

1931

# MINUTES

## ALABAMA CONFERENCE

### OFFICIARY

President—R. E. Snipes, 2003 Greensboro, Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.  
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Secretary—W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1429 23rd Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.  
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Legal Advisor—W. E. Hobson, Jr.  
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Judiciary—E. L. Shigley, M. A. Medders, H. A. Johnson, H. F. Pair.  
Itinerancy and Elders Orders—R. E. Snipes, 4 years; C. E. Myers, 3 years; M. A. Medders, 2 years; H. F. Pair, 1 year.  
Auditing—W. E. Hobson, Jr., E. L. Shigley, H. A. Johnson.  
Vacancies—J. L. Averett, C. H. Pickel, M. A. Medders, D. L. Jones, Mrs. D. H. Segrest.  
Conventions—R. E. Snipes, Paul G. Marshall, Mrs. Grace Peck.  
Sunday School Secretary—E. L. Shigley.  
Sunday School Board—E. L. Shigley, Mrs. Johnnie Coley, Miss Thelma Holmes.  
Missionary Board—R. E. Snipes, Miss Velma Gentry, Mrs. D. H. Segrest.  
Tithing—Secretary—W. F. Bunnell.  
Camp Meeting Committee—R. E. Snipes, Chairman; W. H. Tillman, E. L. Shigley, H. A. Johnson, C. H. Pickel, C. K. Gentry, W. E. Hobson, Jr.  
Memorials—Mrs. Grace Peck, Miss Stella Shigley, J. L. Averett.  
Board of Managers, Central College—R. E. Snipes, Alternate, W. E. Hobson, Jr.

### ELDERS

Averett, J. L., R. F. D. No. 1	Heiberger, Ala.
Bamburg, L. A., R. F. D. No. 1	Akron, Ala.
Bunnell, W. F.	Irondale, Ala.
Bryans, A. H.	Pell City, Ala.
Burkey, L. F., 160 E. South St	Kalamazoo, Mich.
French, H. R., 825 Morris Ave	Topeka, Kans.
Gentry, C. K., 312 N. Twenty-Third St.	Birmingham, Ala.
Johnson, H. A., 1256 Elm St	Tarrant, Ala.
Marshall, Paul G., 2409 20th St	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Medders, M. A., R. F. D. 2	Bankston, Ala.
Myers, C. E.	Brent, Ala.
Pair, H. F., 6800 1st Ave. N	Birmingham, Ala.
Pickel, C. H., 723 17th St	Bessemer, Ala.
Shigley, E. L.	Mentone, Ala.
Snipes, R. E., 2033 Greensboro Ave	Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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## LICENTIATES ON STATIONED LIST

Davis, Geo. E., R. F. D. 3, Box 16 ..... Anniston, Ala.  
 Kemp, J. M., Box 444 ..... West Blocton, Ala.  
 McCutcheon, H. A., 264 West St ..... Talladega, Ala.  
 Morgan, Willie, R. F. D. 4 ..... Marion, Ala.  
 Shows, O. B., 1708 Queen City Ave ..... Tuscaloosa, Ala.

## DELEGATES

J. W. Barton, Milton Jordan, Miss Mittye Head, Mrs. M. B. Hesley, Willie Hill, W. E. Hobson, Jr., Mrs. T. H. Ledbetter, Carl Marchant, Miss Mary Moore, Mrs. Grace Peck, Mrs. D. H. Segrest, Miss Stella Shigley, Mrs. M. F. Sides, E. D. Smith, Mrs. Ira Snipes, Mrs. Brookie Thomas, Mrs. O. C. Wood.

## DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

The Alabama Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America convened in its twenty-second annual session at Talladega, Alabama, Wednesday, October twenty-first, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, at 9:30 a. m.

The conference was called to order by the president, R. E. Snipes, prayer was offered by him, after which the president made an appropriate address by outlining the work and accomplishments of the year. He then declared the conference ready for business and called Rev. T. P. Baker to preside over the session.

The roll was called, eleven ministers answered present. E. L. Shigley and M. A. Medders were appointed committee on credentials. Credentials were collected and fourteen delegates enrolled.

By motion the conference bar was fixed to include all seats on platform, six seats on the left side and five on the right side and front.

The president read his annual report which was adopted as read. See Report No. 1.

By motion a committee on Nominations was elected as follows: R. E. Snipes, H. A. Johsson and E. L. Shigley.

Recess for committee work.

Called to order by the chairman and the committee on Nominations made its report which was adopted as read. See Report No. 2.

Time of meeting was fixed to meet at nine a. m., adjourn at eleven-thirty a. m. Meet at one-thirty p. m. and adjourn by motion.

A committee on ministerial characters was elected as follows: R. E. Snipes, M. A. Medders and Carl Marchant.

