

1938

MINUTES ALABAMA CONFERENCE

OFFICIALS

President—Rev. E. L. Shigley, Brent, Ala.
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 Trustees—R. E. Snipes, term expires 1943; P. S. Sprueill, term expires 1942; W. E. Hobson, Jr., term expires 1941; H. A. Johnson, term expires 1940; H. F. Pair, term expires 1939.

COMMITTEES

Judiciary Committee—R. E. Snipes, Paul E. Allred, W. F. Bunnell, M. A. Medders.
 Itinerancy and Elder's Orders—E. L. Shigley, 4 years; C. H. Pickel, 3 years; Paul E. Allred, 2 years; R. E. Snipes, 1 year.
 Auditing Committee—Frank W. Warren, M. A. Medders.
 Vacancies—H. F. Pair, L. A. Bamburg, J. L. Averett, J. D. Muse, A. J. Moore.
 Conventions—J. L. Averett, Paul E. Allred, N. C. Hoggle, Mrs. D. H. Segrest.
 Sunday School Secretary—R. M. Evans.
 Sunday School Board—R. M. Evans, Ira R. Coe, W. E. Hobson, Jr.
 Camp-Meeting Committee—E. L. Shigley, R. E. Snipes, W. F. Bunnell, H. F. Pair, O. S. Benton, P. S. Sprueill, Robert Sims.
 Tithing Secretary—R. M. Evans.
 Missionary Board—E. L. Shigley, O. B. Shows, C. H. Pickel, Paul E. Allred, W. B. Hill, W. H. Looney, J. L. Averett, H. A. Johnson, Miss Julia Thomas.
 Local Board of Managers Central College—E. L. Shigley.

CONFERENCE ROLL

Elders

Averett, J. L., P. O. Box 203.....	Talladega, Ala.
Allred, Paul E., 2409 20th Street.....	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Bamburg, L. A., R. F. D. No. 1.....	Brent, Ala.
Bunnell, W. F., R. F. D. No. 1.....	Irondale, Ala.
Burkey, L. F.	Freeport, Mich.
Carlin, Maggie Jean, 1707 13th Court.....	Birmingham, Ala.
Coley, Robert L., R. F. D. No. 1.....	Brent, Ala.
French, H. Robb, R. F. D. No. 5, Box 205.....	Birmingham, Ala.
French, R. A., R. F. D. No. 5, Box 205.....	Birmingham, Ala.
Johnson, H. A.	Mentone, Ala.
Looney, W. H., R. F. D. No. 1.....	Heiberger, Ala.
Medders, M. A., R. F. D. No. 1.....	Marion, Ala.
Pair, H. F., 107 4th Street, North.....	Birmingham, Ala.
Pickel, C. H., 400 Court M, Central Park.....	Birmingham, Ala.
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Shigley, E. L.	Brent, Ala.
Snipes, R. E.	Pell City, Ala.

xDeceased Nov. 18, 1938.

Licentiates

Compton, P. V.	Pell City, Ala.
Crowe, F. E., R. F. D. No. 2	Menlo, Ga.
Frederick, G. C.	West Blocton, Ala.
Hill, W. B.	Stanton, Ala.
Hoggle, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1	Irondale, Ala.
Meacham, Elwyn T., R. F. D. No. 2	Horton, Ala.
Pointer, Ed. J., R. F. D. No. 3	Anniston, Ala.
Shigley, E. L., Jr., 8701 3rd Avenue, North	Birmingham, Ala.
Shirk, Thomas L., R. F. D. No. 1	Cottondale, Ala.
Warren, Frank W., R. F. D. No. 1	West Blocton, Ala.
Wood, G. H., R. F. D. No. 1	Greensboro, Ala.

Delegates

H. A. Bailey, Mrs. Naomi Beard, O. S. Benton, Miss Sidney Cash, Ira R. Coe, A. L. Ferguson, Mrs. Arthur Finnin, Miss Mittie Head, W. E. Hobson, Jr., Mrs. T. D. Howton, John Hubbard, R. L. Jones, F. O. Marchant, M. C. Medders, A. J. Moore, L. W. Moore, W. M. Sharp, O. B. Shows, Mrs. M. L. Smith, Mrs. Ira Snipes, Mrs. W. H. Tillman, M. F. Jordan, Mrs. O. C. Wood.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

The Alabama Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church convened for its twenty-ninth annual session at Brent, Ala., October 18, 1938. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, Sunday School Editor, at 7:30 P. M. Subject: "The Glories of the Gospel."

