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OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION

CHURCH DEPARTMENT



Elder J. N. Ervin, President
Elder L. H. Crawford, First-Vice President
Elder R. W. Watson, Second Vice-President
Elder N. A. Johnson, Third Vice-President
Elder C. E. Craggett, Recording Secretary
Elder I. C. Franklin, Assistant Recording Secretary
Elder R. H. Davis, Corresponding Secretary
Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer
Prof. T. W. Pratt, Transportation Secretary

JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Elder J. N. Ervin
Mrs. Ida Taylor
Dr. J. E. Walker
Prof. T. W. Pratt
Elder G. E. Letton
Elder P. A. Gray
Mrs. H. L. Herod

CONVENTION OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST

The Twenty-first Annual National Convention of the Christian Churches convened in Dayton, Ohio on August 25, 1937. Devotional service was conducted by G. C. Campbell of Ohio. Music was conducted by Mrs. Rosa Page Welch of Chicago, Illinois and Mrs. Odessa Stewart Bowen of Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas. Following the devotional service the Convention was declared open by the President, J. N. Ervin of Texas. A motion carried that the program as outlined by the Program Committee become officially the guide of the Convention. L. H. Crawford, First Vice President, presented to the Convention, President J. N. Erwin, who gave his convention message. It dealt with the principles which are fundamental to the life of the Church. A motion carried that the recommendations of the president be submitted to the Committee on Recommendations. A motion carried that the address be published in the Christian Evangelist.

Vocal selections were given by the Jarvis Singers.

Reports were made by the following officers: R. H. Davis, Corresponding Secretary; C. E. Craggett, Recording Secretary; Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer; C. H. Dickerson, Editor of the Christian Plea; J. N. Erwin, President and R. H. Peoples, Field Secretary. Twenty-five dollars were given on subscriptions to the Christian Plea to clean up the deficit reported by the Editor.

W. D. Campbell, of Port Gibson, Miss. preached from the subject: "Perspective", Matt. 13:43. Benediction: by Rev. George Hancock, minister of A. M. E. Church, Kansas City, Kan.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

This session was presided over by R. W. Watson, Second Vice President. The program of Unified Promotion was discussed by C. O. Hawley of the United Christian Missionary Society. Reports were made by the States and Districts representing in the Convention.

Willard M. Wickizer, Secretary of the Home Department of the United Christian Missionary Society and member of the Joint Executive Committee reported for the committee. A motion carried that the report be adopted. Telegrams were read from N. W. McGowan of Washington, D. C. and Ira S. Ashe, of Georgetown, Ky.

A motion carried that the Secretary reply to the telegrams. Prof. Earl Epps of the Tennessee State College and his wife were introduced to the Convention. J. O. Bowles, minister of the Beaumont, Texas church was also introduced to the Convention.

Benediction by S. Kenny, of Tennessee.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Devotionals were conducted by N. H. Johnson of Texas. Music numbers were given by the Jarvis Singers. L. H. Crawford presided over this session.

Prof. Cleo Blackburn, Superintendent of the Flanner House, Indianapolis, spoke on, "The Church and Social Action." A motion prevailed that the address be turned over to the Committee on Recommendations.

R. Wesley Watson of Tennessee preached on, "Why we are members of the Church of Christ", 1 Peter 3:15. Offering for the evening \$18.11. Benediction by P. A. Gray of Kansas.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

This session was devoted to business of the Convention. The first item of business was the report of the Registrar on enrollment of delegates and states. A motion carried that the report of states be turned over to the Finance Committee. A partial report of the Recommendations Committee was read by R. Wesley Watson.

The recommendations were adopted by item. Jarvis College was selected as the meeting place of the 1938 Convention. (This action was later rescinded). The Convention accepted the budget of two thousand dollars as recommended by the Joint Executive Committee. Prof. J. H. Thomas made a verbal report for the Presbytery Committee. A motion to receive the report carried, but that it be submitted to the Secretary in writing. Meeting adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING

This session was devoted to business. A motion carried that the action to go to Jarvis College be rescinded and that the selection of the place be left with the Executive Committee.

Final report of the Recommendations Committee was made. A motion carried that all of the recommendations as made by the President of the Convention be adopted. A motion carried that the Constitution be printed in the minutes. The ministers' wives gave five dollars to be applied on the Christian Plea. Benediction by A. W. Davis of Kansas.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Devotionals were conducted by R. Wesley Watson. He also presided over this session which was very brief.

A resolution expressing gratitude for the spirit of generosity of the late Preston Taylor and Mrs. Ida Taylor was adopted, and the Convention pledged its fellowship in the contemplated work of Mrs. Taylor. Benediction by W. H. Taylor.

