, 3618 Kenilworth, Dallas, Texas.

Committees were appointed as follows:

1. Nominating Committee—Mrs. Clara Bush, Ohio (Chairman); Mrs. Mary Dickson, Mrs. Odessa Leak.
2. Recommendation Committee—Mrs. Frances Thomas, Kentucky (Chairman), Mr. John Anglin, Mrs. Daisy Williams, Mrs. Emily Robinson.
3. Manual Rules—Mrs. Lucinda Rice, St. Louis, Mo. (Chairman); Mr. Willie Lacy, Mrs. Henrietta Bell.
4. Program Committee—Mrs. Louis Sallee, Indiana (Chairman). Mrs. Cora Weatherford, Mrs. Frances Robinson.
5. Social Committee—Mrs. Joyce Davis, Ohio (Chairman), Mrs. Lottie Brock, Mrs. Elray Williams.

The group discussed age level for children and youths in the usher group. Ushers were assigned duties for the afternoon. Meeting adjourned.

#### **Tuesday Afternoon, 1:30-2:10**

The National Usher Fellowship met at the new schedule time, with the First Vice-President, Mrs. Daisy Williams, presiding.

Devotion. Song, "Pass Me Not." Bible verses by each member present.

Minutes of the morning worship were read and accepted. The meeting was turned into the hands of the Second Vice-President, Mrs. Clara Bush, Ohio.

Continued acknowledgement of delegates and members:

Mrs. Lucile Miley, 204 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Daisy B. Williams, 268 Grand St., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Mr. John Anthony, 545 Pocahontas Ave., Roanoke, Va.  
 Mrs. Mary Jackson, 1138 Oak St., Montgomery 8, Ala.  
 Mrs. Henrietta Bell, 2101 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Miss Annie Williams, 916 Bragg St., Montgomery, Ala.

It was motioned and accepted that we table the question on Manuals until the committee reports. Mr. Anglin explained the financial part of the constitution. Ushers were appointed for the afternoon and night sessions. It was motioned and seconded that the Fellowship purchase badges. Amendment, that each usher pay for the purchase of badges. Motion accepted. A motion that all ushers wear their local uniforms on duty at the convention was accepted. The president reminded the group to look forward to being entertained by the local group on Friday night. It was motioned and carried that Mrs. Esma Edkis represent the ushers on the Christian Education Committee of the National Convention.

#### **Registration of Delegates—National Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker**

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Werhman Avenue Christian Church ..... | \$ 10.00 |
| Central Christian Church .....        | 25.00    |
| Forrest Avenue Christian Church ..... | 25.00    |

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Ross Street Christian Church ..... | 15.00           |
| Goldsboro, Raleigh .....           | 5.00            |
| <b>State Representation</b>        |                 |
| Arkansas State Usher Board .....   | \$ 10.00        |
| Kentucky State Usher Board .....   | 10.00           |
| Indiana State Usher Board .....    | 5.00            |
| Missouri State Usher Board .....   | 5.00            |
| <b>Total Report .....</b>          | <b>\$110.00</b> |

**Wednesday Afternoon, 1:30-2:10**

The National Usher Fellowship met on the above date in the third convention workshop with the President, Mrs. Ruby R. Ingram, presiding.

Devotion: Song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Prayer by Chaplain, Mrs. Bell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were delayed. Minutes of the 1954-55 meeting were read and received with necessary corrections. Mr. Anglin explained why the local group failed to receive a copy of last year's Minutes. Later the copies he had made were destroyed by fire which prevented his getting them out along with other correspondence. Mrs. Eddis suggested that we compile the Minutes of each day to be typed and mimeographed.

National Usher Day will be the second Sunday in March. A motion was made to give the President and Secretary a rising vote of thanks. So ordered. State Area Worker Mrs. E. McDonald Williams, Dallas, Texas, reported she had contact with the representatives of seven churches in her district, Number 2, and had sent letters to the remaining forty-four in the state. With the aid of the Forrest Avenue Usher Board we hope to have most of the board organized and affiliating with the State and National workers by the next Convention. Acknowledging of members and delegates from day to day was continued. Those who came in today were as follows:

Mrs. Sadie Doster, 17176 Milton St., Warren, Ohio.  
 Mrs. Marie Brown, 1207 E. Vine Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.  
 Mrs. Charlotte Goley, 521 Butler St., Dayton, Ohio.  
 Mrs. Bessie Pullan, 152 Garst St., Dayton, Ohio.  
 Mrs. Delphia Hughes, 5437 Hamson St., Paris, Ky.  
 Mrs. Lucile Holiday, 2nd St. Christian Church, Millerburgh, Ky.  
 Mrs. Sadie D. James, Kl. Box J, Port Gibson, Miss.

**Registration**

Mr. John Anthony, Roanoke, \$25.00.  
 Miss Joyce Davis, Summitt, Dayton, \$25.00.

**Report of Program Committee, Mrs. Rice, Chairman**

The Universal Church Usher Manual will be used in the convention. It may be purchased from 4202 Vincennes Ave., Chicago, Ill. Members added to the nominating committee were Mrs. Mary Jackson and Mr. Miles Brown.

**Thursday**

Usher Fellowship called to order by the President, Mrs. Ingram. Mrs. Bell, Chaplain conducted the worship. Song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Prayer, chaplain, Mrs. Bell.

Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted. Mr. M. Brown said the \$25 for National Usher Day be sent to Dr. J. E. Walker.

Question: When is National Usher Day?

Answer: The second Sunday in March.



**Report from Committees—Nominating Committee**

The following officers were elected for the year 1955-56.

Mrs. R. R. Ingram—President.  
 Mrs. Daisy Williams—First Vice-President.  
 Mrs. Clara Bush—Second Vice-President.  
 Mrs. Emily Robinson—Recording Secretary.  
 Mrs. Francis Robinson—Assistant Secretary.  
 Mrs. Louise Salle—Corresponding Secretary.  
 Mrs. Henrietta Bell, Chaplain.  
 Mr. Miles Brown, Parliamentarian.

This report received.

Report of the Recommendation committee was also received and adopted, then turned over to the National Convention.

**Recommendation Committee****Recommended**

1. That the National Convention allow the Ushers one hour for for their program.
2. That the Ushers be allowed to conduct the morning worship, before our afternoon program.
3. That the Nurses Guilds and Aids of the different States be affiliated with the National Ushers.

Mrs. Francis Thomas, Chairman  
 Mrs. John Anglin  
 Mrs. Daisy Williams

The President appointed Mrs. Lucinda Rice and Mr. Lacy as our National Instructors for the term, 1955-56.

Mrs. Mary Jackson also appointed reporter for the Usher Board for the year 1955-56. The question was asked if the Ushers were required to give a special offering of \$100 each, was left to members.

Mrs. Lafayette and Mrs. Lottie Brock were appointed to lift the offering.

Adjourned

**Friday Afternoon**

The Ushers presented a program as follows:

Processional—Song.

Introduction of Mistress of Ceremonies—Mrs. Francis Rice.

Prayer—Mrs. Ida Powell.

Solo—Mr. Bobbie Simms.

Presentation—Flowers for the President, Mrs. R. R. Ingram, by

Reading—Mrs. Henrietta Belle.

Mrs. Francis Rice.

Echos—President, Mrs. R. R. Ingram.

Welcome—Miss Joyce Wilburn.

Response—Mrs. Bertrice Holmes.

Solo—Mr. Bobbie Simms.