The committee on religious services made a partial report fixing the following orders of the day: Preaching, Wednesday 7:30 p. m. by Rev. T. P. Baker.

Time of election of conference officers and committees was fixed at 10.00 a. m. Thursday.

Committee on ministerial characters made a partial report.

Recommendations to pursue the course of study were received for Miss Maggie Carlin, O. B. Shows and J. H. Cole. By motion and vote they were referred to the committee on Itinerancies and Elder's Orders.

Committee on courtesies introduced Rev. C. K. Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Bradford and the delegates and officers of the Young People's Society.

Adjourned by limitation. Benediction by H. F. Pair.



### WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON MEETING.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Paul G. Marshall.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

Committee on Credentials made a supplemental report and three delegates were enrolled.

Committee on Courtesies introduced Rev. J. M. Kemp and D. L. Jones to the conference.

The following pastors made their reports: J. L. Averett, H. A. Johnson, P. G. Marshall, M. A. Medders, H. F. Pair, E. L. Shigley, C. K. Gentry, J. M. Kemp, Geo. E. Davis and H. A. McCutcheon.

The report of Evangelist H. Robb French was read by the secretary. The pastoral report of C. E. Myers was read by his delegate from the Brent church. R. E. Snipes read his evangelistic report. The pastoral report of O. B. Shows was read by P. G. Marshall.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by H. A. Johnson.

### THURSDAY—MORNING MEETING.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. M. Kemp.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

R. G. Ramsey introduced to the conference.

The order of the day was called and the conference proceeded with the election of conference officials and committees resulting as follows:

President—R. E. Snipes.

Vice-President—E. L. Shigley.

Secretary—W. E. Hobson, Jr.

Trustee for a period of five years—W. E. Hobson, Jr.

Treasurer—Miss Velma Gentry.

President's Advisory Board—E. L. Shigley, W. E. Hobson Jr.

Legal Advisor—W. E. Hobson, Jr.

Judiciary Committee—E. L. Shigley, M. A. Medders, H. A. Johnson, H. F. Pair.

Itinerancy and Elders Orders for 4 Years—R. E. Snipes.

Auditing Committee—W. E. Hobson, Jr., E. L. Shigley, H. A. Johnson.

Vacancies—J. L. Averett, C. H. Pickell, M. A. Medders, D. L. Jones, Mrs. D. H. Segrest.

Conventions—R. E. Snipes, Paul G. Marshall, Mrs. Grace Peck.

Sunday School Secretary—E. L. Shigley.

Sunday School Board—E. L. Shigley, Miss Thelma Holmes, Mrs. Johnnie Coley.

Missionary Board—R. E. Snipes, Miss Velma Gentry and Treasurer of the W. H. and F. M. Society.

Tithing Secretary—W. F. Bunnell.

Camp Meeting Committee—R. E. Snipes, Chairman; W. H. Tillman, E. L. Shigley, H. A. Johnson, C. H. Pickell, C. K. Gentry, W. E. Hobson, Jr.

Committee on Memorials, Mrs. Grace Peck, Miss Stella Shigley, J. L. Averett.

Local Board of Control of Central College—R. E. Snipes, W. E. Hobson, Jr., alternate.

Conference Reporter—Miss Florace Sides.

At this time telegraphic request was received for special prayer for A. R. Covington, account his illness. Prayer was led by H. F. Pair.

Adjourned by limitation. Benediction by H. A. Johnson.

#### THURSDAY—AFTERNOON MEETING.

Devotional exercises conducted by A. H. Bryans.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

Committee on Thanks reported. Report adopted and ordered read at the Sunday morning services. See Report No. 3.

Committee on Religious Services made a partial report, announcing J. M. Kemp to preach Thursday evening 7:15.

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society public program to be given Friday evening 7:15.

The names of G. C. Frederick and Mrs. Grace Peck were presented as suitable persons to pursue the Course of Study. They were by previous order referred to the committee on Itinerancy and Elder's Orders.

A. H. Bryans read his pastoral report.

The order of the day was called and Rev. T. P. Baker gave his connectional address which was very fitting and instructive, also we believe very constructive.

Pastoral reports of L. A. Bamburg and C.H. Pickel were read by the president.

E. L. Shigley read his pastoral report of the Mentone charge.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by E. L. Shigley.

#### FRIDAY—MORNING MEETING.

✓ Devotional exercises were conducted by J. L. Averett.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

Rev. A. L. Vess, president of Central College, was introduced to the conference.

Committee on Religious Services made a supplemental report as follows: Orphanage report from D. L. Jones at 10:00 a. m. Educational report by President A. L. Vess 2:30 p. m.

Committee on Pastoral Relations gave its first reading.

Committee on Finances reported. Report adopted. See Report No. 4.