REPORT OF THE ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

Number of delegates, 79, at \$2.00 each			\$158.00
Arkansas		\$ 4.70	
Kansas		10.00	
Illinois			
So. Side	\$ 5.00		
Indiana Ave.	5.00		
Rockford	5.00	15.00	
Kentucky		10.00	
Mt. Sterling	5.00		
2nd. Lexington	5.00		
Third, Louisville	5.00		
Millersburg	5.00		
Winchester	2.00	32.00	
Texas	10.00		
Romine	5.00		
Deville	2.00		
Jarvis College	5.00	22.00	
Tennessee	35.00		
Lee Avenue	5.00	40.00	
Missouri	10.00		
Woodland, K. C.	5.00	15.00	
Mississippi	35.00		
Port Gibson	5.00		
Christian Chapel	5.00	45.00	
Ohio	10.00		
Dayton	5.00		
Columbus	5.00		
Cincinnati, 5th.	5.00	25.00	
Oklahoma	10.00		
Tulsa	5.00		
Chickasha	5.00	20.00	
Md. D. C. and N.Y. Dist.	10.00		
Washington	5.00		
Brooklyn	5.00	20.00	
Little Rock, Ark.	5.00		
Detroit, Mich.	5.00		
Indianapolis, Ind.	5.00		
Tri-State Convention	10.00		
Preston Taylor Mem.Con.	2.00		
Piedmont Dist.N.C., Va.	10.00	37.00	
			281.00

Total from delegates Churches & State Conv't'ns \$439.00

Respectfully submitted, W. M. Owens, Registrar

REPORT OF TREASURER

I N C O M E

1936-37		
Aug. 29	- Balance brought forward	\$ 2.37
Aug. 29	- Net receipts - Enrollment of States, Churches	302.50
July 28	- Bethany Church of Roanoke, Va.	5.00
Aug. 14	- Second Christian Church of Georgetown, Ky.	5.00
TOTAL INCOME		314.87

DISBURSEMENT

1936-37		
Aug. 29	- Program Committee, Mrs. C. E. Craggett	5.00
'	' Printing of Programs, Eld. B. C. Calvert	\$ 44.00
'	' Stationery, Eld. R. H. Davis	12.80
'	' Trustees' Meeting - Eld. Z. Howard	8.00
'	' Traveling Expense - Registrar Owens	12.00
'	' " " Sec'y C. E. Craggett	17.00
'	' " " Trans. Sec'y T. W. Pratt	6.50
'	' " " Treasurer J. E. Walker	8.50
'	' " " President B. C. Calvert	6.75
'	' Communion Programs - Wm. Martin	2.00
'	' Program Committee - Wm. Martin	5.08
'	' Missionary Society, Bible School and C. E.	62.00
'	' Christian Plea	75.00
'	' Telegram - Eld. L. H. Crawford	.76
'	' Traveling Expense - Dr. C. A. Berry	15.00
'	' Stenographic Service	10.00
'	' R. H. Davis, Secretary - Postage etc.	11.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT		\$301.39

Balance on hand as of August 24, 1937 - - - \$ 13.48

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Walker, Treasurer.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

For Promotion, \$11.50; for Transportation, \$10.00, total \$21.50.
Received \$12.00; balance, \$9.50.

Respectfully submitted, R. H. Davis.

PRESBYTERY COMMITTEE

We, your Presbytery Committee, beg to report that, we have had no application submitted for ordination during the current Convention.

The Presbytery Committee

The various Committees made their reports.
The reports were received.

COMMITTEES

RECOMMENDATION—L. H. Crawford, Chairman, Kan.; R. H. Davis, Sec'y., Ill.; G. F. Ragsdale, Piedmont Convention; C. E. Craggett, Ohio; N. H. Johnson, Texas; E. A. Daniels, Oklahoma; R. W. Watson, Tenn.; W. M. Owens, Ky.; L. J. Evans, Ga.; S. S. Meyers, Mo.; J. F. Whitfield, D. C. & N. Y.; C. L. Whitfield, Md.; W. H. Taylor, Preston Taylor Memorial Convention; R. L. Peters, Tri-State Convention; R. L. Jordan, Mich.

FINANCE—J. E. Walker, Chairman, Tenn.; C. E. Craggett, R. H. Davis, W. M. Owens, C. B. Fisher, Tex.; Z. M. Peoples, Ind.; T. W. Pratt, Texas.

RESOLUTIONS—C. L. Whitfield, Chairman; Mrs. Emma Mitchell, Ind.; Mrs. E. G. Tidus, Texas; J. H. Jones, Kan.; R. R. Walton, Kan.; Mrs. Bertha Peaks, Ky.; Mrs. Luvenia Moore, Miss.; M. L. Lambert, N. C.; J. Moore, Okla.

PRESBYTERY—J. H. Thomas, Chairman, Va.; C. H. Dickerson, Ky.; R. E. LaTouche, Ill.; J. E. Quarles, Texas; I. C. Franklin, Miss.; S. Kenny, Tenn.; A. W. Davis, Kans.; R. L. Peters, N. C.; G. C. Campbell, Ohio.

