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REPORT OF THE
THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION
SECOND NATIONAL C. W. B. M. CONVENTION
And Call for First Sunday School Convention

OF

The Christian Churches

(Of Color)

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



HELD AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
SEPTEMBER 2-7, 1919

**THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE CHRISTIAN
CHURCH (Of Color)**

In the United States of America

Officers

Elder Preston Taylor.....	President
Elder W. H. Dickerson.....	First Vice President
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Miss Rosa V. Brown, Mississippi	R. E. Pearson, Kentucky	

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Mrs. M. M. Bostick, Arkansas.....	Treasurer

HELD AT NASHVILLE, TENN., SEPTEMBER 2-7, 1919

REPORT OF THE Third National Convention

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Third National Convention was called to order under most favorable weather and other conditions and circumstances, at eight o'clock, p. m., by the President, Elder Preston Taylor.

"Onward Christian Soldier" was sung.

The President then led the house in a sentence prayer. The Convention prayed feelingly for our Lord's guidance throughout the deliberations of the sessions of the Convention.

A most creditable number of delegates had arrived and were in attendance upon the opening session.

A choir of Lee Ave. and Gay St. churches furnished the music.

After the devotions, the president introduced Bro. Thompson of Gay St. Church, who delivered in a quiet, brief, but well prepared speech, the welcome address to the Convention.

Attorney Jesse D. Lockyer, of Cincinnati, responded in well chosen words to the welcome.

Song, "I am a Stranger Here."

During the devotionals, Bros. M. Jackson, Griffin and Alphin prayed.

Song, "Blessed Assurance."

Elder Louderback, of Virginia, preached the Convention Sermon, which was full of instruction. Bro. Louderback said that the Convention was capable of informing, inspiring and consecrating our hearts for Christian service. His subject was, "Our Marching Orders." He said that Jesus must be recognized as Lord. That it is hard to subdue self but that we can't be Christians without self-denial. The discussion was highly interesting.

Invitation Song, "Jesus is All the World to Me."

The President appointed committees.

After announcements Elder W. H. Brown, of Mt. Sterling, closed the meeting with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

After devotions, Elder H. S. Herod, of Indiana, conducted a ministerial institute, proposing as subject of discussion, "The Ministers' Background." Dr. M. F. Robinson, of Kentucky; W. H. Dickerson, of Ohio; Wm. P. Alphin, of Kansas City, Mo.; J. B. Parsons, of Ohio; Elder Bostic, of Arkansas; Mrs. Alphin, of Missouri; Dr. J. E. Walker, of Mississippi; Elder P. H. Moss, of Mississippi, all spoke thoughtfully upon the subject.

Song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Elder Alphin, of Missouri, then presided at a round table discussion of State and general interests. Bro. Alphin announced that a message had come to the Convention for Mrs. Sarah Blackburn to return to the bedside of Sister Roxie Sneed, of Mississippi, who was seriously ill. She is a faithful worker for Christ. On request, Elders M. Jackson, of Kentucky; C. H. Dickerson, of Kentucky, and K. R. Brown, of Mississippi, offered on the occasion fervent prayers for her recovery, provided it be His will.

Reports of the various States were called for, at which time the evangelists reported the work as follows:

Missouri—Elder W. D. Griffin: The work is in good condition. The financial standard is being raised. That the State is a good field with few workers.

Mississippi—K. R. Brown: All bills are paid by the State treasurer, and that the State is helping many weak congregations. No affiliation between white and colored churches, but that the outlook is offering better things. Bro. J. B. Lehman said that plans are on foot to bring in closer touch the white and colored work in Mississippi.

Tennessee—Elder Wm. P. Martin: Bro. Martin said that all churches of his State have pastors save two, and that those would soon be supplied.

Virginia and West Virginia—Elder J. R. Louderback: Bro. Louderback said the greatest present need for Virginia and West Virginia is preachers. That Bro. P. H. Moss, the Sunday School man had rendered some especial services to Virginia and West Virginia.

Kentucky—Dr. M. F. Robinson: Dr. Robinson said that he had been identified with the work in Kentucky for the past forty years, and that he had never seen such a fellowship as that which now prevails in Kentucky. The outlook in Kentucky is promising.

Florida—Elder C. J. Bolling: Elder Bolling said he had labored in Florida under difficult circumstances, but that the conditions for work now is improved. That this is a needful field. Florida has some nine or more churches.

Kansas—G. A. Terry: Elder Terry stated that the evangelist has had many calls to open new fields. That workers are few, but the future offered hope. That colored and white churches are co-operating, and that a greater work is thereby made possible.

South Carolina—Elder F. O. Williams: Bro. Williams reported 21 preachers, 21 churches and 1800 members. The State is much in need of strong leadership.

Alabama—Elder D. C. Brayboy; Bro. Brayboy said his State work is not as encouraging as it might be. Some preachers are fighting organized mission work; that there are about 21 churches in the State, and about 6 preachers.

Arkansas—Elder Bostic: Bro. Bostic stated the work as doing well under conditions. Preachers are not properly sup-

ported and that this hindered the work.

Ohio—Elder W. H. Dickerson: Elder Dickerson said Ohio has 600 members, 10 churches, no fellowship with the white conventions, but that the C. W. B. M. is in touch with the white workers of that department of church work. That the State needs a few good preachers.

Washington, D. C.—Elder R. A. Gooden: He said that Washington, D. C. is in a healthy state just now, all the departments of the church work are prospering. That the work had suffered for leadership; that he hoped to humbly answer this need; that the church in Washington has 46 members on roll.

The President read a letter from Bro. G. T. White of Georgia, which brought hearty greetings and seven dollars to the Convention. The same was joyfully received.

Elder Herod, of Indiana, said that the reports of States evidently showed that the harvest indeed is great and that the laborers are few. He advised that the Convention suspend business and go into prayer. Sentence prayers were offered, that the Lord especially bless the work and give to it the needed encouragement. The prayers were ardent and touching.

Song, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home."

Extension Board—Bro. J. B. Lehman spoke for the Church Extension Board. He said the Board is prepared to favor the colored brethren as fast as the brethren are able to comply with the Board's conditions. That the Negroes should rebuild 75% of their churches within the next five years. He asked that the churches lift the yearly offerings and send to the Board.

Elder L. H. Tate, of Tennessee, dismissed the session with prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

After an inspiring devotional service, Bro. Yokum, of Indiana, representing the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, made a strong address to the Convention. He expressed desire for full co-operation of colored and white congregations in the Lord's work. He said the private in the ranks never questions the advisability as to whether a job is best or not, but he goes to the execution of the task, leaving results to the superior officer; that Christ is our superior officer. We must not question his commands. The Master said go into all the world. Our business is to forward march. He said we spent 150 millions a day to crush the Huns, that the world might be safe for democracy. What a contrast that is to the feeble effort we make to Christianize the world. Bro. Yokum is a great orator.