The first business meeting was called at 9:30 A. M. Wednesday morning, October 19. The devotional exercises were conducted by the President, and after making a few opening remarks, he asked Rev. Roy S. Nicholson to preside as chairman of the session.

The roll of elders was called, a quorum being present, the body was declared ready for business.

M. A. Medders and Frank W. Warren were appointed a committee on credentials. Credentials were presented and 19 lay-delegates were enrolled.

By motion, the conference bar was fixed to include six seats in front and the rostrum platform.

The President read his report of appointment of committee chairmen, and the committees were completed by election as follows:

Religious Services—H. A. Johnson, E. L. Shigley, C. H. Pickel.

Moral Reform—R. E. Snipes, R. A. French, M. C. Medders.

Resolutions—J. L. Averett, W. B. Hill, Mrs. W. H. Tillman.

Finances—Paul E. Allred, D. L. Jones, L. A. Bamburg, O. B. Shows, W. H. Looney.

Pastoral Relations—E. L. Shigley, C. H. Pickel, L. W. Moore, R. L. Coley, J. L. Averett, F. O. Marchant, Mrs. Ira Snipes.

Statistics—Frank W. Warren, D. M. Downey.

Thanks—W. B. Hill, W. M. Sharp.

Courtesies—C. H. Pickel, R. L. Coley.

Ministerial Characters—M. A. Medders, E. L. Shigley, L. W. Moore.

Conference Reporter—W. E. Hobson, Jr.

Post Office Addresses—E. L. Shigley, Jr.

Conference Registrar—E. L. Shigley, O. B. Shows.

A motion carried, referring the time of meeting of the committee on religious services.

By motion, it was made the order of the day to elect conference officials and general conference delegates immediately after the devotional exercises Thursday morning.

A letter of greetings from Rev. L. F. Burkey was read by the secretary.

Rev. Roy S. Nicholson expressed the greetings of Rev. W. L. Thompson, Home Missionary Secretary, to the conference body. A motion prevailed, requesting the Secretary to send the greetings of the body to Rev. W. L. Thompson.

Recessed for 10 minutes for committee work.

The session was called to order and the Committee on Religious Services recommended the time of meeting as follows: Meet at 9:30 A. M.; adjourn at 12:00 o'clock noon. Meet at 1:30 P. M., and adjourn by motion. The evening service to open at 7:00 P. M. By vote, the recommendation was approved.

On motion, adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

Benediction by J. L. Averett.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON MEETING

Devotional exercises by W. B. Hill.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials made a supplemental report, adding two lay delegates to the roll.

Committee on Ministerial Characters made a partial report, which was adopted.

A motion carried, making it the order of the day to hear the connectional address at 2:30 P. M. Thursday and the report of the Orphanage Superintendent at 11:30 A. M. Friday.

L. A. Bamburg gave a report of his evangelistic work for the year.

Frank W. Warren read his annual report. M. A. Medders gave a report of his evangelistic work. The character of L. F. Burkey was passed. Paul E. Allred, R. A. French and G. H. Wood read their pastoral reports, all of which were adopted.

On motion, adjourned.

Benediction by R. E. Snipes.

THURSDAY—MORNING MEETING

Devotional exercises were conducted by W. H. Looney.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

Committee on Credentials made a supplemental report, enrolling two lay delegates.

Rev. S. H. Knight, of the Church of the Nazarene, Birmingham, Ala., and Rev. Thomas L. Shirk were introduced to the conference body.

The names of C. R. Brown, Thomas L. Shirkey, W. M. Sharp, Orvel L. Ferguson, Charles Vinson and Eugene Caddell were presented to the conference as suitable persons to take the course of study preparatory to taking work at the hands of the conference. A motion carried, referring the names to the Committee on Itinerancy and Elders Orders.

A motion carried, adopting the report of the conference President.

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

President—E. L. Shigley.

Vice-President—H. A. Johnson.

Secretary—W. E. Hobson, Jr.

Treasurer—O. B. Shows.