**REPORT OF THE RECOMMENDATION COMMITTEE**

To the National Christian Missionary Convention: We, the members of the Recommendations Committee, wish to make the following report:

**We Recommend:**

1. That the dollar goals proposed by the National Convention Office be released to the Churches.
2. That we complete Taylor Memorial Fellowship House. (Christian Men's Fellowship Project.)
3. That a Committee be appointed to follow through on the Rosa Page Welch Scholarship Fund on an individual basis, and that

- a Volunteer promoter be appointed to work on the fund.
  - B. An amount up to 5% of total receipts be allowed for legitimate expenses.
4. That consideration be given to the N. C. M. C. Fortieth Anniversary year. (Dallas to Baltimore.) The details of which will be developed by a special committee.
  5. A. That the National Missionary Convention select in this session five members for the committee set up by Resolution 82 of the Miami Assembly of the International Convention, October, 1954.  
The purpose of this committee is to work jointly with the International Convention Committee for the elimination of segregation in the total life of the brotherhood of the Disciples of Christ.
  - B. That the National C. M. C go on record as opposed to segregation in any form. Therefore, our views and convictions are that segregation should be eliminated in all brotherhood activities on the Local, State, National, and International levels.
  - C. That as an initial step in integration we encourage the Affiliates of this convention to promote attendance at assemblies in their respective areas.
  6. That each local organization of the Christian Men's Fellowship pledge a minimum of \$50.00 to \$250.00 for their National Project. (Taylor Memorial Fellowship House)
  7. We recommend that each local organization pay \$15.00 to the National Convention and each State C. M. F pay \$10.00 to the National Convention.
  8. That the National Financial Promotion Committee recommended by the Board of Trustees through the (Executive Secretary) be authorized.
  9. That the Executive Secretary be responsible for all financial promotions related to the National Convention budget and requests.
  10. The C. W. F. be authorized to hold a Pre-Convention Conference for State and Local Presidents. The Conference to be held the preceding Saturday and half-day Sunday (Afternoon preferred) prior to the National Convention.
  11. Whereas that this is our year of Christian Education, we recommend that the history of the Disciples of Christ be taught in all the District Meetings and Churches throughout the Brotherhood.
  12. That the Project of the C. M. F. include the physical improvements of the building, such as painting, repairing, etc. Establishment of facilities for a Library to include erection of shelves and the purchase of books.  
B. That the project also include underwriting the Scholarship Fund.  
C. Upon completion of these projects, the National Office will send financial statements to all local C. M. F.
  13. Pre-ample: Due to competitive Vocational Salaries influencing young men into vocational areas other than the Ministry the following recommendation has been made:  
Resolved that Salaries for all Ministers in the Brotherhood be



standardized and raised to a salary comparable to his formal training and experience which will enable him to meet present economic demands.

14. That the Program Committee select our best prepared Ministers to serve on our program.  
B. Selections should include an alternate to serve in the event the Minister programmed is absent.
15. In order to encourage Ministerial Students of Jarvis Christian College and other institutions of higher learning to attend the N. C. M. C., so they may have the Spiritual experience, as well as to know the people with whom they will work; Be it resolved that the Thirty-ninth Convention now setting at Dayton, Ohio, make a concession, whereby these students will pay one-half the fee of the Convention and receiving at the same time all benefits as fully paid delegates.
16. That we send Mrs. Lenora Rolla to Women's Council of Churches in Cleveland, Ohio. (Referred to Trustees for further action and implementation.)
17. That the Ministers' Wives Fellowship be given the same status as the Christian Ministers' Fellowship, including the same privileges.
18. That the National Convention allow the Usher's Fellowship one hour for their afternoon program. (Referred to Program Committee.)
19. That the Ushers be allowed to conduct the Worship Service on the morning before their afternoon program. (Referred to the Program Committee.)
20. That the Ushers Guild and Aides of the different States be affiliated with the National Ushers Fellowship.
21. The National Fraternal Council of Churches deserves the support and cooperation of all who work for peace, economic, political, social, and spiritual expression and expansion through legal and peaceful means through the Church as a whole without denominational differences or discrimination. We are proud of the significant contribution the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has made to this movement.  
We recommend that individual congregations be encouraged to take membership in the Council and send to the Executive Secretary G. W. Lucas, Dayton, Ohio, each year the sum of \$5.00 as a local Church membership. Our fight for what the law guarantees is ours, but which is being denied by some, is just begun. We are duty bound to give our moral and financial support that victory may be achieved on the side of those who stand for Christ and the Church.
22. The General Board of the Pine Street Christian Church invites the N. C. M. C. to hold its Annual Session of 1958 with the Pine Street Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma. (Referred to Committee.)
23. That the Christian Men's Fellowship Project in Connection with the Taylor Fellowship House be opened for 1955-56 and that \$1,000 be included in the Budget for this project. (Note: This item will appear in Income and Disbursements.)

## AUGUST 25th, 1955

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

With a prayer for guidance by the Chairman, the Nominating Committee submits the following names to serve as your officers of the National Christian Missionary Convention for the year 1955-1956:

|                             |                           |           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| President.....              | Bro. R. H. Peoples .....  | Indiana.  |
| First Vice-President .....  | Bro. R. L. Jordon.....    | Michigan  |
| Second Vice-President ..... | Mrs. Lenora Rolla.....    | Texas     |
| Third Vice-President .....  | Mr. A. C. Stone .....     | Ohio      |
| Fourth Vice-President ..... | Miss Lois Mothershed..... | Texas     |
| Fifth Vice-President.....   | Bro. S. W. Hilton .....   | Virginia  |
| Recording Secretary.....    | Bro. R. L. Saunders.....  | New York  |
| Treasurer.....              | Bro. J. E. Walker.....    | Tennessee |

**Secretaries of:**

|                                   |                          |          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Christian Women's Fellowship..... | Miss Marcetta Smith..... | Ohio     |
| Christian Education .....         | Miss Dawson .....        | Kentucky |
| Christian Youth Fellowship.....   | Harry Wilbert.....       | Ohio     |
| Christian Men's Fellowship.....   | Mr. M. Gaynor .....      |          |
| Parliamentarian .....             | Mr. Willie James .....   | Oklahoma |
| C. Y. F.....                      | Miss Barbara Wilson ..   |          |

**Board Members:**

|                          |                     |       |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| A. I. Terrell .....      | Piedmont Area ..... | Un.   |
| D. L. Jackson.....       | Mississippi .....   | 61    |
| L. S. Sledge .....       | Kansas .....        | 75    |
| Mrs. Georgia Traven..... | Illinois .....      | 80    |
| Mr. F. B. Bradley.....   | Maryland .....      | 75    |
| Mr. T. W. Counts.....    | Michigan .....      | 77-80 |
| Eli Wilbert.....         | Ohio .....          | 99    |
| H. J. Penn.....          | Virginia .....      | 60-62 |

**Two Adult Advisors:**

|                                              |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Mrs. Lucy Miller and Mrs. Edith Bristow..... | Sponsors |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|

**Two Advisors to Attend International****C. Y. F. Commission**

Unice Miller and Earl Murray.