Song, "Here Am I, O Lord, Send Me."

Mr. Grant K. Lewis spoke on the subject, "How a Christian Feels Toward the Church in the Light of Today." He ably told of the aims and purposes of the American Christian Missionary Society. He said "the society is yours as well as ours." He said any man who expected to succeed without keeping

step with the changes and development of today is a failure already.

Bro. Lewis, in answer to questions, gave the following church calendar: The Foreign Society's Annual Collection Day is First Lord's Day in March. Sunday School Offering, First Sunday in June. Y. P. S. C. E., First Lord's Day in February. American Home Society, First Lord's Day in May. Church Extension Day, First Lord's Day in September.

Song, "Loyalty to Christ."

Prof. J. B. Lehman spoke on the Ministerial Relief Work. He advised that ministers write the association for literature, etc.

After announcements, Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" was sung.

Benediction by Bro. Lehman.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Devotionals were opened by the choir singing, "Standing on the Promises of God."

The Inter-Church World Movement as a subject was opened by Elder Herod. Bro. Herod said the movement has grown out of a world need. That democracy must have Christ in it to be safe for the world. That as workers, there should be co-operation.

Mrs. M. J. Stearns followed Bro. Herod with a strong address. She said that the Colored Christians could do much to stay race friction, by holding down members of the race; while white Christians can do much to the same end by holding down members of that race. She said Mexico would not be now in throes of rebellion and revolutions had the Gospel been placed in all her city centers. That 75% of those whose names appear in the book known as "Who's Who," were educated in church schools. There is nothing that will save the world, save the message of Jesus Christ; that we should pray, pray and pray until we have overcome every decisive influence.

Song, "Crown Him, Lord of All."

Elder J. B. Parsons, who delivered a fine discourse, first sang a beautiful solo. His text, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Jesus Christ." He urged that we give to the cause of evangelization the best in us, and that we shall get the best in return. The sermon was short, but pointed.

Song, "Jesus Is All the World to Me."

Bro. Parsons dismissed Convention with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Song, "I Love to Tell the Story."

Prayer by Mrs. Alphin, of Kansas City, Mo.

Minutes of all previous sessions were read and adopted.

Committee on Enrollment reported. The report was adopted. (See reports of committees.)

Committee on Business reported. (See report.)

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws reported. (See report.)

Prof. J. H. Thomas, of Virginia, was appointed Official Statistician.

The C. W. B. M. period having arrived, the ladies were escorted to the platform to begin their Convention work.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotionals.

Song, "Glory to His Name."

A great number of delegates took part in the sentence prayers.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation."

Business Committee made partial report. (See reports of committees.)

Committee on time and place reported in favor of Paducah, Ky. Time, August 31, 1920, A. D.

Letter received of Bro. H. G. Smith, of Texas, with greetings and \$1.00 for the Convention was thankfully received.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws reported. After much discussion pro and con, and certain modifications, the report was accepted. (See reports.)

On motion, after discussion, it was decided to retain the name of The National Convention of the Churches of Christ in America. At this period the house was turned over to the Sunday School delegates. (See that department.)

BIBLE SCHOOL PERIOD.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Song, "We Are Marching to Zion."

Address—"A Survey," by P. H. Moss, our Sunday School man.

Bro. Moss called for reports of Sunday Schools by States.

Alabama—The work of Schools is not good as it might be, but there is hope.

Arkansas—Work in good condition. This State won the loving cup.

California—A small number of schools are doing their best, and the outlook is good.

Georgia—This State Sunday School work has been somewhat neglected on account of lack of time for this phase of church work. But the work looks up.

Illinois—Has only one standard or efficient school and that is in Chicago. There are five or six schools in other sections of the State.

Indianapolis has the one and only school for Indiana, and it sets the pace for all the schools of our brotherhood in the matter of raising money. This school is reported 85% efficient.

Kansas reports about 12 schools.

Kentucky has led all States in efficiency.

Louisiana—This State has been neglected, but hopes for the future.

Mississippi—This State has a brilliant outlook, and is getting a great vision.

Maryland has only a few schools, but a promising future.

Washington's lone school is one of first class.

West Virginia—No report from West Virginia.

Missouri—This State is doing a fine work. This State is independent in finance.

Tennessee—The State has made good. Lee Ave., gives \$100.00 for the support of a Bible worker.

Song, "The Old Time Religion."

Elder Cary Morgan, Minister of Vine St. Church, Nashville, Tenn., was introduced and made cheerful remarks, telling of his interest in the Colored Brotherhood.

Attorney J. D. Lockyer, of Ohio, delivered an excellent address upon the topic, "Character."

Mrs. I. M. Smith, of Paducah, Ky. read a fine paper on "The Elementary Division of the Sunday School. She held a miniature institute in a most interesting and pleasing manner.

Miss E. M. Harden, of Kentucky, read an instructive paper on the Secondary Division. The paper showed care in preparation.

Miss Otey Stratton, of Indianapolis, Ind., Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., addressed the meeting on the subject, "Workers' Conference." She made a plea for systematized team work among Bible School teachers. She emphasized the purpose of the Bible, declaring that it must be the standard of all work in the church.

Bro. Bostic, of Arkansas, kindly took the number on the program assigned Bro. R. M. Hopkins, who could not be present. Bro. Bostic creditably handled the subject.

The Committee on Organization reported. The report was unanimously approved. (See reports of committees.)

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL PERIOD.

Devotionals.

Song, "I Believe On the Son."

Prayer by Elder M. Jackson.

As provided for on the program, Prof. J. B. Lehman conducted an Educational Rally. This embraced reports from our various church schools of the brotherhood. Bro. Lehman said that few schools, if any, can show better results, by the way of producing students who go out and take their places in active life, than the schools now operated by our church. At the close of Prof. Lehman's address the students of his school at Edwards, sang a school song and gave the college yell. The ovation was much enjoyed by the Convention.

Lum, Ala. School; Prof. I. C. Franklin.—Prof. Franklin said he had labored under great difficulties. The school has sixty acres of land; and an enrollment, last year, of 75.

Piedmont Christian Institute; J. H. Thomas, President.—Bro. Thomas said his school enrollment past year was 113, with students from Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina. 50 graduates have gone from the school during its history to help in the world's work. The school is popular in its home State, where the principal part of its work is done.

Jarvis Christian Institute; J. N. Erwin, President.—Prof. Erwin reported his school about seven years old. He spoke highly of interest shown in his school by the C. W. B. M. The school has 600 acres of land. Seventeen graduates past year. The outlook is good.

The students of the old Newcastle and Louisville schools were called to the platform and sang a song, thus attesting the school spirit.