Sunday School Secretary—R. M. Evans.
 Tithing Secretary—R. M. Evans.
 Legal Advisor—W. E. Hobson, Jr.
 Trustee for a term of five years—R. E. Snipes.
 Judiciary Committee—R. E. Snipes, Paul E. Allred, W. F. Bunnell, M. A. Medders.
 Committee on Itinerancy and Elders' Orders—E. L. Shigley, for a term of 4 years; Paul E. Allred, for a term of 2 years, to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of C. E. Myers to another conference.
 Auditing Committee—Frank W. Warren, M. A. Medders.
 Vacancy Committee—H. F. Pair, L. A. Bamburg, J. L. Averett, J. D. Muse, A. J. Moore.
 Conventions—J. L. Averett, Paul E. Allred, N. C. Hoggle, Mrs. D. H. Segrest.
 Sunday School Board—R. M. Evans, Ira R. Coe, W. E. Hobson, Jr.
 Missionary Board, President of the conference, Treasurer of the conference and the Treasurer of the W. H. and F. M. Society.
 Camp-Meeting Committee—E. L. Shigley, R. E. Snipes, W. F. Bunnell, H. F. Pair, O. S. Benton, P. S. Sprueill, Robert Sims.
 By motion and vote, the conference Board of Trustees was made a board on Church and Parsonage building locations.
 Delegates to the General Conference were elected as follows:
 Ministerial—E. L. Shigley, Paul E. Allred, with R. L. Coley as alternate No. 1 and C. H. Pickel as alternate No. 2.
 On motion, adjourned.
 Benediction by R. A. French.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON MEETING

Devotional exercises by J. L. Averett.
 Roll called, minutes read and approved.
 Rev. Rufus H. Gleason, of the Kentucky Conference, was introduced to the conference body.
 Lay delegates to the General Conference were elected as follows: D. L. Jones and F. O. Marchant.
 The order of the day was called and Rev. Roy S. Nicholson delivered the connectional address, using for a subject, "Our Church, Her Purpose and Her Methods." He outlined and traced her doctrine history with her standards of membership in a masterly manner.

FRIDAY—MORNING MEETING

Devotional exercises conducted by W. M. Sharp.
 Roll called, minutes read and approved.
 Alternate lay delegates to the General Conference were elected as follows: W. E. Hobson, Jr., as Alternate No. 1; Frank W. Warren as Alternate No. 2; W. B. Hill as Alternate No. 3.
 The character of W. F. Bunnell was passed.
 The pastoral report of H. R. French was read by the Church delegate.
 H. A. Johnson and W. H. Looney read their pastoral reports.
 H. F. Pair gave a report of his evangelistic work.
 A report was given by the Secretary for R. G. Ramsey, due to his illness and inability to attend. The conference authorized by vote the conference Treasurer to pay to H. G. Ramsey the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) from the Superannuated Ministers' Funds. A special offering was taken for him, amounting to \$11.80.

Committee on Moral Reform reported. Report adopted.

J. L. Averett read his pastoral report.

Rev. M. T. Moore, pastor of the Centreville charge of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced to the conference. He spoke briefly on the need of the Church and nation.

Recessed for five minutes.

A report of the Orphanage work was given by D. L. Jones, Superintendent of the Hephzibah Home, Macon, Ga., which was very encouraging and informative.

Adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by Rev. M. T. Moore.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON MEETING

Devotional exercises conducted by H. F. Pair.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

Committee on Pastoral Relations had its first reading.

R. L. Coley read his pastoral report.

The matter of purchasing the school building at Friendship from the Bibb County Board of Education was referred to the Legal Advisor. His findings to be reported at a later meeting.

E. L. Shigley read his pastoral report.

C. H. Pickel read his report.

The Secretary was instructed by vote of the body to strike the name of E. M. Thompson from the roll of elders, account of his having withdrawn from the body. This action in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 135, of the Book of Discipline. F. E. Crowe, D. M. Downey, W. B. Hill, G. C. Frederick, Edward Pointer, E. L. Shigley, Jr., and E. T. Meacham read their pastoral reports.

The report of N. C. Hoggle was read by his Church delegate. The Sunday School Secretary read his annual report, which was adopted. This report was very complete and showed a marked advancement in the Sunday School work of the conference. The Tithing Secretary read his annual report, which was adopted.

On motion, adjourned.

Benediction by G. C. Frederick.

SATURDAY—MORNING MEETING

Devotionals conducted by M. A. Medders.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

The Legal Advisor reported findings relative to the school building at Friendship Church, reporting that the property could be purchased together or separately and that there was no reverting provisions in the title.

