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Convention Officers for 1938-'39.

**National Officers, Delegates to International Convention
and Committee on Social Action.**

L. H. Crawford, Kansas, President; R. W. Watson, Tenn., 1st Vice-President; S. Kenny, Tenn., 2nd Vice-President; S. H. Hairston, Virginia, 3rd Vice-President; I. C. Franklin, Miss., Recording Secretary; Jason M. Cowans, Indiana, Asst. Rec'd Secretary; J. F. Whitfield, Washington, D. C., Corresponding Secretary; J. E. Walker, Tenn., Treasurer; T. W. Pratt, Texas, Transportation Sec'y; Wm. Owens, Registrar, Kentucky; Mrs. Rosa Bracy, Mo., General Field Sec'y; R. L. Peters North Carolina, National Evangelist; R. H. Peoples, Indiana, Superintendent of Missions; Cleo Blackburn, Social Action Committee, International Convention; L. H. Crawford, Delegate to International Convention and R. L. Peters; C. H. Dickerson, Kentucky, Editor of Christian Plea; S. S. Myers, Mo., Mrs. Preston Taylor; President H. L. Crawford, Joint Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted:—W. H. Taylor, Chairman; E. A. Daniels, S. S. Myers, C. L. Whitfield, S. H. Hairston, L. J. Evans, C. E. Craggett, Robert L. Jordan, Mrs. J. A. Townes, J. C. Quarles, S. Kenny, R. L. Peters, J. F. Whitfield, Secretary.

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The twenty-second Annual National Convention of the Christian Churches convened in Knoxville, Tenn. on August 23, 1938. R. W. Watson, minister of the local church served as master of ceremonies. Music was furnished by the choir of the Knoxville church. The following welcome addresses were given: On behalf of the local church, Mrs. Sarah Grigsby; on behalf of the citizens, Mr. Walter L. Porter, Editor East Tennessee News; on behalf of the schools, Prof. T. R. Givens, Principal Lincoln High School; on behalf of the State, Dr. J. E. Walker of Memphis, L. H. Crawford of Kansas responded to the addresses of welcome. Vocal solos were sung by Mrs. Rosa Page Welch of Chicago; Mr. A. P. Reid of Knoxville and Raymond Walton of Kansas. Benediction by R. L. Peters of N. C.

Wednesday Morning

The devotional service was conducted by F. T. Floyd of Kentucky. L. H. Crawford, presided. A motion carried that the convention purchase forty copies of the American Church and Church School Hymnals from R. H. Peoples. A consecration service was conducted by Ira S. Ashe of Kentucky. A solo was sung by Mrs. Ida Taylor of Nashville. C. L. Whitfield of Baltimore, Md. preached a sermon on the subject, "Steadfastness in Christian Doctrine and Whither the Church." Reports were made by the officers of the Convention. Several secretaries of the United Christian Missionary Society were introduced to the convention. Mrs. H. L. Herod of Indianapolis presented L. H. Crawford, acting president of the convention, who gave his presidential Message. A motion carried that the address be accepted as representing the spirit of the convention, and his recommendations be turned over to the business committee. Special selections were given by the Jarvis College Octett, directed by Mrs. Bowen. Benediction by I. C. Franklin of Mississippi.

Wednesday Afternoon

The devotional service was conducted by C. B. Fisher of Arkansas. The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted. Willard M. Wichizer made the report of the Joint Executive Committee. A motion carried that the report be adopted. R. H. Peoples, Field Secretary for the Church and Bible Schools gave his annual report and a survey of the field. Reports of churches, districts and states were made by the respective representatives. Benediction by H. D. Griffin.

Wednesday Evening

The devotional service was conducted by Alonza Evans of Ga. and M. L. Lambert of North Carolina. Prof. Hale, president of State College of Nashville, was introduced to the convention by Mrs. Ida Taylor. Prof. Merrill Epps of Nashville, spoke on, "Developing Christian Brotherhood Through Action." Selections were sung by the Jarvis singers. Wm. Owens of Kentucky preached a sermon based on Heb. 11:13. T. W. Pratt and Prof. Epps lifted an offering of \$26.00. A special offering of \$10.02 was raised for the Jarvis singers. Benediction by S. S. Myers of Missouri.

Thursday Afternoon

The first item of business in this short session was a report on the Georgetown, Ky. Church by Ira S. Ashe, the minister. Following the address, he presented to Mrs. Rosa Bracy some mementos as a token of appreciation on the part of the officers of the church for her aid in raising money to apply on the indebtedness of the church. Dr. J. E. Walker conducted a rally for subscriptions to the Christian Plea. The amount raised was \$14.50.

Friday Morning

Mrs. Rosa Page Welch led the convention in singing, "Shine On Me." J. F. Whitfield, secretary of the Business Committee made a report on some of the recommendations of the committee. Prof. Murray of Dayton, Ohio sang a solo, "Sail On." Benediction by W. E. Stewart of Tennessee.

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Friday Afternoon

C. B. Fisher of Arkansas sang a solo, "Hark The Voice of Jesus Calling." Recommendations from the Joint Executive Committee were read by T. W. Pratt of Texas. Other recommendations from the Business Committee were read by J. F. Whitfield. Paul C. Preston of the United Christian Missionary Society spoke on the pension system. A motion carried that a letter be sent to the chief of police in Knoxville, commending the fine service rendered by the officers assigned to duty around the building where the sessions of the convention were held.

Saturday Morning

An offering of \$10.00 was raised to pay for flowers for the funeral of J. N. Ervin, late president of the National Convention, also retired president of Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas. Final recommendations of the business committee were read, and with the necessary changes adopted as a whole.

Committees of the Convention

Chairman of Recommendation Committee, W. H. Taylor; vice-chairman, S. S. Myers; secretary, J. F. Whitfield.

Finance Committee: T. W. Pratt, Wm. Owens, W. M. Wallick, S. C. Devine, Dr. J. E. Walker.

Presbytery: R. L. Peters, H. D. Griffin, S. Kenny, T. R. Everett, W. E. Stewart.

Education: Jasen M. Cowan, O. Zollar, I. S. Ashe, Mrs. Jas H. Thomas.

Sergants-at-Arms: Geo. F. Ragsdale, R. L. Jordan, J. E. Blair, S. H. Hairston, C. W. Morton.

ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION—KNOXVILLE, TENN.