AREA WORK—S. S. Meyers, C. H. Dickerson, C. E. Craggett, E. A. Daniels, W. M. Wickizer, R. H. Peoples, L. H. Crawford, J. F. Whitfield; H. D. Griffin and M. L. Lambert.

PULPIT SUPPLY—E. W. Wilbert, J. C. Cowan, J. E. Quarles and R. L. Searcy.

Prof. T. W. Pratt official representative of National Convention in matters pertaining to local entertainment.

G. E. Letton, Parliamentarian.

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION
of
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES
THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 26

Worship service led by Elder George Calvin Campbell.

Remarks by the president, Mrs. H. L. Herod

Spiritual "Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

Presentation of President to Convention by Miss Sadye Shaifer.

President's Message.

Reminiscence of Twenty years ago.

We are today no less interested in the objectives of twenty years ago.

Commission—"The Why of Missions"

Interest and increased interest in our Church Schools.

Jarvis Christian College; its advancement to a senior college.

Its needs—4000 books.

S. C. I.—President Lehman. S. C. I., Needs—Boys' dormitory. Ida Taylor Home for Girls.

It was Mrs. Taylor's suggestion that we turn our attention to the needs of Jarvis but keep in mind the objectives of the Home. Ministers and Dependent Children Home.

Matter of Christian Plea.

Failure of the majority of officers to cooperate with Plea. The Christian heritage of the Negro disciples through our former leaders.

It was moved by Mrs. Craggett and seconded by Mrs. Welch that the President's message be sent to Christian Plea, World Call and Christian Evangelist.

Report of Convention Officers.

Recording Secretary — Rosa Page Welch

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. C. E. Craggett

Treasurer — Mrs. C. W. Arnold

President — Mrs. H. L. Herod

Field Secretaries —

Children — Mrs. L. A. Devine

General — Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy

Moved and seconded that reports of field secretaries be received and adopted with thanks. Passed.

Moved and seconded that the reports of the National officers be received and turned over to the auditing committee. Passed.

President Ervin introduced and presented Prof. Epps of A. & I. State College of Tenn., who gave a fine talk.

Report of States by State Representative—

Alabama—Minnie Wright

Arkansas—Orene Cole (acting)

California—

District of Columbia—

Report of States by State Representative—

Illinois—Mrs. Cynthia Martin
 Indiana—Mrs. Emma Mitchell
 Kansas—
 Kentucky—Mrs. Josephine Kirkpatrick
 Mississippi—Miss Sadye Shaifer
 Missouri—
 Ohio—Mrs. M. A. Bruce
 Oklahoma—Mrs. S. A. Purdle
 Tennessee—Aurelia Bracy
 So Carolina—
 Texas—S. P. Walker
 Michigan—Verbridge (Mrs.)
 Virginia—Piedmont Dist.—Mr. Thomas
 (See Statistical Report)

Symposium—Victory through Missionary Organizations.

Adults — Mrs. Geneva Towns
 Young People — Miss Johnnie Howard
 Children — Miss Sadye Shaifer

Victory through Young People's Meets — Mrs. C. E. Craggett

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Worship Service led by Mrs. O. Bowden

Address—Mr. Hensey (Missionary to Africa)

Spiritual—"Swing Low Sweet Chariot"

Report of Committees—

No committees were ready so the time was given to Mrs. Bracy to tell about her attendance to the Adult Conference held at Lake Geneva.

Federated Council of Church women.

The following women were presented as Charter members of the Women's Organization at Greenwood Park.

Mrs. M. J. Brown — Port Gibson, Miss.

Mrs. I. C. Franklin, Port Gibson, Miss.

Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy

Mrs. William Alphin

THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 26th

7:30—President Mrs. H. L. Herod, presiding

Assisted by Mrs. Aurelia Bracy—Third Vice President.

Call to Worship. Music

Scripture — Mrs. Preston Taylor

Prayer — Mrs. Margaret Bruce, Ohio

8:00—Address—"The World, the Field" — Miss Helen Spaulding,
 National Director of Young People's and Children's Organizations.

8:25—Music — Trio from Kansas City, Mo.

8:35—Sermon — Blair T. Hunt, Memphis, Tennessee

9:00—Awards — Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, Field Secretary of Missions.

Offering Announcements Benediction

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 28th

Report of Committees—

1. Enrollment Committee

We the enrollment committee make the following report:
 Received from the Registrar, Rev. Wm. Owens, \$39.50. An additional gift of 50 cents from Mrs. L. H. Crawford makes a total of \$40.00.

Committee:

- Mrs. L. H. Crawford
- Mrs. E. A. Daniels
- Mrs. L. A. Devine

2. Future Work Committee *(see report)

A motion was made and seconded that the report of the Future Work Committee be acted upon by items. Motion carried. All items were passed except item number 10. Moved, seconded and passed that this item be stricken out.