On motion, the conference Treasurer was authorized to make a loan of not more than \$25.00 to the Friendship Church if necessary to enable them to purchase the school building. The building to be converted into a parsonage for the use of the Church.

Committee on Itinerancy and Elders' Orders reported.

Committee on Resolutions reported. Report adopted after amendment.

The President nominated H. A. Johnson and W. E. Hobson, Jr., as his Advisory Board. On motion, they were elected.

Committee on Thanks reported. Report ordered read at the Sunday services.

The Board of Trustees reported. Report adopted.

On motion, the Tuscaloosa Church was designated to elect a lay delegate to represent R. G. Ramsey.

On motion, Frank W. Warren was elected as Conference Educational Secretary.

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

Committee on Statistics reported.

Committee on Pastoral Relations had its second reading.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have the minutes printed, including the minutes of the 1937 meetings.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 1 P. M.

Benediction by D. L. Jones.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON MEETING

Devotionals conducted by Rufus H. Gleason.

It was made the order of the day for ordination services at 11 A. M. Sunday.

Committee on Pastoral Relations had its third and last reading, which was adopted as read.

The report of the Missionary Board was read and adopted.

Auditing Committee reported.

Treasurer reported. Report adopted as read.

Finance Committee reported. Report adopted as read.

On motion, it was voted to make it a standing resolution of the conference that Treasurer close his books five days before each session of conference.

The Chairman expressed his pleasure in presiding over the session meetings. A vote of appreciation was given the presiding officer.

The President took the chair and outlined a few plans for the work during the coming year, expressing also his appreciation for the cooperation given him during the past year by the pastors and others of the conference and solicited a continuance and increase of such cooperation in the future years.

On motion, \$25.00 was voted from the conference treasury to be paid on the indebtedness of the conference to the Publishing Association. A fund of \$17.46 was raised in cash and pledges to complete the payment of the present indebtedness.

On motion, adjourned.

Benediction by O. B. Shows.

E. L. SHIGLEY, President.

ROY S. NICHOLSON, Chairman.

W. E. HOBSON, JR., Secretary.

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

I entered upon my duties as President immediately after my election to the office. The records of my official acts are as follows:

December 1, 1937, I appointed D. M. Downey as pastor of the Mt. Vernon Church.

November 28, 1937, I received the resignation of J. T. McMillan as supply of Brent charge. On the same date, I accepted the pastorate of the Brent charge, and appointed J. T. McMillan as assistant pastor of the charge.

January 30, 1938, I granted Rev. C. E. Myers a letter of transfer to the North Michigan Conference.

March 22, 1938, I appointed Edward Pointer pastor of the An-niston Church. On the same date, I appointed J. T. Lott to evangelistic work.

February 6, 1938, I received notice of the resignation of R. E. Snipes as a member of the local Board of Managers of Central College, and notice of the election of E. L. Shigley, the alternate, to fill the unexpired term of R. E. Snipes on this board.

September 3, 1938, I received the transfer of Rev. R. A. French from the California Conference.

June 15, 1938, I received the resignation of Frank W. Warren as supply pastor of the Horton charge.

June 28, 1938, I appointed S. D. Herron supply for Horton charge.

September 1, 1938, I received the resignation of S. D. Herron as supply of Horton charge.

September 15, 1938, I appointed Elwyn T. Meacham pastor of Horton charge.

September 26, 1938, I appointed the chairmen of the session committees for the annual conference to convene October 18, 1938.

September 30, 1938, I appointed J. L. Averett pastor in charge of the Stemley Mission with instructions to report the work to conference.

I held the first and fourth quarterly conferences of the churches and charges for the year. I held two revivals and assisted in two tent meetings. In addition to this, I was employed as pastor of the Brent charge since November 28, 1937. I received during the year as President's salary, \$341.04; evangelistic work, \$50.00; totals, \$391.04. I have traveled in the interest of the conference during the year approximately 8,500 miles at a minimum cost of 3 cents per mile; cost of travel, \$255.00. Postage and office expenses, \$11.00.

E. L. SHIGLEY, President.

MORAL REFORMS

No institution on earth is so important or fills a greater place than the Church. Her mission in the world is to maintain the testimony of God's standard of high ideals in Christian living. We look upon great industrial enterprises as big business. The biggest business in the world is that of stealing, robbing, thieving, kidnapping and murdering. The figures show that around fifteen billion dollars annually, as the cost of crime, is being spent in the United States alone. It is believed that each criminal tried cost an average of one thousand dollars.