The School Period was inspiring as well as informational.

Bro. Robt. Gooden, of Washington, D. C., led in prayer.

Elder Preston Taylor made a 3-minute speech upon "Stewardship."

Sister Rosa Brown spoke 3 minutes on "Rounding up the Women."

Mrs. M. J. Stearns spoke at length upon the Emergency Campaign. She urged that delegates return to their homes and get up the requested amount of money, and thus go with the white people after the new school which is bound to be built in Louisville, Ky.

Song, "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings."

"The unifying and standardizing of the course of study in our schools," was ably discussed by Prof. J. N. Erwin. The effort was heavily applauded.

Committee on By-Laws and Constitution made a second reading and report. The report was finally received by the motion of R. E. Pearson, seconded by Dr. J. E. Walker, of Mississippi, and adopted.

Committee on Time and Place reported in favor of Paducah, Ky., time, Aug. 31, 1920, A. D.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Devotionals.

Bro. B. C. Calvert led song, "What a Fellowship."

Elder M. Jackson read Ps. 122.

Elder W. H. Brown offered prayer.

Song, "A Charge to Keep I Have."

The number assigned Prof. O. Singleton on the program was taken by Prof. J. H. Thomas, of Virginia. The address was to be an educational address, and such it was. Prof. Thomas seemed at his best. He said that the distinctive element responsible for the great variety of races has been their education. Previous systems of education have failed, largely

because they sought to educate only two parts of the man, when man is a triune being. That system must be so revised as to look after the neglected part of man—the heart. That in this democracy, the education of the black man must be on a like plan of that of any other people. The address was replete with suggestions for the thoughtful.

Prof. Thomas and Elder Louderback, both of Virginia, after a few farewell words left the Convention Hall for their Virginia homes.

Mrs. Maude Miller, of Nashville, read a strong paper upon the subject, "Teacher Training," which subject had been assigned to Mrs. Ida M. Taylor. The address showed especial preparation and great originality. She quoted Gordon as saying: "There are four parts in man: the man you know, the man the world knows, the man the homefolks know and the man God knows. Remember leader, this is your business, exercise yourself as one looking for the things that are not seen. Your man is around there somewhere, find him, and your work has begun."

(Here the C. W. B. M. went into an adjourned session.)

President Taylor announced a letter from Elder G. T. White, of Georgia, with greetings and \$5.00 for the Convention. The same was joyfully acknowledged.

Money received as State fees	\$62.50
Money received of enrollment of delegation	113.00
Grand total	\$175.50

At close of Convention, total balance in treasury to be paid on min. of 1920	\$43.27
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Committee on Divine Service reported. (See reports of Committees.)

Committee on Nomination reported. (See report of committees.)

On motion, the men voted to blend their resolutions with that of the C. W. B. M.

On motion the old Advisory Board was re-elected in its entirety.

Prof. J. N. Erwin dismissed Convention with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

President Taylor called for a consideration of the printing of the 1920 Minutes.

The President of the C. W. B. M. said that the C. W. B. M. would have its minutes printed with the church department of the Convention.

Elder M. Jackson paid in \$1.50 collected on sale of 1918 Minutes.

On motion it was decided to print the sum of 1000 Minutes for 1919 Convention.

The Convention voted to incorporate itself at Nashville, Tenn., under the laws of Tennessee, that the President would

look after the execution of legal papers, etc.

There was no afternoon sessions on Saturday, as the President and wife had planned to take the delegates to visit places of interest in Nashville. The delegates returned well pleased.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE FOR 1920.

President appointed the following persons as Program Committee for 1920:

H. L. Herod, Indiana.
 W. H. Dickerson, Ohio.
 P. H. Moss, Mississippi.
 Miss Rosa V. Brown, Mississippi.
 R. E. Pearson, Kentucky. *
 Wm. Alphin, Missouri.
 Mrs. O. Singleton, Kentucky.
 R. A. Gooden, Washington, D. C.

President Taylor advised that the above Committee meet not later than June 1, 1920, to confer on the program.

Bro. H. L. Herod announced that the church at Indianapolis would pay for the programs gotten out for the 1919 Convention. This was appreciated by the Convention.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The morning session closed the business section of the Convention in a blaze of glory and thankfulness for work done and a superb fellowship feeling among all the delegates.

Elder W. H. Brown, of Mt. Sterling, Ky., and Prof. J. N. Erwin, of Texas, made touching farewell remarks on leaving the Convention for their homes.

The President appointed the following Auditing Committee:

Attorney J. D. Lockyer, Ohio.
 Prof. I. C. Franklin, Alabama.
 Dr. M. F. Robinson, Kentucky.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.

Bro. P. H. Moss, our Field Sunday School Secretary, acted Superintendent, and the following teachers: Miss Otey Stratton, Indiana; Miss Fannie H. Johnson, Texas; G. A. Terry, Kansas; R. A. Gooden, Washington, D. C.; Miss Leech, Tennessee; Mrs. Ida M. Smith, Kentucky. The classes took their places by music. Great interest was manifested in the lessons. A girl knelt at an improvised cross, which was placed on the platform of the great auditorium hall. Around this cross the school, to music, marched with an air of solemnity and made their offering upon a plate at the base of the cross. It was an impressive scene. At the close of the lesson period, the Superintendent requested that Bro. Pearson, of Kentucky, offer

a missionary prayer, and Mrs. Sharp, of Kansas, to tell a missionary story to the school, all to be over in seven minutes; but Mrs. Sharp and Bro. Pearson were through in six minutes.

The morning Sunday School collection was \$10.02.

President Taylor in announcing the collection said that there was found a check from Lee Ave. Sunday School for One Hundred Dollars in the basket. This, of course, would make the Sunday School collection a total of \$110.02.

Bro. J. W. Woodruff dismissed with prayer. Bro. Woodruff is Superintendent of Lee Ave. church, Nashville.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.

Elder I. C. Franklin, of Alabama, read the scripture lesson.

A large choir of Lee Ave. Christian Church, and the choir of Gay St. Christian Church made the music, which was fine.

Elder Wm. Alphin, of Missouri, delivered a forceful sermon to a very attentive audience. He used as a subject the word "So."

Elder Martin, minister of Gay St. Church extended an invitation.

President Taylor was Master of Ceremonies.

Morning collection -----\$25.76

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotionals by Bro. G. A. Terry, of Kansas.

Communion Sermon was ably delivered by Bro. R. A. Gooden, Minister Christian Church in Washington, D. C.

The collection of the afternoon was \$9.30.

The Communion Service was highly impressive. Bro. M. Jackson, of Kentucky, and P. H. Moss, of Mississippi, presided at the table.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES.

Devotionals conducted by Bro. H. D. Griffin, of Missouri.