3. Nominating Committee

We the committee on nomination recommend the following officers:—

- President—Mrs. H. L. Herod
- 1st Vice President—Miss Sadye Shaifer
- 2nd Vice President—Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick
- 3rd Vice President—Mrs. Aurelia Bracey
- Recording Secretary—Mrs. Rosa Page Welch
- Ass't. Recording Secretary—Mrs. Orene Cole
- Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Pearl Craggett
- Treasurer—Mrs. C. W. Arnold
- Nat. Field Worker—Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy
- Children and Young People's Worker—
 Mrs. L. A. Devine

Committee:

- Mrs. C. H. Dickerson
- Mrs. J. N. Ervin
- Mrs. M. J. Brown
- Mrs. I. C. Franklin
- Mrs. Ella Tidors
- Mrs. Cammie Doolin

4. Committee on Awards

The committee on awards finds the following societies qualified according to the rules for the honor roll.

S. C. I. Edwards, Miss,	105.00
Memphis, Tennessee	53.50
Baltimore (Mt. Olivet)	\$ 52.50
Mt. Sterling, Ky.	50.00
Columbus, Ohio	50.00
Muskogee, Oklahoma	26.00

The organization meeting all the requirements and giving the largest amount above its apportionment is Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Ohio reached its National goal—apportionment \$200, gave \$209.75. Mississippi bears the distinction of giving the largest amount for World Missions. Amount given \$260.00.

Committee:—

Miss S. P. Walker, Texas Chr.
 Mrs. Eva Gilmore, Mo.
 Mrs. Margaret Bruce, Ohio
 Mrs. Georgie Franklin, Miss
 Mrs. Fannie Clark, Illinois
 Mrs. Rosa Bracy

Recording Secretary's Report:—

..... FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts:

Statistical Report	\$154.50
Young People's Program	3.47
Night Offering	22.00
Enrollment	31.00
Hagerstown, Md.	2.00
Alabama	5.00
Brought Forward	3.13
Total	\$221.10

Disbursements:

Mrs. I. Taylor—Minutes & Exp.	\$ 43.08
Mrs. Van Buren—Expense	5.43
Mrs. Welch—Exp. & Minutes	16.50
Mrs. Devine—Expenses	13.43
Preston Taylor Memorial	50.00
Mrs. Herod—Expense	13.45
Mrs. Greist, bal. on trans.	10.00
Mrs. Herod, office expense	15.00
Mrs. Craggett, office expense	15.00
Total	\$181.89
Total Receipts	\$221.10
Total Disbursements	181.89

Balance in Treasury \$ 39.21

Received after convention:

From Arkansas \$5.00.

Cent order for \$35.00 for Mrs. Herod for transportation to the International Convention at Kansas City, Kansas.

For cashiers check 15 cents

Total paid out \$35.15

Total in treas. \$39.21 plus 5.00 is \$44.21

\$44.21 minus \$35.15 leaves \$9.06 amount on hand at 1937 Convention.

Rosa Page Welch, Recording Secretary

To the Missionary Societies, Greetings:

We hereby submit to you our year's report, owing to the fact we were changing fields our report is somewhat different this year. You will note in our report we didn't write many letters this year as experience taught us we need that personal touch. We did not go from place to place visiting the local churches but made conventions where we feel reached more people and better results with less expense.

There has been an increase in children's offerings this year for the first time in many years. You will note in the tabulated report given you the increase for our group.

Report:

Places visited	4
Nicholasville, Covington, Cleveland & Dayton.	
Conventions visited	3
Ky. State, Ohio and National.	
Days on the field	17
Conferences held	5
Addresses	3
(White churches and denominations)	
Served in Central Young People's conference as dean; taught a class etc.	
Letters written	25
Post Cards	6
Organized Int. Triangle with 15 members at Fifth Christian Church, Cinn. They sent	\$11.00 to U. C. M. S.
To state and national	\$1.50
Organized J. C. E. with 22 members at Fifth Christian Church.	
Literature distributed	
Financial Report	
Brought forward to Tulsa, Okla.	\$11.36
Received at Tulsa	13.64
Total received at Tulsa	25.00
Disbursements	
Stamps	\$.81
Covington car fare	1.81
Cleveland Bus	7.65
Taxi65
(Have on hand 70c worth)	
Literature for con.	1.20

Total

Balance on hand

Faithfully submitted,

MRS. L. A. DEVINE

Report of Future Work Committee to the 21st Annual Missionary Convention

Dayton, Ohio August 29th, 1937

We, your committee on Future Work, beg leave to submit the

following report:

1. The apportionments for the local societies be sent to the local presidents for their approval fifteen days after the close of the convention.
 2. That an Honor Roll be maintained with the following points of merit:
 - (a) The society shall hold twelve monthly meetings with program.
 - (b) Each society shall hold at least six executive meetings during the year.
 - (c) Four quarterly reports shall be sent to the state and national treasurers.
 - (d) Each society must reach National Apportionment.
 - (e) Each society must sponsor at least one organization for young people.
 - (f) Each society must be represented in State and National Convention.
 3. We recommend that the society on the honor roll having the largest percentage above its apportionment for World Missions be given the Loving Cup.
 4. That each state be represented in the National Convention by the payment of \$10.00 with an additional 2.00 for each local society in the state and that society in an unorganized state represent with \$5.00.
 - 4a. That each Young People's organization report at the National Convention with a representation fee of 1.00.
- That the National President be authorized to visit any state convention which invites her and that the National Convention bear half of the transportation charges or expenses where the state is not in position to pay the full amount.
5. That the National Corresponding Secretary send letters to all societies thirty days before the National Convention informing them of the amount of money they are expected to report at the National Convention.
 6. That a report of the Future Work Committee be mailed to all local societies not later than 30 days after the Convention, by Correspondent Secretary.
 7. That the names and addresses of our National President and Corresponding Secretary and Young People's Worker be printed on the Missionary Organizations Page of the **Christian Plea**.
 8. We recommend that our children's work be given special consideration financially and that the executive committee specify the amount.
 9. We recommend the continuation of the children's and young people's hour.
 10. For many years we have yearned for an Accredited Senior Christian College where our Young People might be adequately prepared to go out into the world to serve. We have been and are yet greatly concerned as to the special training of those who shall serve our churches as Ministers and leaders.

We are deeply grateful that our dream has come true through Jarvis being lifted out of the rank of a Junior College into the rank of an accredited Christian College.

11. To express our gratitude we are asking for an increased goal for 1937-38—from \$2500 to \$3000 even though we did not reach our goal this past year in order that we may not fail the already established work and also—make a special within our goal of \$500.00 which will be used as a unit of support to the dean of Religion—at Jarvis Christian College.

12. We recommend that our goals for year ending June 30th, 1938 be: 150 Organizations; 2500 Members; 200 World Calls; 200 Christian Pleas; 25 Junior Worlds; \$3000.00.

13. We recommend that the program for 1938 provide a Conference period for the afternoon of Woman's Day.

14. We recommend that we endorse the action of our National Field Secretary to become a sponsor of the Federated Council of Church Women of America. We further recommend that each state will be asked to participate in the aggregation of the \$25.00 per year for four successive years not to exceed 5.00 for larger states and proportionally smaller for other states.

15. We recommend that we put on in each state the Volunteer Visitation program. This program to be sponsored by each state independently—with the General direction from the National Officers.

Dayton, Ohio August 29th, 1937

Whereas the Ida D. Taylor Home for Girls was planned to meet the need of our Young Women ambitious for higher education. Whereas the Jarvis Christian College has been lifted to the rank of a Senior College—and should be given our full enthusiastic support—we the committee recommend a withdrawal from this field of endeavor.

We are fully aware of the great need of the aged and dependent children of our Church group; as has been pointed out by our beloved Sister Preston Taylor and we recommend that we study the possibility of adventuring in this field that we may meet this need through the establishing of a Christian Home.

Prayfully submitted,

Mrs. Rosa Bracy, Acting Chairman

Mrs. H. L. Herod, Ind.

Mrs. Preston Taylor, Tenn.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Ky.

Mrs. L. H. Crawford, Kansas

Mrs. Orene Cole, Arkansas

Mrs. Orene Pirtle, Arkansas

Mrs. Fenton Hamilton, Illinois

Mrs. N. V. Berry, Texas

Miss Sadye Shaifer, Miss.

Miss Mary Van Buren, Mo.

17. We recommend that 50.00 be placed in the revolving fund to be used by the President for Promotional purposes.

Miss S. R. Shaifer

Mrs. S. P. Walker

Mrs. George Litton

Mrs. Orene Cole

Mrs. Martin

Mrs. Pearl Craggett

MINUTES OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Dayton, Ohio, August 27, 1937.

The first session of the Bible School Department of the National Convention, began on this date at nine o'clock.

Devotions were led by Elder G. C. Campbell of Ohio.

Duet by Mesdames L. Clark and R. Welch of Chicago, Ill.

Prayer by leader followed by prayer song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

"The Significance of Prayer" was discussed by the leader,—"Line up with God; continue close to Him'. 'Prayer is a spiritual pusher.'"

A trio from Kansas City, Mo., rendered "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen."

Elder S. Myers, President of this department, was presented by Dr. Fields of Memphis, Tenn. and discussed "Business of a Church School, its task, its work." "The Church's need is a spiritual awakening; to practice Christian laws is news. Business of the Bible School is the educating of disciples in the teachings of Jesus; saving the lost. . . Man's greatest need is a living God. The school can give guidance; can build or make the kind of Church desired; must build in man a consciousness of God; should assure members of faith; should shape the destinies of men; teach the religion of Jesus to men. The hope of the world is the gospel of Christ. Everything depends on loyalty to Christ."

It was moved and seconded that this address be sent to the papers for publication.