There is something which is even more deadly, even more insidious than the activities of the characters mentioned above. It is the influence and the constant interference with the course of justice pursued by those persons who make crime possible, the criminally minded attorney and criminally minded politician. We have allowed to be built up in this country a system which runs from the cheap office-holding panderer and the vote-getting activities of a local wardheeler in a small town to the controlling influence of vast cities where that power is a greater, in many instances, than the power of the courts in which we impose our trust and faith. It is dishonest power which unless checked threatens to become greater than the honesty of our American citizenry. Therefore, with these facts to face, let the people of Alabama, and all those the influence of the Church should touch, know that the Alabama Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church teaches against all sin in any form or practice, and that the Word of God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ contains a solution for every problem that confronts the world, and that the Wesleyan Methodist Church has abandoned herself to God to maintain the Gospel glory in her pulpits amidst the sweeping apostasy, cling to and practice its precepts, testify positively to the power of holiness in experience and living.

M. C. MEDDERS, Committee.
R. E. SNIPES,

RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, it has been found that pastors entering upon new work as pastors, have been unable to find proper records to enable them to carry on the work properly and intelligently because of a lack of such records and information.

Therefore, Be it resolved, that we require all pastors moving from a Church or charge to turn over to their successor a copy of the last statistical report to annual conference, together with any other such records in their possession that would be helpful to the new pastor.

Be it further resolved, that the conference body elect at the first meeting of each annual session, a nominating committee to be composed of two elders and one layman, none of whom are conference officials. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate the members of all the sessions and standing committees of the conference for annual session following this election, nominations to be subject to approval of the conference body. The conference President shall furnish this committee a list of his appointments of the committee chairman at the time of their election.

This should avoid duplication of names on committees and expedite the work of the conference session. This shall be a standing order of the conference.

Be it further resolved, that we require our pastors to make satisfactory arrangements and get permission for leave from their Churches when being absent to conduct meetings or other purposes.

J. L. AVERETT,
W. B. HILL,
MRS. W. H. TILLMAN, Committee.

MISSIONARY BOARD

We, the Missionary Board of the Alabama Conference, wish to recommend that the following persons be added to the membership of the Conference Missionary Board and that they each be made a district chairman of a Church extension committee in the respective districts: Birmingham, C. H. Pickel; Tuscaloosa, Paul E. Allred; Stanton, W. B. Hill; Bibb and Perry, W. H. Looney; St. Clair and Talladega, J. L. Averett; North Alabama, H. A. Johnson.

It shall be the duty of these chairmen to report to the board any calls or openings that promise opportunity for Church extension work in their district, outline plans for the development of such work under the direction of the board.

E. L. SHIGLEY,
O. B. SHOWS,
MRS. D. H. SEGREST, Missionary Board.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

We recommend that Mt. Olive Church be placed in the Heiberger charge. That Brent be made a station. That Active Church and the Stanton Church be placed together in a charge to be named Stanton charge. That Friendship and Ada Chapel Churches be separated as a charge and each be made a station.

We recommend that work be supplied as follows:

Ada Chapel—Frank W. Warren.

Akron—G. H. Wood.

Anniston—Edward J. Pointer.

Bessemer—C. H. Pickel.
 Birmingham—H. R. French.
 Brent—E. L. Shigley.
 Fairview—T. L. Shirk.
 Friendship—R. L. Coley.
 Jamestown and Adamsburg—F. E. Crowe.
 Mentone—H. A. Johnson.
 Mt. Vernon—M. A. Medders.
 Nixon Chapel—E. T. Meacham.
 Pell City—R. E. Snipes.
 Springdale—N. C. Hoggie.
 Stanton Charge—W. B. Hill.
 Talladega—J. L. Averett.
 Tuscaloosa—Paul E. Allred.
 Waycross, Mt. Iva and Mt. Olive—W. H. Looney.
 West Blocton—G. C. Frederick.
 Wolf Creek—P. V. Compton.
 General Evangelist—W. F. Bunnell.
 Evangelistic Work—L. A. Bamburg, L. F. Burkey, H. F. Pair, R. A. French, Maggie Jean Carlin, R. G. Ramsey.
 Conference Missionary Work—W. M. Sharp, Fred Brazier, O. K. Williams, John Barber, Robert Sims, D. M. Downey, J. T. McMillan.
 Tithing and Sunday School Secretary—R. M. Evans.
 Attending Central College—S. D. Herron, Dorothy Dean Hammett, Reland Elam.
 Pursuing Course of Study—John L. Davis, Alex Joiner, C. R. Brown, Charles Vinson, Orvel Ferguson, Eugene Caddell.
 Singing Evangelists—Mrs. H. R. French, Mrs. Paul E. Allred, Mrs. W. F. Bunnell.