The following persons paid \$2.00: Mrs. J. H. Thomas, Va.; Mrs. H. L. Herod, Ind.; Mrs. Preston Taylor, Tenn.; Rev. R. L. Peters, N. C.; Mr. W. C. Bowie, Wash., D. C.; Mrs. J. Kilpatrick, Ky.; Rev. R. H. Peoples, Ind.; Mr. J. C. Riffe, Ohio; Rev. O. Vollar, N. C.; P. E. Carter, West Va.; Rev. Wm. Martin, Okla.; Elder S. B. Wallick, Okla.; G. F. Ragsdale, N. C.; Elder C. W. Morton, Ohio; Rev. J. F. Whitfield, Wash., D. C.; Elder I. S. Ashe, Ky.; Rev. J. E. Blair, Ky.; Dr. J. E. Walker, Tenn.; Mrs. O. L. Shepherd, Ind.; Rev. C. L. Whitfield, Md.; Miss Edith Wilson, Ky.; Mrs. Mae Brown, Mo.; Mrs. Daisy Dean, Ark.; Mrs. Orene Cole, Ark.; Mr. R. D. Brooks, Wash., D. C.; Rev. R. R. Walton, Kan.; Mr. S. R. Daniels, Wash., D. C.; Rev. H. D. Griffin, Miss.; Mr. J. T. Workman, Ohio; Mrs. C. W. Arnold, Okla.; Mrs. I. C. Shaffer, Miss.; Rev. I. C. Franklin, Miss.; Mr. V. G. Smith, Ky.; P. W. Zeigler, Ohio; Mrs. Bertha Peaks, Ky.; Rev. S. S. Myers-Kansas; Mrs. L. A. Devine, Ohio; Rev. F. T. Floyd, Ky.; Prof. J. C. Cowan, Miss.; Rev. S. C. Devine, Ohio; Rev. T. R. Everett, Ky.; Rev. R. L. Jordan, Mich.; Rev. L. J. Evans, Georgia; Mrs. D. A. Fowler, Ohio; Mrs. P. S. Allen, Ohio; Mrs. I. C. Franklin, Miss.; Mrs. Cerise Palmer, Mo.; Prof. James McCoy, Texas; Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, Illinois; Elder E. A. Daniels, Oklahoma; Elder P. A. Gray, Kansas; Elder C. E. Craggett, Ohio; Mrs. Pearl Craggett, Ohio; Elder C. W. Arnold, Okla.; Elder C. H. Dickerson, Ky.; Mrs. C. H. Dickerson, Ky.; Elder L. S. Kenny, Tenn.; Prof. T. W. Pratt, Texas; Rev. B. T. Hunt, Tenn.; Rev. L. H. Crawford, Kansas; Rev. C. B. Fisher, Ark.; Rev. R. W. Watson, Tenn.; Rev. W. H. Taylor, Md.; Miss Evelyn Smith, Ill.; Miss Fenton Hamilton, Ill.; Rev. Quarls, Texas; Mrs. Lela Walker, Tenn.; Mrs. L. H. Crawford, Kansas.

DISTRICT, STATE AND CHURCH REPORTS

	Birmingham, 11th St. Church.....	2.00	\$ 3.00
2.	Arkansas		5.55
3.	D. C., Md., N. Y., N. J., Rev. J. F. Whitfield....	10.00	10.00
4.	Georgia—Rev. L. J. Evans.....	10.00	
	Soperton	1.00	
	Atlanta (2nd Cr.)25	
	Oconne	2.00	
	Rocky Mountain	2.00	15.25

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5.	Indiana, Mrs. J. A. Towns.....	5.00	5.00
6.	Kansas, Rev. L. H. Crawford.....	11.00	
	Eighth St. K. C.	10.00	21.00
7.	Kentucky, Rev. W. M. Owens.....	10.00	
	Lexington, East 2nd St.	5.00	
	Mt. Sterling	5.00	
	N. Middletown	5.00	
	Nicholasville	1.00	
	Little Rock	1.00	
	Millersburg	3.00	
	Winchester	2.00	
	Georgetown	5.00	
	Danville	1.00	38.00
8.	Michigan, Rev. S. Johnson	2.00	
	Rev. R. L. Jordan, Lovett St.	5.00	7.00
9.	Mississippi, Rev. I. C. Franklin.....		15.00
10.	Missouri, Rev. S. S. Myers.....		10.00
11.	Ohio, Rev. C. E. Craggett.....		20.00
12.	Oklahoma, Rev. E. A. Daniels.....	10.00	
	Tulsa, Pine St.	4.00	
	Muskogee	2.00	
	Chickasha	5.25	
	Oklahoma City	4.75	26.00
13.	Piedmont, Rev. S. H. Hairston.....		10.00
14.	Tennessee, Dr. J. E. Walker.....		40.00
15.	Texas, Prof. T. W. Pratt.....	1	10.00
	Jarvis Church	5.00	
	Boll St. Dallas	5.00	
	Greenville	5.00	
	Fort Worth	2.00	27.00
16.	Tri-State, Mrs. C. Martin.....		10.00
	Total Sum.....		\$257.25

Report of Corresponding Secretary

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-first annual Convention of the churches of Christ: Greeting:

In view of my inability to attend the convention, I hereby submit my report for the current year, August 1937 to August 1938 as follows: **Receipts:**

From Treasurer of National Convention, Aug. 1937.....\$10.00

Expenditures:

For 500 Circular Letters

Express charges for minutes sent by Rev. Whitfield of

Baltimore, Md.

For stamps

Total

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. DAVIS, Corresponding Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

In recognition of the gracious hospitality of the local Church and the Citizens of Knoxville who entertained the 22nd Annual Christian Missionary Convention, the committee on resolutions offers the following items as expression of the Convention's gratitude:

1. We heartily thank the E. Vine Street Christian Church and its Pastor Rev. R. Wesley Watson for extending the invitation which brought the Convention to Knoxville.

2. We are appreciative of the hospitality of members of Vine Street Christian Church and the friends whose homes were our home during our stay in the City.

3. We also are grateful to the citizens, and other religious groups for their interest and cooperation with the local Church in extending to us all the courtesies which we shared as visitors.

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4. [We recognize the value of publicity given to the Convention through the Press particularly the East Tennessee News.

5. We are especially grateful to the City Administration for the following:

- a. The Mayor's welcome to the City with its natural beauty and cultural environment.
- b. For providing courteous, efficient and reliable Negro police officers to safe-guard our property and human rights as visitors and churchmen.
- c. We heartily tender our appreciation to the Board of Education for the use of the Green Junior High School and its equipped for entertaining the 22nd Annual Christian Missionary Convention.

6. The Convention heartily commends the fine cooperative spirit shown by the Tennessee State Convention for so arranging its sessions that its delegates might also attend the National Convention.

his resolution to the following:

- The Mayor of Knoxville
- The Board of Education
- The East Tennessee News
- The Christian Plea

The secretary of the local Church.

Committee:—I. C. Franklin, Miss Johnnie Howard, Jason M. Cowan.

Report of R. L. Peters, National Evangelist of Christian or Disciple Church (Colored) in America. For the Year Ending August 1938

To the President, Officers and Members of the National Convention of Christian or Disciple Churches (Colored) in America:

Dear Friends: This is my report in brief for the work that I have been able to accomplish by the help of God and your co-operation for the past year.

Number of Places Visited and Results:

Memphis, Tenn.: Sept. 19th to Oct 3rd, 1937: Sermons, 14; Accessions, 16; amount paid me for services, \$50.00. Interest high from start to finish. Church up to par along all lines. B. T. Hunt, Minister.

Second Christian Church, Georgetown, Ky., Oct. 17-24, 1937: Sermons, 7; Accessions, none. Amount given for services, \$25.00. Wonderful fellowship exists between pastor and officers and church. I. S. Ashe, Minister.

Bluefield, W. Va., Oct. 26th to Nov. 5th, 1937: No. Sermons, 11; No. Accessions, 8. Amount given for services, \$15.00. The spirit of co-operation exists throughout the entire membership of the Church. P. E. Carter, Minister.

Ninth Ave. Christian Church, Roanoke, Va., Nov. 7th to Nov. 21st, 1937: No. Sermons, 17; No. Accessions, 36. Amount given for services, \$40.00.

Second trip to Roanoke, Va., May 8th to 22nd, 1938: No. of Sermons, 18; No. of Accessions, 9. Amount given for service, \$35.00. This Church has a fine membership, all together in contending for New Testament Christianity. Elder Williams, Minister.