Committee on Moral Reform reported. Report adopted and the committee asked to send the report to the Wesleyan for publication. See Report No. 5.

The order of the day was called and D. L. Jones gave a report of the Orphanage work which was very encouraging.

Camp Meeting treasurer reported. Report adopted. See Report No. 6.

By motion it was voted that the time of holding the next annual session of the conference be left with the president and his advisory board and the book committee.

S. H. Feltham read his pastoral report.

By motion and vote the secretary was instructed to write a letter expressing the appreciation of the conference to Judge Harry A. Burns, president of the Kiwanis Club, Ensley, Ala., for the generous donation by the Kiwanis Club of that city to the Wesleyan Methodist church, of a building to be used for church purposes, value of building \$2,000.00.

On motion adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m. Benediction by Paul G. Marshall.

#### FRIDAY—AFTERNOON MEETING.

Devotional exercises by A. L. Vess.



Special song by a quartet of Central students.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

The order of the day was called and Pres. A. L. Vess of Central College gave his educational address outlining the relationship between the church and the school, urging the need of an increased interest in the work of the school and its success; the importance of its place and work in the progress of the church.

Conference Treasurer reported. Report adopted. See Report No. 8.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by H. A. Johnson.

#### SATURDAY MORNING MEETING.

Devotional exercises by P. V. Compton.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

Committee on Statistics reported. Report adopted. See Statistical Report.

Committee on Resolutions read its report which was adopted. See Report No. 10.

Committee on Pastoral Relations read its report which was adopted. See Report No. 11.

Trustees minutes of the year's meetings were read and approved.

The following resolution was offered by W. E. Hobson, Jr.: "We the Alabama Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America, assembled in annual session at Talladega, Ala., October 21-24, 1931, do hereby authorize and empower its Board of Trustees to make and execute such contracts, deeds, and instruments of writing as may be necessary in making sale or sales, exchange or other transfer of any real property belonging to said conference, or any property donated or given to said conference in any way, when sale or exchange of any such property has been authorized by the said conference." By motion and vote this resolution was adopted.

Tuscaloosa, Alabama, was selected as the place of holding the next annual session of conference.

The following resolution was offered by W. E. Hobson, Jr., and was by motion and vote adopted. "We, the Alabama Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America, assembled at Talladega, Ala., in annual session October 21-24, 1931, do hereby authorize and empower its board of trustees to secure and provide a camp ground for the conference as in its judgment seemeth best, and on such terms, condition and location as it may be best able to secure."

Committee on Itinerancy and Elder's Orders reported. Report adopted. See Report No. 12.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion adjourned at 11:45 a. m. Benediction by C. K. Gentry.

T. P. BAKER, Chairman.

W. E. HOBSON, Jr., Secretary.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

July 1, 1931, Rev. J. L. Averett resigned the pastorate of Friendship. Appointed Rev. O. B. Shows as pastor of Friendship church.

July 22, 1931, accepted the resignation of Rev. M. R. Harvey as pastor of the First Wesleyan Methodist Church of Birmingham.

July 22, 1931, granted Rev. M. R. Harvey letter of transfer to the North

Carolina Conference.

July 23, 1931, received transfer of Rev. C. K. Gentry from the North Carolina Conference.

July 23, 1931, appointed Rev. C. K. Gentry pastor of the First Wesleyan Methodist Church of Birmingham.

July 23, 1931, accepted the resignation of Rev. L. F. Burkey as pastor of West Blocton charge.

September 8, 1931, appointed the following committee chairmen: Moral Reform, C. K. Gentry; Finance, Paul G. Marshall; Thanks, C. H. Pickel; Resolutions, A. H. Bryans; Religious Services, H. A. McCutcheon; Courtesies, H. F. Pair; Statistics, E. L. Shigley.

September 9, 1931, received a church organized at Marion, Rt. No. 5, and appointed Rev. J. L. Averett pastor.

September 30, 1931, received Rev. J. M. Kemp, Licentiate, from the Nazarene church.

September 30, 1931, appointed Rev. J. M. Kemp pastor of the West Blocton charge.

October 18, 1931, received church organized at Spring Town, Gate City, Alabama.

R. E. SNIPES, President.

#### NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, recommend the following committees:

✓ Committee on Finance—Rev. Paul G. Marshall, Chairman; H. A. McCutcheon, Miss Stella Shigley, E. D. Smith, Rev. C. K. Gentry, W. E. Hobson.

Committee on Moral Reform—Rev. C. K. Gentry, Chairman; Willie Hill, Miss Mittie Head, Mrs. B. Thomas, W. F. Bunnell.

Committee on Thanks—C. H. Pickel, Chairman; M. A. Medders, Mrs. Georgia Snipes.