"I Come to the Garden Alone" was sung by Miss Henry, Port Gibson, Miss.

Reports of President, Secretary and Treasurer were received as given.

The trio gave another selection, "Let My People Go."

Mr. Wyer, engineer of Columbus, Ohio spoke on "Trends as seen by Engineers." "Changes in fuel, power and transportation were quoted—One pound of coal does the work that one man can do in ten hours. . . There is no definite way out of this economic difficulty; this is not an ordinary affair; it is a long hard pull; capital must get less—the consumer must get more."

The Quintette from Jarvis sang, "Peace, Wonderful Peace." The sermon text was found in Matt. 16:18. It was well planned and excellently delivered by Eld. E. J. Dickson, Jarvis College. "Tasks of the Church are to witness, work, worship, keep unity and the hope. To witness is the task of thinking people and the Church. Work to make things right; create personality; have the power of selection. Worship is the chief agency of religious development. A Christian is no good if detached; he must develop and help keep unity. The hope is the coming of the Kingdom; takes time. Loyalty to the present task of the Church is the solution."

The invitation hymn was, "Just as I am." Benediction was given by Elder E. J. Dickson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotionals led by Elder J. T. Lewis, Cincinnati, O.

Symposium, "Promoting the Church through (a) Vacation Church Schools" was discussed by Miss La Touche of Chicago, Ill. It is a method of securing good will in the community and offers an opportunity to aid in religious education.

(b) "Young Peoples Conferences" by Mr. Howard Mitchell of Indianapolis, Ind. "A development of deeper interest in the work of the Church gives young people enthusiasm and renews their loyalty to the Church."

(c) "Christian Endeavor" by Miss C. Jameson of Ind. "Our lives are a gift from the Lord; what we make of them is a gift to God; youth must lean on the shoulders of adults."

Solo by Miss G. Tolvert, Port Gibson, Miss., "He knows best."

Reports of schools were accepted.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Music by the choir of Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Chicago.

Report of S. C. I. by Dean Cowan. He had all students and former students of the school to stand.

Report of Jarvis College by Dean Smith who asked students from that school to stand. Jarvis Octette sang "Hear us" by Simmons and "I got religion" by Cain.

Address on "Christian Education—the Way Out" by J. M. Ervin of Calif. "All should be more concerned about development of the individual. More demonstration should be made of the work of our brotherhood." His address is to be published in all our papers.

"My Task" was sung by Mrs. Welch.

A sermon "Go Teach" was given by Dean Cowan. "Teach people to think; to acquire pride; to stand for their convictions." This message was also to be published. Collection \$9.88. Benediction by J. C. Cowan.

SATURDAY MORNING

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE—Received \$170.26; Moss Memorial Fund \$ 4.00. (Includes registration fee and enrollment.)

Dr. Fields, Miss Henry, Comm.

NOMINATION—For President: Eld. R. R. Walton, Kan.; 1st. V. President, Elder E. W. Wilbert, Ohio; 2nd. V. President, Mr. C. Thompson, W. Va.; Recording Secretary, Miss Edith Wilson, Ky.; Cor. Secretary, Miss C. Jamison, Ind.; Asst. Sec'y., Mr. C. Hagood, Ala.; Treas., Dr. R. S. Fields, Tenn.

Mrs. B. Peaks, Mrs. Shaifer,
Mrs. Dean, Eld. M. L. Lambert.
Prof. R. H. Peoples, Committee.

FUTURE WORK—Recommendations:

(a) That the recommendations of 1936 be reviewed and carefully followed out. (b) That the youth movement be sponsored throughout the brotherhood by our Nat'l. Field Secretary. (c) That this department raise \$5,000.00 for the Moss Memorial Fund, payable annually and semi-annually. (d) That the president of this department will communicate with all state presidents at least twice a year. (e) That the honor shield award be continued.

C. L. Whitfield, Ch., R. R. Walton
L. J. Evans M. Barnette,
Mrs. Brown, Mr. Wallick,
Miss Van Buren, Sec'y., Committee

HONOR SHIELD COMMITTEE— London, Ky., 300 points; Hustonville, Ky., 310 points; Danville, Ky., 330 points; South Side, Chicago, 340 points; Centennial, St. Louis, 480 points.

Mrs. F. Clark, Mrs. E. A. Daniels,
Mrs. Towns, Committee

COMMITTEE FOR BIBLE SCHOOL— Sunday:

Mr. Riff, Elder Myers, Miss Edith Wilson, Mrs Arno'd and Mrs. Gray.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY— R. R. Walton, Kan.

