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Minutes of Church Department

MONDAY EVENING

Welcome of Church and Civic Organizations.

Thursday—Morning Session.

President Preston Taylor presiding, presented Elder C. H. Dickerson, Ky., who conducted devotionals bringing a very timely message from the theme: "**The Things That Edify.**"

The President made remarks and announced the house in order for the dispatch of business.

The enrollment Committee made a partial report.

The president made a very comprehensive report of his findings on his visit to Eastern North Carolina to ascertain just what may be done to bring about a better understanding between the Disciples of Christ there and those who are a tangible part of the World Brotherhood. He expected the chiefs of the two assemblies to visit the National Convention as was agreed when he visited their Joint-Council Board Meeting at Greenville, N. C., in January, 1928. His report was well received and recommendations made to continue the effort, (See report.)

Then Elder H. L. Herod introduced Dr. Hankel, one of the outstanding physicians of the Christian Church, who spoke in high terms of the local church in Indianapolis, Ind., and its pastor, Elder Herod.

The president presented Elder Jesse M. Bader, Secretary of Evangelism of U. C. M. S. Mr. Bader delivered a great message on "**Pentecost.**"

Mr. T. B. Livingston, a communicant of the Baptist, united with the Church and made remarks concerning his fidelity to the Christian doctrine which had been previously attested by Elder Preston Taylor.

Mr. J. B. Lehman, president of Southern Christian Institute, delivered an address emphasizing the importance of the Negro Disciples of Christ arising to the responsibility thrust upon them by their accomplishments in the field of industry and education.

Mr. Hugh S. Calkin spoke on the educational system of the different sections of the country, and pleaded for financial and prayerful interest on our part, in the contemplated establishment of a chair in Lincoln Institute for religious training of Christian leaders.

Elder Herod and Elder Taylor made remarks.

Adjournment.

Afternoon Session.

Devotionals conducted by Elder S. C. Devine, Ky., bringing an interesting message from the theme: **Counting the Cost.**"

The Conference period began at 2:15. Topic: **Financing the Kingdom,**" led by Elder Monroe Jackson and Elder P. A. Gray. The discussion was a very lively one as well as interesting.

The Joint Executive Committee made a partial report. (See Reports.)

The Church at Youngstown, Ohio, sent greetings and report.

Church in Los Angeles, Cal., of which Elder Cothrane is pastor, sent greetings and report of splendid work being done there in the maintenance of a day-nursery under direction of Mr. Mitchell and others.

The enrollment Committee made report. (See report.)

Evening Session.

Devotionals from the theme: **"The Master Has Come."** Eld. C. H. Dickerson and Elder Crawford took a leading part in the devotional service, the former reading the Psalms and the latter offering prayer.

President Taylor made report of his trip to Eastern North Carolina and other places where his interest took him. His address was full of helpful information and advice.

Elder P. C. Washington delivered an excellent sermon from the subject: **"Power of Education as Expressed in the Life of Jesus."**

The Ministers' wives, led by Mrs. J. H. Thomas, gave the audience a very lively and interesting stunt. This enabled the delegation to remain over without being bored to hear the proposition to help put V. G. Smith into the Young Peoples' Work in the department of Religious Education by raising one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) by cash donations and subscriptions and turn the same over to Department of Religious Education as the "Vance Smith Fund" to be supplemented by a \$300.00 to be provided by the Department of Religious Education. The proposition was sponsored by Elder Herod who offered it as a motion. It was adopted and pledges and cash were taken.

Dr. J. E. Walker spoke concerning the **Christian Plea** and urged all to co-operate in the maintenance of our paper.

Benediction.

Friday—Morning Session.

9:00—Devotionals from the theme: **"Whom We May Appoint Over This Business."**

The President announced the house in order for the dispatch of business. After the reading of journal of previous session, the president called for the report of the Committee on Recommendations. (See report.)

The Recommendation that the Convention elect an evangelist-National—and give him moral support caused several prominent ministers' names to be offered. Elder A. W. Davis was elected.

Rev. Cook, pastor of Peoples Community Church, City, made encouraging remarks.

Elder C. H. Dickerson brought a very fine message on **Pentecost and The Disciples of Christ.**

Remarks by the President.

Adjournment.

Afternoon Session.

2:00—Devotionals conducted by Elder R. W. Watson, Ohio. The Message which was so characteristic of Eld. Watson was based upon the theme, "**Study To Show Thyself Approved.**"

Elder Calvert opened the discussion, "**Christian Plea.**" Then Dr. Walker made remarks and called for cash payments and pledges on paper.

Committee on enrollment made final report as follows: Received from Enrollment \$63.00, from Church \$212.00. Total \$275.00 (see full report..)

Report of Joint Executive Committee.

Remarks and announcements by President.

Benediction.

Evening Session

8:00—Devotionals conducted by Elder I. K. Hicks, Kansas, who brought a very interesting message from the theme: **Preach The Gospel To Every Creature.**"

The very efficient choir of Oakwood Boulevard Church gave some very beautiful renditions. Elder Jackson offered prayer.

Elder P. A. Gray, Mo., delivered a masterful address on "**Our Youth and Their Problems.**"

Elder T. B. Livingston preached an excellent sermon on "**Life a Game.**"

Elder Herod made announcements concerning the "Vance Smith Fund" that pledges be paid in three months.

Benediction.

Saturday—Morning Session.

8:00—Devotionals led by Elder Wm. Martin, Ky., Elder Martin, as usual, brought a very interesting message from the theme: "**Thy Word is Truth.**"

The president announced the house in order for the dispatch of business, called for journal of previous session.

Report of Recommendations Committee. (See Report.)

Elder Herod and others spoke concerning a "**Crusaders Cam-**

paign" to carry the message of Pentecost to all parts of the brotherhood, to stimulate enthusiasm and inspiration. These groups would also do work in unorganized fields, Elder Griffin, D. C., suggested.

Elder Herod spoke of the opportunity offered our ministers by the New Pension System and urged all to take advantage of it.

After some discussion of the Law Enforcement recommendation brought in by Dr. Hankel and Elder B. T. Hunt, it was modified and made quite sweeping after Dr. Walker, Elder Hunt, Elder Herod and others had expressed their views on alleged discrimination and segregation in Christian Schools. The recommendation was adopted.

Elders Hunt, Herod, Dr. Walker, Profs. Moss and Pratt were appointed to investigate the affairs and make report as to their findings.

Elder Pearson carried greetings from the Convention to Elder W. H. Dickerson, Lockland, Ohio, also a purse of \$10.00 raised and donated by the convention. It was also moved and seconded that he be placed on the retired list and made an honorary Vice-President.

Adjournment.

Sunday—Morning Session.

11:00—Processional—"All Hail The Power of Jesus Name."

Selection—Choir.

"**Holy, Holy, Holy,**" congregation and choir.

Scripture reading, Eld. L. H. Crawford.

Selection—Choir.

Prayer, Elder R. W. Watson, Ohio.

Offertory.

Elder Taylor presented Elder H. L. Herod, Ind., who preached a sermon that was inspiring and instructive from the text: "**Occupy Till I come.**" Luke 19:13.

In his premise he showed that the word "occupy" had a deeper meaning than that which is commonly understood. Has to do with business, promotion, development of the home, the school, the church, the government in the work of human society in bringing the Kingdom of God in the earth. Our willingness to be responsible for that which is worthwhile results in our failure to achieve that which is most beautiful and enjoyable.

"**Courage and honesty are necessary to the proper use of our stewardship.**" "**The ideals of God are in our trust, therefore Stewardship should be taken seriously**

"**The ideals of Jesus, the Father of democracy and world peace, are the most precious possessions in our hand. Jesus died in defense of these ideals.**"

"**The idea of accountability is contained in the Great Commission.**

"**Our work and our life need perfect finishing touch of Jesus.**

This can only be had by having personal experience of him."

The speaker did justice to the occasion that of ordination of three ministers—and a distinguished honor to the whole convention and brotherhood.

Elder B. C. Calvert, Miss., extended the invitation.

President Preston Taylor introduced the candidates for ordination, Elds. T. B. Livingston, Tenn., J. H. Parker, Mo., Mrs. Maude Davis, Texas.

Elder Taylor delivered the charge to them, Elder Moss made the prayer with other ministers following in succession. Then "**A Charge to Keep I Have**" was sung by the choir and congregation, at which time they received the imposition from all the ministers participating. The ceremony was very impressive.

The Communion was served immediately after the close of ordination ceremony.

Offering—\$152.00. Benediction.

Evening Session

8:00—Devotionals under direction of Mr. Welch and Mr. Marcus D'Albert. Elder K. R. Brown, Miss., preached a very encouraging sermon from the text: "**They Sat and Watched Him There.**"

Elder L. H. Crawford offered the invitation and two united.

Elder Livingston made the closing remarks after beautiful solos were sung by Mr. Hugh Hayes, Ky., and Mr. Owens, also of Ky.

Elder P. A. Gray read the resolutions of thanks.

Offering.

Benediction.

Executive Committee Reports.

The Joint-Executive Committee made a partial report, as follows:

Tuesday Afternoon.

The question of the publication of the **Christian Plea** evoked quite a lengthy discussion by many leaders and members. The principal point of contention in this discussion, however, had to do with a clause combining the work of the Editor of the **Plea** with that of General Field Secretary.

A motion was made and carried to omit from the recommendation the part concerning the General Secretaryship. Then the whole report was adopted.

President Taylor stated just how the committee has to meet and solve the many difficult situations with which it is almost always confronted.

Mr. Lehman asked all those who wished to meet with the Joint-Executive Committee and hear the matter of continuing or discontinuing publication of the **Christian Plea** discussed to meet with the Committee in a special session which was called for that purpose.

Wednesday Afternoon.

At 4:00 P. M. The Joint-Executive Committee made another partial report. All sections were adopted except that section that had already proved to be one of debate-evoking consequence. The recommendation would make Elder I. C. Frankl'n, Miss., Editor of the Christian Plea with the added responsibility of General Field Secretary for the churches, also of soliciting money and subscriptions for the Plea and students for our three schools. After a warm and lengthy discussion in which many took part, Mrs. Herod offered motion, seconded by Elder R. W. Watson, that the name of Elder V. G. Smith be inserted in place of Elder Frankl'n's. This substitute mot on was adopted. Later the motion was rescinded to permit the Joint-Committee to follow the constitution in this and nominate the field force. This action sent the Committee back for a second time to wrestle with the problem.

Wednesday Evening.