The praise service was good. Elder W. H. Dickerson, of Ohio, spoke to the subject: "Christianity in Action." Text: "By their fruits, ye shall know them." The sermon showed careful preparation and was practical throughout. One accession to the Lee Ave. Christian Church.

The night collection -----\$.77

The day's total collection -----\$35.73

The Convention total collection -----\$5,783.85

The farewell remarks of the departing delegates were touching and sympathetic. On the whole the Third National Convention was an exceptional success in many ways.

Committee on Enrollment:

W. H. Dickerson, Ohio.

I. C. Franklin, Alabama.

M. F. Robinson, Kentucky.

C. W. Meeks, Tennessee.

F. O. Williams, Florida.

President Taylor made the following appointments:

Attorney Jesse D. Lockyer, Reporter.

Mrs. Hattie Mallory, Post Mistress..

Mrs. Anna Roper, Official Stenographer.

Committee on Sunday School:

Mrs. Ida D. Taylor, Tennessee.

McKinley Jackson, Alabama.

Mrs. Susie M. Brown, Kentucky.

Mrs. Wm. Alphin, Kentucky.

D. W. Bradley, Tennessee.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The reports printed in this department of this book are only such as were adopted by the Convention at Nashville, 1919.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Business, make the following report: We recommend—

1st. That we urge the pastors, churches and C. W. B. M. to seek to create more scholarships for our deserving young men who gain admission to our white church colleges and schools.

2nd. We reaffirm the recommendation that in our schools a larger place be given to the training for Christian ministry, and that for this purpose the curriculum of our schools be strengthened to the degree that the establishment of biblical departments be justified.

We, your Business Committee, beg leave to recommend that whereas so many of our churches do not respond to C. W. B. M. work in a manner commensurate with their strength and ability, that each minister strenuously urge upon his and adjacent churches to respond, each year, to the calls from Church Extension Board, American Missionary Society, Foreign Missionary Society, etc., until they all come into one body.

Inasmuch as we are anxious that each of our churches take up the program of the whole church, we recommend that a uniform church report blank covering the necessary facts of local, state and national church life, be adopted by the various state conventions.

In order to maintain and build up our needy state work, we recommend wherever possible an organic relationship on the basis of interracial brotherhood between our white and colored state missionary organizations.

We recommend that our various national boards be encouraged to push their respective interests in our colored churches by sending into them special agents to present the work to the people.

Committee:

H. L. Herod,

C. H. Dickerson,

Wm. Alphin,

J. R. Louderback,

C. J. Bowling.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT

ALABAMA

D. C. Brayboy, Lum, Alabama.

Mrs. G. A. Franklin, Lum, Alabama.

Mrs. I. C. Franklin, Lum, Alabama.

ARKANSAS

M. M. Bostic, Little Rock.

Mrs. S. L. Bostic, Little Rock.

FLORIDA

C. J. Bowling, Smithfield, Fla.
Robert A. Gooden, Washington, D. C.

GEORGIA

George F. White.

KANSAS

Mrs. W. J. Sharp, Topeka.
G. A. Terry, 637 Georgia St., Kansas City, Kan.

TENNESSEE

L. H. Tate, Johnson City.
Preston Taylor, Nashville.
J. W. Scott, Shelbyville.
Mrs. Dora E. Ryans, Johnson City.
D. W. Bradley, Rogersville.
E. W. Meek, Jonesboro.

VIRGINIA

J. R. Lauderback, Roanoak.
Prof. James Thomas.

INDIANA

H. L. Herod, Indianapolis.
Mrs. H. L. Herod, Indianapolis.
Miss Z. Otily, Stratton.
Miss Anna Preestley.

ILLINOIS

Mrs. Hattie Mallory, Chicago.

KENTUCKY

M. Jackson, Millersburg.
Dr. M. F. Robinson, Louisville.
R. E. Pearson, Paducah.
Mrs. Ida E. Smith, Paducah.
Mrs. Oeola Boyd, Paducah.
T. R. Everette, Lexington.
Mrs. Susie M. Brown, Mt. Sterling.
Mrs. Lizzie F. Brown, Millersburg.
Miss Elizabeth M. Harden, Lexington.
W. H. Brown, Mt Sterling.
Mrs. W. Nolan King, Louisville.
C. H. Dickerson, Nicholasville.
Mrs. H. A. M. Singleton.
Mrs. Delia Boyd, Paducah.
Mrs. Lilly M. Boyd, Paducah.

MISSISSIPPI

K. R. Brown, Port Gibson.
Miss Rosa V. Brown, Port Gibson.
Mrs. M. J. Brown, Port Gibson.
B. C. Calvert, West Jackson.
Dr. J. E. Walker, Indianola.
Prof. J. R. Lehman, Edwards.
J. N. Turner, Mound Bayou.
P. H. Moss, Edwards.
Sarah Blackburn.

MISSOURI

Mrs. W. M. Alphin, Kansas City.
H. D. Griffing, Columbus.

OHIO

J. D. Locker, 1210 Cedar Ave., Cincinnati.
W. H. Dickerson, Lockland.
J. B. Parson, Dayton.
Mrs. Geneva Brooks, Columbus.

SOUTH CAROLINA

F. O. Williams, Holly Hill.

TEXAS

Prof. C. W. Smith Hawkins.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 4, 1919.

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

After carefully canvassing the delegation on the subject of location, we found four places available: Nashville, Tenn., Paducah, Ky., Louisville, Ky., and Indianapolis, Ind., and after considering three of these places (Louisville being withdrawn) your committee on Time and Place unanimously decided to recommend to the Convention Paducah, Ky., for the place to hold our Fourth National Convention, and that the time be set for Aug. 31, 1919.

M. M. Bostick,
D. C. Brayboy,
R. A. Gooden,
G. A. Terry,
J. B. Pearson, Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT ON MINUTES NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 9-15, 1919.