Total expense— stationery and postage (477 pcs)	\$6.72	
Collected for Moss Memorial Fund		\$ 4.00
Received from states and schools		130.50
Balance brought forward from 1936		37.06
Received from enrollment		19.75
Received from 1936 collection on Sunday		10.10
Received from 1937 collection on Sunday		5.68
Received from President		10.13
Received, collection Friday night		9.88
Total Received		<u>\$227.10</u>

EXPENDITURES

Plea	\$ 12.00	
Preston Taylor Memorial	12.00	
Scholarships Fund	20.00	
Moss Memorial	66.41	
Travel expense	53.42	
Office expense - Pres. and Cor. Sec'y	25.00	
Music	5.00	
Total spent	<u>\$193.83</u>	
Balance on hand Aug 29, 1937		\$ 33.27
Amount of Moss Memorial Fund		\$117.16
Number of states reported	16	
Number of schools in states	229	
Number of schools reporting to states	137	
Enrollment	6,945	
Average attendance	4,516	
Number of students in conference	106	

REPORT OF SCHOOLS AND STATES

Piedmont Convention		\$ 10.00
Detroit, Michigan		2.00
D. C. and Maryland		5.00
Arkansas		4.50
Cross St., Oak Grove, Mt. Sinai.		
Ohio		10.00
Georgia		2.00
Mississippi		7.00
Shaw		
Illinois	(Moss Fund \$4.00)	13.00
Rockford, E. St. Louis; So. Side and Indiana Av., Chicago		
Missouri		9.00
Kansas City, St. Louis		
Texas		11.00
Ft. Worth, Waco, Greenville		
Kentucky		19.00
Danville, Hustonville, Mt. Sterling, Paris, Louisville, Third; London, Lexington, E. Second		
Kansas	(Emporia)	7.00
Tennessee		13.00
Memphis, Knoxville, Nashville, Johnson City		
Alabama	(Birmingham)	7.00
Indiana		2.00
Jarvis College		5.00
Southern Christian Institute		2.00
Oklahoma	(Muskogee)	2.00

Elder S. S. Myers, President
(Miss) Edith Wilson, Secretary

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY
CONVENTION OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST**

I

NAME

This organization shall be known as The National Christian Missionary Convention of the Churches of Christ.

II.

MEMBERSHIP

This organization shall be composed of: (1) Churches known as Christian or Disciples of Christ with their auxiliary agencies; (2) Regional, State and District Conventions represented by duly elected delegates, (3) and such others as the Convention in session may provide.

III.

OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be to cooperate in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ both at home and unto the uttermost parts of the earth; to assist in promoting Christian education and benevolence. This object shall be carried out by such methods as the Convention in session may adopt; and to cooperate with other organizations of Disciples of Christ, or otherwise in carrying out this object shall not be denied.

The wisdom and extent of such cooperation when not expressed by the Convention in session shall be left to the wisdom of the Executive Committee subject to the approval of the Convention.

Neither this organization, or any of its officers; shall at any time assume any authority whatsoever over any local congregation of Disciples unless called upon in an advisory capacity by the local congregation.

***VII.**

COMMITTEES

This organization shall have (1) an Executive Committee, (2) a committee to constitute (with an equal number from the United Christian Missionary Society) a Joint Executive Committee; (3) Recommendation Committee; a (4) a program Committee and such other committees as the Convention may think wise.

* This section (VII) belongs at the top of page 21.

IV.
OFFICERS

The officers of this Convention shall be: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, General Field Secretary and Assistant Recording Secretary. Transportation Agent, Treasurer, Trustees and five members of the Joint Executive Committee, whose duties shall be those usually performed by such officers etc. No President can serve for a period of longer than two years in succession and cannot succeed himself until after the office has been filled by some other person duly elected and qualified for a term of at least one (1) year. The traveling expenses of the President shall be paid by the Convention. The Recording and Corresponding Secretary, General Field Secretary and Treasurer may be compensated for service rendered by the Convention. The Treasurer shall give bond, the expense to be paid by the Convention.

V.
CHARTER

This organization shall be a chartered institution and shall have its legal headquarters in the city of Nashville, county of Davidson, state of Tennessee, but shall have power to meet and transact business at any place designated by the Executive Committee.

VI.
DEPARTMENTS

The organized departments of the Convention shall be (1) the Church, (2) Bible School, (3) Missionary Society, (4) Christian Endeavor Society, and (5) Laymen's organizations.

1. Each department may elect its own officers and make its own By-Laws provided such does not conflict with the object and Constitution of this organization, as interpreted by the Executive Committee.

2. Each department shall have definite allotted space and time on the Convention program, such space and time to be allotted by the program committee, and the program submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

3. Each department shall share in the financial maintenance and promotion of the Convention. The financial quota of each department for maintenance and promotion of the Convention shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

(A) - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President and Vice-President of the Convention, the Recording and Corresponding Secretary, General Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman of the Recommendations Committee and one member from each of the other departments of the Convention. This Committee shall have charge of promotion, supervision of all business pertaining strictly and solely to the administration of the National Convention (but not its alliances) during the recess of the Convention. It shall meet at least once during the recess of the Convention, and five shall constitute a quorum. It shall fill all vacancies in its own body and also members of the Joint Executive Committee.