After a short session of the Committee the recommendation was made that Elder P. A. Gray, Jr., Mo., be Ed'tor of the Christian Plea, whose plant would be in Memphis, Tenn. Recommendation was adopted.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Mr. Hugh S. Calkin, Educational Secretary, made report on survey of schools and stated in no uncertain terms that the future existence of our institutions is contingent upon our co-operation in sending and keeping as many students as possible in them.

Dr. N. L. Smith, dean of Lincoln Institute, was presented by Dr. H. L. Herod, his life-long friend. He discussed the matter of establishing a chair in Lincoln Institute for Religious Education and Christian Leadership Training. He emphasized the same thought advanced by Mr. Calkin.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Recommendations, wish to submit the following Resolutions on Courtesies:

Whereas this, our 12th annual National Convention has been one of the very best (in every respect) and all have been so royally and hospitably entertained in the homes (and elsewhere) by the Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church of this city (Chicago) and its noble pastor,—our own Grand President, therefore, be it resolved:

That the 12th annual Convention shall extend a standing vote of appreciation and profound gratitude to this Church, its Pastor and the citizens, visitors and friends who may have in any way contributed to the success of this great Convention.

We wish to especially commend all for the splendid Spirit of fellowship so well manifested by all delegates. The cooperation was most congenial.

The thanks of the Convention is especially extended to the ladies who served most faithfully in the kitchen and dining room. The meals most pleasing. The Oakwood Boulevard Choir is to be highly commended for its well organized choir who contributed much to the success of our evening sessions with their splendid renditions, under the able supervision of our Bro. E. C. Welch.

Not least among the enjoyable features of this convention is this spacious House of worship, so ably manned. We feel that it is a special privilege, and a timely inspiration to be able to visit this outstanding Church of our entire Brotherhood. We pray that God's Choicest blessing may abide with you, even the "Peace of God."

Again, we wish to thank all for their generous hospitality during the entire week.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS.

(1) We recommend that the National Conventions' members of the Joint Executive Committee shall approve or disapprove the program or any fraction thereof of the National Convention. (Passed with the foregoing Convention.)

(2) We recommend that we have a National Evangelist and give him our moral and spiritual support and ask Jesse M. Bader to give us an appropriation for this purpose.

(3) We recommend that the Executive Committee shall be empowered to arrange for our 1930 Convention to be held at such time and place as may permit all who wish to attend our World Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., for Pentecostal Celebration in October, 1930.

(4) Whereas the National Convention has sought to encourage the Disciples of Christ in Eastern North Carolina and Virginia in their desire to work for co-operation and fellowship with the larger work of the brotherhood—and whereas, definite steps have been taken by the National Convention and brethren of that section to bring about tangible results in the promotion of this worthy and necessary effort; we recommend that the president of the National Convention or the Chairman of the Recommendation Committee, or both, visit that section at any time an invitation by those brethren is given.

(5) That the Program Committee in allotting the time of meeting to the various departments take into account the feasibility of carrying out the provisions of the Constitution.

(6) That our National Corresponding Secretary write all State Secretaries whose states had churches that failed to pay their National representation (\$5.00) and ask those churches to pay their fees promptly by check or P. O. money order, made payable to the National Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, but sent to their own state secretaries who shall send it to the National Treasurer.

(7) We recommend that our churches accept the Pentecostal goal set by the U. C. M. S. leading up to and including Jubilee Celebration.

(8) That we have a team of Pentecostal Crusaders to carry the Pentecostal message into local churches under the auspices of similar State organizations, beginning in Kentucky in October.

(9) We recommend that all ministers read all available literature on the Ministerial pension plan inaugurated by the U. C. M. S. and other agencies among us and fostered by the "Commission on the Ministry."

(10) That every minister who can qualify avail himself of this offered security by way of pension, and take out necessary policy to protect himself and his family when the "Strong men shall bow and their desire shall fail."

(11) Whereas, it is the sentiment of all great religious bodies to go on record favoring "law enforcement" and the crushing of all lawlessness, Be it therefore resolved that this body goes on record for strict law enforcement.

(12) Whereas some schools of our brotherhood have shown discrimination in some of their departments; Be it therefore resolved that this body goes on record as protesting the same and send letters of protestations to the presidents of the U. C. M. S. and chairman of the Board of Directors or Board of Trustees of Butler University and the rest of the schools that practice discrimination.

We recommend as officers:

- (a) President—Elder Preston Taylor, Tenn.
- (b) First Vice-President—Elder Monroe Jackson, Tenn.
- (c) Second Vice-President—Elder B. C. Calvert, Miss.
- (d) Third Vice-President, Elder M. F. Robinson, Md.

- (e) Recording Secretary—Mr. Vance G. Smith, Mo.
- (f) Asst. Recording Secretary—Mr. J. F. Whitefield, Va.
- (g) Corresponding Secretary—Elder R. H. Davis, Ohio.
- (h) Statistical Secretary—Mr. R. W. Watson, Ohio.
- (i) Treasurer—Dr. J. E. Walker, Tenn.

Executive Committee: Elder Preston Taylor, Mrs. Cynthia Martin, Prof. T. W. Pratt, Mr. V. G. Smith, Elder R. H. Davis, Dr. J. E. Walker, Elder H. L. Herod.

Committee.

COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

Elder H. L. Herod, Ind., Chairman.	Elder I. C. Franklin, Miss.
Elder W. H. Taylor, Md.	Elder A. J. Jefferies, Ala.
Elder J. F. Whitfield, Va.	Elder R. L. Peters, N. C.
Elder G. E. Letton, Ky.	Elder R. W. Watson, Ohio.
Elder R. E. La Touche, Ill.	Elder N. H. Johnson, Texas.
Elder A. W. Jacobs, Cal.	Editor Prince A. Gray, Mo., Sec'y.
Elder L. H. Crawford, Kan.	

States	No. Chs.	Rept'ing Delegates	Delegate Fee	Church Report	Total
California.....	1	A. W. Jacobs	\$2.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00
Illinois.....	2	R. E. La Touche	2.00	10.00	12.00
Indiana.....	2	H. L. Herod	2.00	10.00	12.00
Kansas.....	2	By P. H. Moss	.....	10.00	10.00
Kentucky.....	3	G. E. Letton	.....	15.00	15.00
Maryland.....	3	W. H. Taylor	2.00	15.00	17.00
Mississippi.....	6	B. C. Calvert	.....	30.00	30.00
Missouri.....	11	P. A. Gray	2.00	55.00	57.00
North Carolina (T. S.)	1	R. L. Peters	2.00	5.00	7.00
Ohio.....	3	R. H. Davis	2.00	15.00	17.00
Tennessee.....	1	Monroe Jackson	2.00	5.00	7.00
Texas.....	3	N. H. Johnson	2.00	15.00	17.00
Virginia (P. D.).....		J. F. Whitfield	2.00	10.00	12.00

States	Delegate Church	Other Delegates	Fee	Church Report	Total
Alabama.....		A. J. Jeffries	2.00	.....	2.00
California.....		F. C. Cothrane	2.00	.....	2.00
Illinois.....		A. L. Martin	2.00	.....	2.00
Indiana.....		J. W. Kittrell	2.00	.....	2.00
Indiana.....		Dr J. B. Hankel	2.00	.....	2.00
Kansas.....		P. H. Moss	2.00	.....	2.00
Kansas.....		I. K. Hicks	2.00	.....	2.00
Kentucky.....		R. E. Hancock	2.00	.....	2.00
Kentucky.....		Wm. Martin	2.00	.....	2.00
Kentucky.....		F. T. Fyold	2.00	.....	2.00
Mississippi.....		K. R. Brown	2.00	.....	2.00
Mississippi.....		I. C. Franklin	2.00	.....	2.00
Missouri.....		Wm. Alphin	2.00	.....	2.00
Ohio.....		I. Moore	2.00	.....	2.00
Ohio.....		R. W. Watson	2.00	.....	2.00
Ohio.....		J. A. Blair	2.00	.....	2.00
Ohio.....		R. E. Pearson	2.00	.....	2.00
Tennessee.....		B. T. Hunt	2.00	.....	2.00
Tennessee.....		Dr. J. E. Walker	2.00	.....	2.00
Texas.....		M. J. Davis	2.00	.....	2.00
Texas.....		J. E. Quarles	2.00	5.00	7.00

TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

Tuesday, August 28, 1928.

Morning Session.

The session of the W. M. S. Convention opened at the Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church, Chicago, Ill., with the President, Mrs. W. Alphin, presiding.

Worship service was conducted by Mesdames B. B. Hutsell, of Ky., and A. Staples, of Maryland.

Next was the introduction of delegates, visitors and national officers.

Then came the appointment of committees. (See committees.)

The report of the Recording Secretary was read, received and turned over to the Auditing Committee.

The report of the Treasurer was read, received and turned over to the Auditing Committee.

Report of the Secretary of Children's Work read, received and turned over to the Auditing Committee.

Motion carried that the report of Mrs. B. B. Hutsell, Secretary of Children's Work, be received with appreciation and thanks.

Mrs. Alphin made a detailed report of her visit to the Springfield, Ill., Conference, and also of having been appointed a member of the faculty of the Mid-West Conference at Dalton, Mo., as a teacher on "The Christian Home." She also explained the spending of the eighty dollars received for her expense to the International Convention at Columbus, Ohio. Fifty dollars were given to keep Mr. V. G. Smith on the field, and thirty dollars for fare to the Program Committee meeting, held at St. Louis, Mo. She also made mention of the fact, that forty-one dollars had been given to her by the W. M. S. of Piedmont District. This amount being turned in during the executive meeting at Washington, D. C.

Moved and carried that the president's report be received with correction of slight mistake, and turned over to the auditing committee.

Miss Alma E. Moore, of the United Society, was next introduced to the Convention by the President. Miss Moore brought us a message on the **Pentecostal Program as Related to Our Women's Work.** Woman's watchword, "**Three Years With Jesus.**"

1. Year of preparation.
2. Year of purpose, **steadfastly and with one accord.**
3. Year of Power.

Mrs. J. B. Lehman was brought to the platform and introduced to the convention by the President. Mrs. Lehman made some timely remarks.

Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs, National Field Secretary, made a well-

rounded report of last year's work. Moved and carried that the report of Mrs. Grubbs be received.

Report of Representatives from the following States: Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Virginia, Tennessee, Maryland and District of Columbia.

Offering—\$2.86.

Benediction by Eld, Monroe Jackson.

Afternoon Session.

Worship Service conducted by Mrs. L. A. Devine, of Kentucky, and Mrs. John Butler, of Indiana.

Conference period opened by Mrs. H. Singleton and conducted by Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs—Subject, "**The Missionary Program of the Church,**" or "**The Why of Missionary Work.**" Mrs. Grubbs as usual made many good points which gave us food for thought.