Committee on Resolutions—A. H. Bryans, Chairman; Mrs. Grace Peck, George Davis, Rev. J. M. Kemp.

Committee on Religious Services—H. A. McCutcheon, Chairman; Miss Mary Moore, J. L. Averett, M. F. Jordan, R. E. Snipes.

Committee on Courtesies—H. F. Pair, H. A. Johnson, E. L. Shigley, Carl Marchant.

Committee on Statistics—E. L. Shigley, Chairman; W. E. Hobson, Stella Shigley.

Stationing Committee—Rev. R. E. Snipes, Chairman; Mrs. D. H. Segrest, Rev. L. A. Bamburg, Mrs. M. F. Sides, Rev. H. A. Johnson.

#### THANKS.

We, your Committee on Thanks, beg to submit the following report:

Whereas, it has been the good pleasure of our Heavenly Father to preserve and bring us, the members of the Alabama Conference, together in annual session at Talladega, Alabama; we wish to express our appreciation of thanks to the pastor, church and friends for their kind entertainment. May the blessings of the Lord which maketh rich ever rest upon them.

M. A. MEDDERS,

MRS. GEORGIA SNIPES, Com.



## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, beg to submit the following report:

We recommend the following budget per member: Home Missions, 50c; Foreign Missions, \$2.50; Education, \$1.25; Orphanage, 25c; Conference Work, \$1.00; Superannuated Fund, 10c.

We recommend that the president hold first and fourth quarterly meetings and that he be paid for his services \$800.00 in twelve equal monthly payments from the funds for conference work.

The time not spent by the president in the quarterly meetings is to be occupied in missionary and evangelistic work, within the bounds of the conference, as approved by the missionary and advisory board. All receipts in evangelistic work to be retained by the president as additional salary.

Items of budget to be paid monthly by the respective churches to the treasurer.

PAUL G. MARSHALL, Chairman.

## MORAL REFORM.

We, your Committee on Moral Reform, beg leave to submit the following report:

The Wesleyan Methodist church had its birth in the midst of a great controversy; and we should not be unmindful of the fact that we are again living in perilous times, a time when home, church and state is fraught with danger on every hand. The thing most to be feared, we believe, in the home today is the assault upon the marriage relation; companionate marriage, lax divorce laws and birth control are subtle forces undermining the divine institution of matrimony, which God made the foundation stone in proper home life. Another menace to the home life today is the assault upon the purity of the body. Unscrupulous peddlers of commercialized vice are making a strong bid for the constitutional forces of our youth. The dope, or soft drink craze, the tobacco scourge, "a cigarette in the mouth of every boy and girl in America" is the slogan of the tobacco companies today. The destruction of the moral tone of youth by the movie sex appeal, the godless, and immoral display of womanhood, along with the unequaled sale of salacious books and literature present a moral and physical menace that is stupendous.

We believe the voice of our church should be raised in emphatic protest and opposition to these evils. There should be no compromise. Perhaps our church never faced conditions in which the warning of the inspired writer "Be not deceived" is more timely and fitting than at the present. Our attitude toward such unchristian movements as: Romanism, Mormonism, Russellism, Modernism and Christian Science should not be one of indifference, but one of pronounced and aggressive opposition. No favorable consideration should be given any part of their program; and we should protect ourselves against the unscriptural and unwholesome literature placed in the hands of our youth by these harmful movements. We reaffirm our position as opposed to all secret or oath-bound societies; since our great teacher and Saviour said, "In secret have I said nothing." We also speak with abhorrence of the of the various Atheistic and Infidelic societies which would destroy faith in the word of God, or make void the precepts of His Law.

Realizing we are not alone in this battle for moral and religious reform, we commend the work of other agencies in this field; the American Bible Society in its distribution of the word in almost every land and tongue, the Lord's Day Alliance which is meeting a definite need in protecting the laws



for Sabbath observance, the National Christian Association which is seeking to break the power of secrecy in our land, the Anti-Tobacco Societies are endeavoring to save our youth from the curse of nicotine.

The present trend of the world and religion makes it necessary for the Wesleyan Methodist church to register its emphatic protest against, and pledge itself to fight these subtle forces of evil which seek to afflict the young life committed to our keeping.

Our attitude toward the Eighteenth Amendment is that of unqualified approval and united support. The movement that led up to the Eighteenth Amendment began in 1851, when the first state adopted prohibition, 80 years ago. No other amendment to the constitution was discussed so widely, or through so long a stretch of years; nor was any amendment ever opposed by such organized, and well financed forces. And yet it was adopted by an overwhelming vote. Therefore, since court statistics reveal the conviction of 86% of those arrested for violation of the prohibition laws, we believe the attitude of the Wesleyan Methodist church toward the wet propaganda, and the vicious liquor traffic should be that of pronounced opposition. We call upon all constituted authority to enforce the laws supporting the Eighteenth Amendment more rigidly than in the past.