Monroe Ave. Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio, May 25th to June 8th, 1938: No Sermons, 16; No. Accessions, 7. Amount given for services, \$40.00. Full co-operation exists among all departments of the Church. C. E. Craggett, Minister.

Cedar Ave. Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio, June 9th to 12th, 1938: No. Sermons, 2; No. Accessions, 4. Amount given for services, \$10.00. Church in action. Pastor was absent from the field. Work being carried on by ordained ministers of the local congregation. Dr. G. C. Campbell, Minister.

Piney Fork Christian Church, Leaksville, N. C., June 20th to 29th, 1938: No. Sermons, 9; No. Accessions, 30. Amount given for services, \$19.39. Church on firing line. J. C. Hairston, Minister.

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Charity Christian Church, Martinsville, Va., July 6th to 14th, 1938: No. Sermons, 14; No. Accessions, 37. Amount given for services, \$24.30. This church has a beautiful brick structure—strictly modern and up-to-date, with a small but growing membership. J. C. Hairston, Minister.

Short Stop Overs.

Among the Churches on my Evangelistic tours; Keynon Svc. Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, Christian Church, Tazwell, Va. and Bluefield, Va.

Aside from the work on the Field, I kept the work going at Spencer Memorial Christian Church of which I am Pastor, as follows: Added to Church membership, 51. Organized a National School for Evangelism. Disciple of Christ. Graduated a class of eight(8) in first course in "Training for Service." Helped one young man who was aspiring for the ministry; and now he is pastoring a church in Virginia, making good.

What I Would Recommend:

1. That we get a Tent.
2. That we employ an Evangelist and a Singing Evangelist to build Churches in New Fields, and the work among the Churches wherever it may have gone down. No. miles traveled, 3800; No. of Accessions to the Church, 145. Amount received for services on the Field, \$258.69. Pray for me.

Your Servant,

R. L. PETERS, National Evangelist.

1. Alabama, Elder Morris Haygood.....\$ 1.00

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Asking Budget for 1938-'39.

a. Printing 1000 minutes and 500 programs.....	\$ 100.00
b. Expenses of Officers and President's honorarium....	150.00
c. Preston Taylor Memorial	100.00
d. Christian Plea	100.00
e. Promotional Expenses	100.00
f. General Expenses	450.00
Total Expenses (asking budget).....	
	\$1000.00
2. Division of Expenses among Departments.

a. Church proper	40 percent
b. Missionary Society	30 percent
c. Bible School	20 percent
d. Christian Endeavor	10 percent
3. Promotion Plans (present).
 - a. That we ask each member of the churches to pay twenty-five cents for National Convention expenses during the year, and that all members who pay fifty cents or more their names will appear on the "honor roll" of our minutes. And that all ministers or elders who pay one dollar or more will be given special recognition in the minutes.
 - b. That all money raised by the churches for the National Convention be sent thru the State organizations.
 - c. That money raised quarterly be sent to the Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tenn.
 - d. That the state presidents, representatives and state boards correspond with the offices of the Field General Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.
 - e. That this convention have an official auditor to audit accurately all accounts of the National Convention departments, and whatever other financial interests the convention has.
 - f. That the Recording Secretary be given 90 days in which to publish the convention minutes, and send to the churches.

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- g. That a committee be appointed by this convention to see that programs are printed 30 days before the convention and put into the hands of the various state representatives immediately.
 - h. That the program committee send letters to all leaders of the Brotherhood to get their views and suggestions for the program material and personnel.
 - i. That we make whatever contribution possible to the Scholarship Fund.
4. Promotional Plans (future).
- a. That a planning commission be appointed to study the needs of the whole Negro work with the view of developing a program of definite action and achievement, and shall make tentative revision of the constitution and by-laws of this convention and receive all matters affecting a change of the constitution.
 - b. That the scope of this commission's work shall include a reconstruction of the policy and program of the National Convention, if necessary, as it relates to itself and the United Christian Missionary Society. The study shall include: (1) evangelism, (2) benevolence, (3) education; 4, missions; 5, finance; 6, standards for the ministry. The commission shall be continued until it shall have finished its work. It shall report at the next convention. It shall consist of the following personnel: President L. H. Crawford, ex-officio; P. A. Gray, S. S. Myers, J. M. Cowan, R. H. Peoples, V. G. Smith, Mrs. H. L. Herod, Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, Mrs. Preston Taylor, Mrs. J. H. Thomas, Blair T. Hunt, C. E. Craggett, Mrs. A. Penn Arnold, Miss Carnella Jamison, R. D. Brooks, J. E. Walker, Mrs. A. L. Martain, Geo. F. Ragsdale, J. F. Whitfield, T. W. Pratt, I. C. Franklin, Miss Edith Wilson, R. L. Peters, W. H. Taylor, R. E. La-Trouche, Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracey, Charles Thompson.
 - c. That a national emergency be declared necessitating the filling of the office of National Field Secretary and that the person named to this office shall be placed upon the field immediately to raise money to pay off the indebtedness on the Preston Taylor Memorial, to help finance the Home for Girls at Nashville, Tenn., to raise money by special efforts to help needy churches throughout the brotherhood and to promote the National Convention program.
 - d. That the General Field Secretary in his or her capacity as a worker with needy churches shall make his or her arrangements for service with the local pastors and their church boards when in actual service of local church campaigns. And for the service of raising funds for the National Convention and the Preston Memorial (Girls Home) the Executive Board of the National Convention shall fix and regulate his or her salary.
 - f. We hereby resolve:—That the National Christian Missionary Convention memorializes the Trustee Board of the U. C. M. S. to appoint a Committee of seven (7) three (3) colored, namely:
Mr. C. W. Blackburn, Indianapolis, Indiana
Mrs. Preston Taylor, Nashville, Tennessee
and either Professor or Mrs. J. H. Thomas,
Martinsville, Virginia and four (4) white members from the Trustee Board of the U. C. M. S.

This committee shall have the responsibility of re-opening or selling Piedmont Christian Institute, Martinsville, Virginia for the best possible available price.

It is hereby suggested and we so petition the Trustee Board of the U. C. M. S. if and when the Piedmont Christian Institute is sold, that \$10,000.00 be appropriated for an initial sum toward the erection of a boys Dormitory at S. C. I. and that this \$10,000.00 be supplemented by an additional \$25,000.00 to be secured by the Trustee Board, (U. C. M. S.) or its designated agent or agents.

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That the remainder of the proceeds from the sale of the Piedmont Christian Institute shall be used either as a foundation fund, the interest from which shall be used to establish and maintain a Bible Choir, either or both in S. C. I., or J. C. I., or the interest be used as Scholarship Fund for the training of Christian Ministers (in the Negro Brotherhood) in the art of Preaching in some Institution; and institution of preeminent standing.

We further petition the Trustee Board of the U. C. M. S. to give earnest consideration to the selection and appointment of a mixed Trustee Board of nine, (9) for S. C. I. It is hereby suggested that this selection be not restricted to Mississippi, but made from the territory adjacent to and primarily serving S. C. I. namely: Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma.

It is further suggested that if and when a Trustee Board is named For S. C. I. that the following persons shall represent Negro Disciples, namely:

Mrs. P. R. McCarthy, (Mississippi).

Dr. J. E. Walker, (Tennessee).

Mr. C. W. Blackburn, Member of Board of Managers, U. C. M. S. (Indiana).