Song by audience.

Minutes of morning session approved with proper correction. Correction was the mentioning of Mrs. Alphin's visit to the Kansas and Missouri Conventions.

Enrollment Committee made partial report—92 names and \$23.50 collected.

Music.

Mrs. Singleton, first vice-president, presented to the Convention, Mrs. Alphin who brought to us her message as President. Subject: "**Woman's Part in Kingdom Building,**" which was a great message.

A motion passed that President's Message be given to proper committee, the message culled and appear in its entirety in the Christian Plea. See "**Christian Plea.**"

Committees on Societies Reports—Eleven States reporting with a total of \$220.00. A partial report of the Young People's Work was also made (See Reports.)

Offering—\$8.45.

The President called on Mrs. Maude Davis, of Texas, to make remarks. Mrs. Henry, of Emporia, Kan., was also introduced to the Convention.

The Convention was then turned over to Elder Preston Taylor, as it was necessary at this time to hear a report from the Joint Executive Committee. An hour and a half being promised the W. M. S. during a later session.

Benediction—Elder I. H. Moore, Columbus, Ohio.

Evening Session

Worship service conducted by Mrs. A. L. Martin, Chicago, Ill.

Music—Choir.

Prayer by Elder I. C. Franklin, Miss.

Scripture lesson—Elder P. A. Gray, Mo.

Minutes of afternoon session approved as read.

Miss Justina K. Spencer, of Virginia, brought us a great message, thought-filled and inspirational. Subject: "**Missionary Information Necessary to Missionary Growth.**"

By common consent, Miss Spencer's paper is to be turned over to the Christian Plea for publication.

Music—Choir

Elder W. H. Taylor, of Baltimore, Md., was introduced by the President and he preached a Missionary Sermon, subject, "**The Great Commission.**"

Invitation Hymn.

An offering of \$1.00 was called for, which totaled \$51.24.

Doxology.

Benediction—Elder W. H. Taylor.

Extra Session—August 29, 1928.

The Woman's Missionary Society met in extra session at 4:15 P. M.

The Enrollment Committee reported 107 names with \$26.75.

The Future Work Committee made their report and it was adopted by sections. (Did not come in with minutes.)

The Nomination Committee made their report and it was returned to the committee for reconsideration.

Extra Session—August 31, 1928.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Moved and carried that Findings Committee report be received.

Auditing Committee report was made by Miss Katharine Spencer. Motion carried to receive report.

Nominating Committee made its report. After much discussion, it was moved and carried that Mrs. A. L. Martin, of Illinois, be chosen as our National President.

Moved and carried that Nominating Committees report be adopted.

Moved and carried that Mrs. A. L. Martin serve as a member of the Joint Executive Committee.

Moved and carried that Mrs. M. J. Brown, of Miss., be chosen National Historian.

Mrs. Maude Davis, of Texas, made appropriate remarks.

The Executive Committee voted one hundred dollar donation to the **Christian Plea.**

COMMITTEES OF W. M. S. CONVENTION

Enrollment—Mesdames C Doolin, Mo.; R. W. Watson, Ohio; O. Zollars, N. C.; M. Abernathy, Ill.; J. Kirkpatrick, Ky.

Reports—Mesdames M. J. Brown, Miss.; M. LaTouche, Ill.; G. A. Franklin, Miss.; L. A. Devine, Ky.; H. Butler, Ind.

Auditing—Miss Katharine Spencer, Va.; Mrs. Ida Taylor, Tenn.; Miss D. J. Wilson, Md.

Future Work—Mesdames B. B. Hutsell, Ky.; H. L. Herod, Ind.; E. E. Carrol, Miss; W. J. Sharp, Calif.; M. Greenwade, Ohio; J. E. Quarles, Texas; Miss Justina Spencer, Va.

Nominating—Mesdames A. Martin, Ill.; M. VanBuren, Mo.; J. Thomas, Va.; C. H. Dickerson, Ky.; D. White, Tenn.; A. Staples, Md.

REPORTS.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE.

We, your committee on Enrollment, wish to report the following:

Alabama—A. J. Jefferies.

California—Mrs. W. J. Sharp,* C. W. Arnold.

Illinois—Mesdames M. A. LaTouche, G. C. Campbell, M. Stokes, Emma Brooks, I. Abernathy, Smalley, Hattie Tyree, A. L. Martin, Miss Aletha Alexander, Elder A. L. Martin, Mr. E. C. Welch, Att'y N. S. F. Taylor, F. D. Perkins, E. Crawford, C. W. Smith, J. W. Williams*.

Indiana—Mesdames H. Butler, H. L. Herod*, Geneva T. Townes, Emma Mitchell, Ruth Clinthorne, Carrie Galloway, Ida Hanley, Minnie Jasper, Messrs, G. L. Hayes and J. W. Kittrell.

Kansas—Mrs. L. H. Crawford, P. H. Moss*.

Kentucky—Mesdames H. A. M. Singleton*, B. B. Hutsell*, J. Kirkpatrick, L. A. Devine, R. E. Hancock, Ida Smith, Elders F. T. Floyd, C. H. Dickerson.

Maryland—Miss D. J. Wilson, Elder W. H. Taylor*.

Michigan—Mrs. Janie McCraney.

Mississippi—Mesdames G. A. Franklin, Sadie Thomas, M. J. Brown, E. E. Carroll, Elders, B. C. Calvert* and I. C. Franklin.

Missouri—Mesdames R. E. Logan*, Wm. Alphin*, Rosa V. Grubbs*, Cammie Doolin*, Mary VanBuren*, Messrs. V. G. Smith, E. Doolen, Elder Wm. Alphin*, R. B. Welch.

North Carolina—Mrs. O. Zollar.

Ohio—Mesdames Ruby Kelley*, Susan W. Offutt*, R. W. Watson*, Angeline Martin, Sallie Crawford, Della Jackson, Miss Emma Buckner, Messrs. Pullman Ayres*, Wm. Jackson, Roscoe Elliott*, Elders M. Jackson*, I. H. Moore, R. H. Davis, R. W. Watson, R. E. Pearson*.

Tennessee—Mesdames Dora White*, Ida Taylor, Fannie Waters, Dr. J. E. Walker, Elder B. T. Hunt, Misses Beatrice and Bessie Chandler, T. B. Livingston.

Texas—Mesdames J. E. Quarles*, Maude Davis*, Georgia Perpiner, Elder J. E. Quarles.

Virginia—Mesdames J. H. Thomas*, Emma Penn, M. S. Whitfield, Misses Justina Spencer*, Katharine Spencer*, Elder J. E. Whitfield.

Others who enrolled but States not given: Christine Christmas, Joyce Nixon, J. W. Halloway, Mrs. Gorchan, Laura Achen, Mr. Leggins, J. L. Kelley, R. E. Gray, Addie McKeve.

The * signifies those enrolled giving \$1.00 on Woman's Day.

Others who did not enroll but gave \$1.00. (It is regretted that all names were not obtained.) W. M. Martin, Ky.; Wm. Tucker, Texas; Mrs. Ella Davis, Ky.; Rosa V. Brown, Pa.; N. H. Johnson, Mr. Harris, Mrs K. R. Dickerson, Ky., H. A. Jeffries.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. A. L. Martin, Ill.
 Vice-President—Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick, Ky.
 Vice-President—Mrs. Ida Taylor, Tenn.
 Vice-President—Mrs. M. J. Brown, Miss.
 Recording Secretary—Mrs. Susan W. Offutt, Ohio.
 Ass tant Recording Secretary—Miss Justina K. Spencer, Va.
 Corresponding Secretary—Miss Aletha Alexander, Ill.
 Treasurer—Mrs. L. H. Crawford, Kan.
 Secretary Children's Work—Mrs. B. B. Hutsell, Ky.
 Historian—Mrs. M. J. Brown, Miss.

SUPERINTENDENT OF CHILDREN'S WORK.**Contributing to W. C. M. S.**

Missouri—Fulton 2nd	\$ 3.00
Missouri—Frankford 2nd	10.00
Mississippi—Edwards	22.00
Maryland—Hagerstown 2nd	7.50
Kentucky	35.10
Kansas—Atchison	3.00
Total	\$80.60

New societies reported during year.

Tennessee—Nashville, Lea Ave.
 Mission Band, Mrs. C. R. Harris, Supervisor.
 Little Light Bearers, Mrs. Dora White.
 Triangle, Miss Beatrice Chandler.

Memphis—

Young People—Mrs. Aurelia Bracy. Reported to U. C. M. S.

Expenses.

November, 15.....100 letters, 35 letter heads	\$ 2.95
100 postage stamps	2.00
9 letters .....	.32
March.....100 letters, 100 stamps	5.20
Total	\$10.47
Received, October 15	\$15.00
Balance	4.53

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**Receipts.**

Amount of money received, August, 1927

	\$ 25.00
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Disbursements

Expense—Printing 1500 letter heads, 700 envelopes, 100 Future Work Reports	25.00
Mailing letter heads	1.50
Letters sent out, 97	1.94
Trips for printing, five, at 75c each	3.75
Total Expense	\$ 32.69
Balance Due	\$ 7.69

NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

Receipts.

Received for Office expense	\$ 25.00
" in April for expense to International Convention	80.00
" for expense to Chicago, National Convention	42.00
Total	\$147.00

Disbursements

Expense—Letters written, 141	\$ 2.82
Special letters, 4 .....	.48
Letters for publication, 3 .....	.06
Air Mail letters—Special, 1 .....	.15
Telegrams, 2	1.00
January, General letters	8.50
June, General letters	5.00
July, Conference letters	2.25
Letter heads	4.50
Mailing Minutes	1.00
To Mr. Robert Hopkins, on Mr. Vance G. Smith's salary	50.00
Railroad fare and expense to St. Louis meeting with Program Committee	27.92
August, Expense to Chicago, National Convention	42.00
Total Expense	\$145.68
Balance on hand	\$ 1.32

RECORDING SECRETARY

Receipts.

Brought forward at Washington	\$ 19.36
Received at Washington	
Enrollment	23.00
Societies	264.00
Day's Offering	53.93
Returned Railroad fare, Mrs. Alphin	41.36
September 3—From Mrs. Lula Smith, Texas	24.00
September 3—From Piedmont District	1.00
Receipts after the Convention.	
October 15—From Miss Susie King, Ky	1.00
October 26—From Mrs. M. L. Haygood, Ala.	10.00
Total Receipts	\$437.65

Disbursements.