**Ushers Fellowship**

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| President .....                     | Ruth Ramsey Ingram |
| First Vice-President .....          | Daisey Williams    |
| Second Vice-President .....         | Clara Bush         |
| Recording Secretary .....           | Emily Robinson     |
| Assistant Recording Secretary ..... | Francis Robinson   |
| Corresponding Secretary.....        | Louise Sallee      |

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| Chaplain.....        | Henrietta Bell |
| Parliamentarian..... | Myles N. Brown |

**Ministers' Wives Fellowship**

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| President .....            | Mrs. Thomas W. Courts |
| Vice-President .....       | Mrs. L. B. Facen      |
| Secretary.....             | Mrs. John Compton     |
| Assistant .....            | Mrs. Raymond Brown    |
| Financial Secretary.....   | Mrs. R. H. Peoples    |
| Scholarship Chairman ..... | Mrs. Emmitt Dickson   |



Assistant Financial Secretary..... George Frazier  
 Treasurer..... Vera Pearson

Humbly Submitted,

S. S. Myers, Chairman  
 Ruth Ravis, Secretary  
 Cynthia Martin  
 H. J. Penn  
 E. W. James  
 A. M. Dumas  
 C. J. Hinson  
 Mary Crim  
 Queenie Miley  
 T. W. Counts  
 Buford Hall

# **NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION REPORT OF TREASURER**

**As of August 10, 1955**

## **INCOME**

### **1954-55**

Gross Receipts from National Convention (St. Louis, Missouri) ..\$5,232.36  
 Balance in Treasury at the St. Louis Convention..... 374.62  
\$5,606.93

## **CHURCHES**

### **August**

Summit Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio .....\$ 110.00  
 Central Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio..... 10.00  
 East Main Street Christian Church, Xenia, Ohio..... 10.00

### **October**

Forest Avenue Christian Church, Dallas, Texas ..... 187.92

### **November**

Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana ..... 400.00  
 First Christian Church, Meridian, Mississippi ..... 10.00  
 Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Missouri..... 75.00  
 Park Manor Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois ..... 150.00  
 East 28th St. Christian Church, Los Angeles, California ... 237.00  
 Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Memphis, Tennessee 500.00

### **December**

East 6th Street Christian Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 104.00  
 Middle Fork Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C..... 5.00  
 Grove Street Christian Church, Berkeley, California..... 25.00  
 United Christian Church, Detroit, Michigan ..... 105.00  
 North Jackson Christian Church, Jackson, Mississippi..... 54.00  
 West Paseo Christian Church, Kansas City, Missouri..... 200.00

### **January**

Wehrman Avenue Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio..... 120.00  
 Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Baltimore, Maryland ..... 37.50  
 Cosmopolitan Christian Church, Los Angeles, California..... 75.00

### **March**

Little Rock Christian Church, Brookport, Illinois ..... 30.00  
 Osage Christian Church, Okmulgee, Oklahoma ..... 5.00

### **April**

Eleventh Street Christian Church, Birmingham, Alabama ... 100.00  
 Second Christian Church, Rockford, Illinois ..... 21.88

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Cross Street Christian Church, Little Rock, Arkansas .....   | 33.00  |
| Mt. Sinai Christian Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas ...  | 17.00  |
| Mt. Beulah Christian Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas .....      | 20.00  |
| Oak Grove Christian Church, Scott, Arkansas .....            | 13.00  |
| Edwards Chapel Christian Church, Wrightsville, Arkansas ...  | 5.50   |
| Cephas Chapel Christian Church, Wrightsville, Arkansas ..... | 6.00   |
| Pea Ridge Christian Church, Scott, Arkansas .....            | 7.75   |
| Riverview Christian Church, Memphis, Tennessee .....         | 20.00  |
| Walker Memorial Christian Church, Memphis, Tennessee .....   | 10.00  |
| Little Bethlehem Christian Church, Leaksville, N. C. ....    | 11.00  |
| Christian Lord's Day Church, London, Kentucky .....          | 3.00   |
| Crockett Street Christian Church, San Antonio, Texas .....   | 11.00  |
| East Annie Street Christian Church, Fort Worth, Texas .....  | 25.00  |
| West Campbell Street Christian Church, Paris, Texas .....    | 6.00   |
| Bethesda Christian Church, Tennille, Georgia .....           | 6.00   |
| <b>May</b>                                                   |        |
| Avalon Christian Church, Los Angeles, California .....       | 50.00  |
| Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Maryland .....          | 20.00  |
| Clark Street Christian Church, Greenville, Texas .....       | 50.00  |
| Seventh Street Christian Church, Paris, Kentucky .....       | 10.00  |
| High Street Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky .....   | 140.00 |
| <b>June</b>                                                  |        |
| Ross Street Christian Church, Montgomery, Alabama .....      | 100.00 |
| East Vine Avenue Christian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee ...  | 100.00 |
| First Christian Church, Naptown, Missouri .....              | 7.50   |
| Third Christian Church, Louisville, Kentucky .....           | 100.00 |
| <b>July</b>                                                  |        |
| Gay-Lea Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee .....         | 15.00  |
| Second Christian Church, Fulton, Missouri .....              | 37.50  |
| Fifth Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio .....               | 50.00  |
| Monroe Avenue Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio .....         | 50.00  |
| First Christian Church, Mound Bayou, Mississippi .....       | 25.00  |
| Sixth Ave. and Blount St. Christian Church Pensacola, Fla.   | 12.50  |
| Indianola Christian Church, Indianola, Mississippi .....     | 10.00  |
| <b>August</b>                                                |        |
| Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Wichita, Kansas .....       | 34.50  |
| Romine Street Christian Church, Dallas, Texas .....          | 10.00  |
| Jarvis Christian College Church, Hawkins, Texas .....        | 50.00  |
| <b>\$3,638.55</b>                                            |        |

## BIBLE SCHOOLS

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>August</b>                                                  |          |
| Clay Street Christian Bible School, Paducah, Ky. ....          | \$ 10.00 |
| Fifth Christian Church Bible School, Cincinnati, Ohio .....    | 50.00    |
| <b>September</b>                                               |          |
| Mt. Zion Christian Church Bible School, Floyd, Virginia ...    | 7.00     |
| Pine Street Christian Church Bible School, Tulsa, Oklahoma ..  | 5.00     |
| <b>October</b>                                                 |          |
| Little Bethlehem Bible School, Leaksville, N. C. ....          | 5.00     |
| <b>November</b>                                                |          |
| Park Manor Christian Church Bible School, Chicago, Illinois .. | 100.00   |
| Second Christian Church Bible School, Indianapolis, Indiana .. | 150.00   |
| Little Rock Bible School, Paris, Kentucky .....                | 8.50     |



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| West Dallas Christian Church Bible School, Dallas, Texas . . . . . | 10.00 |
| Christian Lord's Day Bible School, London, Kentucky . . . . .      | 9.09  |

**December**

|                                                                                            |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Centennial Christian Church Bible School, St. Louis, Mo. . . . .                           | 100.00 |
| Third Christian Church Bible School, Louisville, Ky. . . . .                               | 50.00  |
| Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church Bible School,<br>Memphis, Tennessee . . . . .       | 250.00 |
| Middle Pork Christian Church School,<br>Winston-Salem, North Carolina . . . . .            | 10.00  |
| Mt. Olive East Bible School, Martinsville, Virginia . . . . .                              | 5.00   |
| Wehrman Avenue Christian Church Bible School,<br>Cincinnati, Ohio . . . . .                | 62.50  |
| Hill Street Christian Church Bible School, Louisville, Kentucky . . . . .                  | 5.00   |
| Cleveland Avenue Christian Church Bible School,<br>Winston-Salem, North Carolina . . . . . | 25.00  |

**January**

|                                                                         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Center Point Christian Church Bible School, Greenville, Texas . . . . . | 3.50  |
| Snow Hill Christian Church Bible School, Mt. Willing, Ala. . . . .      | 8.72  |
| Summit Christian Church Bible School, Dayton, Ohio . . . . .            | 62.50 |
| Third Christian Church Bible School, Cleveland, Ohio . . . . .          | 5.00  |