Mrs. Preston Taylor, Member of Board of Managers, U. C. M. S. (Tennessee).

g. The National Christian Youth Movement has as its purpose the coordinating and integrating of all young peoples' activities, both in the local church and in the brotherhood and inter-denominational contacts. Locally, this is to be done through the organizing of an advisory council, director of young people's work, four committees and the cabinet.

The organization also has as its purpose the serving as a channel for the expression of the Jesus Way of living which is the stewardship of life.

We plan to set up a few accredited youth movement groups across the country in various types of churches for the purpose of getting information on how best to operate the movement.

We plan to elect, at this convention, such national officers as are necessary to convene the movement and help direct affairs through the year.

We petition the committee to recommend that a youth representative serve on the program committee of the National Convention and further

We petition the committee to recommend that a youth representative Movement during the last of the week of the 1939 Convention for the purpose of reporting findings from these experimental organizations and completing the set up of the National Movement.

gg. We recommend that these requests be granted the representatives of this movement.

5. Social Action.

a. We deplore the fact that our government sets a premium upon the appetite of men and women who indulge in alcoholic liquors; we have seen national legislation fail both to regulate and suppress the liquor traffic. As Christians we know that there can be no truce between the cross and the liquor traffic. We, therefore pledge ourselves to a program of education from the pulpit, the home and our schools that will ultimately remove the curse from our nation.

b. We hate war and fear its evil consequences. We believe the instrumentalities of peace, such as the World Court and the Kellogg Pact, outlawing war are valid insofar as we, as Christians, will that they shall be made effective. We, therefore reaffirm our belief in these institutions and pledge ourselves to a renewal of our efforts to make them more effective.

c. We recognize the horribleness of lynching, we tremble in thinking of the moral effect it will have upon youth in those communities where it is prevalent. We, therefore, endorse the effort of those who, through education and appropriate legislation,

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MINUTES OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT—1935

Knoxville, Tennessee; August 26, 1935.

The National Bible School opened its session on this date at 8:40 A. M. with the president presiding. Devotionals were led by Miss Pearl Peoples; the theme was "Developing A Christian Personality." Quiet music was "Into My Heart;" leader gave the Call to Worship; Audience sang "I Would Be True" which was followed by leader's prayer. Mr. Foster Craggett read the Scripture John 1:40:42; song "Have Thine Own Way." Miss Peoples read a poem and the closing song was "Into My Heart."

Mrs. Rosa Welch led these songs "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" and "Teach Us, O Lord, True Brotherhood."

Eld. Quarles, evangelist of Texas, substituted for Eld. C. H. Poston and delivered the sermon after the audience had sung "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." The Scripture dealt with Mary's visit to the tomb. Text of sermon was "The Second Look." Job took a second look at death and mankind should do likewise. Man should also take a second look at life and live more understandingly; failure to look the second time results in death—the prodigal son, Assion and others looked only once at life. Man should take a second look at religion and his relationship to God; thus he'll see Jesus. Prayer by Eld. Quarrels was followed by the singing of "Saviour More than Life to Me."

Reports of the corresponding and recording secretaries were accepted as given. (See reports). State presidents and representatives made constructive comments about their state work. Mrs. Peoples gave a talk on model Bible Schools and the teaching of young people for train-leaders of children. This class is given at young People's conferences and Church workers' Institutes. Her talk was followed by a general discussion. Eld. Walton suggested that she make such a talk.

Bro. Pratt, of Texas, presented the president, Eld. R. R. Walter, who gave his annual message. He told of the work in those fields which he visited and the finance received while on his itinerary. His report was accepted with a standing vote of thanks. A motion was carried that mimeographed copies of this report be sent to all schools. Instead of making his report as asked, Eld. Peoples urged that Eld. Myers be given time to talk on the Missouri conference; this was to be done at the night session. A motion prevailed that a telegram be sent to Dr. Fields for his report of the treasury. These committees were appointed at an earlier time in this session—recommendations, honor shield, nomination, educational program, and Bible School for Sunday morning. The session was then turned over to the Church department.

Night Session

The program began at 7:55 P. M. at the Church building. Devotionals were led by Mrs. C. Palmer, of Missouri. Quiet music was played by Mrs. Rosa Welch. The singing of "Help Somebody Today" was followed by the reading of Matthew 25:25-41; prayer by Miss Jamison; prayer hymn was "I Would Be True." Mrs. Welch led "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" and "We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder."

Eld. Walton, president, presented Mr. Alexander Paul, missionary on furlough from China, who spoke on "The War Against God." Mr. Paul has served for forty-three years on foreign fields; he mentioned progress made by Negro groups throughout the world in the past seventy-five years. The religion of Jesus is revolutionary in itself; when people put into practice the teachings of Jesus all forms of communism, socialism and other isms will fade. Present conditions in Russia, Italy, Germany, China, Japan, and India were cited. The corruption of the

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church in Russia has led to the complete disbarment of churches there; Mussolini is nominally ahead of the pope; Hitler is almost personifying the anti-Christ because he proclaims the ascendancy of the Aryan race and recognizes no other races. The Emperor of Japan is worshipped as a god. The Shinto religion grows; Japan is tied up politically with Italy and Germany. Ghandi has made a great step; Nehru, a great scholar, said that three things must first be done. These are to (1) destroy all religions, (2) drive out the white race, and (3) do away with the caste system. Can religion change conditions in India?

Mrs. Welch led "Ain't Gwine Study War No More." Dean Cowan spoke of S. C. I. and other schools. He mentioned the educational problems facing the schools and our brotherhood; some are inadequate facilities and the rating of our schools by the Southern Association. Both schools make great contribution to their local areas—S. C. I. is to be used as a laboratory school for a teacher-training experiment in Mississippi. Reason for the establishing of the schools was to train more Christian leaders; the environment is afforded if students are so inclined. "Sinner, Don't Let This Harvest Pass," was the solo of Mrs. Welch. Persons paying \$1.00 in collection were R. Walton, R. Peoples, A. Paul, J. Cowan, C. Thompson, and E. M. Wilson. Total collection was fourteen dollars and seventy-nine cents. Announcements; benediction by Eld. Peoples.

Saturday Morning

These reports were received as read:

We, your committee on nomination of officers for this department, beg leave to submit this report:

- President Eld. R. R. Walton, Kansas
- Vice-President Eld. Eli Wilbert, Ohio
- Vice-President Charles Thompson, West Virginia
- Rec. Sec'y Edith Wilson, Kentucky
- Cor. Sec'y Carnella Jamieson, Indiana
- Treasurer S. B. Wallick, Oklahoma

Respectfully done by.

- Eld. W. M. Martin, Okla.
- Miss Titus, Texas
- Miss Thomas, Indiana
- Miss Hamilton, Ohio
- Mrs. Walker, Ky.

Report of Educational Program committee:

This suggested program was given—that the program of the Church School department for the National convention shall consist of the following (1) Debates on the issues of the day, (2) Symposium and papers on subjects that pertain to the general theme of the convention, (3) Addresses and classes where we might get instructions and information for our work and the solving of our problems, (4) Special music. We further recommend that the participants shall be young people and others from the various church schools of the different states that make up the convention proper; and that each one to appear on said program shall be notified at least two months before the convention convenes and that the president of this convention with the cooperation of the state presidents and local superintendents shall appoint such numbers for said programs.