Disbursements at the Convention.	
To Mrs. L. E. Mayberry	\$ 86.78
Miss E. Hardin, fare and compilation	32.68
Miss S. King, fare	16.96
Mrs. Elizabeth Herod, fare	23.35
Mrs. Wm. Alphin, fare and office expense	52.14
Rev. H. L. Herod	5.00
Rev. Preston Taylor	5.00
Prof. T. W. Pratt .....	.65
Total disbursements at the Convention	\$222.56

Disbursements Since the Convention.

October 25, to Mrs. B. B. Hutsell, office exp.	\$ 15.00
March 27, to Elder Preston Taylor, for Minutes	50.00
April 12, to Mrs. Alphin, railroad fare and expense to International Convention	80.00
August 17, to Mrs. Alphin, railroad fare and expense to the National Convention	42.00
Total disbursements since the Conv.	\$187.00
Grand total of disbursements	409.56
Balance on hand	26.09

STATE PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S.

- Arkansas**—Mrs. S. L. Bostick, Route No. 9, Box No. 229, N. Little Rock,
California—Mrs. M. J. Sharp, 363 E. 48th St., Los Angeles.
Illinois—Mrs. A. I. Martin, 4318 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago.
Indiana—Mrs. Hattie Butler, 1828 S. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis.
Kansas—Mrs. L. H. Crawford, 750 Everett St., Kansas City.
Kentucky—Mrs. S. M. Brown, 7 Wesley St., Mt. Sterling.
Mississippi—Mrs. E. E. Carrol, Route No. 2, Box No. 31, Port Gibson.
Missouri—Mrs. Mary VanBuren, 218 E. 6th St., Fulton.
Ohio—Mrs. Susan W. Offutt, 2400 Germantown St., Dayton.
Oklahoma—Mrs. L. E. Mayberry, Box 257, Clearview.
Tennessee—Mrs. Dora White, 815 Main St., Nashville.
Piedmont—Mrs. Jas. H. Thomas, P. C. I., Martinsville.

STATE SECRETARIES OF W. M. S.

- Arkansas**—Mrs. M. Franklin, 700 David St., Russellville.
Kentucky—Mrs. B. B. Hutsell, 726 N. Limestone St., Lexington.
Mississippi—Mrs. M. J. Brown, Box 73, Port Gibson.
Missouri—Mrs. Cammie Doolin, Box 153, Frankford.
Ohio—Mrs. M. S. Greenward, 911 S. Broadway, Dayton.
Oklahoma—Mrs. Vera V. Franklin, Box 57, Haskell.
Tennessee—Mrs. R. Griffith, 1403 Jasper Ave., Nashville
Piedmont—Mrs. E. H. Starling, Martinville.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have gone over the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, and Children's Work, very carefully. We find a mistake of \$21.36 in the report of the Treasurer which has been corrected.

The Committee.

MINUTES OF BIBLE SCHOOL CONVENTION

The 12th session of the National Bible School Convention of the Churches of Christ was opened by the Vice-President, W. M. Jackson.

Devotionals—Eld. A. Jefferies, Alabama.

Appointment of Bible School Committees.

Report of Officers.

1. The recording secretary Mrs. Taylor sent her report. It was read by Mrs. Tyree. Motion carried that same be accepted as read.
2. Report of treasurer was read. It was moved and carried that report be turned over to Auditing Committee.
3. Report of Corresponding Secretary was read and motion carried that this report be turned over to proper committee.
4. Enrollment Committee made a partial report.
5. Report of States.

The President, Prof. T. W. Pratt, made his arrival at this time and took the chair.

Music.

Address—**The Child and the Church**," by Mrs. R. E. LaTouche, Chicago, Illinois.

President Pratt delivered his annual message which was full of information and inspiration.

Motion carried that his address be turned over to proper committee for publication.

Offering. Adjournment.

Afternoon Session.

Opening song—**Revive Us Again**.

Devotionals—Raymond Walton, Ill.

Address—**Characteristics of Pentecost**, by Elder R. E. Pearson, O.

The Address—**The Challenge of Christian Education in the Local Church**, by Prof. R. H. Peoples was inspiring.

Motion carried that this address be turned over to the proper committee and the high points published that they may be read by all.

Conference—**Bible Knowledge, the Responsibility of the Church**, led by Eld. R. H. Davis and W. M. Jackson. They very ably discussed the subject. After which many questions were asked and discussed relative to the subject. The one most difficult to thrash out was the kind of games the young folk of the church should indulge in. Motion was made that the President appoint a committee to bring in a course of games for the young people. After some discussion this motion was tabled.

President called for report of committees; Joint Executive Committee made report with Eld. Preston Taylor in the chair.

Adjournment.

Evening Session.

Song—"I Love to Tell The Story."

Devotionals by Mrs. R. E. Hancock, Ky.

President took chair and called for reports.

Miss Bessie Chandler, National Elementary Superintendent, made her report. Motion carried that her very splendid report be received and adopted.

Prof. Moss, National Superintendent of Religious Education, made his excellent report. Motion carried that report be adopted.

A very beautiful cornet solo was rendered by Mrs. Harrison, of Chicago, Ill.

1. Auditing Committee reported. Motion carried the adoption of report.

2. Report of Future Work was received and adopted.

3. Nominating Committee report was read and sent back to select another recording secretary, after which motion carried the adoption of same.

Mr. Hutton was introduced and made gratifying remarks.

Eld. Crawford ex-pastor of Oakwood Blvd. Church, introduced Asst. U. S. District Attorney N. S. Taylor, who made appropriate remarks.

Pres. T. W. Pratt, delegate to World's Bible School Convention, made report of same which was thrilling. Motion carried that this splendid report be accepted with thanks. Joint Executive Committee reported at this time. Bible School President resumed chair and presided. R. M. Hopkins who made remarks and presented Mr. Doolen, Superintendent of the Bible School in Frankfort, Mo., who received the Loving Cup.

Offering.

A pagent, title, "**The Path of Life**," was presented at this time by the young people of the Oakwood and Langley Avenue Bible School with Miss Hamilton in charge. Adjournment.

COMMITTEES OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Enrollment—Mrs. Emma Buckner, O., chairman; Mrs. Jessie Watson, O.; Mrs. Minnie Greenwade, O.; Mrs. B. B. Hutsell, Ky., Secretary.

Future Work—Eld. Wm. Alphin, Mo., Chairman; Eld. R. H. Davis, Ohio; Eld. R. E. Hancock, Kentucky; Mr. C. W. Arnold, Calif.; Prof P. H. Moss, Kansas; Prof. G. L. Hayes, Ind.; Miss Bessie Chandler, Kansas; Mrs. Ruby Kelly, Ohio; V. G. Smith, Mo., Secretary.

Finance—Mrs. Hattie Tyree, Mrs. Retta Logan, Miss Emma Buckner.

Auditing—Mr. Wm. Perry, Ill.; Eld. D. W. Bradley, Tenn.; Mr. R. B. Welch, Mo.; Mrs. A. L. Martin, Ill.; Eld. Wm. Owens, Ky.; Eld. A. W. Jacobs, Calif.

Obituary—Eld. F. T. Floyd, Ky.; Mrs. E. Brooks, Ill.; Mrs. Ella Crawford, Ill.; Eld. J. E. Quarles, Tex.; Mrs. Emma B. Penn, Va.

Nomintaing—Eld. R. Watson, Ohio; Mrs. Esther Scott, Md.; Eld. B. C. Calvert, Miss.; Eld. W. H. Taylor, Md.; Miss J. K. Spencer, Va.; Eld. J. Jefferies, Ala.; Mrs. Crawford, Kan.; Mrs. Robert Henry, Kan.; Eld. W. M. Tucker, Tex.; Eld. R. E. Pearson, Ohio.

Loving Cup—Miss Bessie Chandler, Kan.; Mrs. Sharp, Calif.; Prof. P. H. Moss, Kan.; Miss O. Zollar, N. C.; Miss Cothrane, Calif.; Miss Fay Butler, Kan.; Mr. B. H. Johnson, Ohio.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEES:

We, your committee on enrollment, beg leave to make the following report: We have collected an enrollment fee of 25 cents from each of the following by states:

Kentucky:—Mrs. Ida M. Smith, Eld. H. T. Wilson, Eld. Wm. Owen, Mrs. B. B. Hutshell, Eld. Wm. Martin, Mrs. L. A. Devine, Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick, Mrs. R. E. Hancock, Eld. F. T. Floyd, Mrs. H. A. M. Singleton, Dean K. Smith.

Mississippi:—Mrs. G. A. Franklin, Mrs. S. R. Thomas, Eld. I. C. Franklin, Eld. and Mrs. K. R. Brown.

Missouri:—Eld. Wm. Alphin, Mrs. Rose B. Grubbs, Mrs. Wm. Alphin, Mrs. Retta Logan, Mr. R. B. Welch.

Indiana:—Mrs. Addie McKeever, Mrs. Emma Mitchell, Mrs. Carrie Galloway, Mrs. Ida Hanley, Mrs. Hattie Butler.

Tennessee:—Mrs. Dora White, Mrs. Mary White, Mrs. Florence Ralph, Mrs. Preston Taylor, Mrs. Fannie Waters, Miss Beatrice Chandler, Eld. D. W. Bradley, Miss Bessie Chandler, Mr. Utilles Phillips.

California:—Eld. Arby W. Jacobs, Mrs. W. J. Sharp, Miss Orena Cothrane, Mr. C. W. Arnold.

Virginia:—Mrs. Emma B. Penn, Miss Justina K. Spencer.

Alabama:—Eld. A. J. Jeffries.

Ohio:—Eld. R. E. Pearson, Miss Emma Buckner, Mrs. J. M. Watson, Eld. R. W. Watson, Eld. R. H. Davis, Mrs. M. S. Greenwade, Mr. Wm. Jackson, Mr. B. H. Johnson, Eld. Monroe Jackson, Mrs. Elenna Martin, Miss Vivian Oliver, Mrs. Susan Offut.

Maryland:—Mrs. L. A. Staples, Eld. W. H. Taylor, Mrs. Esther Scott.

Illinois:—Mrs. J. Brooks, Mrs. T. Permelia, Mr. W. M. Perry, Mrs. Hattie Tyree, Mrs. R. E. LaTouche, Mrs. Ella Crawford, Mrs. A. L. Martin, Miss Deborah R. Smith.

Texas:—Eld. N. H. Johnson, Mrs. L. B. Tucker.

Kansas:—Eld. I. K. Hicks, Mrs. Robert Henry, Eld. P. H. Moss, Mrs. Faye Butler, Eld. L. H. Crawford.

Totals receipts—\$18.25.

NOMINATING

After careful consideration, we, your committee on nominations, beg leave to make the following report and offer the following officers for the insuing year:

President—Prof. T. W. Pratt, Texas.