**February**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Forest Avenue Christian Church Bible School, Dallas, Texas . . . . .    | 100.00 |
| West Liberty Christian Church Bible School—Woolwine, Va. . . . .        | 5.00   |
| Charity Christian Church Bible School, Martinsville, Va. . . . .        | 5.00   |
| West End Bible School, Reidsville, N. C. . . . .                        | 4.00   |
| First Christian Church Bible School, Stuart, Va. . . . .                | 5.00   |
| Clark Street Christian Church Bible School, Greenville, Texas . . . . . | 10.00  |
| Second Christian Church Bible School, Fulton, Missouri . . . . .        | 20.00  |
| South Third Christian Church Bible School, Dallas Texas . . . . .       | 10.00  |
| Bethlehem Christian Church Bible School, Cedar Lake, Texas . . . . .    | 10.00  |
| Cedar Christian Church Bible School, Cleveland, Ohio . . . . .          | 25.00  |
| Indiana Avenue Christian Church Bible School, Wichita, Kan. . . . .     | 15.00  |
| Jerusalem Christian Church Bible School, Martinsville, Va. . . . .      | 5.00   |
| Corinth Christian Church Bible School, Chatham, Va. . . . .             | 5.00   |

**March**

|                                                                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Lincoln Avenue Christian Church Bible School<br>Youngstown, Ohio . . . . .           | 15.00 |
| East 2nd St. Christian Church Bible School, Lexington, Ky. . . . .                   | 25.00 |
| High Street Christian Church Bible School, Mt. Sterling, Ky. . . . .                 | 50.00 |
| Williamsburg Christian Church Bible School, Brooklyn, N. Y. . . . .                  | 15.00 |
| Cross Street Christian Church Bible School, Little Rock, Ark. . . . .                | 25.00 |
| East Main Street Christian Church Bible School, Xenia, Ohio . . . . .                | 15.00 |
| West Paseo Christian Church Bible School, Kansas City, Mo. . . . .                   | 75.00 |
| Cherry Avenue Church of Christ Bible School, Canton, Ohio . . . . .                  | 10.00 |
| East 6th Street Christian Church Bible School<br>Oklahoma City, Oklahoma . . . . .   | 35.00 |
| Galilee Christian Church Bible School, Holly Hill, S. C. . . . .                     | 10.00 |
| Cherry Grove Church Bible School, Miley, S. C. . . . .                               | 10.00 |
| Poplar Hill Christian Church Bible School, Ridgeville, S. C. . . . .                 | 10.00 |
| Little Rock Christian Church Bible School, Brookport, Ill. . . . .                   | 5.00  |
| Monroe Avenue Christian Church Bible School,<br>Columbus, Ohio . . . . .             | 50.00 |
| Alameda Street Christian Church Bible School, Nashville, Tenn. . . . .               | 15.00 |
| East 28th Street Christian Church Bible School,<br>Los Angeles, California . . . . . | 60.00 |
| Morgan Avenue Christian Church Bible School, Parsons, Kan. . . . .                   | 8.00  |

Elm Street Christian Church Bible School, Oxford, Ohio . . . 15.00

#### April

13th Avenue Christian Church Bible School, Corsicana, Texas . . . 10.00  
 Romane Street Christian Church Bible School, Dallas, Texas . . . 25.00  
 Macedonia Christian Church Bible School, Birmingham, Ala. . . 15.00  
 First Christian Church Bible School, Ehrdard, S. C. . . . . 5.00  
 Fayette Street Christian Church Bible School, Martinsville, Va. . . 50.00  
 Oak Grove Christian Church Bible School, Scott, Ark. . . . . 5.00  
 Christ Memorial Christian Church Bible School,  
 Jacksonville, Florida . . . . . 23.00  
 Second Christian Church Bible School, Muskogee, Okla. . . . 10.00  
 Crockett Street Christian Church Bible School,  
 San Antonio, Texas. . . . . 5.00  
 Loudon Avenue Christian Church Bible School, Roanoke, Va. . . 25.00  
 West Campbell Street Christian Church Bible School,  
 Paris, Texas . . . . . 5.00  
 Maple Street Christian Church Bible School, Nicholasville, Ky. . . 5.00  
 Second Christian Church Bible School, Frankford, Missouri . . 10.00  
 Ross Street Christian Church, Montgomery, Ala. . . . . 35.00

#### May

Third Christian Church Bible School, Warren, Ohio . . . . . 3.62  
 Evergreen Christian Church Bible School, Valdosta, Ga. . . . . 6.00  
 Clay Street Christian Church Bible School, Waco, Texas. . . . 3.49  
 Second Christian Church Bible School, Hagerstown, Md. . . . 10.00  
 Cedar Grove Christian Church Bible School, Rockwall, Texas . . 15.00  
 Little Salem Christian Church Bible School, Reidsville, N. C. . 10.00

#### May

Union Point Christian Church Bible School, Calhoun, Ala. . . 20.00

#### June

Fairview Christian Church Bible School, Sharpsburg, Ky. . . . . 20.00  
 Mt. Pleasant Christian Church Bible School, Greensboro, N. C. . . 5.00  
 Stuyvesant Heights Christian Church Bible School,  
 Brooklyn, New York . . . . . 10.00  
 Eighth Street Christian Church Bible School, Kansas City, Kan. . 10.00  
 First Christian Church Bible School, Mound Bayou, Miss. . . . 25.00  
 East Vine Avenue, Christian Church Bible School,  
 Knoxville, Tennessee . . . . . 15.00  
 Pine Street Christian Church Bible School, Tulsa, Okla. . . . . 15.00  
 Rogersville Christian Church Bible School, Rogersville, Tenn. . . 5.00  
 Grove Hall Christian Church Bible School, Mt. Holly, S. C. . . . 10.00  
 Lorman Christian Church Bible School, Lorman, Miss. . . . . 5.00  
 Gay-Lea Christian Church Bible School, Nashville, Tenn. . . . 30.00  
 College Addition Christian Church Bible School, Jackson, Miss. . . 6.00

#### July

Eleventh Street Christian Church Bible School  
 Birmingham, Alabama . . . . . 50.00  
 Second Christian Church Bible School, Columbia, Ky. . . . . 5.00  
 Elm Street Christian Church Bible School, Jefferson City, Mo. . . 25.00  
 Second Christian Church Bible School, Jefferson City, Mo. . . . 20.00  
 North Jackson Christian Church Bible School, Jackson, Miss. . . 5.00  
 Grove Street Christian Church Bible School, Houston, Texas . . . 15.00

#### August

First Christian Church Bible School, Reidsville, N. C. . . . . 25.00  
 Twelfth Street Christian Church Bible School,



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| Washington, D. C..... | 12.50            |
|                       | <hr/> \$2,218.42 |

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## MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

**January**

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|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| CWF of West Paseo Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo..... | \$ 60.00 |
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**February**

|                                                                |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| CWF of Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana .....    | 100.00 |
| CWF of Lincoln Avenue Christian Church, Youngstown, Ohio ..... | 12.50  |

**March**

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|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| CWF of Hill Street Christian Church, Louisville, Ky..... | 22.00 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|

**April**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Missionary Society of St. Mark Christian Church,<br>Goldsboro, North Carolina ..... | 1.00   |
| CWF of Broadway Christian Church, Winchester, Ky.....                               | 8.50   |
| CWF of Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Missouri .....                       | 110.00 |
| CWF of Fifth Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio .....                               | 15.00  |
| CWF of West Campbell Street Christian Church, Paris, Texas .....                    | 15.40  |

**May**

|                                                            |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| CWF of 2nd Christian Church, Jefferson City, Missouri..... | 10.00 |
| CWF of 2nd Christian Church, Rockford, Illinois.....       | 10.00 |
| CWF of Summit Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio .....         | 10.00 |
| CWF of Pine Street Christian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma....   | 5.00  |
| CWF of Lorman Christian Church, Lorman, Miss.....          | 25.00 |