- W. C. Bowie, Wash., D. C.
- Evelyn Smith, Illinois
- Cleophas Haygood, Ala.
- Eld. Arnold, Okla.
- Eld. Myers, Missouri
- Mrs. Brown, Missouri.

We, the future work committee, recommend the following, that the recommendations of the president be adopted as read. They are (1) encourage visits from national officers, (3) that Bible School department

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have the whole day at next convention session. We further recommend that (1) we cooperate with the national field worker in developing the youth movement which makes for the development of the established organizations of the church, (2) we submit the question of the \$5000 Moss Memorial Fund to the convention for their consideration, (3) the president of this department communicate with all state presidents at least twice yearly, (4) the honor shield award be continued, (5) uniform report blanks be used which shall contain, besides other information, all the requirements for the honor shield credits, (6) the states or districts represent with five dollars and two dollars for each local organization in the state, (7) the tenure of office not to exceed four years, (8) we urge our president to send copies of the minutes to the president of each local Sunday School, (9) the president be the delegate to the International convention in Denver, Colorado in October. It was moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to look into the matter of the Moss Fund and report its findings at the next convention.

Faithfully submitted,

Mr. Riffe, Ohio
Mrs. L. Jones, Okla.
Mrs. Palmer, Mo.
Mr. Brooks, Wash., D. C.
Mr. Carter, W. Va.
Mr. Zeigler, Ohio.

We, the committee on awarding of the honor shield make this report: Reports received, 1. Name of school—London, Ky. Total number of points, 365. This school, London, Ky. is to receive the Shield. Committee:

Mrs. Peaks, Ky.
Mrs. D. Dean, Ark.
Mrs. F. Craggett, Ohio.

On Sunday morning it was decided that these minutes should include the report of Centennial School in St. Louis since Mrs. Bracy gave in the record after the committee's report had been received by the convention.

Church School—Centennial Christian Church, Mrs. Hugh Reed, superintendent, 4263 N. Market St., St. Louis, Mo. (1) 76 enrolled in Vacation Church School; 8 attended young people's conference attendance at one-day convention. (2) Paid its apportionment and gave gift of forty-three dollars and five cents; observed all four days and reported offerings promptly. (3) Graded elementary and primary departments organized adult classes; missionary instruction. (4) Delegate in district, state and national conventions. (5) Stewardship instruction.

Report of corresponding secretary:

Contacts made with Bible schools and religious educational institutes: (a) visited 11th St. Church in Birmingham, Ala. in Nov., March, May. (b) visited Macedonia Christian Church in Oxmore, Ala, March (c) attended International Council of Religious Education in Columbus, Ohio, June 28, - July 3. (d) attended young people's conference in Nicholasville, Ky. (e) attended Ky. state convention in July.

Corresponding: Letters mailed to schools, 300; letters to officers, 15

Expense:

Mimeographing	\$1.80
Stamps	4.60
Envelopes60

\$7.00—Received from president for correspondence.

CARNELLA JAMIESON, Cor. Sec'y.

Number of states reporting, 17; No. of schools reporting to states, 176; No. of schools in state, 290; No. of students in conference, 91. Note—Average attendance and enrollment could not be given because of incomplete reports.

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Schools and States as Reported:

	Moss Fd.
Illinois: South-side and Indiana Ave., Chicago.....	\$ 4.00 \$2.09
Mississippi: S. C. I.....	7.00
Missouri: Kansas City, St. Louis, Chamois, Fulton....	13.00
Alabama: 11th St. Christian, Ross St.....	4.00
Kentucky: Hustonville, Danville, London, Louisville Third, Lexington E. Sec., Little Rock, Mt. Sterling, Millers- burg, N. Middletown.....	\$ 23.00
Ohio	10.00
Georgia	1.00
Texas: Boll St., Greenville, Jarvis, Palestine.....	13.50
Arkansas: Little Rock, Mt. Sinai, Russellville	4.00
Wash., D. C., Md., N. J., N. Y.	5.00
Michigan: Detroit	2.00
Piedmont District	10.00
Kansas: Emporia, Topeka, Kansas City.....	11.00
Tennessee: Johnson City, Lea Avenue, Memphis, Knoxville, Rogersville	1.00
Oklahoma	5.00
Tri-State	1.00
Indiana	2.00

Financial Report:

Received from states and schools.....	\$130.50
Received from enrollment.....	17.50
Friday Night's collection	14.79
Received in May from Mrs. Brown	2.00
Sunday collection	2.34
Received from Mr. Pratt at Jarvis school.....	2.00
Received	2.00
Total	\$171.13

Disbursements

Telegram to Dr. Fields	\$.79
Purse and token for Mrs. Bracy	3.30
Plea	12.50
Scholarship Fund	10.00
Minutes	12.00
Music	5.00
Mrs. Devine for papers	4.25
Compiling minutes and Cor. Sec'y.....	15.00
Half-fare for Cor. Sec'y.....	7.70
Half-fare for Rec. Sec'y	5.60
C. Thompson	6.50
President's fare	33.04
Expense to Program Committee	13.89
Office expense of president	25.00

Total \$154.57
 Balance in treasury August 28, 1938—\$16.56.
 Amount in Moss Fund—\$3.00.

Eld. R. R. Walton, President
 Edith Wilson, Secretary.

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

Thursday Morning, August 25th

The sessions of the National Missionary Organizations was opened with devotional service led by Mrs William Owens of Kentucky. Hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord." Call to Worship, Mrs. Owen. Prayers by Mrs. Purdle of Okla., and Mrs. Allen of Ohio. Prayer Hymn, "Have Thine Own Way Lord," Solo, "When I survey The Wondrous Cross,"

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Mrs. Odessa Bowen. Expressions by song and word were given by several persons.

Convention Called by Mrs. H. L. Herod, president of National Women's Missionary Convention; hymn, "I Love to Tell The Story," Sermon, Rev. Daniels of Okla.; hymn, "Blessed Assurance." Reports of Convention Officers. Recording Secretary, Rosa Page Welch; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Craggett; Treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Arnold; Children's Worker, Mrs. L. A. Devine; President, Mrs. H. L. Herod.

The approval of the adoption of the reports of officers was unanimously voted, seconded and carried.

Mrs. Ora Leigh Sheppard, Misses Helen Spaulding and Dale Ellis, national secretaries of U. C. M. S. were presented to the convention.

The Jarvis Octett sang in their usual fine way the Spiritual, "Wade In The Water," by Noble Cain.

Mrs. Sadye Shaifer, first vice-president of the Women's Convention and state president of the Missionary Organizations in Mississippi presented our National President, Mrs. H. L. Herod, who brought to us her annual message using as her subject—"Building a Brotherly World."

A motion by Mrs. C. E. Craggett that the president's message be received, adopted and copies be sent to our Church publications was seconded and passed.

A quintett of the Jarvis group consisting of Miss L. D. Fuller and the male quartett sang the "Italian Street Song." It was exquisitely done and the audience was extremely generous in its applause. As an encore Mr. Terry Alexander, tenor, sang. Announcements. — Adjournment.