Vice-President—Mr. W. M. Jackson, Ohio.

Vice-President—Prof. G. L. Hayes, Indiana.

Vice-President—Mrs. Pearl G. Clark, Maryland.

Recording Secretary—Mr. Raymond Walton, Ill.

Assistant Recording Secretary—Mrs. Ernestine Hancock, Ky.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Emma Buckner, Ohio.

Treasurer—Mrs. Alice Henry, Kansas.

Representative for program committee—Prof. T. W. Pratt, Texas.

The Committee.

REPORT OF STATES

	President	Delegate
California.....		Mr. C. W. Arnold
Indiana.....		Mrs. Emma Mitchell
Illinois.....	Mrs. James Brooks, 620 E 39th St. Chicago	Mrs. James Brooks
Tennessee.....	D. W. Bradley, Box 152 Rogersville	D. W. Bradley
Alabama.....	A. J. Jeffries, 424 Harding St., Powderly	A. J. Jeffries
Piedmont Dist.....	W. H. Hylton, Roanoke, Va.	Mrs. O. Zollar
Mississippi.....	Eld. L. R. Garrison, Fayette	B. C. Calvert
Kansas.....	Mrs. Martha Murry, R. R. 28 Box 170 Topeka	By Letter
Ohio.....	Mr. Wm. Jackson, 2404 Mc- Call Ave., Dayton	Wm. Jackson
Missouri.....	Mr. V. G. Smith, 222 E. 6th St. Fulton, Mo.	R. B. Welch
Md., Del., D. C.....	Mr. W. C. Bowie, 1215 S. St., Washington, D. C.	Mrs. Esther Scott

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Report of money received on president's fare to the World Bible School Congress in Los Angeles, Cal., July 11-18, 1928.

Washington, D. C.—W. C. Bowie	\$1.00
Hagerstown—Eld. W. F. Robinson	1.00
Tri-State	1.00
Langley Ave., Chicago—Eld. LaTouche	1.00
Baltimore, Md.—Eld. W. H. Taylor	1.00
Roanoke, Va.—Miss J. K. Spencer	1.00
Kansas City, Kansas—Eld. P. H. Moss	1.00
Oakwood Blvd., Chicago—Mrs. J. A. Brooks	1.00
Frankford, Mo.—Mrs. Essie Welch	1.00
Paris, Texas—Miss V. O. Johnson	1.00
Salisbury, Mo.—Mr. Henry Gooch	1.00
Pittsburgh, Texas—Mrs. Flora Williams	1.00
Chickaska, Okla.—Mrs. H. T. Fletcher	1.00
Mt. Sterling, Ky.—J. Roger Jones	1.00
Glenlawn, Texas—G. W. Dansby	1.00
Bay City, Texas—Laura L. Morris	1.00
J. C. I., Hawkins, Texas—Prof. C. A. Berry	1.00
Greenville, Texas—Mary Thompson	1.00
Topeka, Kansas—Mrs. G. T. Murry	1.00
Ardmore, Okla.—Mrs. D. N. Yates	1.00
Tyler, Texas—Mrs. S. D. Harrison	1.00

Louisville, Ky.—Hancock—Fannie Harris	1.00
Little Rock, Ark.—Terry Dix	1.00
Cincinnati, Ohio, Kenyon Ave.—Mrs. Dora Banks	1.00
Houstonville, Ky.—Mrs. Mary Taylor	1.00
Mayslick, Ky.—Mrs. Mary Taylor	1.00
Winchester, Ky.—Mrs. Mary Taylor	1.00
Fairview, Ky.—Mrs. Mary Taylor	1.00
Middletown, Ky.—Mrs. Mary Taylor	1.00
Little Rock, Ky.—Mrs. Mary Taylor	1.00
Aaron's Run, Ky.—Mrs. Mary Taylor	1.00
Lexington, Ky., 2nd—Mrs. Mary Taylor	1.00
Stepstone, Ky.—Mrs. Mary Taylor	1.00
Champaign, Ill.—Elder Pearson	1.00
Dayton, Ohio—William Jackson	1.00
Paducah, Ky.—Elder S. C. Devine	1.00
Lorman, Miss—Mrs. Octaria Chambers	1.00
Austin, Texas—I. Q. Hurdle	1.00
Glen Ellen, Va.—J. W. Jackson	1.00
Martinsville, Va.—J. L. Law	1.00
Birmingham, Ala.—Webb Surles	1.00
St. Louis, Mo.—Miss Elizabeth Givens	1.00
Pensacola, Fla.—T. W. Pratt	1.00
Dallas, Texas—T. W. Pratt	1.00
Clarksdale, Miss.—B. C. Calvert	1.00
Indianola, Miss.—B. C. Calvert	1.00
B. C. Calvert, Miss	2.00
Little Rock, Ark.—G. A. Bostick	1.00
Wabbaseka, Ark.	1.00
Winston-Salem—C. C. Williams	1.00
Fort Worth, Texas—East Annie	2.00
Waco, Texas	1.00
Houston, Texas	1.00
Waxahachie, Texas	1.00
Mt. Vernon, Texas—J. H. Rutherford	1.00
Austin, Texas—Edward Hurdle	1.00
Central Christian Church, Dallas	1.00
Reidsville, N. C.—O. Zollar	1.00
Central Christian, Cleveland, Ohio—Eld. R. W. Watson	2.00
Kerrs, Ark.—Henry Martin	1.00
Personal—Prof. J. N. Ervin	5.00
Boley, Okla.—T. M. White	1.00
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Total Received	\$78.00
June 25, Treasurer	\$ 50.00
Total	\$128.00

I your Corresponding Secretary, beg leave to make the following report. Letters sent during 1927-1928.

1927 letters sent—20.

1928 January to August—70.

Total letters and blanks sent—90.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hattie Tyree, Cor. Sec'y

LOVING CUP

We, your committee on Loving Cup, beg leave to make the following report, after much consideration we found that Kansas and Missouri were the only two states in the race, finding, however, that Missouri raised 30 per cent over its apportionment—\$237.00—\$313.03.

The Bible School at Frankfort, Missouri, raised 67 per cent over their apportionment—\$30.00—\$50. We recommend that the Loving Cup be awarded to the State of Missouri and to the Bible School at Frankfort, Missouri. We urge that all the Bible Schools would put forth greater effort this year to raise their apportionments.

The Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.**RECEIPTS**

Money received at the Washington Convention	\$385.75
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DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements to Prof. Pratt		
Stationary	\$10.75	
R. R. fare	\$57.62	68.75
Mrs. M. E. Taylor		
One-half R. R. fare	\$20.00	
Fee	\$10.00	30.00
Mrs. R. E. Logan, one-half R. R. fare and postage		28.02
U. C. M. S. for Religious Education		150.00
Mrs. Hattie Tyree for Corresponding and Mailing		6.16
Program for 1927		5.00
Washington, D. C. Bible School		15.72
Special gift to Miss Blackburn		16.07
Prof. Pratt's World's Bible School Convention June 25		50.00
Totals		\$369.34

SUMMARY

Received from Bible School, Fort Worth, Texas	\$ 2.00
Total received at Convention	385.75
Total amount received	387.75
Total disbursement	369.34
Balance	18.41
Kansas State to National deducted	10.00
Total balance on hand	8.41

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT**RECEIPTS**

Total collections for 1927	\$387.75
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DISBURSEMENTS

Pres. T. W. Pratt		
Letter heads	\$10.75	
R. R. fare	\$57.62	68.75
Mary E. Taylor		
One-half fare	\$20.00	
Fee	\$10.00	30.00

Mrs. R. M. Logan, one-half R. R. fare; postage	28.02
Mrs. Hattie Tyree, corresponding and postage	6.16
U. C. M. S. for religious education	150.00
Special gift to Miss D. Blackburn	16.07
Programs for 1927	5.00
Bible School offering paid to Washington Bible School	15.72
June 8, 1928, T. W. Pratt, delegate expense to World's Convention	50.00
Withdrawal of non-collectable check made by Eld. L. H. Crawford for Kansas State work	10.00
Total disbursements	379.34
Balance in treasury	8.41

Mary E. Taylor, Recording Sec'y

FINANCES RECEIVED AT THE CHICAGO CONVENTION

RECEIPTS

From States and Local B'ble Schools	\$215.00
Offering	3.63
Enrollment	21.00
Hicks note	13.00
Brought forward from Washington Convention	8.41
Total receipts	261.04

DISBURSEMENTS

T. W. Pratt's expenses World Convention balance. Fare to con.	102.00
Mrs. Hattie Tyree	1.80
Mrs. R. M. Logan	10.56
U. C. M. S. for religious education	75.00
Christian Plea	25.00
Total Disbursements	\$214.36

Balance in treasure

\$ 46.68

M. A. LaTouche, Asst. Rec. Sec'y.

Report of States.

States	Schools	Pupils	State Money	U. C. M. S.	Money to Nat. Con.
Alabama.....				\$111.30	
Arkansas.....	12	294	\$250.00	85.85	\$14.00
California (local).....	1	35		25.00	5.00
Indiana (local).....		200		100.00	2.00
Illinois.....	6	525	44.42	169.63	16.00
Kansas.....	7	292	47.03	164.64	10.00
Kentucky.....	56			192.25	10.00
Md. Del-D. C.....	3	222	50.00	98.52	16.00
Mississippi.....	32	700	400.00	151.24	10.00
Missouri.....	17	340	245.25	313.03	44.00
N. Carolina.....	4			39.48	
S. Carolina.....	13			37.60	
Ohio.....	9	995	174.21	97.05	18.00
P'edmont.....	5	475	258.52	214.75	20.00
Tennessee.....	6	309	30.00	135.22	18.00
Texas.....	23			212.38	10.00
Oklahoma.....	9			104.66	
Totals.....	160	4691	\$1509.43	\$2262.60	\$221.00
From Local Schools for National Representation in World Bible School Convention					\$ 77.00
Total					\$298.00

MINUTES OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION

The first session of the Christian Endeavor was held Saturday, September 1, at 6:30 P. M., in the assembly hall of the Oakwood Boulevard Christian church. President, Elder Prince A. Gray, presiding over the meeting.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Eld. S. C. Devine, of Paducah, Ky.

Opening—Hymn No. 3.

Prayer—Eld. S. C. Devine.

Hymn—No. 231.

Discussion—**The Youth Problem**, by Eld. S. C. Devinee.

Following Eld. Devine's discussion the President called for the report of the committees.

The report of enrollment was read and adopted.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted.

The report of the Future Work Committee was read, and discussed by several persons.

Report of States were read and adopted.