**June**

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| CWF of Ross Street Christian Church, Montgomery, Ala....  | 5.00  |
| CWF of East Main Street Christian Church, Xenia, Ohio ... | 10.00 |
| CWF of Third Christian Church, Warren, Ohio .....         | 10.00 |

**July**

|                                                           |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| CWF of Avalon Christian Church, Los Angeles, California . | 30.00 |
| CWF of Briner Christian Church, Holly Hill, S. C.....     | 5.00  |

**August**

|                                                                   |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| CWF of 12th Street Christian Church, Austin, Texas .....          | 1.52            |
| CWF of Crockett Street Christian Church, San Antonio, Texas ..... | 1.58            |
|                                                                   | <hr/> \$ 467.50 |

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## CYF, YAF, USHER BOARDS, CE

**December**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| CYF of Clark Street Christian Church, Greenville, Texas.... | \$ 3.00 |
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**March**

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Senior Usher Board of Park Manor Christian Church<br>Chicago, Illinois ..... | 25.00 |
| YAF of Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana.....                   | 10.00 |

**April**

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|------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Usher Board of St. Mark Christian Church, Goldsboro, N. C. | 1.00  |
| CYF of Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Mo.....     | 10.00 |
| CYF Ross Street Christian Church, Montgomery, Ala.....     | 10.00 |
| CYF of Ross Street Christian Church, Montgomery, Ala....   | 5.00  |
| CYF of United Christian Church, Detroit, Michigan .....    | 12.50 |

**May**

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|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| CYF of Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana . . . .    | 10.00 |
| Usher Board of Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Ind. . . . | 30.00 |

**July**

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Usher Board of Williamsburg Christian Church,<br>Brooklyn, N. Y. . . . . | 25.00     |
| CYF of Forest Avenue Christian Church, Dallas, Texas . . . .             | 30.00     |
| Usher Board of Little Rock Christian Church, Paris, Ky. . . .            | 10.00     |
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|                                                                          | \$ 181.50 |

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**CONVENTIONS****July**

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|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Kansas Christian Missionary Convention . . . . . | \$ 20.00 |
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**CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP****October**

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|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| CMF of Monroe Avenue Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio \$ | 10.00 |
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**March**

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|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| CMF of Summit Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio . . . . . | 12.50 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|

**April**

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Laymen League of Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Mo. . . . | 15.00 |
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**June**

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|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| CMF of Fifth Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio . . . . .        | 15.00 |
| CMF of Wehrman Avenue Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio . . . . | 12.50 |
| CMF of Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana . . . . .  | 12.00 |

**July**

|                                                                  |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| CMF of Loudon Avenue Christian Church, Roanoke, Virginia . . . . | 12.50 |
| CMF of 6th District of Kentucky . . . . .                        | 12.00 |

**August**

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| CMF of High Street Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, Ky. . . . . | 12.00 |
| CMF of the State of Ohio . . . . .                             | 10.00 |

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**CAPITAL FOR KINGDOM BUILDING (ALL PEOPLES' CHURCH)****November**

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|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Cosmopolitan Church, Los Angeles, California . . . . \$ | 25.00 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|

**August**

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Crockett Street Christian Church, San Antonio, Texas . . . . . | 1.90 |
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**TAYLOR MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP HOUSE****June**

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| CWF of West Paseo Christian Church, Kansas City, Missouri \$ | 15.00 |
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|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| MEN - WOMEN \$100.00 MOVEMENT FOR EVANGELISM |           |
| Dr. T. W. Pratt, Dallas, Texas . . . . .     | \$ 100.00 |



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| Mr. A. I. Terrell, Winston-Salem, North Carolina ..... | 100.00    |
| Mrs. Alice H. Callens, Youngstown, Ohio .....          | 50.00     |
| Mrs. A. L. Martin, Chicago, Illinois .....             | 25.00     |
| Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis, Tennessee .....             | 100.00    |
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|                                                        | \$ 375.00 |

## SPECIAL GIFTS

|                                                            |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Mrs. Amanda Davis, Kansas City, Kansas .....               | \$ 15.00  |
| Mr. John Long, Los Angeles, Calif. (former S. C. I.) ..... | 10.00     |
| Miss Carrie Dee Hancock, Indianapolis, Indiana .....       | 5.00      |
| Mr. J. D. Montgomery, Indianapolis, Indiana .....          | 10.00     |
| Mrs. Izetta W. Payntz, Maysville, Kentucky .....           | 5.00      |
| Mrs. Geraldine A. Greene, Maysville, Kentucky .....        | 5.00      |
| Miss S. P. Walker, Dallas, Texas .....                     | 5.00      |
| Miss Fannie Anderson, Maysville, Kentucky .....            | 5.00      |
| Mrs. Vera L. Robinson, Belton, Texas .....                 | 5.00      |
| Mr. J. C. Lewis, Chicago, Illinois .....                   | 10.00     |
| Mrs. Anna E. Sanford, Jefferson City, Missouri .....       | 10.00     |
| Mrs. Christina Smith, Knoxville, Tennessee .....           | 5.00      |
| Mrs. Anna M. Farrison, Detroit, Michigan .....             | 10.00     |
| Mrs. Rosa V. Brown, Indianapolis, Indiana .....            | 5.00      |
| Mr. Thomas P. Green, Louisville, Kentucky .....            | 5.00      |
| Mr. Edward Owens, Dayton, Ohio .....                       | 10.00     |
| Mrs. Mary Van Buren, Fulton, Missouri .....                | 10.00     |
| Miss Gladys Pride, Indianapolis, Indiana .....             | 5.00      |
| Miss Doris James, Memphis, Tennessee .....                 | 1.00      |
| Mr. Abe Elmore, Jackson, Mississippi .....                 | 5.00      |
| Mr. Cleedus M. Wilson, Vandalia, Missouri .....            | 3.00      |
|                                                            | <hr/>     |
|                                                            | \$ 144.00 |

## CONTRIBUTING AGENCIES

|                                           |             |             |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| United Christian Missionary Society ..... | \$14,583.29 |             |
| National Benevolent Association .....     | 750.00      |             |
| Board of Higher Education .....           | 300.00      |             |
| Pension Fund of Disciples of Christ ..... | 600.00      |             |
| Board of Church Extension .....           | 600.00      |             |
| Christian Board of Publication .....      | 4,000.00    | \$20,833.29 |

## MISCELLANEOUS

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>October</b>                                                                                               |           |
| Benevolence Offering .....                                                                                   | \$ 178.00 |
| <b>December</b>                                                                                              |           |
| Refund—J. R. Compson (Wherman Ave. Christian Church<br>in payment of loan made to the late Alfred Thomas) .. | 100.00    |
| <b>January</b>                                                                                               |           |
| Refund—United Christian Missionary Society<br>Board of Trustees Expenses .....                               | 14.42     |
| <b>March</b>                                                                                                 |           |
| Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana,<br>Refund on account of Evangelism Program .....             | 107.33    |

**April**

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|---------------------|----------|
| Taylor Estate ..... | 4,100.00 |
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**July**

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Ministers' Fund—Gift from Rev. Walter Bingham,<br>Hawkins, Texas ..... | 5.00 |
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**September**

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| Refund—Rev. Walter Bingham (in payment of loan acquired<br>from Ministers' Fund in 1949) ..... | 20.00            |
|                                                                                                | <hr/> \$4,524.75 |