Thursday Afternoon—August 25, 1938

Devotions—Led by Mrs. L. A. Devine. Roll Call of States:

Alabama—Mrs. Haygood; Arkansas—Letters and money order from Mrs. Bostick; California—No report; D. C., Md. and N. Y.—By Letter, \$5.00; Illinois—Miss F. Hamilton; Indiana—Mrs. Settles; Michigan—Mrs. J. E. Saunders; Kansas ———; Kentucky—Mrs. Kirkpatrick; Mississippi—Mrs. Sadie Shaifer; Missouri ———; Ohio—Mrs. Pearl Allen; Oklahoma—Mrs. Purdle; Tennessee—Mrs. Katie Yarbrough; South Carolina ———; Texas—Miss Savalia Walker; Piedmont District —Mrs. Jas. H. Thomas; Tri-State Convention—Mrs. Cynthia Martin.

Spiritual—"Climbing Jacob's Ladder." Report of Field Secretary, Mrs. Rosa Bracy.

A very splendid report was made which showed large gains in every phase of the work. It was well received by applause and also expressions of appreciation for the fine work done by Mrs. Bracy during her 24 years of service.

Questions concerning the reasons for the termination of Mrs. Bracy's service were asked. After several requests for reasons and that a definite answer be given to the convention now, Mrs. Shepherd who heads the Depart. of Missionary Organizations for the U. C. M. S. made a statement and read a letter which apparently made it all clear. With this the matter was dropped.

A few minutes were given to Bro. L. H. Crawford to use as a business period for the Church department.

There was a call for the report of committees, but none were ready. Offering. — Announcements.

The afternoon session was adjourned with the congregation repeating the benediction of the Women's Missionary Society.

Thursday Evening

The devotional service was very effectively conducted by Mrs. Alpha Penn Arnold of Okla. Vocal solo, "Ave Maria," by Shubert, Rosa Page Welch. Mrs. H. L. Herod, president, presided and at this time she presented Mrs. Ora Leigh Shepherd who gave us a most interesting account of her visit to Mexico and of our missionaries and mission stations there.

After this Mrs. Johnie Kirkpatrick of Ky. and 2nd vice-president of Women's Department presented Mrs. J. E. Walker, who gave an unusually interesting review of her trip to and stay in Leister, England where she and Dr. Walker attended the World Convention of Disciples of Christ.

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Again we were favored with and thrilled by the beautiful singing of the Jarvis Octett directed by Mrs. Odessa Bowen, efficient vocal instructor at Jarvis College. As an encore, the request to repeat the "Italian Street Song" was granted.

Mrs. Preston Taylor, our honored and admired past-president made the appeal for the annual special offering. Amount, \$26.03. Announcements. — Benediction.

Friday A. M., August 26th

Report of Committees:—Enrollment Committee: We the Enrollment Committee make the following report:

Received from Registrar, Rev. Wm. Owens, \$35.00.

Committee:

Mrs. A. Penn Arnold, Chr.

Mrs. C. E. Craggett.

Mrs. C. H. Dickerson.

Future Work Committee—(See report).

Nominating Committee: We the Committee on Nomination recommend the following officers:

President, Mrs. H. L. Herod, Indiana; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Sadie Shaifer, Mississippi; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick, Kentucky; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Lora Davidson, Kansas; Rec. secretary, Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, Illinois; Ass't. secretary, Mrs. Orene Cole, Arkansas; Cor. secretary, Mrs. C. E. Craggett, Ohio; treasurer, Mrs. Alpha Penn Arnold, Oklahoma; Children's Worker, Mrs. D. C. Fowler, Ohio; Historian, Mrs. S. P. Walker, Texas.

Respectively submitted,

Mrs. D. C. Fowler, Chr., Ohio.

Mrs. Lora Davidson, Kansas.

Mrs. S. A. Purdle, Oklahoma.

Mrs. F. O. Walker, Kentucky.

Mrs. G. A. Franklin, Sec'y, Miss.

Mrs. E. G. W. Titus, Texas.

Committee on Awards:

The organization meeting all the requirements and giving the largest amount above its apportionment is the Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Committee:

Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, Chr.

Mrs. Reed,

Mrs. Alpha P. Arnold.

Committee on Statistics:

(See enclosed statistical report).

Financial Statement of Recording Secretary—Receipts:

Statistical Report	\$176.00
Enrollment	40.00
Thursday Night Offering	34.92
Donation from Ministers' Wives Org.....	5.00
Brought Forward	9.08

Total Receipts..... \$265.00

Disbursements on August 28, 1937:

Mrs. H. L. Herod, Office and Travel.....	\$ 52.38
Mrs. C. E. Craggett, Office and Travel.....	26.56
Mrs. L. A. Devine, Office and Travel.....	11.46
Mrs. C. W. Arnold, Travel	15.75
Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, Travel and Minutes.....	15.35
Christian Plea	25.00
Butler Cooperative	25.00
Taylor Memorial	40.00

On Oct. 18th.

Mrs. H. L. Herod, Exps. to Inter-Natl. Convention..... 25.00

Mrs. Emma Mitchell, Engraving Loving Cup..... 3.00

On May 6, 1938:

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Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy	5.00
(Membership in Federation of Women's Clubs).	
May 19, 1938: Christian Plea	15.00
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Total Disbursements	\$259.50
Disbursements	\$259.50
Receipts	265.00
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Balance in Treasure.....	\$ 5.50

ROSA PAGE WELCH, Recording Secretary.

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OF CHRIST
(CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR DEPARTMENT)**

Knoxville, Tenn., August 27, 1938.

The first session of the Christian Endeavor Department of the National Convention began on this date at two o'clock P. M. Mr. Foster Craggett led the devotionals. Mrs. Rosa Page Welch directed the music and Miss Evelyn Haygood acted as pianist.

We opened with soft music: "O Master Let Me Walk" Then we had a hymn: "Teach Us O Lord" Next we had responsive Scripture reading: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations" led by Foster Craggett. Next we had a hymn: "Jesus Calls Us." Then we engaged in silent meditation: "To know the will of Jesus is to seek to secure Christian Brotherhood," accompanied by soft music, "Teach Us O Lord." This was followed by the last three verses of "Teach Us O Lord, after which Mr. Craggett turned the meeting over to the officers of th department.

Elder M. L. Lambert of Reidsville, N. C., Vice President of the department presided. The President of the department, Squire R. Daniels of Washington, D. C. made a very constructive report of work done by him as president of the department during the convention recess. The President's report was received by the convention.

The President took the chair. The Vice President, Elder Lambert, then made his report which was oral but hearty and very enthusiastic. The Vice President's report was received by the convention.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Z. M. Peoples of Indiana, which was accurate and clear, was received by the convention.

The report of states followed. They were in the order given below.

Alabama: Number of societies in state, two. Total state enrollment, thirty. Money sent to National Convention for state representation, 1.50. Name of Societies contributing, Eleventh street of Birmingham, Ala, and Oxmoor of Oxmoor, Ala. Number of state convention officers present, two. Number of Christian Endeavor presidents present, two. Name of societies holding weekly prayer meetings, Eleventh Street officers present, two. Delegates: C. H. Haygood, 212 10th Avenue, N. Birmingham, Ala.

.... **Chesapeake Area (Md., N. Y., N. J., and D. C.):** Number of societies in state, five. Total state enrollment, one hundred and forty-five. Money sent to National Convention for state representation, \$5.00. Money sent to National Convention to represent societies in state, \$5.00. Total moneys sent to National Convention, \$10.00. Name of societies contributing: Mount Olivet of Balto., Md., Halsey Street of Brooklyn, N. Y., Second Street of New Brunswick, N. J., Second Christian of Hagerstown, Md., and twelfth Street of Washington, D. C. Number of state convention officers present, two. Name of societies holding weekly prayer meetings, Twelfth St. of Washington, Halsey St. of Brooklyn, Mt. Olivet of Baltimore, and Second Street of New Brunswick. Delegates: Miss Beatrice Blayton, Miss Pauline Daniels, Mr. Oscar Haynes, Mr. R. D. Brooks. Attest: Miss Elizabeth Brown, V. President, Miss Doris Jones, State Secretary, and Miss Beatrice Blayton, State Reporter.