Reports of the Local Societies were read and adopted.

It was recommended by the future work committee that the railroad fare of the President, Secretary and Treasurer be paid to the National Convention.

At the close of the business session, reports from the Young People's Conference were given by Miss Lula Mae Franklin, Miss Bessie E. Chandler, Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs, Mrs. Wm. Alphin, Prof. P. H. Moss and Mr. Raymond Walton, from the Youth Convention.

Then a social hour was held and several games were introduced. After an hour of entertainment the C. E. Convention adjourned.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR REPORTS.

FINANCE REPORT

Receipts:

Committee on Reports	\$48.00
Enrollment Committee	19.25
Miscellaneous Receipts	2.38
Total	\$69.63

Disbursements:

President's Railroad Fare	\$30.00
Secretary's Railroad Fare	12.00
Gift for Eld. Taylor	5.00
Christian Plea Fund	22.63
Total	\$69.63
Balance	\$00.00

Respectfully,
Recording Secretary.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE.

Twenty-five cents was collected as enrollment fee from the following:

- Alabama**—Eld. A. J. Jeffries.
California—Eld. A. W. Jacobs, Mr. C. W. Arnold, Mrs. Sharp.
Illinois—Mrs. Martha Stokes, Eld. R. E. Latouche, Mesdames Ella Crawford, Brown, Miss Kelso, Eld. J. W. Williams, Mr. M. D'Albert, Leroy Loadholt, W. Walton, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Martin.
Indiana—Mesdames Minnie Jasper, Ida Hanley, Carrie Galloway, Eld. and Mrs. H. L. Herod and Dr. J. B. Hankel.
Kansas—Prof. P. H. Moss, Eld. I. K. Hicks, Miss Bessie Chandler.
Kentucky—Elders, S. C. Devine, C. H. Dickerson, Wm. Martin, Mesdames H. A. Singleton, Ida Smith, B. E. Hutsell and C. H. Dickerson.
Maryland—Mesdames Ardelia Staples, Pearl G. Clark, Esther Scott and Eld. W. H. Taylor.
Mississippi—Elders I. C. Franklin, B. C. Calvert, Mesdames M. J. Brown, E. E. Carroll and Miss Margaret Simpson.
Missouri—Mesdames R. B. Grubbs, R. E. Logan, Cammie Doolin, M. Alphin, M. VanBuren, Elders P. A. Gray, William Alphin and Messrs. E. Doolin, V. G. Smith.
North Carolina—Eld. R. L. Peters, Mrs. O. Zollar.
Ohio—Mesdames S. Offutt, Ruby Kelly, J. M. Watson, Minnie Greenway, S. Crawford, Elders R. W. Watson, M. Jackson, I. H. Moore, R. H. Davis, Mr. Eugene Burris and M'ss Emma Buckner, Mr. Roscoe Elliott, B. H. Johnson.
Tennessee—Misses Beatrice Chandler, Mary White, Mesdames Florence Ralph, Dora White, Eld. B. T. Hunt, Mr. U. Phillips.
Texas—Mesdames L. B. Tucker, J. E. Quarles, Maude Davis, Eld. N. H. Johnson.
Virginia—Misses Katherine and J. K. Spencer, Mrs. J. F. Whitfield, Mrs. J. H. Thomas, Mrs. Emma Penn.

FUTURE WORK COMMITTEE REPORT.

We recommend:

1. That the Bible School and Christian Endeavor Convention continue in the correlation of their inspirational program. And that the Endeavor Department sponsor a Youth's Convention in connection with the National Convention.
2. That the ministers, National Officers of all departments, state officers and especially the Bible School department organize the state Christian Endeavor Convention in as many state as possible.
3. That the Convention endorse the move to place a Young People's Worker on the field.
4. That each state with a state Endeavor organization be urged by the National Officer to send a representative to the National Convention.
5. That this department elect a representative on the program committee of the National Convention, with expenses to be taken care of by this department.
6. That the Christian Endeavor Day—The First Sunday in February—be more loyally supported and First Sunday in July.
7. That each state organization represent in the National Convention with \$5.00, and each local society through the state convention, with \$1.00.
8. That the fares of the president, secretary and treasurer of the National Convention be paid unless otherwise provided for.
9. That this convention urge the state organizations to establish and support Leadership Training Agencies in their region.

The Committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

We beg leave to submit the following for officers:

President—V. G. Smith, Missouri.

Vice-President—Eld. S. C. Devine, Kentucky.

Secretary—Miss Beatrice Chandler, Tennessee.

Treasurer—Mr. Eugene Burris, Ohio.

The Committee.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

We beg leave to report that due to the recommendation brought in by the Future Work Committee on the sponsoring of a Youth Convention, that we desire to submit no by-laws for this body looking forward to the merging its sessions with such a proposed organization.

The Committee.

FUTURE WORK OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL.**WE RECOMMEND:**

1. That a goal of 10,000 pupils enrolled in the Bible Schools reporting from the state conventions to the National Convention, be adopted.

2. That the state Bible School conventions be urged to encourage the employment of Religious Educational Directors in local schools wherever possible.

3. That we continue the practice of putting the names and addresses of the state presidents and secretaries in the minutes.

4. That each state represent with \$10.00 for the state and each local school with \$2.00 in the National Convention through the state convention. And that the corresponding secretary notify the State presidents and secretaries of this action.

5. That our four national days, namely—Thanksgiving Sunday, Christmas Sunday, Easter and Children's Day—be more loyally supported and the money sent to U. C. M. S.

6. That we heartily endorse the Leadership Training agencies by:

a. Urging the states to send young People to the Young People's Conference even to the extent of defraying part or all of their expenses.

b. Urging the states to place these agencies in their region as soon as possible by financial appropriations.

7. That one or more special addresses on Bible School methods be delivered before the National Convention by some expert supplied by the Program Committee.

8. That this department elect a representative to the Program Committee of the National Convention, expenses to the committee meetings to be borne by this department.

The Committee.

SUPPLEMENT.**Reports of National Field Secretaries.****REPORT FOR THE FIELD WORKER FOR THE CHURCHES.****William Alphin.**

This report is a brief statement of some of the places where work was done, the condition of the field, the kind of work done and some of the circumstances representing the field work. (Note the Chart.)

There are three phases of our national work that originated in the National Convention, viz: Field Worker for the churches, the Joint Executive Committee and the change of name, publishing and editor of the Christian Plea. These are the fruits of the National Convention.

In this I am respectfully submitting my fifth annual statement to the Convention as field worker for the churches. As we have noticed the financial reports of the churches for 1926-1927 showed and appreciative increase over any previous year. In the extension of national co-operative efforts along all lines, there has been also a corresponding increase in responsibility. This responsibility calls for an increase in service, moral and financial support for the growing work. This responsibility perhaps has not been as wisely distributed and accepted as the advancement of the work really demanded. For this reason, it will not be alarming to state that the fifth year has been my most difficult year. A careful impartial survey of the field and facts will show this is true respecting all of our general work this year. The cause of this difficult situation that has at least retarded the work this year; should be wisely and diligently sought by this Convention, and if at all possible leave here with a remedy.

STATES.

Work has been done in the states of South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Texas and Missouri. The conditions in these states showed improvement in way of organization and national cooperation. The Field Worker constantly urges and serves along this line. Such service is not in vain anywhere in our general work. But in addition to organization and national financial fellowship, there is in all the states an outstanding need of the old-time, well-supervised, constructive evangelism. An evangelism that will emphasize the larger cooperative work and its program, is necessary. This kind of evangelistic work supplemented by the work of the Department of Religious Education among the young people, will build up and spiritually strengthen the churches and secure a larger and more reliable cooperation.

From my view-point—the field—I see there must be in the consideration and actions of this National Convention more emphasis on the evangelistic and young people's work in the states. It is considered in some sections, represented in this convention, that the emphasis of the National Convention does not include the evangelizing of the local churches and helping the state evangelistic work. Such consideration is not a strong persuasion in such sections to meet the national appeal for any cause.

I respectfully report to the Convention, that as a result of my experience on the field, it is my confirmed conviction that the present method of using and distributing the evangelistic fund is very unpopular, to say the least, with too great a number of our pastors, churches and state officers. It is difficult to get the cooperation in a good or bad

method against public sentiment. Too often there is ultimately more to lose, in all reports, by ignoring public sentiment. Is it not better to respect and tolerate public sentiment, and in the meantime if necessary, endeavor to change it than to entirely ignore it?

I spent one month in Texas. At one time Texas was the leading state in reports to the General Work. Before and since Jarvis's Christian College was placed in Texas this was true. Since the coming of Jarvis to Texas with its many needs and appeals, the efforts of many of the churches were turned to the needs of Jarvis. Report of the churches in Texas this year, as shown on the chart on the wall show Texas is coming again to its rightful place—IN THE LEAD.

CONVENTIONS

There are seventeen state and district conventions represented in the National Convention. I was asked to attend nine of these this year by state officers and workers. But I could only get to four; viz: South Carolina, Georgia, Missouri and Oklahoma.

The S. C. Convention is organized with all departments. They elected a state worker to work for all departments. The field workers are always welcome and urged to work in all the proceedings of all of the departments. S. C. once received help from the evangelistic fund, I am informed, they met all the requirements asked of them. They are asking for help for the evangelistic task. It is needed. They are worthy. The chart will show their weakness in fellowship with the general work here they are trying to support an evangelist.

I was asked to attend the Goldsboro-Raleigh District Assembly of Eastern North Carolina of which Eld. W. A. Fordham is chief. It met in Kinston, N. C. I was in S. C. which made it possible to attend. The chief and the assembly left nothing undone to assure me I was welcome and my message and service appreciated. The chief of one of the other districts was present and extended an urgent invitation to visit his assembly. The fellowship, spirit, attendance and real brotherly kindness were fine and although a district meeting—one of three in Eastern N. C.—they raised in cash more money than any Negro gathering of Disciples I was ever in.

The North Georgia Convention met at Eastman, Ga., and the South Carolina Convention met the following week at Ahira, Ga. I attended both. I was made welcome to all their proceedings. They accepted our message and apportionments for the National Work. Possibly the highest essential point gained, both conventions agreed to support the same state evangelist and meet at the same time and place this year with one program representing all departments. (Note Chart.)