C. K. GENTRY, Chairman,  
WILLIE HILL,  
BROOKIE THOMAS,  
MITTIE HEAD, Committee.

#### CAMP MEETING TREASURER.

##### RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year, .....	\$ 7.52
Dues .....	15.50
Offerings .....	160.20
Donations .....	58.58
Total Receipts .....	\$241.80

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Rev. John Clement .....	\$128.00
Cook .....	20.00
Restaurant expenses .....	74.80
Incidentals .....	13.00
Balance on hand .....	6.00
Total disbursements .....	\$241.80

E. L. SHIGLEY, Treasurer.

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT 1931—REPORT NO. 7.

This will certify that we have examined the books of the Treasurer and found them to be neatly kept and to agree with his annual report.

W. E. HOBSON, Jr., Chairman.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

##### RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year .....	\$ 51.05
Home Missions .....	345.65



Foreign Missions .....	455.51
Education .....	114.50
Orphanage .....	210.47
Conference Work .....	29.60
Superannuated Fund .....	8.50
	<b>\$1213.03</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Home Missions .....	\$ 358.54
Foreign Missions .....	455.51
Education .....	114.50
Orphanage .....	210.47
Conference Work .....	59.26
Balance .....	14.75
	<b>\$1213.03</b>

D. L. JONES, Treasurer.

## RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg to submit the following report:  
 1. We purpose by the grace of God, as ministers according to the gift of Christ, to walk worthy of the calling wherewith we are called. We resolve to stand against the popular evils of the day.

We believe in the doctrines and standards of the Wesleyan Methodist church as set forth in our Book of Discipline and we will, as pastors and laymen, teach our people with regard to the same.

2. That all preachers not employed by the conference during the coming year, be urged to select a fellow-laborer with whom they can work harmoniously, and go out to endeavor to build up new works as opportunity affords, and revive the desert places by the consent of the president and his advisory board and under the supervision of the same.

3. That our Sunday School boards increase their activities in behalf of Sunday School, by holding Sunday School Conventions, Teacher Training Institutes and other meetings that will create and promote greater interest in the Sunday School work of our church, as well as increase the percentum of efficient teachers of the word, in harmony with 2nd Timothy 2:15.

4. Whereas, we are living in an age of educational facilities and advantages that are unique, and since the standard of ministerial qualification must measure up to the demands of the present educational age, as far as it is expedient, we urge that the requirements of the Discipline relating to the qualifications of licensed preachers be strictly carried out, and that emphasis be placed on the study and practice of "good English".

We recommend that where there are licentiates on charges, the pastors of said charge shall hold such meetings as they deem best, for the mutual improvement of the local preachers pertaining to their spoken English, pronunciation, pulpit mannerisms, gestures, etc., advising and correcting them where such correction is deemed necessary.

5. That programs of both physical, mental and spiritual recreation be encouraged in our Sunday School and church life, and where such programs are arranged for they shall be placed under the supervision of the pastors.

6. That this conference express its appreciation of the services of its

president, and pledges to him their prayers and support in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. BRYANS, Chairman.

#### PASTORAL RELATIONS.

We, your Committee on Pastoral Relations, beg to submit the following report:

We recommend that the work be supplied as follows: Akron, L. A. Bamberg; Adamsburg, E. L. Shigley; Anniston, George Davis; Bessemer, C. H. Pickel; Birmingham, C. K. Gentry; Brent, C. E. Myers; East Lake, left in the hands of the President; Ensley, left in the hands of the President; Friendship, O. B. Shows; Mentone and Jamestown, E. L. Shigley, F. E. Crowe, assistant; Talladega, H. A. McCutcheon; Tuscaloosa, Paul G. Martin; Pell City and Wolf Creek, H. F. Pair; Mt. Vernon, M. A. Medders; Mt. Olive, Willie Morgan; Tarrant City, H. A. Johnson; West Blocton, J. M. Kemp; Waycross and Mt. Ivah, J. L. Averett; Spring Dale, W. F. Bunnell; Conference Evangelist, H. R. Franch; Conference Missionary Evangelist, A. H. Bryans; Singing Evangelists, Mrs. H. R. French and Miss Florence Sides.

R. E. SNIPES, Chairman.

MRS. D. H. SEGREST, Secretary.

#### ITINERANCY AND ELDER'S ORDERS.

We recommend that Rev. J. M. Kemp take the fourth year's Course of Study as found in the Discipline.

That J. H. Cole continue the study in the second year's course as prescribed in the Book of Discipline, and all who have been formerly recommended to take the Course of Study continue to do so.