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Indiana: Number of societies in state, one. Total state enrollment, fifteen. Money sent to National Convention, one dollar. Name of society contributing, Second Christian, Indianapolis, Ind. Delegates: Miss Marian Anderson.

Michigan: Number of societies in state, one. Total state enrollment, twenty-eight. Money sent to National Convention, one dollar. Name of society, Lovett St. Christian Church C. E. Society. Name of society holding weekly prayer meetings, the same. Delegate: Elder R. L. Jordan. Attest: Mrs. Bell Woodruff, 5316 Bangor Street, Detroit, State President.

Mississippi: Number of societies in state, eight. Money sent to National Convention for state representation, \$5.00. Name of societies contributing; S. C. I., Edwards, North Jackson, Bethel of Greenwood, Providence of Port Gibson, Herminville, College Addition of Jackson, and Mt. Bayou. All these societies hold weekly prayer meetings. Delegates: Mr. Abe Elmore and Miss Johnnie Bell Crowder. Attest: Mr. E. H. Mason, State President; Mr. Abe Elmore, State Sec. Mississippi had one state convention officer present and one C. E. president present.

Missouri: Number of societies in state, five. Total enrollment, eighty. Money sent to National Convention for state representation, \$5.00. Name of societies contributing: Second Christian of Frankford, Brooks Street Christian of Vandolia, Second Christian of Madison, Centennial of St. Louis, and Second Christian of Columbia. Number of state convention officers present, one. Name of societies holding weekly prayer meetings, same as above. Delegates: Mrs. Cerise Welch Palmer. Attest: Mrs. Cerise Welch Palmer, State President, Miss Rosa Lee Brown, State Secretary, Mrs. Cerise Welch Palmer, State Reporter.

Ohio: Number of societies in state, nine. Money sent to National Convention for state representation, \$5.00. Number of state convention officers present, one, the state adviser. Delegates: Elder S. C. Devine. Attest: Elder S. C. Devine, adviser, Mary Bell Lee, No. 6 Care St., Dayton, Ohio, State Secretary.

Oklahoma: Number of societies in state, five. Total state enrollment, not known. Money sent to National Convention for state representation, none. Money sent to National Convention to represent societies in state, one dollar. Name of societies contributing, Pine Street Christian Church C. E. of Tulsa, Okla. Number of societies holding weekly prayer meetings, five: Muskogee, Second Christian, Tulsa, Pine Street Christian, Chickasha, Shepherd Street Christian, Okmulgee, and E. 6th Street Christian of Oklahoma City. Delegate, Miss Johnnie Howard. Attest: Mrs. Ora Lee Parker, Pres., Miss Johnnie Howard, State Reporter.

Piedmont District: Number of societies in state, seven. Total state enrollment, 135. Money sent to National Convention for state representation, \$2.00. Name of societies contributing: Martinsville, Va., Mt. Olivet, E. Roanoke, Va., Bluefield, Va., Bluefield, W. Va., and Little Bethlehem of Chatham, Va. Number of state convention officers present, one. Delegates: Mrs. Charles Thompson. Attest: Mrs. E. B. Penn, State Pres., Mrs. Mable Irazies, Secretary, and M. Charles Thompson, Reporter.

Tennessee: Number of societies in state, five. Money sent to National Convention, seven dollars. Churches contributing: Gay Street and Lee Ave. Church of Nashville; West Main St. Church of Johnson City; East Vine Ave. Church of Knoxville; Miss. Blvw. Church of Memphis; The Christian Church at Rogersville, and College Ave. Christian Church of Bristol. Name of President, Miss Clarie Crawford of Johnson City. Attest: Elder S. Kenney of Johnson City, Pres. Gen. State Convention.

Texas: Money sent to National Convention for state representation, three dollars. Money sent to National Convention to represent societies in state, six dollars. Total moneys sent to National Convention, nine dollars. Name of societies contributing: Jarvis Christian College

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society of Jarvis and Boll St. society of Dallas. The names of the societies hold weekly prayer meetings are the same as the names of the two societies given above. Delegate: Mrs. Titus. Attest: Mr. Parks, State President.

Saturday, August 28, 1938

The second session of the Christian Endeavor Department of the National Convention began at 11:20 A. M. The president first called for the reading of the minutes of the former session. The same were adopted by the convention. Then the president called for the report of committees.

The future works committee reported as follows: We your committee on future works for the Christian Endeavor Department, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. We recommend that the Christian Endeavor work be strengthened and improved throughout the brotherhood and that as far as we are able, that we establish Christian Endeavor Societies in all our churches.

2. We recommend that upon the explanation of our field worker, Bro. R. H. Peoples, that the National Christian Youth movement is to be the spiritual stimulus of the other departments, that we endorse the National Christian Youth movement.

3. We recommend that National Christian Endeavor Convention conduct a through the year correspondence survey to ascertain the type and status of local C. E. Societies now prevalent in the churches. This survey should be carried out by the executive committee through the corresponding secretary.

4. We recommend that the National Christian Endeavor Convention adopt a five year program of advance in accord, as far as possible, with the National five year plan of Unified Promotion, adopting some specific and constructive fields of endeavor as goals of their own.

5. We recommend that we make an honor roll for states and that only those states which fulfil one or more of the requirements listed below be placed on that roll. We recommend that these honor states get special mention on convention floor and that they be mentioned in Christian Plea sometime during convention year.

The requirements are as follows:

(a) The representation of a Christian Endeavor Society in the National Convention for every church in the state affiliated with the national body.

(b) The presentation to the National Convention of all C. E. Presidents in state.

(c) The enrollment of one delegate in National Convention for every society in state.

(d) The presentation of all 100 percent societies: Societies carrying out effectively local programs, holding prayer meetings weekly, executive committee meetings monthly, and rendering account to state or district bodies quarterly; all cooperating in national development and sharing in the general unified promotional work of our church.

6. We recommend that all societies in the brotherhood be urged to appoint a Christian Endeavor counselor who by study of Christian Endeavor methods will keep himself prepared to instruct the endeavorers of the local society.

Respectfully submitted: Elder S. C. Devine, Miss Marion Anderson, Miss Evelyn Smith, Prof. Jason Cowan, Mr. Charles Thompson, Miss Clarice Howard, Mrs. Titus, Miss Evelyn Haygood, Miss Mae Brown and Mr. R. D. Broods.

The Finance Committee Reported as Follows:

Receipts—

Moneys brought forward from last year.....	\$ 5.00
Moneys received through state reports.....	41.00
Money received from registrar	17.50
Total moneys in treasurer	\$63.50

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Disbursements—

To president for travel expenses.....	\$12.00
To treasurer for service	2.50
To treasurer on account of travel.....	3.90
To Vice President on account of travel.....	1.50
To secretary for services	1.00
To Christian Plea	15.00
To program and minutes	3.00
To Moss Memorial Fund	5.00
To scholarship fund	10.00
Rosa Bracey love fund	2.00
Total expenditures	\$55.90
New Balance in Treasury	\$ 7.60

The finance committee submitted report to executive committee for study and revision. The above report shows the final form of same in accordance with the finance committee's recommendations.