RECEIPTS

Date		Amt.
1918		
Sept. 20	Prof. Irvin, by Bro Taylor-----	\$5.00
Oct. 21	Preston Taylor-----	3.00
Oct. 21	K. R. Brown-----	3.00
Oct. 23	J. E. Walker-----	3.00
Oct. 23	H. G. Smith-----	3.00
Oct. 24	J. W. Scott-----	3.00
Oct. 24	Wm. P. Alphin-----	3.00
Oct. 26	W. H. Dickerson-----	3.00
Oct. 29	Sarah L. Bostic-----	3.00
Nov. 4	S. S. Blackburn-----	3.00
Nov. 20	R. H. Davis-----	3.00
Nov. 20	Sarah Harris-----	3.00
Nov. 26	Jas. H. Thomas-----	3.00
Dec. 5	D. C. Brayboy-----	3.00
Dec. 11	R. E. Hathaway-----	3.00
Dec. 11	W. B. Martin-----	3.00
Dec. 12	C. H. Dickerson-----	3.00
Dec. 16	R. E. Pearson-----	3.00
Dec. 20	Elizabeth Hardin-----	3.00
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Jan. 2	J. E. Anderson-----	2.00
Jan. 31	Hattie Singleton-----	3.00
		\$64.00
	Balance Due-----	36.23
		\$100.23

EXPENSES

Date		Amt.
	Postage for notification of first shipment-----	\$1.15
	Stationery-----	1.65
	Prepaid Postage on Minutes-----	5.80
	Clerical Services:	
	Copying Minutes, script and type-----	3.00
	Duplication of first correspondence, type-----	2.50
	Clerical Services-----	2.00
	First Circular Notice-----	1.63

Preston Taylor, 3 cuts -----	18.00
Printing of Minutes -----	64.00

\$100.23

Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer.
R. E. Pearson, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

We, your Committee on Nomination of Officers for the ensuing year, beg to submit the following report:

Elder Preston Taylor, President.
Elder W. H. Dickerson, 1st Vice President.
Dr. M. F. Robinson, 2nd Vice President..
Elder J. R. Louderback, 3rd Vice President..
Elder R. E. Pearson, Recording Secretary.
Prof. C. W. Smith, Assistant Secretary.
Elder Wm. Alphin, Corresponding Secretary.
Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer.
Prof. J. H. Thomas, Statistical Secretary. ..

These, with Elders H. L. Herod and I. C. Franklin, are to constitute the Executive Board.

Committee:

Elders W. H. Brown, Kentucky, Chairman.
B. C. Calvert, Mississippi,
C. W. Smith, Texas.
Jas. Thomas, Virginia.
L. H. Tate, Tennessee.

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE.

We, your Committee on Divine Services, submit the following report:

That on Lord's Day, Sept. 7th, A. M., Elder Wm. McAlphin, Kansas City, Mo., will preach the morning sermon, assisted by Prof. C. W. Smith, of Jarvis, Texas.

AFTERNOON COMMUNION SERVICE.

At this service, Elder Robert A. Gooden, of Washington, D. C., will preach the sermon. Elders M. Jackson, of Kentucky, and P. H. Moss, of Mississippi, will officiate at the communion table.

NIGHT SERVICE

At this service Elder W. H. Dickerson, Ohio, and Elder H. D. Griffin, Missouri, will serve, Elder Dickerson to preach.

Respectfully submitted,
The Committee:
W. P. Martin,
Chas. Vaughan,
Wesley Woodruff.

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Name.

This organization shall be known as the National Convention of the Church of Christ.

Membership.

This Convention shall be composed of: (1) Churches known as Disciples or Christians, only with all their departments represented by duly elected delegates. (2) State Conventions by duly elected delegates. (3) And such others as the Convention in session may provide. (The number of votes each State shall be entitled shall be fixed by By-Laws.)

Officers.

The officers of this organization shall be: President, First, Second and Third Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, Executive Committee and Auditing Committee. The duty of these shall be such as is usually performed by such officials, and shall be elected annually by the Convention and serve until their successors are elected.

The Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall be paid for their services. The Treasurer shall give bond at the expense of the Convention.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, Presidents of the Bible School and C. W. B. M. departments, and three (3) others elected by the Convention.

This organization shall be a chartered institution and shall have its legal location in the City of Nashville, County of Davidson, State of Tennessee, but it shall have power to meet and transact business at any place which shall be designated by the Convention or Executive Committee.

Object.

The object of this organization shall be to cooperate in preaching the Gospel at home and abroad; to help in preparing and maintaining teachers and missionaries in America and other lands; to assist in promoting religious education and benevolence. This object shall be carried out by such methods as the Convention shall consider wise and best to adopt; and cooperation with other organizations of Disciples or otherwise shall not be denied. The wisdom and nature of such cooperation, when not expressed by the Convention as a whole, shall be left to the wisdom of the Executive Committee.

Meetings.

This organization shall meet annually at such time and place as the preceding meeting may name, or at the call of the Executive Committee.

Neither this organization or any of its officers, as such, shall ever assume any authority whatever over individual congregations of Disciples.

Amendments.

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Convention by a two-third majority vote of the delegates present and voting, provided, the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing and read to the Convention at the preceeding annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Each delegate and representative shall present a certificate from his church or State Convention, and shall pay an enrollment fee of not less than two dollars (\$2.00).

2. Each State Convention shall pay an enrollment fee of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

3. All moneys received shall be accurately recorded by the Recording Secretary, and disbursed by the Executive Committee by order signed by the President and Recording Secretary.

4. Each State represented in the Convention shall on all questions submitted, be entitled to one (1) vote for each five hundred (500) mem-

bers or fraction thereof, the census of the last State Convention shall be the standard.

5. A vote on any question shall be taken by States, when such a vote is called for by as many as three (3) delegates representing three (3) States. In such cases the roll shall be called in alphabetical order. In all other cases the vote may be taken "viva voce" by standing or ballot. Each delegate present and voting may cast the vote or votes his or her church or State is entitled, provided, no other delegates from that State are present.

6. No additional enrollment of States, or delegates, or representatives, after a vote by States has been called, on any question, shall be counted in the vote cast on that question.

7. No proxy shall be cast.

8. The Executive Committee shall meet as often as the Chairman, in counsel with the other members of the Committee, may think necessary and wise. The Convention shall pay the railroad fare of the Committee for such meetings.

9. The Executive Committee shall fill all vacancies in the Committee, also in the officials of the Convention. The term of election to such vacancies to expire at the assembling of the next Convention.

Committee: W. H. DICKERSON, Chairman, Ohio,
MRS. O. A. SINGLETON, Kentucky,
PROF. J. N. ERWIN, Texas.
J. E. WALKER, M. D., Mississippi,
PROF. J. H. THOMAS, Virginia,
R. E. PEARSON, Kentucky,
WM. ALPHIN, Secretary, Missouri.

THE PRESENT EMERGENCY AND ITS CHALLENGE TO THE WOMANHOOD OF THE CHURCH.

This word emergency that we see and read so much about nowadays—suppose we get Webster's definition of emergency, and then apply it to our subject. Emergency that is on the hearts and lips of the grown-ups and little folks should be clear in the mind of every one of us. Webster gives this definition for Emergency—Sudden appearance; unforeseen occurrence; a pressing necessity. This definition well fits the object of the Emergency Campaign. Her sudden appearance and unforeseen occurrence on the map was caused by the pressing necessity that the war has taught the church.

Cruel as war is in its destruction of human life, and as close students as men are today of history—strange to me that men when they begin to think of the wonderful things he has accomplished forgets that history repeats itself. He forgets his good and depends upon warfare for protection of his boasted civilization. Thus, I believe, God used Germany to challenge the world's christianity. Thus the sudden emergency of the church taking a self examination of itself. Has the church on yonder hill top, in the vale, on the mountain top, or in the beautiful cathedrals of our large cities, preached the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God?