The following persons were accepted to pursue the Course of Study: Miss Maggie Carlin, O. B. Shows, Mr. G. C. Frederick.

We recommend that Mrs. Grace Peck be accepted as a minister to travel under our direction.

R. E. SNIPES, Chairman

M. A. MEDDERS, Secretary.

H. F. PAIR, D. L. JONES,

MRS. GEORGIA SNIPES, Com.



# Minutes of The Young People's Society.

The Wesleyan Young People's Society of the Alabama Conference met in its third annual conference session at Talladega, Alabama, October 20, 1931. The meeting was called to order by Rev. R. E. Snipes, President of the Young People's Society. After devotional he gave an encouraging address relative to the work of the society and its possibilities and importance in connection with the church work.

The following delegates were enrolled: Maggie Carlin, Birmingham; Mary Kirby, Mentone; Virginia Hobson, Tuscaloosa; Bernice Johnson, Tarrant; Mittie Moore, Akron; Elva Selby, Pell City; Milton Jordan, Adamsburg; Mrs. Grace Peck, Ensley; Ruth Worlick, Talladega; Mrs. Jackson, Anniston.

A committee on Courtesies was elected by the chair in the person of Miss Thelma Holmes, who introduced the following to the society: Rev. C. K. Gentry, Birmingham; Mrs. M. F. Sides Tarrant; Miss Velma Gentry, Birmingham; Mrs. H. D. Segrest, Birmingham; Rev. E. L. Shigley, Mentone; Miss Florence Sides, Birmingham; Miss Neva Segrest, Birmingham; Rev. and Mrs. H. A. McCutcheon, Revs. Lot, Davis, Robert Sims and Powell, Talladega. It was voted that the above persons be granted honorary privileges.

The following officers were elected for the new year:

President—Miss Florence Sides, Tarrant, Alabama.

Secretary and Treasurer—Stella Shigley Mentone, Alabama.

Executive Committee—Mrs. Grace Peck, Misses Eva Selby, Virginia Hobson, Rev. R. E. Snipes and Miss Florence Sides.

Committee on Resolutions—Neva Segrest, Maggie Carlin.

Committee on Statistics—Christine Hicks.

Committee on Thanks—Velma Gentry.

Reports from the following Societies were read: Birmingham, Ensley, Bessemer, Tuscaloosa, Talladega, Akron, Pell City, Mentone, Adamsburg, Tarrant City.

On motion adjourned.

## TUESDAY MEETING.

The meeting was called to order by the W. Y. P. S. Conference President, Miss Florence Sides. After devotional Miss Sides gave a brief account of the W. Y. P. S. General Conference at Houghton, N. Y., June 24, 1931.

The following committees read reports which were adopted:

Committee on Resolutions—Neva Segrest.

Committee on Thanks—Velma Gentry.

Committee on Statistics—Christine Hicks.

Rev. R. E. Snipes, President of the Alabama Conference, gave suggestions for the future work of the society, suggesting that the societies adopt a budget plan. A general discussion and suggestions followed. Rev. T. P. Baker suggested the following budget, which was adopted: Membership fee, 25c; Education, 10c; H. M., 10c; F. M., 10c; Orphanage, 10c; Conf. Work, 10c. Total assessment, 75c per member.

On motion, adjourned.

## THE W. Y. P. S. RESOLVE

First, that we declare our love and zeal for the Wesleyan Methodist church, her doctrines, her principles, and her institutions.

Second, we offer her our individual and collective love, sympathy, efforts and both our moral and financial support.



Third, that each Young People's leader insist on all members of the Society to attend the Annual Young People's Conventions.

Fourth, that we thank this annual conference for its recognition of the place, power and possibilities of her youth; and we trust she will formulate further plans for a more extensive utilization of our efforts in advancing the spirit of true holiness

NEVA SEGREST, Committee.

#### RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

We, your Committee on Resolution of Thanks, beg leave to submit the following report:

First. We are deeply grateful to our Heavenly Father for permitting the assembling of our Y. P. Convention, especially are we thankful for the marked manifestation of His presence in each service.

Second. We are thankful for the wise council and spiritual help given by our conference president.

Finally, we are indeed thankful for the hearty cooperation of the Y. P., and especially we wish to thank the people of Talladega for opening the doors of their homes to our Y. P. and helping to make our convention a success. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all.

Respectfully submitted,

VELMA GENTRY, Committee.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT.

##### Society

Adamsburg—President, Mrs. Elsie Higman, Rt. 4, Fort Payne, Ala.; Secretary, Maud Little; members, 25; amount, —

Akron—President, Mrs. John Harris, Akron, Ala.; Secretary Altha Bailey; members, 20; amount, \$1.49.

Anniston—President, Mrs. J. L. Jackson, R. F. D. 3, Box 16, Anniston, Ala.; Secretary, Mildred Arnold; members, 43; amount \$13.34.