The Missouri Convention was in a measure a victim of circumstances. The absence of the president, J. J. Green, who was in Colorado with a sick daughter who has since died, the absence of the state W. M. S. President, Mrs. Mary VanBuren on account of an accident on a bus line which involved some injuries to her person, and the absence of the Central Secretary-Treasurer on the account of an accident made the delegates rather anxious as to the results of the Convention. But they proved equal to the occasion by drafting substitutes and pulled over a fine convention. In arrangement and numbers they had a fine program; the national work being represented by conferences. The reports showed that the national work in Missouri had had the "right of way." In addition to the National Apportionment, the Convention gave \$50.00 to the Christian Plea Fund and the departments pledged \$100.00 to the promotion of the Mid-West Young People's Conference. A glance at the chart will show Missouri with 17 churches with a membership of less than 1,200 is leading all states represented in the Convention.

The Oklahoma Convention followed the Missouri Convention the next week at Muskogee. With the state president absent and the state secretary being sick and not able to be present, very little service rendered the state by the Field Secretaries this year, I am sure that they had a better convention than expected. It was a real consecrated delegation of workers, the spirit and fellowship were fine. With the splendid services of the Muskogee church and pastor, Eld. Z. H. Howard, they had a fine constructive and inspirational meeting. They made a few plans for aggressive work in the state and cooperation with the general work.

In the November meeting of the Joint Executive Committee it found itself absolutely unable for the lack of funds, to carry out the expressed wishes of the National Convention respecting the editing and publishing of the Christian Plea. At this meeting two months after Washington Convention, a large deficit had occurred and nothing in the budget to pay it. The fifteen hundred dollars promised by the National Convention had not been paid. Most of the individual pledges to the Christian Plea were unpaid. The subscript on list was about on a stand-still. Appeals from the editor and the Joint Executive Committee to the pastors and churches, National Convention officers and individuals had failed to bring sufficient funds to pay the deficit or to continue publishing the weekly Plea. To continue issuing the Plea at all up until this convention something drastic had to be done. After much pondering, casting about here and there, the drastic "something" was found that would probably tow the Christian Plea into the Chicago Convention. And the Field Worker had to do the drastic "something."

This drastic step was to "park" the field worker for the churches with some church and apply two-thirds of his salary on keeping the Christian Plea going until July 1.

I report to you that I did not consider it a wise thing to disturb or change my plan of field work at that time. Neither did I consider it wise to discontinue the issuing of the Plea and the service of the editor at that time. But something had to be done and I was the one to do it.

If the field worker of the churches is a creature of this Convention and the editor and present management of the Plea are creatures of this Convention, can we expect anything more reasonable on the part of the Joint Executive Committee? If a sacrificial "hit" had to be made to save a creature of the National Convention, why should not a creature of the National Convention be asked to make it? Would it have pleased this convention if the Joint Executive Committee had discontinued the issuing of the Plea and the service of the editor last November—two months after the Washington Service? I decided that regardless of what the cause might be for the discontinuation of the Plea and the service of the editor, it would not please the Convention. Therefore I decided to make the "sacrificial hit" and do that drastic "something."

With the consent of the Centennial Church of St. Louis, Mo., I was "parked" in St. Louis as the field worker serving as a supply pastor until September 1, 1928. So for five months I have been with the church in St. Louis and doing what I could for the field work by correspondence and an occasional visit. The church in St. Louis needed help badly. Its needs were vital. Without help at time the work in St. Louis would have lost and the general cause lost much. We have had a hard job, but in the most a fine fellowship in the task.

We have overcome some difficulties, have met all the requirements of the Joint Executive Committee, paid all outstanding bills for current expenses, paid all departmental national and state apportionments, sent six and a half delegates to the Missouri Convention in Kansas City and paid their ways, have a few dollars on hand, a church building debt of \$4,600 and a vacant pulpit September 1.

In this way the Joint Executive Committee have been able to tow the Christian Plea, in some shape into this convention for repairs. It is brought, in spite of all that could be done, with a deficit. But the deficit is much less than the unpaid promise to the Christian Plea by this Convention and unpaid pledges.

I feel sure that this Convention appreciates the efforts made by the Joint Executive Committee, and others, to carry out its wishes and bring the Christian Plea and its editor into this Convention for consideration, and will pay the expenses in so doing; and for the general work's sake, of this great brotherhood put the Christian Plea on a business basis. To our work the Plea is an indispensable. We have the man for editor, we have the money and for me and my house, it must be done.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

P. M. Moss.

The year has been brim full of intense activity both in the office and in the field. To give a narrative of places visited, miles traveled, letters written, addresses given, and conferences held can not in any measure adequately indicate the amount of anxiety, energy and service put into the office and field; nor can a statement of institutions, schools of methods, young people's conferences and vacation church schools, etc., indicate the detail work necessary to carry on the program of Christian Education in our brotherhood.

It seems to me that this has been one of the most testing years of our service. Many who have given loyal support to the work in previous years, have made themselves conspicuous by their indifference. Despite that fact, the year has been rich in happy association and splendid cooperation, without which we could not have gone forward with our program. I truly appreciate the confidence you have placed in my leadership and the very fine way you have worked with me. In the words of another:

"Because you love me I have much achieved,
Had you despised me then I must have failed,
But since I knew you trusted and believed,
I could not disappoint you and so prevailed."

You have carried the big end of the pole on your blistered shoulders. Others, who should have been your colleagues, carrying the other end, threw down their end of the pole without even notifying you. This, of course, has worked a hardship, causing the whole program to limp, bringing a large deficit in our national budget. I invite your attention to the reports as taken from the books of the United Christian Missionary Society.

THE FIELD.

We have done field work in the following states **Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina, California**, covering nine states in all. This work I count very imperfect because of the limited time given to each state. Most of the state work was done in just one section of the state. In making out the yearly schedule, I planned to visit many of the rural and village schools. We were able to

follow this plan in a great measure. Many of the schools were reorganized, some encouraged and others standardized as far as possible. There is still a great need for trained workers in all of our schools. We have attempted to push the Three-Year program in the larger schools, but find it a very difficult thing to do. The church must provide religious education, since the home does not, and under the present limitations the state cannot. Organization in the state and local school is necessary to put the program of Christian Education over. Organization of course is a means to an end. The end is Christian character. All constructive programs must be promoted or demoted, must be accepted or rejected, must be encouraged by being put into practical use or it will be strangled to death by three leading lights of the state or the local church school; namely, the shepherd of the flock, the general superintendent and the teacher. I do not know how such an impression is ever made upon any one, but sometime it seems that there are those who feel that the work of a field secretary, is to go about and suggest the impractical to expect the impossible and to explain the inexplicable. Therefore in many cases no attempt is made to put any suggestions into practice; the greatest comment made upon his visit, is: that the Field worker has been here, what good did he do? Well we can do no good at all unless you are willing to give our suggestion a trial. Too many are like a certain man who said: "The field secretary is just got to show me, but I would like to see him show me."

LEADERSHIP TRAINING.

There are several types of leadership training. We go into the local church and attempt to reach the leaders of the departments, with an institute covering two or three evenings. It is our desire to deepen the interest of the workers in self-preparation to the extent that they will continue this training through a local Teacher Training Class. We feel that we did a very outstanding piece of work, in Valdosta, Ga., last April in the grouping of eight or ten schools for a week-end Institute. At the close the good Baptist brethren urgently requested that I spend the month of June with them visiting their convention, holding a series of conferences.

Then there are the five days Schools of Methods, where three or four units are given of the Standard Teacher Training Course. Those taking course are awarded the credits leading to the Teacher Training Diploma.

The national team with local cooperation held two such state schools the past year. The Piedmont Leadership Training School, at Martinsville, Virginia, and the Ohio School held at Dayton, Ohio. Eighteen credits were awarded in the two schools. Some attending were too young to receive credit. None under 16 should attend these schools.

The Young People's Conference is a third type of leadership trainings. We held two conferences—The Magnola held at the Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi, May 28-June 3rd, and The Mid-West Conference held at the Bartlett Vocational School, Dalton, Missouri, June 25-July 1. The attendance of neither one of these schools was what it should have and could have been if we had had the proper cooperation. We have been assured nevertheless the hearty cooperation of the churches of both schools another year. The departments of the state of Mississippi promising a subsidy for the maintenance of the next Magnola Conference. The states of Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma each promises to give financial cooperation for the maintenance of the Mid-West Conference.

CONVENTIONS

The following conventions were attended: Ark., Ga., Fla., Kansas, Mo., Miss., S. C., International, Youth and the World S. S. Convention.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION.

The Chicago West Side Leadership Training School conducted last February was a fine expression of cooperation among other communions. The following churches were represented: The A. M. E. Zion church; A. M. E.; C. M. E.; M. E.; Baptist and the Christian church. There were an enrollment of 109, and 101 credits were awarded.

In Valdosta, Georgia, in the month of April, there was a week-end institute conducted that had the cooperation of eight or nine churches. This institute was made up of Teachers, Superintendents, Ministers and Leaders of Young People.

Under the Supervision of Miss Bessie E. Chandler, and Mrs. Deetsy B. Gray, the largest effort of interdenominational cooperation was put on in Roanoke, Virginia, with the following churches represented in a Vacation Church School; M. E. church; A. M. E. Zion; and the Christian church. There should be more such schools held among the churches.

FIELD FORCE.

Our staff has consisted of an Elementary or Children's worker, one-fourth time Young People's secretary, and a supt. If we are to conserve the work already begun among our young people of the church that has gone forward in such a fine way under the leadership of Mr. V. G. Smith, we should put forth an effort to have the full time service of Mr. Smith. Because we have failed to do our full duty this year in the raising of our full national apportionments the department of Religious Education, has already expressed its inability to even continue the one-fourth time service of Mr. Smith in this department. What are you going to do about it as Negro constituents of the Church of Christ?

NATIONAL BUDGET.

The Bible schools and C. E. societies were apportioned \$4,000.00 for this missionary year. Out of 500 schools, 139 schools gave toward the budget.

16 schools gave	\$ 25.00 to \$ 30.00
2 schools gave	30.00 to 40.00
1 schools gave	40.00 to 50.00
6 schools gave	50.00 to 70.00
2 schools gave	70.00 to 75.00
2 schools gave	75.00 to 100.00
5 schools gave	100.00 or over
34 schools gave	\$1625.15
105 schools gave	642.09

There are 361 non-giving schools. Less than half of the schools listed gave for the promotion of the kingdom this year.

Total amount given by Bible Schools	\$2269.12—(88cts)
Y. P. S. C. E.	206.54
Making a grand total	\$2475.66
Giving a deficit of	\$1524.34

REPORT OF ELEMENTARY SUPERINTENDENT

Miss Bessie E. Chandler

It is with pleasure that I make my first report to this our twelfth National Convention. I have been in the work only a few months and have enjoyed it to the highest. Everywhere I have been I found a splendid spirit of fellowship and cooperation among all the churches.