But have we not stood aloof and permitted heinous crimes to be permitted all over this land without one note of utterance against the wrongs that have been permitted against the Negro race from our pulpits and religious journals? No, no Abraham Lincoln, no Harriet Bucher Stowe, or Whittier said with tongue or pen it is wrong and must be stopped.

But when these same people were called upon to make the supreme sacrifice and give their sons and daughters, their hearts were touched and they have been remembering in the last few years of the war what the Negro mothers have suffered when their own were burned at the stake. This race of our weak, but far from perfection, when the call came willingly took up arms and marched across the sea to defend His country. See the picture change. Our daily papers, our religious journals and magazines were loud in their praise of the work of the Negro soldier. The church came forward as never before and condemned lynching, the President of the U. S. spoke out against it. What caused this great change? God had spoken to mankind through the war. You are all my children and are all thrown on the same plane.

Back in the ages when Pharaoh would not let the children of Israel go, God sent death into every Egyptian home and Pharaoh's heart melted. And now since centuries have passed and the Christ has been given to the world and His church established on earth again our homes had to be visited with waste destruction and death to awaken the church to its duty. And now my subject, The Present Challenge to the Womanhood of the Church. As my subject is broad and brought in no racial lines, but the womanhood of the church. The challenge is will you be a Christian woman in the Present Emergency? Will you forget yourselves and do the thing that will advance His kingdom, or shall we again begin to work selfishly, each for our own race, or shall we stand on a higher plane and work for humanity?

The womanhood of the church can save the day. "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." This is an old adage, but true. The babe in the mother's arms is as plastic as the potter's clay. She can mold and shape the life of that child in its most perceptive period to be what she wills it to be. Shall we so teach our children that they may grow up to respect each other as brothers and sisters of another race? The challenge to the womanhood of the church is three fold. The home life, educational and religious life of the young people must be cared for especially.

Let's consider the home life of the races first. What a vast difference. Money and culture have given the children of the wealthy everything they want in comfort, while the children of the middle class has every door opened to them and an opportunity to climb to any height he may desire. But

why close the door of opportunity to young people on account of their color? Who has decreed that John, because he is black, must be a tiller of the soil and humble, and James, because he is white, shall do the thinking and say it was God created mankind. When John and James came into the world equal as far as their ability to think and act was concerned, left to grow up themselves with no interference from the outside, they would grow up to love and stay and stand by each other.

Who has wrought this wonderful change when they are grown up? The mothers of these boys. Why? Just because one is black and one is white. What about this black boy has made him so distasteful to mankind? When he landed on yonder shore at Jamestown, pure black boys and girls, who stepped in our cabins and tore our home life away? Who gave us these mulattos, brown and yellow children? I leave this question for you to answer. These black men and women came to America heathen and here they served their masters well, and when the cries of the slaves had gone up to God for freedom of mind and body, not only did they pray, but they sang their joys and sorrows. Who can sing, "Steal Away to Jesus," but can not view in yonder cabin a poor mother on bended knees praying that her babies may not be torn away from her.

Just as Bobby Burns touched the hearts of the people for the Scottish poem in his poem, so the Black Mammy, through song, has touched the world through her own self-composed music. Not only the world, but God heard her prayers. It took the war to awaken the Southern white man that slavery was wrong. But thanks be to God thousands of Christian white men and women have realized that slavery was wrong and have given their money to train the Negro of the South. But they are not in a class by themselves any longer, but the people of the North are with them in race discrimination. In the North they are trained side by side with white brothers, but when they are asked a chance to earn a living the doors are shut. Labor Unions are formed to keep the Negro out of the shops and from learning trades, while the white folks of the South fear to call a Negro Mr. and Mrs. or permit him to ride on a decent train for fear he may want to enter the white peoples' societies. Who could right this wrong better than the mothers? Thousands of white Christian women have realized that Negro women have ambition and desires for the advancement of their boys and girls as much as they do.

The challenge is to the womanhood of the church, will we be large enough at heart to say we are sisters, and as sisters in this emergency when race riots are common to get together and consider the things that tore us down? A few years ago the Negro womanhood of America was challenged. A letter was sent to England by an American, saying, there were no pure Negro women. That all Negro women were impure. This letter came back to America and fell into the hands of Mrs. Booker T. Washington. She called a meeting of Negro women in Boston. Such women as Mary Church Terrell, Lucy Thurman, Elizabeth Carter and many other leaders of Negro women. The letter was read and discussed. Knowing deep in their hearts the accusation was not true, they went on record to prove to the world that there were thousands of Negro women whose lives were pure as the pure white. They organized themselves into a National Association of Colored Women, with State Organizations in the various states. And now at their biennial meetings more than fifty thousand Negro women sent delegates to tell what Negro women are doing to save the home life of their people.

What has been the outcome of this? Young women have found their life work, and have gone eagerly about it. Who heard much of Eva Bowels, the faithful Y. W. C. A. worker, but Negro women? But when the war came who was heard of more than Miss Bowels in the Y. W. C. A. bulletin? The late Mr. Roosevelt paid her a glowing tribute for worth as a leader. What else has come to us as a race from this organization? We have been permitted in the membership of the Council of Women, made of representatives of Jewish women, American women who represent their various National bodies. There they sit in council for the betterment of humanity.

If club women have gone thus far and did so much good, what should the womanhood of the church do? Should they not be large-hearted enough to sit in council with women who think, with women who have experience and love their race and help us find out better plans for our home lives?

We realize to be a great people, we must have a strong, clean home life. What body of women should be able to do this more effectively than Negro Christian women and white Christian women? Secondly, let's consider how the challenge is to the womanhood educationally. Preparedness is the word of today. If we shall have the right kind of leaders, we must have a prepared leadership. All of our children are not going to be leaders in the church, all are not going to be farmers. Some are going to be teachers, lawyers, doctors, artists and many other vocations will they follow. Shall we hinder them by not giving them the very best opportunity to follow his calling? Are our schools what we want them to be? No, not as a church. We have not a single college that we may send our boys and girls to, equipped to give him the very best training.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions have gone a long step toward giving us schools for the training of our boys and girls, and we are grateful. But we want one college that will mean to our boys and girls what Drake University, Butler, Giram and other Christian Colleges have meant to their boys and girls. Our boys and girls, coming out of the High Schools are forced to go to Baptist, Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian Colleges. Thus we have lost much of our talent and brainiest men and women, when out of school they have gone to church of their Alma Mater. Shall the womanhood of the church be satisfied in not saving our young people? May I say as you say to the Negro women in Texas, let's give until we feel it, and then let's ask for help.