Bessemer—President, Grace Brigman; Secretary, Robert Collins; members, 12; amount, 18c.

Birmingham—President, Velma Gentry, 964 N. 51 St., Birmingham, Ala.; Secretary, Gordie Whitmire; members 33; amount, \$26.60.

Ensley—President, J. D. Moore, 2911 Ave. D., Ensley, Ala.; Secretary, Mae Morris; members, 25; amount, \$50.00.

Mentone—President, Mary Kirby, Mentone, Ala.; Secretary, Charles Crowe; members, 25; amount, \$5.00.

Talladega—President, Mrs. O. C. Wood; Secretary, Christine Hicks; members, 69; amount \$35.35.

Tarrant—President, Florice Johnson, 1256 Elm St., Tarrant, Ala.; Secretary, Bernice Johnson; members, 15; amount, \$10.63.

Tuscaloosa—President, Homer Wood, 2003, 24th Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Secretary, Frances Marshall; members, 25; amount, \$5.00.

Pell City—President, Preston Sprueill, Pell City, Ala.; Secretary, May Lila Sanders; members, 30; amount, \$4.00.

No. members, 317. Amount raised, \$151.59.



# The Minutes

—of the—

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME AND  
FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

—of the—

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

—of the—

WESLEYAN METHODIST CONNECTION (OR CHURCH) OF AMERICA  
HELD AT TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, OCTOBER, 22-24, 1931

## OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

President—Mrs. Georgia Snipes, Brent, Ala.

Vice-President—Mrs. N. J. Bradford, 2007 25th Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. D. H. Segrest, 2301, Wesley Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

Y. M. W. B. Supt. and State Organizer—Mrs. Grace Peck, 3912 Bessemer Road, Birmingham, Ala.

## JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Alabama Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America met in its fifteenth annual session October 22, 1931, at Talladega, Ala. Called to order by our President, Mrs. Georgia Snipes. Devotions by Mrs. N. J. Bradford. The president declared the conference ready for business. The following committees were elected:

Committee on Courtesies, Mrs. M. F. Sides; Thanks, Mrs. N. J. Bradford; Resolutions, Mrs. Frank Pair; Auditing, Mrs. M. A. Medders; Statistics, Mrs. Johnnie Coley and Mary Kirby.

Credentials were presented and the following delegates were enrolled: Mrs. Frank Pair, Mrs. O. C. Wood, Mrs. N. J. Bradford, Mrs. Johnnie Coley, Mrs. D. H. Segrest, Mrs. Hesley, Mrs. Rozell, Mrs. Brazier, Mrs. M. F. Sides, Mrs. J. L. Averett and Miss Mary Kirby.

Mrs. Grace Peck was introduced to the body. Mrs. Peck responded with a talk on missions and was granted an honorary seat within its assembly.

Letters were read from Mrs. Ina Gaines and Mrs. W. W. Warren, which were gladly read and appreciated. The secretary was asked to respond.

Roll called and the following reports were read: Tuscaloosa, Tarrant City and Friendship.

On motion it was made the order of the day to elect the conference officers Thursday 2:00 p. m.

On motion adjourned.

## SECOND DAY MEETING.

Devotions by Mrs. O. C. Wood. Roll called, minutes read and approved. As representatives of various interests of the church the following were

introduced and gave a short sketch of their work: Rev. T. P. Baker and D. L. Jones.

The order of the day was called for and the election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Georgia Snipes; Vice-President, Mrs. N. J. Bradford; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. D. H. Segrest; Y. M. W. B. Supt. and State Organizer, Mrs. Grace Peck

The following reports were read and adopted: Mentone, Birmingham, Talladega, Pell City and East Lake.

Prayer by Mrs. M. F. Sides. Adjourned by motion.

### THIRD DAY MEETING

Devotions by Mrs. Johnnie Coley. Mrs. M. A. Medders was appointed to act in the absence of the secretary.

Committee on Thanks reported. See Report No. 1.

Committee on Resolutions reported. See Report No. 2.

A talk to the body from Mrs. N. J. Bradford. Mrs. H. F. Pair gave an interesting talk about the work of the local society at East Lake.

Our president presented the need of a girl in the Brent church. It was voted that each society help some to keep her in school as she is a worthy girl deserving help.

Treasurer's report read and adopted. See Report No. 3.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted. Adjourned by motion.

### FRIDAY P. M. MEETING.

Called to order by the president. Minutes read and adopted.

Report on Statistics read and adopted. See Report No. 4.

Auditing Committee reported the books of the treasurer were in good condition.

Neva Segrest, acting delegate to the General Conference, gave an interesting talk on her trip and of the general missionary work. She outlined to us the plans that were given and told how her vision was enlarged concerning this great work. She said she would never be the same after sitting in that great body of consecrated women.