E. L. SHIGLEY, Chairman,
 C. H. PICKEL,
 L. W. MOORE,
 J. L. AVERETT,
 R. L. COLEY,
 MRS. IRA SNIPES,
 F. O. MARCHANT, Secretary, Committee.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your Auditing Committee have examined the Treasurer's books and find them to balance.

FRANK W. WARREN,
 M. A. MEDDERS, Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Foreign Missions	\$147.39	\$ 78.86	\$ 68.53
Home Missions	190.53	111.74	78.79
Education	160.06	55.00	105.06
Orphanage	115.33	88.04	27.29
Conference Work	86.78	57.00	29.78
Sup. Min. Fund.....	46.58		46.58
	<hr/> \$700.09	<hr/> \$390.64	<hr/> \$355.03

O. B. SHOWS, Treasurer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee recommend there be created a minute fund, assessing each member 5 cents. We also recommend that each member be assessed 5 cents for the support of conference travel. We recommend that the conference work be divided equally with Church Extension Work, being 25 cents per member.

We recommend that the pastors do their best to raise the full budget as is set forth in the Book of Discipline and also as set forth by the Finance Committee.

We further recommend that the President hold the first and fourth quarterly conferences, and that his salary be paid quarterly by each Church as designated by the Committee in the budget apportionment.

We also recommend that he give as much time as possible to evangelistic work.

PAUL E. ALLRED, Chairman,
D. L. JONES, Secretary,
L. A. BAMBURG,
W. H. LOONEY,
O. B. SHOWS, Committee.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY AND ELDERS' ORDERS

We, your Committee on Itinerancy and Elders' Orders beg to submit the following report:

We recommend that the following persons be received by the conference to pursue the Course of Study preparatory to travel under the direction of the conference: C. R. Brown, Thomas L. Shirk, W. M. Sharp, Charles Vinson, Orvel L. Ferguson, Eugene Caddell.

We also wish to ask those who have already been recommended to the conference to pursue the Course of Study to pass satisfactorily two books each year if they desire to take work in the conference.

Miss Maggie Jean Carlin, having finished the Course of Study and met the requirements of the Book of Discipline, is hereby recommended to be ordained an Elder in the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

E. L. SHIGLEY, Chairman,
PAUL E. ALLRED, Secretary,
R. E. SNIPES,
C. H. PICKEL, Committee.

THANKS

We, your Committee on Thanks beg to submit the following report: We, as members of the Alabama Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church assembled at Brent, Ala., in our twenty-ninth annual session wish to express our appreciation and thanks to the Pastor, members and friends of the Brent Church for their service to us and the royal entertainment enjoyed while in your city. We also wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Harper Stacy as Principal of the Brent School, and Mr. Victor A. Hunt as Chairman of the School Board for the use of the school cafeteria as a dining hall during our session.

W. B. HILL,
W. M. SHARP, Committee.

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MINUTES OF THE WESLEYAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

President—Paul E. Allred, 2409 20th Street, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Vice-President—Frank W. Warren, Route 1, West Blocton, Ala.

Secretary—Miss Louise Herron, Route 1, West Blocton, Ala.

Treasurer—E. L. Shigley, Jr., 8701 3rd Avenue, N., Birmingham, Ala.

The Wesleyan Young People's Society of the Alabama Conference met in the tenth annual session at Brent, Ala., October 22, 1938.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Paul E. Allred. Thomas L. Shirk led in prayer. Forty-five delegates were enrolled. The Society officers stated above were elected. S. D. Herron was elected delegate to General Conference. Frank W. Warren was elected alternate.

The following committees were elected: Committee to award the banner, Elwyn Meacham, E. L. Shigley, Jr., Mrs. Raymond Brown; Committee on Resolutions, Eber C. Hobson, Frank W. Warren, Maggie J. Carlin; Committee on Statistics, Julia Thomas, Thomas L. Shirk, Geraldine Selby.