And when they had thus given and Major and Mrs. Jarvis knew of their giving they came forward with that magnificent gift of land for the Jarvis Christian Institute. I am equally as glad to say that Mrs. Jarvis wants the Jarvis Institute to be a college. Quoting her, she has said: I want a school at Jarvis equal to any college for Negro boys and girls in Texas. And to prove this her purse strings are always untied to Jarvis. Are there not hundreds of Christian white men and women and Negro men and women like Bro. Preston Taylor, M. M. Bostick, Prof. J. N. Erwin, Bro. Fuller of Texas, Bro. Tate of Missouri, whose purse strings would unite for a Christian college.

The challenge is to the womanhood of the church, will we so give and plan for such a school that the hearts of Negro women may be touched for a larger giving. Would there not be some pride and some inspiration each year in our National meeting to bring large sums of money for our schools? Should not appeals be made for these schools in our meetings? Once I sat in a Kansas State Convention, white, and heard Bro. Sryons make an appeal for Missions. Just State Missions. Strong it was. When he had finished, Bro. Malony called for those to stand who wished to subscribe. In less than ten minutes they had more than a thousand dollars subscribed.

Women, we say we want to take the world for Christ. Can't do it coming here yearly reading papers and resolving and going home and doing nothing. Challenge, challenge, do you say yes, my sisters, it's up to us. I want my boy to come up and find the Church strong, a place where if it's his vocation he may be able to apply his best brain talent. How can we do it? By giving our money. Takes grit, grace and greenbacks. Let's have a National meeting that does things, that gives money, that lays some future plans.

One that proudly comes up here yearly to say what we have. Let's show what we want by doing. Tonight Missouri should have laid one thousand dollars on the table for education. Can we do it? Yes. Don't Negroes do it every where in the National gatherings? Shall we do less? National club women of our race raise three thousand a year. Methodist conferences, Baptist associations raise by the tens of thousands. Why? Negro brain and thought given to establish their work.

See in this city the great Methodist and Baptist Publishing Companies, and their schools dotted over every land, and we can't even have a church

paper. The Negroes of Missouri have a Baptist paper that comes weekly, twice the size of our Plea. The Challenge is up to the womanhood of the church. Our men have preached on first principles and debated all these years while the other folks have taught their faith and stressed giving. They have the churches every where. In this present emergency let's catch the vision and get busy. I have now discussed the challenge from the home and educationally. I now take the last fold, Religiously.

A challenge religiously, and this is our greatest challenge. How many of us are weak along these lines? How much I wish I had them all here today that could come and would not. Let's be religious Christians. Some times we live so shabby the world can not guess us. What does the world need today more than strong Christians men and women? How little many of us pay to the training of our boys and girls. Do we forget about the family altar? Do we feel that some hour of the day His word must be read and prayer offered with all the family at the fireside? Do we lead the children to services or do we send them to the Bible School? Do we go to church when we feel like it and stay at home when we like?

Here is our weakness as a religious people. The boys and girls are sent to Bible Schools while the father and mother remain at home. While in the other races I find the broker, the lawyer and the professional men who are church members in their Bible Schools. Let's catch the lesson and let's lead our children with us to service, and then fathers and mothers when we are training our children for their life's work, do we think of the schools we send them to? Do we think to send them to a school where his religious life would be strengthened? He may not go to one of our church schools, but there are universities which have Bible chairs.

We have members of our young people who attend K. W. at Lawrence, Kansas, but I have not seen one yet that availed themselves of the opportunity of studying the Bible. I know very well when boys and girls are thrown in college that they need God's word most to strengthen them. Let's remember our children are weaker and wiser. If my boy continues to go as he has, he will be ready for college at 17. I am realizing how careful I must be to throw a strong arm around him at this age. Going from the home to mix with other young people, I feel if he can daily study God's word I shall feel he shall have one safeguard around him.

The challenge to the womanhood of the church: If we would save our boys and girls of the next generation, let's think more of the home life, education and religious life of the children. Let's come here and organize a stronghold of Negro Christian women who will co-operate with our white sisters in building up a strong body of young people who will not hate, malice and disrespect each other. Let's plan here some things for the future of the church, that will count. Let's have officers who will do and dare to do great things. Let's stand by these officers and help them to do this work. We are years behind others of our race in National organizations. Let's see if we can not catch up now by doing larger things; by coming in contact with them and discussing their plans.

Just as Negro ministers understand best how to pastor Negro churches, so also Negro women can best lead Negro women. In our various states, where we have state organizations and state presidents of the women's work, select your best material. Women, first who are clean and women who can do things, women who are willing to study the work of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions and be up on all they are doing. The great need of the day is leadership in every walk of life. Then when you have chosen these leaders send them to the National meetings with reports of their work. Let's us know how you are doing your work in Kansas, Missouri, Kentucky and all the states.

The State and National meetings should inspire our young men and women to enter the university. The challenge is to make the calling to the ministry as desirable as to the office. I remember a boy, my nephew, who said, until he was ten, he would be a minister. When he heard the local preacher complain of his salary, he took a second thought—went home and told his mother he did not want to preach, because they did not pay the preacher enough. How true that is of Negro Christian churches.

I can name our churches, nearly on my fingers that support their pastors. Let's me use my own words as I use to say to congregations where they would give so little and complain. Our churches have been too much of a nickle crowd. Let's get on a higher plane of giving, so that we may not only train but be able to employ our trained men.

If the womanhood of the present will get together as real Christian women, we will meet the present emergency in the church, and with the poet we can truly say what makes a nation great:

"Not serried ranks with flags unfurled,
 Not armored ships that gird the world,
 Not hoarded wealth, nor busy mills,
 Not sages wise, nor schools, nor laws,
 Not boasted deeds in freedom's cause,
 All these may be and yet the state
 In eye of God be far from great.
 That land is great which knows the Lord,
 Whose songs are guided by His words,
 Where justice rules 'twixt man and man,
 Where love controls in art and plan,
 Where breathing in his native air
 Each sould finds joy in praise and prayer.
 Thus may our country, good and great
 Be God's delight—man's best estate."

MRS. WM. ALPHIN,
 2624 Woodland Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

(N. B.—Mrs. Alphin made a most pleasing impression at the National Convention when she delivered the above address.—Reporter.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE NATIONAL C. W. B. M. CONVENTION.

Thursday, September 4th, 1919.