Adjourned by limitation.

MRS. GEORGIA SNIPES, Pres.  
MRS. D. H. SEGREST, Secretary.

### Y. M. W. B. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Society—Superintendent—Address	Members	Amt.
Bessemer—Mrs. N. L. Ford	38	\$ 6.10
Birmingham—Maggie Jean Carlin, 1709 N. 13 Court, B'ham, Ala	24	45.21
Friendship—Miss Ida Bailey, Rt. 1, Brent, Ala	4	2.08
Pell City—Mrs. Prudie Gann, Pell City, Ala	21	10.62
Tuscaloosa—Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter, 1808 Greenshore Ave	19	10.00
Tarrant—Mrs. R. L. Coley	40	47.00
Talladega—Miss Ruth Worlick, 411 Henderson Ave	40	58.20
Mentone—Aileen Pullen, Mentone, Ala	39	16.20
	221	\$195.41



## THANKS—(REPORT NO. 1)

We, your Committee on Thanks, beg to submit the following report:

We, as members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Alabama Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church, desire to extend our thanks to the pastor, members and friends of the Wesleyan Methodist church of Talladega for their royal entertainment while among them.

May God richly bless you, one and all, for every kind deed. Jesus said, "He that giveth a cup of cold water to one of his should not lose his reward," and you have given your best and done all that you could to make this body feel at home. You have not withheld anything, but have been sweet and kind to us. When we are gone you shall have our prayers. Trusting that we will meet in that great reunion where congregations never break up, I am your Committee on Thanks,

MRS. N. J. BRADFORD.

## RESOLUTIONS—REPORT NO. 2.)

We, your Committee on Resolutions for the W. H. and F. M. S., beg to submit the following report:

First, we wish to express our gratitude to the Heavenly Father for every blessing seen and unseen, for His love and tender mercy and loving kindness.

Be it resolved that past service will not suffice for future needs. That we pledge our allegiance to a more faithful service, greater zeal and a more consecrated endeavor with more sacrifice be given to our work this next year than ever before.

Be it further resolved that each local society president and as many others as possible be a subscriber to the Missionary Magazine and Wesleyan Methodist paper.

MRS. H. F. PAIR.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS

Home Missions .....	\$ 71.84
Foreign Missions .....	103.02
Orphanage .....	132.75
Mt. Mission Work .....	27.00
Benevolences .....	181.18
Education .....	27.00
Delegates expense to General Conference .....	22.35
Total .....	\$565.14

## DISBURSEMENTS

Home Missions .....	\$ 65.84
Foreign Missions .....	103.02
Orphanage .....	132.75
Mt. Mission Work .....	27.00
Benevolences .....	181.18
Education .....	27.00
Delegates expense to General Conference .....	22.35
Balance Home Missions .....	6.00
Total .....	\$565.14

## REPORT NO. 4

## W. H. AND F. M. SOCIETY STATISTICAL REPORT

SOCIETY	PRESIDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Members	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Mountain Mis- sion Work	Education	Benevolence	Local Church Work	Other Objects	TOTAL
Besemer	Mrs E. A. Henry 1508 Eighth Ave., Bessemer, Ala	11	\$ 9.60	\$ 1.86	\$	\$	\$	\$ 51.83	\$	\$	\$ 123.48
Birmingham	Mrs. C. K. Gentry 312 N. 23rd St., Birmingham, Ala	15	10.15	53.72	1.50			9.03	35.96	13.12	123.48
East Lake	Mrs. H. F. Pair	18	11.86	3.94	8.00			40.06	6.50		70.36
Friendship	Mrs. F. D. Mitchell Route 1, Brent, Ala	8	2.00	1.00							3.00
Mentone	Mrs. E. L. Shigley Mentone Ala	10	7.00	5.00	41.00	19.00		1.05	3.50		76.55
Pell City	Mrs. Martha Sanders Pell City, Ala	9	5.00	12.32							17.32
Talladega	Mrs. O. C. Wood 425 Williams, Ave., Talladega, Ala.	12	16.90	11.00	30.75		27.00	57.36	38.00		181.01
Tarrant City	Mrs. M. F. Sides 1240 Mapie St., Tarrant, Ala	11	11.83	6.83	36.50	12.00			77.54	5.00	149.70
Tuscaloosa	Mrs. W. E. Hobson 1429 23rd Ave, Tuscaloosa, Ala	11	65.00	9.00	15.00			21.85	102.69	4.95	218.49
TOTALS		105	\$139.34	\$104.67	\$132.75	\$ 31.00	\$ 27.00	\$181.18	\$264.19	\$ 23.07	\$903.20

Signed: MRS. JOHNNIE COLEY, Committee.