(B) - RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE

This Committee shall consist of one member from each state who shall be elected by the state conventions or state boards. Women may be members of this Committee. When members are qualified by credentials, the President of the Convention shall name the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee.

2. The Committee shall serve also as a Nominating Committee, and shall nominate all officers for the Church Department of the Convention and the members of the Joint Executive Committee.

3. It shall hold meetings during the sitting of the Convention at the call of the Chairman and recommend to the Convention at the business period all business matters, recommendations and resolutions.

4. Seven shall constitute a quorum.

(C) - JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The members of this Committee, elected by this Convention shall be nominated by the Recommendations Committee and elected to serve, one, two and three years, and no one who is receiving a salary, or in any way financial support from the General Fund (except pensions of this Convention shall serve on this Committee.

VIII

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any regular session of the Convention by a two-third majority of the delegates present and voting, providing the proposed amendment has been published in The Christian Plea for four consecutive issues, and submitted in writing to the Recording Secretary and read before the Convention at least one day before action is taken by the Convention.

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MISSIONARY

BY-LAWS

1. Each delegate or representative shall upon the payment of two dollars (\$2.00) be given a badge and program and extended all the courtesies and hospitality of the convention, including the right to vote.

2. Each church entertaining the National Convention shall see to it that the best lodging and board be secured at a very nominal sum not to exceed \$3.50 per capita.

3. The cost of the local entertainment shall be left to the local church entertaining the convention, and the Executive committee of the convention. The Executive committee will have the power to move the convention if it finds according to its best judgement that the place selected by the convention is not suitable to entertain the convention.

4. Each Regional, State or District Convention shall pay into the National Convention five (\$5.00) dollars for each church reporting in these respective Regional, State or District conventions.

5. The National Convention shall organize four regional conventions that shall be equally distributed by states and shall hold one convention during the year that will not conflict with the National Convention.

6. All Regional, State and District Conventions shall be held before the sitting of the National Convention.

7. All money reported and received from all sources in the Church department during the convention shall be accurately recorded by the recording secretary and treasurer and disbursed by the Executive Committee of the Convention.

8. A vote on any question shall be taken by states when any such vote is called for by three delegates representing three states. In such case the roll shall be called in alphabetical order. In all other cases the vote shall be taken as the president instructs.

9. No proxy vote shall be cast.

10. The Executive Committee shall make its annual report at the beginning of the Church department session of the Convention.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES FOR YEAR 1936-37

NAME OF STATE											PRESIDENT	SECRETARY		
	Number of Societies	Number of Members	Number of Y. P. Societies	Number observing Woman's Day	Number observing Easter Week of Prayer	World Call Subscriptions	Books Read	State Development Fund	Sent to U. C. M. S.	Sent to Nat'l. Convention			Grand Total	
Alabama	4	62	00	2	2	2	000	00000	47.00	9.00	47.00	Mrs. M. Haygood	Mrs. Callie Brayboy	
Arkansas	6	102	2	4	3	2	2	17.00	83.11	8.00	100.19	Mrs. M. Franklin	Mrs. M. Moore	
California	(no report)													
D. C., Md. & N. Y.	(no report)													
Illinois	5	125	00	3	3	4	6	8.00	216.00	10.00	234.00	Mrs. A.L. Martin	Mrs. A. Watson	
Indiana	1	30	00	1	1	6	10	00000	50.00	3.00	53.00	Mrs. Breckwill	Mrs. C.I. Nease	
Michigan	1													
Kansas	3	40	00	2	2	00	00	00000	15.30	10.00	25.30	Mrs. Lora Davidson	Mrs. E.W. Owens	
Kentucky	21	150	6	14	14	00	00	206.00	173.53	20.00	370.55	Mrs. Kirkpatrick	Mrs. E.W. Owens	
Mississippi	10	210	13	6	7	00	00	89.76	260.00		349.76	Mrs. S.R. Shafer		
Missouri	7	133	3	6	6	16	3	150.00	335.45	23.00	485.45	Mrs. A. Gilmore	Mrs. C. Doslin	
Ohio	11	216	6	10	9	36	127	104.75	209.75	18.00	398.29	Mrs. M.A. Bruce	Mrs. P. Craggett	
Oklahoma	6	60	4	6	4	2	2	12.50	87.85	4.00	100.35	Mrs. S.A. Pirtle	Mrs. R. Foreman	
Tennessee	6	99	2	2	3	18	25	29.20	98.17	17.00	144.37	Mrs. A. Bracy		
South Carolina	(no report)													
Texas	13	214	8	6	8	32	26	150.75	243.07	18.00	411.75	Miss S. Walker	Miss H. E. Henry	
Piedmont District	7	110	00	00	00	00	00	215.22	170.62	14.00	385.83	Mrs. E.G. Starling	Mrs. J.H. Thomas	
Tri-State Conventions	(no report)													
TOTALS											978.42	\$1975.63	\$176.09	\$3084.52