The committee members were:—Mr. Foster Craggett, Mr. C. H. Haygood, Miss Beatrice Blayton, Elder C. B. Fisher, and Miss Helen Harris.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows: Mr. Squire R. Daniels of Washington, D. C. for president. Mrs. C. H. Haygood of Alabama for vice president. Miss Johnnie Howard of Oklahoma for treasurer. Mrs. Cerise Welch Palmer of Missouri for recording secretary. Miss Evelyn Smith of Chicago for corresponding secretary.

The Nominating Committee's report was approved. The members of the committee were the following: Miss Carnella Jamison, of Indiana, chairman; Miss Beatrice Blayton, of Washington; Mr. C. H. Haygood of Alabama; Mr. C. B. Fisher of Arkansas, and Miss Helen Harris of Ohio.

The Committee on By-Laws reported as follows:

We your committee on By-Laws beg leave to submit the following Report:

1. The officers of the Christian Endeavor Department shall be president, vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, and counsellor.
2. Each state or district organization is required to report one dollar at the National Convention for every Christian Endeavor Society in its state or district body.
3. Each state or district organization is required to pay five dollars for representation of state or district as such in the National Convention.
4. The annual reports of the state or district organization shall show the standing of its local organizations on uniform Christian Endeavor blanks as follows: (a) financial standing; (b) number of meetings held during the year; (c) number of executive committee meetings held during the year; (d) number of socials held during the year; (e) achievements.
5. The expenses of the president to the National Convention and other necessary expenses during the year to organize and build up the work shall be paid out of the national organization treasurer.
6. Christian Endeavor Societies shall be represented by delegates from the state or district organizations. Where there is no state or district organizations, they shall be represented by delegates direct from the local societies.
7. The executive committee of this department shall be composed of president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, an counsellor.
8. Officers of this department shall be nominated by nominating committees and elected by viva voce vote.

Respectfully submitted: Elder S. C. Devine, chairman; R. D. Brooks, Elder Janson Cowan, Miss Johnnie Howard, Elder M. L. Lambert.

All reports were received. The convention adjourned at 1 o'clock P. M. to meet again in August 1939 at Columbus, Ohio.

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are trying to rid our country of this awful crime and wipe forever this stigma and shame from the annals of our national life.

6. Faith and Order.

- a. In view of the necessity of an increasing emphasis on the social implications of the teachings of Jesus, incident to the rapid evolution and growth of our industrial society, giving rise to many social and economic philosophies as methods of solution of the problems resulting from this change of emphasis; and, where as the Church is called upon to assert itself in developing techniques to meet these situations; and where as the Disciples of Christ do have a specific plea whose purpose it is to meet all our problems, we recommend that this convention reaffirm its faith in the Divinity of Jesus and in the program of human redemption and Kingdom building on earth as the only hope of the individual and the world alike. That we go on record as indorsing The League of One Hundred Thousand Disciples.

7. Time and Place of Convention.

- a. That the next National Convention be held at Monroe, Ave. Church, Columbus, O., at time designated by constitution or executive order.
 b. That all departments meet Tuesday Morning before the opening of the convention for conferences.
 c. That wherever our convention is held the entertaining church shall provide Christian environment for all meetings

Financial Report:

Income:

1937-38	
Aug. 28—Balance on hand Dayton, Ohio Convention.....	\$ 13.48
Aug. 28—Gross Receipts at Dayton Convention.....	447.09
Feb. 7—Christian Endeavor Minutes—Mrs. Z. M. Peoples..	5.00
Feb. 7—Christian Endeavor Programs—Mrs. Z. M. Peoples	3.00
June 16—Southern Christian Institute	5.00
Total Income.....	\$473.57

Disbursement:

Aug. 28—Christian Plea	\$100.00
Aug. 28—President's Traveling Expense.....	100.74
Aug. 28—Vice President's Traveling Expense.....	21.80
Aug. 28—Secretary's Traveling Expense.....	5.00
Aug. 28—Treasurer's Traveling Expense	22.00
Aug. 28—Promotional Sec'y. Traveling Expense.....	9.50
Aug. 28—Promotional Sec'y. Office Expense	10.00
Aug. 28—Registrar's Traveling Expense	10.00
Aug. 28—Missionary Society - Bible School - Chr. Endeavor	79.00
Aug. 28—Music Department	5.00
Aug. 28—Scholarship Fund	7.50
Aug. 28—Taylor Memorial	10.00
Sept. 4—Mrs. Rosa Welch, Music Directress.....	5.00
Oct. 5—Eld. L. H. Crawford Expense to Inter-Natl. Conv...	25.00
Feb. 17—Eld. J. N. Ervin's Expense to Inter-Natl. Conv....	17.12
Nov. 30—U. C. M. S. Printing of Programs.....	16.98
May 28—Eld. C. L. Whitfield, Printing of Minutes.....	11.67
May 28—Christian Plea	15.00
Aug. 22—Stenographic Service and Postage.....	10.00

Total Disbursement	\$481.31
Deficit of.....	\$ 7.74.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. WALKER, M. D., Treasurer.

STATES	Societies	Members	Y. P. Societies	Observed Woman's Day	W. C. Subscribers	Books Read	State Development Fund	Sent to Nat. Convention	Observed Easter Week of Prayer	Sent to U. C. M. S.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF STATE PRESIDENT	Grand Totals
Tri-State.....							\$	\$		\$		
Alabama.....	2			2	3			9.00	2	51.00		60.00
Arkansas.....	4	79	2	3	2	8		12.00				110.00
D.C., Md., N.Y., & N.J.....	6	78	3	2	8	12	45.00	5.00	6	100.00	Mrs. L. Brooks, Hagerstown, Md.....	150.00
California.....												
Illinois.....	3	67	1	2	14	7		5.00	2	193.56	Mrs. S. Cotter 3843 Michigan Ave., Chicago.....	198.56
Indiana.....	1	40	1	1	5			5.00	1		Mrs. J. Settles, 825 W. 9th, Indianapolis.....	63.00
Kansas.....	8	50	4	2	2			17.00		24.85		41.85
Kentucky.....	23	223	7	15			2.00	20.00	15	154.64		374.64
Michigan.....	1	10	1	1				2.00	1	10.00		12.00
Mississippi.....	8	125	4	8			42.97	15.00			Mrs. S. R. Shaiffer, Port Gibson, Miss.....	290.97
Missouri.....	5	75	3	5	1	20	58.06	23.00	5		Mrs. A. E. Gilmore, 505 Lafayette Av. Jefferson City	217.74
Ohio.....	12	236	6	10	36	37	136.45	20.00	10	207.95	Mrs P. Allen, Cincinnati	676.35
Oklahoma.....	6	102	3	10	5	3	16.50	4.00	6	98.84	Mrs A. C. Pirtle, Muskogee.....	119.34
Piedmont Dist.....	10	174	1	8			17.47	12.00	6	238.00	Mrs. J. Thomas, Martinsville.....	267.48
S. Carolina.....												
Tennessee.....	4	69		3	18	12	25.34	8.00	3	135.00	Mrs. Kate Yarborough, 1076 S. Orleans, Memphis.....	168.44
Texas.....	14	286	4	10	25	20	146.07	10.00	11	377.77	Miss S. P. Walker	523.84