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| TOTAL INCOME ..... | \$38,175.39 |
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| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ..... | 38,124.00 |
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| BALANCE IN TREASURY ..... | \$ 51.39 |
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**ROSA PAGE WELCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

|                                                                 |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Money Received at National Convention (Roanoke, Virginia) ..... | \$ 660.00       |
| Mrs. Amanda Davis, Kansas City, Kansas .....                    | 25.00           |
| Morgan Avenue Christian Church, Parsons, Kansas .....           | 5.00            |
| Mrs. Fannie H. Clark, Chicago, Illinois .....                   | 25.00           |
| Mr. and Mrs. Russell J. Parker, Indianapolis, Indiana .....     | 20.00           |
| Miss Bessie E. Chandler, St. Louis, Missouri .....              | 100.00          |
| TOTAL .....                                                     | <hr/> \$ 835.00 |

**INFORMATION**

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| MINISTERS' FUND (Amount in Treasury) .....                               | \$ 191.79 |
| TAYLOR MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP LIBRARY<br>PROJECT (Amount in Treasury) ..... | \$ 38.65  |
| CRUSADE FUND (Amount in Treasury) .....                                  | \$ 8.01   |

**DISBURSEMENTS**

1954-55

**August**

|                                                                          |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| National Convention Expenses .....                                       | \$1,960.86 |
| Johnson Printery—Printing of Treasurer's Report .....                    | 88.00      |
| Jesse H. Turner, CPA—Auditing Services .....                             | 35.00      |
| Pension Fund—Dues for Dickson, Evans, Webb,<br>Jackson and Parker .....  | 122.02     |
| Cash—Postage, Office of the Treasurer .....                              | 5.00       |
| Centennial Christian Church—National Board Luncheon<br>(August 16) ..... | 27.00      |
| Adding Machine Service and Sales Company—Repairs .....                   | 44.55      |
| Allen & Lounsbury, Inc. ....                                             | 12.50      |

**September**

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Central Southern Insurance Agency, Inc.,<br>Bond Premium for Treasurer .....                       | 5.00   |
| W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense .....                                                             | 270.00 |
| United Christian Missionary Society—Travel and Expense<br>of Trustees, Indianapolis, Indiana ..... | 500.00 |



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|----------------------------------------------------|--------|
| United Christian Missionary Society—Services ..... | 390.10 |
| F. T. Floyd—Ministers' Fund .....                  | 25.00  |
| Mrs. Agenora Millner—Financial Promotion .....     | 10.00  |

**October**

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Flora's Flower Shop—Design for Mrs. J. E. Walker .....                     | 15.00  |
| Capital for Kingdom Building .....                                         | 385.00 |
| Taylor Memorial Fellowship House .....                                     | 300.00 |
| R. H. Peoples—Expense to International Convention,<br>Miami, Florida. .... | 175.00 |
| United Christian Missionary Society—Services .....                         | 208.23 |
| Regal Flower Shop—Funeral Flowers .....                                    | 20.65  |
| The Gordner Agency—Workmen's Compensation<br>and Liability Insurance ..... | 15.65  |
| Philander Smith College—Award to Miss Annie Pearl Daniels .....            | 50.00  |
| Indiana State Teachers College—Award, Miss Miriam Lawson .....             | 25.00  |
| Pension Fund—Benevolent Offering .....                                     | 178.00 |
| Lorenzo J. Evans—Fall Planning Conference and Commission .....             | 250.00 |
| W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense .....                                     | 133.00 |

**November**

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|----------------------------------------------------|--------|
| United Christian Missionary Society—Services ..... | 205.12 |
| McDaniel's Press—For Printing .....                | 88.47  |
| National Council of Churches—Year Books .....      | 5.50   |

**December**

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense .....                                                             | 133.00 |
| Cash—Postage, Office of the Treasurer .....                                                        | 5.00   |
| Capital for Kingdom Building (Cosmopolitan Christian Church) .....                                 | 25.00  |
| Ida M. Walker—Secretarial Work .....                                                               | 125.00 |
| United Christian Missionary Society—Travel and Expense<br>of Trustees, Indianapolis, Indiana ..... | 250.00 |
| J. E. Walker—Travel and Expense, Indianapolis, Indiana .....                                       | 52.00  |
| United Christian Missionary Society—Services .....                                                 | 163.14 |
| International Convention—Share of Convention<br>Program Expense .....                              | 115.32 |
| Indiana Paper Company .....                                                                        | 68.40  |
| Charles H. Webb—Ministers' Institute .....                                                         | 250.00 |
| Allen & Lounsbury, Inc. ....                                                                       | 18.75  |
| John H. Smith, Treasurer of Texas State Convention,<br>Regular Program Fund .....                  | 47.33  |
| W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense .....                                                             | 133.00 |

**January**

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Lorenzo J. Evans—Financial Promotion Committee Meeting ..                          | 300.00 |
| Emmet J. Dickson—Secretarial Expense .....                                         | 100.00 |
| United Christian Missionary Society—Services .....                                 | 143.37 |
| Indiana State Teachers College—Balance of 2nd Award<br>to Miss Miriam Lawson ..... | 25.00  |
| Allen & Lounsbury—Supplies .....                                                   | 10.30  |
| Taylor Memorial Fellowship House—Ministerial Training .....                        | 300.00 |
| W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense .....                                             | 133.00 |

**February**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Second Christian Church—Evangelism Program .....                                                      | 400.00 |
| Cash—Postage, Office of the Treasurer .....                                                           | 10.00  |
| United Christian Missionary Society—Services .....                                                    | 159.86 |
| Bark & Office Stationery Company .....                                                                | 14.40  |
| Philander Smith College—Balance of 1st Award<br>in Oratorical Contest, Miss Annie Pearl Daniels ..... | 50.00  |

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| International Convention—For Year Books ..... | 48.00  |
| W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense.....         | 133.00 |

**March**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| United Christian Missionary Society—Services .....                      | 165.01 |
| Gordner's Agency—Workmen's Compensation<br>and Liability Insurance..... | 35.56  |
| W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense .....                                  | 133.00 |
| Tri-State Bank of Memphis—Safe Deposit Box Rent.....                    | 4.40   |

**April**

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Second Christian Church—Travel and Expense<br>of Trustees, Indianapolis, Indiana ..... | 637.28 |
| United Christian Missionary Society—Services .....                                     | 176.89 |
| Council of Agency—Assessment .....                                                     | 10.00  |
| W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense .....                                                 | 133.00 |
| Pension Fund—Dues for Dickson, Evans, Jackson,<br>Parker and Webb (2 months) .....     | 203.39 |
| International Convention—Printing of Year Book<br>(Convention's Share) .....           | 124.69 |

**May**

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Emmett J. Dickson—Office Expense .....                                             | 50.00  |
| United Christian Missionary Society—Services .....                                 | 162.58 |
| W. K. Fox, Christian Plea Expense .....                                            | 133.00 |
| Pension Fund—Dues for Dickson, Evans, Jackson,<br>Parker and Webb (2 months) ..... | 345.77 |
| Cash—Postage, Office of the Treasurer.....                                         | 5.00   |

**June**

|                                                                         |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| R. L. Sanders—Deposit on Printing of 1954 Minutes .....                 | 150.00 |
| Emmett J. Dickson—Office Expense .....                                  | 40.00  |
| United Christian Missionary Society Services .....                      | 194.00 |
| Board of Higher Education .....                                         | 23.72  |
| Burford Printing Company .....                                          | 75.00  |
| Pension Fund—Dues for Dickson, Jackson, Parker,<br>Evans and Webb ..... | 268.48 |
| W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense.....                                   | 133.00 |