The roll was called and the following Societies reported: Ada Chapel, Akron, Friendship, Anniston, Birmingham, Brent, East Lake, Mentone, Mt. Vernon, Pell City, Nixon Chapel, Springdale, Stanton, Talladega, Tuscaloosa, West Blocton, Waycross.

Committee on Resolutions reported and was adopted.

Committee on Statistics reported and was adopted.

Adjourned by motion.

LOUISE, HERRON, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

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

Be it resolved, that we, as young people of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Alabama, be loyal to our Church and her standards.

Be it further resolved, that we be more spiritual and at no time involve ourselves in anything that is questionable or worldly.

Be it further resolved, that we renew our interest in all of the institutions of our Church and strive to see that the Society, as a whole, has this interest.

Be it further resolved, that the President and the Treasurer, cooperating with the Camp Meeting Committee, be given liberty to proceed with camp ground water supply and the assessing of each Society according to the ability to pay.

Be it further resolved, that the conference W. Y. P. S. President visit each Society once a year.

Be it further resolved, that all W. Y. P. S. members make a special effort to be at camp meeting this conference year.

Be it further resolved, that all W. Y. P. S. budget be turned over to the W. Y. P. S. Treasurer five days before each annual conference.

ELBER C. HOBSON,
MAGGIE J. CARLIN,
FRANK W. WARREN, Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Receipts	Disbursements
Education	\$ 21.27	\$ 21.27
Foreign Missions	8.37	8.37
Home Missions	11.26	11.26
Orphanage	4.01	4.01
W. Y. P. S. President.....	5.46	5.46
Conference Work	9.91	3.11
Connectional Dues	3.00	3.00
Camp Fund	6.00	6.00
Central College Church.....	26.00	26.00
Other Benevolence	21.00	21.00

Total	\$117.78	\$110.98
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Balance in Treasury, \$6.80.

E. L. SHIGLEY,, JR., Treasurer.

W. Y. P. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Name of Society and President	Active Members	Associate Members	Journals	Prayers League Members	Education	Missions	Orphanage	Conference W. Y. P. S. Wor	Connectional Dues	W. Y. P. S. President	Other Objects	Totals
Ada Chapel—Louise Herron, Route 1, West Blocton.....	12	5	10	1	\$ 2.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	.....	.....	\$ 13.00
Akron—Mrs. Vester Averette, Akron, Ala.....	7	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.72	.72
Anniston—Lena Mae Holden, Route 3, Anniston, Ala.....	18	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.39	8.39
Birmingham—Margaret Fair, Birmingham, Ala.....	25	6	12	18	5.00	5.00	2.75	1.25	1.00	2.50	94.33	111.83
Brent—Harold Shigley, Brent, Ala.....	22	3	11	12	6.89	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	6.12	14.01
East Lake—Maggie Carlin, 1707 18th Court, North, Birmingham, Ala.....	22	.....	9	22	5.50	2.00	.....	.....	1.00	2.20	43.03	53.73
Friendship—Venola Cook, Route 1, Brent, Ala.....	8	15	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	1.82	.....	.....	.35	2.17
Mentone—Mrs. Raymond Brown, Mentone, Ala.....	19	5	25	16	.....	3.00	.....	2.00	1.00	.....	10.16	16.16
Mt. Ivah—Mrs. Herbert Moore, Heiberger, Ala.....	48	8	.....	.....	.76	.77	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.05	31.58
Mt. Vernon—Verna Smith, Route 1, Berry, Ala.....	20	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pell City—Mrs. Elva Graham, Pell City, Ala.....	17	5	11	15	25.00	4.50	.....	.....	1.00	.....	4.65	35.15
Springdale—Leonard Dickey, Route 1, Irondale, Ala.....	12	12	12	5	1.00	2.13	.....	.....	1.00	.....	261.20	265.33
Stanton—Hardie Davis, Stanton, Ala.....	9	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	3.66	4.66
Talladega—Mrs. O. C. Wood, 412 Jackson Street, Talladega, Ala.....	15	10	8	15	1.00	2.21	.50	.50	.....	.....	8.42	12.63
Tuscaloosa—H. P. Bailey, 2007 25th Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Ala.....	34	5	25	29	8.45	3.20	1.60	.80	1.00	1.60	242.60	275.68
Waycross—Mrs. Wes. Hoggie, Route 1, Marion, Ala.....	10	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.22	7.22
West Blocton—William George, West Blocton, Ala.....	18	2	12	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	3.25	42.05	46.30
Totals	316	124	134	140	\$55.60	\$26.81	\$ 8.25	\$ 8.37	\$10.00	\$ 9.55	\$762.95	\$898.56