The first meeting of the C. W. B. M. Convention was held on the above date at Greenwood Park, Nashville, Tenn. The officers were escorted to the platform by a committee appointed by Elder Preston Taylor, president of the National Convention of Disciples of Christ, who presented each officer to the Convention and made some very helpful remarks. After a response by Mrs. H. A. Singleton, greetings were brought to the Convention by Mrs. J. M. Stearns, of Indianapolis, representing the International Board. She expressed a willingness on the part of the Board to be used and to assist in every possible way the work we are planning to do. She further stated that the president and corresponding secretary of our Convention would be members of the International Board. Minutes of the executive committee meeting were read and accepted. After the business period, an Efficiency Institute was conducted by Miss Rosa V. Brown and Mrs. J. M. Stearns. Mrs. Stearns emphasized intercessory prayer and a certain amount of information that each worker ought to have, closing her talk with special mention of a number of Missionary books that should be read.

Miss Brown spoke of the importance of having the church magazines in the home and the part they have in making a successful C. W. B. M. Mrs. Elder, of Nashville, Tenn., was presented and spoke on Young Peoples' work, particularly the Circle Girls. Mrs. Craft, of Little Rock, Ark., spoke on the Importance of Training Young Folk. Professor J. B. Lehman, of Southern Christian Institute and brother Everett, of Kentucky, spoke on behalf of the Gospel Plea. The following Future Work Committee was appointed: Mrs. William Alphin, Mrs. M. J. Brown, Mrs. Hattie Mallory, Mrs. Lizzie Bowen, Mrs. Ida D. Taylor and Miss Rosa V. Brown. Committee on Resolutions: Mrs. M. M. Bostick, Mrs. W. J. Sharp, Mrs. Nolan King and Mrs. Hardin. Mrs. William Alphin was presented and made a splendid address on "The Present Emergency and Its Challenge to the Womanhood of the Church." She urged the forgetting of self and taking a higher stand for useful service to humanity. Motion carried that the address become a part of the Minutes. Appreciative remarks were made by Mrs. Nolan King, of Kentucky. After the report of the Enrollment Committee, the meeting adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Ida Smith, of Kentucky.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The meeting opened by singing, "Jesus Calls." Prayer by Elder K. R. Brown, of Mississippi. Song, "Come Thou Almighty King," and "Standing on the Promises of God." By common consent the reading of minutes of previous session was omitted. Mrs. H. A. Singleton, president of the Convention was presented by the First Vice President, Mrs. Wm. Alphin, and delivered a very timely address, closing with several suggestions for future work. Remarks emphasizing certain points made in the address were made by Mrs. Alphin, P. H. Moss, M. F. Robinson, K. R. Brown and Elder Monroe Jackson. Address referred to Future Work Committee.

The report of State work was made by Mrs. I. Franklin, representing Alabama; Mrs. William Alphin, Missouri; Mrs. Fannie H. Johnson, Texas; Mrs. Lizzie Bowen, Kentucky; Mrs. M. M. Bostick, Arkansas; Mrs. Brooks, Ohio; Mrs. Hattie Mallory, Illinois; Mrs. M. J. Sharp, Kansas; Elder Preston Taylor, Tennessee, and Mrs. H. L. Herod, Indiana. Elder Bowlden spoke for the societies in Florida. All work was reported in fine condition. Ohio and Illinois reported all aims as set by the International Board as having been reached. Elder Louderback, of Virginia, reported \$2.00 for the State. The Central Christian church of Louisville, Ky., sent greetings with a contribution of \$5.00. Professor J. B. Lehman made an address in which he specially urged the thorough training of young men and women for the work of the church. Mrs. J. M. Stearns followed the address with remarks along the same line. Professor Lehman reported a splendid location in view for a school in Kentucky. \$12.50 was turned in from the various states. Meeting adjourned with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The meeting opened by singing, "I Need Thee Every Hour." Minutes of previous session read and adopted. The report of Enrollment Committee was made and after necessary correction, accepted. The Future Work Committee made the following report: That we carry out the recommendations of the International Executive Committee. 2nd. That each state represent in our National Convention with one dollar for each Missionary Society and other Missionary organizations, and each state C. W. B. M. with five dollars. 3rd. That each state be allowed one vote for every five societies or fraction thereof. 4th. That the brethren give us one day for our work; morning, afternoon and evening, or allow us to work in sectional meetings. 5th. That the corresponding secretary notify at once the general secretaries of the several states of the various recommendations of the Future Work Committee. 6th. That railroad fare of the president of the National Convention be borne by the Convention and the recording secretary be allowed five dollars. 7th. That each state C. W. B. M. be urged to send one tenth of state development fund to the International Board, that they may bear the expense of the National representative to the International Conventions.

Motion carried to accept the report by sections. The following report of the Committee on Resolutions was made: Be it resolved that we extend to Elder Preston Taylor and wife and to Elder W. P. Martin, to Lee Avenue and Gay Street Christian Churches, and to the citizens of Nashville our hearty appreciation and thanks for the hospitality shown us during our stay here. 2nd. That we extend our thanks to Mrs. J. M. Stearns and Professor J. B. Lehman for their hearty co-operation. 3rd. Be it further resolved that each delegate attending this Convention go home resolved to do their best to raise over twenty thousand dollars for the Emergency Campaign. Motion carried to accept the report. A report of the Nominating Committee was called for. Before the report was accepted motion carried that the Committee be enlarged. The president added the following names to committee: Mrs. M. J. Sharp and Mrs. Brooks, and the committee was sent out for further deliberation. \$2.25 was reported by the Enrollment Committee. The meeting closed with prayer by Professor E. N. Erwin.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The meeting opened by singing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Quotations from the Bible were followed by prayer by Mrs. Wm. Alphin. Song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Mrs. Singleton led in a series of sentence prayers which were closed by Mrs. Ida Smith. The secretary read a letter from E. H. Allen, of Louisville, Ky., in which he expressed the wish that a successful meeting be held, and \$2.00 was enclosed. A report was called for from the Nominating Committee, and as it had reached no decision motion carried that more time be allowed. The Rev. R. A. Gooden of Washington, D. C. was introduced and read an excellent paper in which he plead for the erection of a church building in Washington, D. C. Preston Taylor made some remarks and gave some information about the new lot recently purchased in Washington. After some appreciated remarks by Mrs. Wm. Alphin, the following report was made by the Nominating Committee: President, Mrs. H. A. Singleton, Kentucky; First Vice President, Mrs. Wm. Alphin, Missouri; Second Vice President, Mrs. K. R. Brown, Mississippi; Third Vice President, Mrs. Preston Taylor, Tennessee; Fourth Vice President, Mrs. Hattie Mallory, Illinois; Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. L. Herod, Indiana; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. Fannie Hay Johnson, Texas; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lizzie Bowen, Kentucky; Treasurer, Mrs. M. M. Bostick, Arkansas. The officers came to the platform and were duly installed by Miss Rosa V. Brown, National Field Secretary. After the installation a few minutes were given the officers for an expression. Remarks were made by Mrs. Ida Smith, Mrs. Nolan King, Elder M. F. Robinson and Professor J. N. Erwin. The session closed with prayer by Elder Preston Taylor.