**July**

|                                                                              |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Cash—Postage, Office of the Treasurer .....                                  | 10.00  |
| Emmett J. Dickson—Office Expense .....                                       | 100.00 |
| United Christian Missionary Society—Services .....                           | 478.16 |
| A. C. Stone—Expenses to International<br>Sunday School Convention .....      | 75.00  |
| Pension Fund—Dues for Dickson, Jackson, Parker,<br>Evans and Webb .....      | 285.76 |
| W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense .....                                       | 133.00 |
| Hooks Brothers—16x20 Framed Photograph<br>of the late Mrs. Lelia Walker..... | 38.64  |

**August**

|                                                                    |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| R. L. Saunders—2nd Payment on Printing of 1954 Minutes .....       | 150.00 |
| Capital for Kingdom Building (Crockett St. Christian Church) ..... | 1.90   |

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\$13,238.75



## SALARY AND TRAVEL FOR STAFF WORKERS

|                          |             |             |  |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Emmett J. Dickson:       |             |             |  |
| Salary .....             | \$ 4,652.48 |             |  |
| Travel .....             | 1,250.00    | \$ 5,902.48 |  |
| Charles H. Webb:         |             |             |  |
| Salary .....             | \$ 4,148.80 |             |  |
| Travel .....             | 1,100.00    | 5,248.00    |  |
| Lorenzo J. Evans:        |             |             |  |
| Salary .....             | \$ 4,148.80 |             |  |
| Travel .....             | 1,125.00    | 5,273.80    |  |
| Miss Anna B. Jackson:    |             |             |  |
| Salary .....             | \$ 3,393.50 |             |  |
| Travel .....             | 1,025.00    | 4,418.50    |  |
| Mrs. Marjorie C. Parker: |             |             |  |
| Salary .....             |             | 2,493.67    |  |
| Miss Sharon Enix:        |             |             |  |
| Salary .....             |             | 1,200.00    |  |
| Miss Bettie McDaniels:   |             |             |  |
| Salary .....             |             | 348.80      |  |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS..... |             | \$38,124.00 |  |

TAYLOR ESTATE  
**REPORT OF TREASURER**  
 As of August 10, 1955  
 INCOME

|                                                              |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1954-55                                                      |             |
| Balance in Treasury at the St. Louis Convention.....         | \$ 4,077.12 |
| <b>October</b>                                               |             |
| New Operation of Greenwood Cemetery (Regular Account) .....  | 550.00      |
| Greenwood Cemetery (Development Fund) .....                  | 450.00      |
| Report of Merl R. Eppse (July 5-October 2, 1954).....        | 924.95      |
| <b>January</b>                                               |             |
| Report, Merl R. Eppse (October 4, 1954-January 1, 1955)....  | 1,041.72    |
| <b>April</b>                                                 |             |
| Report of Merl R. Eppse (January 3-April 2, 1955).....       | 480.00      |
| <b>June</b>                                                  |             |
| New Operations of Greenwood Cemetery (Regular Account) ..... | 550.00      |
| <b>July</b>                                                  |             |
| Report of Merl R. Eppse (April 4-July 2, 1955).....          | 682.79      |
| TOTAL INCOME.....                                            | \$ 8,756.58 |

## DISBURSEMENTS

|                                                                        |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>September</b>                                                       |           |
| S. L. Wright & Company—Earnest Money<br>on Elm Hill Pike Property..... | \$ 250.00 |

**October**

Merl R. Eppse—Bills, Taylor Estate Enterprises 989.23

**December**

Merl R. Eppse—Repairs, Taylor Estate Enterprises 2,500.00

**February**

National Christian Missionary Convention ..... 1,500.00

**April**

National Christian Missionary Convention ..... 1,200.00

**June**

Jack Price Jones, Trustee—1954 State and County  
Taxes (Greenwood Cemetery) ..... 525.30

Jack Price Jones, Trustee—1954 State and County  
Taxes, 449 Fourth Avenue, North, and Lot 4,  
Pearl Street ..... 123.29

National Christian Missionary Convention ..... 900.00

**July**

J. E. Walker—Travel and Expense  
Nashville, Tennessee ..... 16.66

L. L. Dickerson—Travel and Expense,  
Nashville, Tennessee ..... 33.50

R. H. Peoples—Travel and Expense,  
Nashville, Tennessee ..... 28.77

S. S. Myers—Travel and Expense,  
Nashville, Tennessee ..... 50.00

Blair T. Hunt—Travel and Expense,  
Nashville, Tennessee ..... 10.62

**August**

National Christian Missionary Convention  
(Advance) ..... 500.00 \$ 8,627.37

BALANCE IN TREASURY ..... \$ 129.21

Indianapolis, Indiana.

Disciples of Christ,

National Christian Missionary Convention,

We have examined that statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the National Christian Missionary Convention, Disciples of Christ, Indianapolis, Indiana, for the period, August 1, 1954, to August 10, 1955, verified certain invoices and checked other accounting records and vouchers to the extent and by means we deemed necessary. Our examination including tracing cash receipts to deposits in bank (except \$1,960.86 cash spent during 1954 Convention), verifying certain requisitions with checks and checking returned checks for proper endorsement, signature of maker and amount. Cash in bank (\$46.39) as of August 10, 1955, was confirmed by direct correspondence with the depository. Our audit did not include an examination of all the transactions.

It is our opinion that, except for cash disbursements made at the 1954 Convention, this statement presents fairly the cash receipts and disbursements as shown by the books and accounting records of the



National Christian Missionary Convention, Disciples of Christ, for the period, August 1, 1954, to August 10, 1955.

JESSE H. TURNER,  
Certified Public Accountant

Memphis, Tennessee  
August 19, 1955

**NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION  
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST  
Indianapolis, Indiana**

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements  
For Period  
August 1, 1954, to August 10, 1955

**Receipts**

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| National Convention                 | \$ 5,232.36 |
| Churches                            | 3,638.55    |
| Taylor Estate                       | 4,100.00    |
| United Christian Missionary Society | 14,583.29   |
| Bible Schools                       | 2,218.42    |
| "Men-Women \$100.00 Movement"       | 375.00      |
| Pension Fund—Disciples of Christ    | 600.00      |
| Board of Higher Education           | 300.00      |
| National Benevolent Association     | 750.00      |
| Board of Church Extension           | 600.00      |
| Church Board of Publication         | 4,000.00    |
| Special Gifts                       | 144.00      |
| Missionary Societies                | 467.50      |
| Christian Men's Fellowship          | 123.50      |
| Miscellaneous                       | 546.40      |

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** ..... \$37,679.02

**Disbursements**

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Salaries                            | \$20,385.25 |
| Travel Expenses                     | 5,379.28    |
| Office Expenses                     | 890.63      |
| Pension Fund—Disciples of Christ    | 1,225.42    |
| United Christian Missionary Society | 3,281.46    |
| Printing                            | 551.47      |
| Christian Plea                      | 1,600.00    |
| Fall Planning Conferences           | 250.00      |
| Scholarships                        | 150.00      |
| National Convention Expenses        | 1,960.86    |
| Ministerial Training                | 600.00      |
| Ministers' Institute                | 250.00      |
| Ministerial Evangelistic Program    | 292.67      |
| Promotions                          | 310.00      |
| Capital for Kingdom Building        | 385.00      |
| Miscellaneous                       | 495.21      |

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** ..... \$38,007.25

Excess Disbursements Over Receipts ..... \$ 328.23  
Cash in Bank, August 1, 1954 ..... 374.62

Balance Cash in Bank, August 10, 1955 ..... \$ 46.39

**SUPPLEMENTARY TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**of the**  
**NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION**