From Sept. 12 to May 22 I was in school at the Southern Christian Institute giving special attendance to Bible Study and serving in any other capacity I could in the various school organizations to make the school year a pleasant as well as a successful year.

We began our work in June. From June 3 to 8 we spent in the Young People's Conference held at Edwards, Miss. We had a twofold duty, that of teacher and student, at the close of the conference we were graduated from the Young People's Conference. The general spirit of th's conference can scarcely be surpassed. We only hope for a bigger and better one next year.

After leaving the Southern Christian Institute I spent a few days at Nashville with my family and friends.

The remainder of June was spent in Institute work. June 10-15 was spent aiding in the annual Leadership Training School held at Piedmont Christian Institute, Martinsville, Va., with nine credits given.

The week June 18th was spent in the annual Leadership Training School of Ohio held at Dayton, Ohio, with twelve credits given. We can say that the spirit of these two schools were very fine, every one giving their time and attention to intensive leadership study, with 21 credits given both schools.

Enroute to the Young People's Conference at Dalton, Mo. I spent a few days in St. Louis, Mo., worshipping with the Centennial Church. The next week was spent at the first Mid-West Young People's Conference at Dalton, Mo. The attendance of this our first Mid-West Conference was not as large as we expected but the general spirit and fellowship of the Conference was great. We feel that we have made a fine beginning among the young people of the Mid-West, and that the conference will steadily increase each year in every possible way until it becomes the outstanding feature in Religious Education in the Mid-West.

After the conference a few days were spent in St. Louis, attending the Joint Executive Committee Meeting, also attending the mid-week services and Missionary meeting at the centennial Church.

July 9-Aug. 3 we spent in Roanoke, Va., conducting a Interdenominational Vacation Church School. This was the first Vacation Church School in which other churches were directly concerned. Mrs. Deetsy B. Gray spent two weeks in helping us to get a start. Her assistance was highly appreciated. There was an enrollment of 157 with an attendance of 130 to 140 until the close of the school. We received the hearty cooperation from all the Bible Schools concerned supporting both numerically and financially.

During the month spent at Roanoke we worked with the Bible School there aiding with its reorganization. We also wrote an article for the **Christian Plea**, cooperating with the editor in that way.

After the close of the Vacation Church School we then attended the Piedmont District Convention held at Martinsville, Virginia, assisting the workers there. The following week was spent with the Oklahoma Convention which convened at Muskogee, Okla. Both conventions gave us an opportunity to meet and work with many of the workers through groups of personal conferences and addresses. We spent one week at the office making preparation for the National Convention. We are looking forward with great anticipation to meet all the workers throughout the brotherhood and cooperate with them in the work of Kingdom Building.

REPORT TO NATIONAL CONVENTION ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

V. G. Smith.

I. Special Training Agencies.

Two Schools of Methods—Piedmont and Ohio.

Two Young People's Conferences—Magnola, Edwards, Miss.; Mid-West, Dalton, Mo.

In the schools of methods, I taught one of the units, a lecture course and directed the recreational period.

In the Magnolia Conference, I directed and directed the recreation.

In the Mid-West Conference, I directed and acted as Director of Worship.

II. Conventions.

Two State Conventions—Arkansas and Missouri.

One District Convention—Second District in Missouri.

In these conventions, I delivered one or more addresses on Young People's work giving special attention to the Young People's Conference and Youth Convention. Also, I conducted a conference with the Missouri Convention.

III. Addresses.

Most of the addresses delivered were in connection with an address on the Christian Plea and were proportionately short, incomplete and inadequate. I visited the Endeavor societies in Lexington, Ky., and Kansas City, Mo., delivering an address in each.

IV. Promotional.

During the year, I wrote eight monthly letters to the Negro Christian Endeavor Societies with reference to Christian Endeavor Day for offering and with some educational matters discussed each month. The offering for this year from the C. E. Societies to the National Work was a little over \$200.00.

Also in connection with the promotion of the two Young People's Conferences, some nine letters went out from my office to church leaders in every department, to Conferenceites and to prospects.

V. Miscellaneous.

Other advice has been given by request on Christian Endeavor work, on Young People's Conference and Youth Convention.

One Youth Convention Discussion Group was organized and had one delegate in the Youth Convention.

Also I helped outline the devotions for the Youth Convention. Was unable to attend because of lack of travel fund for religious education work by Young People's Sec'y.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERS' WIVES NATIONAL COUNSEL CHICAGO, ILL., AUGUST 28, 1928.

The Minister's Wives Counsel met on the above date at 2:30 P. M. in Oakwood B'ld Christian Church, Chicago, Ill., with Mrs. James H. Thomas of Piedmont Institute, Martinsville, Va., presiding.

Session opened with song led by Mrs. C. H. Dickerson, of Ky. Mrs. Franklin of Mississippi, led in prayer.

Minutes of 1927, Washington meeting were called for and read by Mrs. Samuel Devine and approved.

Moved by Mrs. Wm. Alphin of Mo., and seconded by Mrs. K. R. Brown of Miss., that Mrs. Devine get a suitable book and record the Washington minutes in it and pass the same on to Mrs. O. Singleton, the present Secretary, carried.

Upon request Mrs. Thomas explained how her traveling expenses had been met. After some discussion by Mrs. Herod, Mrs. Alphin and others, it was decided not to set any financial aims. A collection of \$40.00 had resulted from the two previous years meetings and was held by our Treasurer. On motion by Mrs. Herod of Indianapolis, seconded by Mrs. Preston Taylor, Nashville, Mrs. J. H. Thomas was granted \$35 on expenses of the previous three years.

Mrs. Samuel C. Devine and Mrs. Singleton gave report of the International Ministers Wives' program in Columbus, Ohio, in April, 1928. Both said their reason for attending was that they might bring to our own meeting some idea of how the white sisters conducted their program and what they accomplished. They both agreed that several speakers on program told of some mistake they had made as Ministers wives. And urged that young or inexperienced wives should not fall into the same pitfall. Example: One young wife said she almost made the mistake of converting her husband into a nursemaid before she realized it. And others mentioned how they overcame mistakes that would have resulted in embarrassment to their husbands, as ministers.

A committee was appointed to draft a Constitution and bring to the 1929 meeting in Winston Salem, N. C., as follows: Mesdames Alphin, Singleton, Thomas.

Mrs. Thomas our president, asked that all of the ministers' wives use the book written by Mrs. Weaver, of Texas, called "**The Ministers Wives.**"

Mrs. Preston Taylor suggested the idea of ministers selecting women for wives, who are material for minister's wives.

Mrs. Wm. Owens, of Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. R. H. Hancock, Mrs. Whitfield, of North Carolina, Mrs. Quarels, of Texas, all spoke on the subject of how to help all clubs without burdening ones self as a minister's wife. Mrs. Whitfield spoke on how she adjusted herself to her husband's calling, with great pleasure to herself and all his members.

August 29th, 1928, in session, Mrs. Thomas appointed as Program Committee, Mrs. Samuel Devine, Mrs. Whitfield and Mrs. Hancock. A free will offering was taken. About three gave \$1.00 others giving brought the offering up to \$5.15.

A very amusing "Stunt" was staged by our president. The Stunt consisted of a song "Ministers Wives are We" to the tune of "The Farmer's in the Dell." This was sung with pantomime at night session of the entire convention, on Friday night.

The officers are the same for 1929 as they were 1928, with two or three exceptions. Mrs. Griffin of Washington was ill and could not be with us. Prayer was offered for her recovery and return to us, in 1929, and for her work in Washington.

Officers of The National Council of Ministers' Wives.

Mrs. J. H. Thomas, Piedmont Institute, Martinsville, Va.
 First Vice-Pres., Mrs. R. H. Hanceck, Covington, Ky.
 Second Vice-Pres., Mrs. C. H. Dickerson, 226 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.
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W. M. S. Conference Minutes.

Morning Session.

Conference opened at 10:15 A. M., August 25.

Worship service conducted by Mrs. Wm. Alphin, National President.

Remarks by Mrs. Alphin, who also introduced Miss Alma E. Moore, of the United Society. Miss Moore conducted the Conference.

Local work was discussed—object, for personal development, the local Church, and all the people. Executive committee meetings of vast importance.

Findings Committee appointed: Mesdames Offutt, Hutsell, Sharp, VanBuren and A. L. Martin.

Benediction, Elder I. C. Franklin.

Afternoon Session.

2:20—Worship Service, conducted by Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs.

Song.

State Work was taken up and discussed by many.

Night Session.

8:00—Worship Service conducted by Mrs. Singleton.

Remarks by Mrs. Alphin.

Motion carried that the question of our regional Field Workers for State Development, be taken back to our States for consideration in their next Convention, and a report be brought back to the Conference next year.

Adjournment.

W. M. S. STATE REPORT.

States	No. of Societies	No. of Members	Woman's Day	Easter Observance	Reading Circle	Books Read	State Delepo.	United C. M. S.	Amf. to Con.
Arkansas.....	2		2	2	1	\$ 35.35	\$ 77.00	\$17.00	
Los. Angeles, Cal.....	1	40	1			75.00		5.00	
Illinois.....	6	115	4	4		22.00	210.60	16.00	
Indianapolis, Ind.....	1	63	1	1			189.02	5.00	
Kansas.....	6	75	6	6		745.00	105.00	14.00	
Kentucky.....	19	257	5	7		238.76	649.78	24.00	
Md. D. C.....								10.00	
Mississippi.....	11		7	5		160.00	308.00	32.00	
Missouri.....	14	198	9	6	6	9 325.15	458.21	39.00	
Ohio.....	10	136	7	7	1	131.47	313.98	21.00	
Oklahoma.....	4	25	4	4	3	6 50.54	147.00	18.00	
Tennessee.....	4	50	4	4		59.51	195.00	20.00	
Piedmont, Va.....	5	98	5	5	2	9 59.51	195.00	20.00	
Total.....	83	1057	55	51	13	27 1908.03	3013.59	252.00	

TREASURER

Brought forward	\$ 19.36
Received at Washington	382.29
Received from Texas	24.00
Received from Tri State	1.00
October 15	1.00
October 26	10.00
Total Receipts	\$437.65

Expenditures.

Mrs. Mayberry	\$ 86.78
Miss Hardin	32.68
Miss King	16.96
Mrs. Herod	23.35
Mrs. Alphin	52.14
Rev. Herod	5.00
Prof. Pratt .....	.65
Rev. P. Taylor	5.00
October 25, B. B. Hutsell	15.00
March 27, Bro. Taylor	50.00
April 12, Mrs. Alphin	80.00
August 17, Mrs. Alphin	42.00
Total Expenditures	\$409.56
Balance in Treasure	26.09

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