**Dayton, Ohio — August, 1955**

| STATE                       | Church  | C.W.F | B. Sch. | C.Y.F. | C.M.F. | Ushers |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>ALABAMA</b>              |         |       |         |        |        |        |
| 11th St., Birmingham        | \$ 2.00 | \$    | \$      | \$     | \$     | \$     |
| Ross St., Montgomery        |         | 4.00  |         |        |        | 15.00  |
| Mt. Pleasant—Matthews       |         | 10.00 | 10.00   |        |        |        |
| Alabama State Convention    | 10.00   |       |         |        |        |        |
| <b>ARKANSAS</b>             | 10.00   | 10.00 |         |        |        | 10.00  |
| <b>CALIFORNIA</b>           |         |       |         |        |        |        |
| East 28th St.               | 25.00   | 25.00 |         |        |        |        |
| Avalon                      | 10.00   |       |         |        |        |        |
| <b>FLORIDA</b>              |         |       |         |        |        |        |
| St. Luke, Pensacola         | 10.00   |       |         |        |        |        |
| Second Christian, Pensacola | 4.00    |       | 2.00    |        |        |        |
| State Convention            | 25.00   |       |         |        |        |        |
| <b>GEORGIA</b>              |         |       |         |        |        |        |
| Bethel Ch.—Eastman          | 5.00    |       | 5.00    |        |        |        |
| <b>ILLINOIS</b>             |         |       |         |        |        |        |
| Park Manor, Chicago         |         |       |         |        | 12.50  |        |
| Southside                   | 25.00   | 7.50  |         |        |        | 5.00   |
| East St. Louis, Memorial    | 10.00   |       |         |        |        |        |
| 3rd Ch.—Bloomington         | 21.00   | 5.00  | 5.00    |        |        |        |
| 2nd Ch., Rockford           | 25.00   |       |         |        |        |        |
| <b>INDIANA</b>              |         |       |         |        |        |        |
| 2nd. Ch., Indianapolis      |         |       |         |        |        | 5.00   |
| <b>MICHIGAN</b>             |         |       |         |        |        |        |
| United—Detroit              |         | 5.00  |         | 5.00   | 10.00  | 10.00  |
| Terment—Flint, Mich.        | 30.00   | 3.50  | 12.00   | 5.00   |        |        |
| <b>KANSAS</b>               |         |       |         |        |        |        |
| 8th St., Kansas City        | 100.00  |       |         |        |        |        |
| <b>KENTUCKY</b>             |         |       |         |        |        |        |
| 3rd Ch., Louisville         |         |       |         |        |        | 25.00  |
| No. Middleton               | 15.00   |       |         |        |        |        |
| Hill St., Louisville        | 30.00   |       |         |        |        |        |
| State Convention            | 30.00   | 25.00 | 25.00   |        | 12.50  | 10.00  |
| <b>MISSISSIPPI</b>          |         |       |         |        |        |        |
| Miss. State Convention      | 100.00  | 10.00 |         |        | 5.00   | 5.00   |
| <b>MISSOURI</b>             |         |       |         |        |        |        |
| 2nd, Hannibal               | 50.00   |       |         |        |        |        |
| Centennial, St. Louis       |         |       |         |        |        | 25.00  |
| 2nd Ch., Jefferson City     |         |       |         |        | 2.00   |        |
| 2nd Ch., Marshall           | 6.00    |       |         |        |        |        |
| State Convention            | 10.00   | 25.00 | 10.00   | 5.00   |        | 5.00   |
| <b>OHIO</b>                 |         |       |         |        |        |        |
| Cedar, Cleveland            | 100.00  |       | 25.00   |        |        |        |
| 3rd St., Warren             |         |       |         |        | 10.00  |        |
| Wehrman                     |         |       |         |        |        | 10.00  |
| Central, Cleveland          | 7.00    |       |         |        |        |        |
| Oxford, Christian           |         |       |         |        | 12.00  |        |
| Summit, Dayton              |         |       |         |        |        | 25.00  |
| Ohio State Convention       | 25.00   | 25.00 | 50.00   |        |        |        |



| STATE                          | Church | C.W.F | B. Sch. | C.Y.F. | C.M.F. | Ushers |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>OKLAHOMA</b>                |        |       |         |        |        |        |
| E. 6th St., Oklahoma City      |        |       |         |        | 10.00  |        |
| State Convention, Okla.        | 15.00  | 15.00 | 10.00   | 10.00  | 10.00  |        |
| <b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>          |        |       |         |        |        |        |
| Little Bethlehem, Leaksville   |        |       | 5.00    |        |        |        |
| First Ch., Concord             | 17.00  |       |         |        |        |        |
| <b>VIRGINIA</b>                |        |       |         |        |        |        |
| Loudon Ave., Roanoke           | 100.00 |       |         |        |        | 25.00  |
| 1st Ch., Stuart                |        |       | 5.00    |        |        |        |
| Payette St., Martinsville      | 20.00  | 20.00 |         |        |        |        |
| <b>W. VIRGINIA</b>             |        |       |         |        |        |        |
| <b>MARYLAND</b>                |        |       |         |        |        |        |
| Mt. Olivet, Baltimore          | 63.75  |       |         |        |        |        |
| <b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>    |        |       |         |        |        |        |
| <b>EASTERN SEABOARD</b>        |        |       |         |        |        |        |
| Stuyvesant, Brooklyn           | 50.00  | 9.00  | 10.00   |        |        |        |
| Fountain, Brooklyn             | 20.00  |       |         |        |        |        |
| Great Faith, Brooklyn          | 8.00   |       |         |        |        |        |
| Williamsburgh, Brooklyn        | 30.00  | 30.00 |         |        |        |        |
| St. Phillips, Brooklyn         | 15.00  |       | 10.00   | 10.00  |        |        |
| Mt. Olivet, Baltimore          | 63.75  |       |         |        |        |        |
| 12th St., Washington, D. C.    | 100.00 |       |         |        |        |        |
| Friendly Christian, Brooklyn   | 25.00  |       |         |        |        |        |
| <b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>          |        |       |         |        |        |        |
| S. C. State Convention         | 20.00  |       |         | *      |        |        |
| <b>TENNESSEE</b>               |        |       |         |        |        |        |
| Mississippi Blvd., Memphis     |        |       |         |        | 10.00  | 5.00   |
| Tennessee State Convention     | 50.00  |       |         |        |        |        |
| <b>TEXAS</b>                   |        |       |         |        |        |        |
| Dargan, Tyler                  | 5.00   |       |         |        |        |        |
| Forrest Ave., Dallas           |        |       |         |        |        | 25.00  |
| Clark St., Greenville          | 25.00  |       | 25.00   |        |        |        |
| Texas State Convention         | 25.00  | 25.00 | 10.00   |        |        |        |
| <b>PIEDMONT TRI-STATE</b>      |        |       |         |        |        |        |
|                                | 30.11  |       |         |        |        |        |
| <b>GOLDSBORO &amp; RALEIGH</b> |        |       |         |        |        |        |
| DITSRICT                       |        |       |         |        |        | 5.00   |

## SPECIAL GIFTS

|                                                               |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Rev. R. Hines                                                 | \$ 2.00 |
| C. W. F. Love Gift                                            | 530.13  |
| Louis H. Deer                                                 | 10.00   |
| Second Christian, Indiana, Capital for Kingdom Building       | 75.00   |
| Summit Christian Men's Fellowship, Taylor Memorial Fellowship | 89.00   |
| Wehrman Christian Men's Fellowship, Ohio, House Project       | 94.50   |
| Third Christian, Bloomington (Unified Promotion)              | 11.00   |
| Ministers' Fellowship                                         | 83.00   |
| Mr. S. W. Hyton (Taylor Memorial Fellowship House)            | 10.00   |
| Central Christian, Cleveland, Ohio (C. M. F.)                 | 10.00   |