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The twenty-first annual session of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Alabama Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church held at Brent, Ala., October 18-22, 1938.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

President—Mrs. O. C. Wood, 412 Jackson Street, Talladega, Ala.
Vice-President—Mrs. H. F. Pair, 107 54th Street, North, Birmingham, Ala.
Secretary—Mrs. Florice Allred, 2409 20th Street, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Treasurer—Miss Julia Thomas, 8636 3rd Avenue, North, Birmingham, Ala.
Y. M. W. B. Superintendent—Miss Frances French, Route 5, Box 250, Birmingham, Ala.
State Organizers—Hrs. O. C. Wood, Miss Frances French.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

The Society was called to order by the President, Mrs. D. H. Segrest, at 3:30 P. M., October 19. Song service was led by Mrs. Florice Allred. Devotionals were conducted by the President, after which the roll was called by the Secretary.

A reading was given by Mrs. R. L. Coley.

The following delegates were enrolled: Mrs. Arthur Finnen, Mrs. Ethel Ray, Miss Julia Thomas, Mrs. Delbert Bailey, Mrs. H. F. Shigley, Mrs. Blanche Lathem, Miss Ruby Hardy, Miss Mittie Head, Mrs. Florice Allred and Mrs. M. L. Smith.

The various committees were appointed by the President as follows: Credentials, Miss Mittie Head; Courtesies, Mrs. Arthur Finnen; Thanks, Mrs. Blanche Lathem, Mrs. Ethel Ray; Resolutions, Miss Frances French, Mrs. R. L. Coley, Mrs. Will Finnen; Auditing, Mrs. Georgie Snipes, Mrs. Frank Pair; Statistics, Miss Julia Thomas, Mrs. J. T. McMillian; Subscriptions for Magazine, Mrs. J. L. Averett; Reporter, Mrs. Florice Allred.

It was made the order of the day to elect officers Thursday afternoon, October 20.

The President's report was given and adopted.

A report of the organization of a Missionary Society at the Mt. Vernon Church was given by Mrs. R. L. Coley.

Reports were read from the Bessemer, East Lake, Fairview, Tuscaloosa and West Blocton Societies.

A Conference Work Committee was elected to make plans and apportion work for the various local societies. This committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Blanche Lathem, Mrs. Florice Allred and Miss Frances French.

O motion, adjourned.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON MEETING

Devotions were conducted by Miss Frances French. Miss Geraldine Selby was enrolled as a delegate. The minutes were read and approved.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. O. C. Wood; Vice-President, Mrs. H. F. Pair; Secretary, Mrs. Florice Allred; Treas-

urer, Miss Julia Thomas; Y. M. W. B. Superintendent, Miss Frances French; State Organizers, Mrs. O. C. Wood and Miss Frances French; Delegate to General Conference, Mrs. Florice Allred.

On motion, adjourned.

FRIDAY—MORNING MEETING

The minutes were read and approved. Mrs. Paul McCool was enrolled as a delegate.

Mrs. D. H. Segrest was elected alternate delegate to General Conference.

A partial report of the Conference Work Committee was read and adopted. Reports were read from the Ada Chapel, Birmingham, and Mentone Societies.

On motion, adjourned.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON MEETING

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. D. H. Segrest. Reports were read from the Pell City, Talladega, Brent and Friendship Societies.

By motion, it was agreed that the Springdale report be added to the statistical report when sent in.

Report of the Committee on Thanks was read and adopted.

By motion, it was agreed that each local Society be assessed 25 cents per member to be applied on the President's expenses to General Conference.

The oral report given by the Camp Meeting Supply Committee was adopted.

On motion, adjourned.

SATURDAY—MORNING MEETING

In absence of the President the meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Mrs. H. F. Pair. Devotions were conducted by Miss Maggie Carlin. The minutes were read and approved.

The oral report of the Auditing Committee was adopted. Report of the Statistical Committee was read and adopted. The final report of the Conference Work Committee was read and adopted. The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and adopted.

By motion it was agreed that \$10.00 be taken from the treasury to be applied on the publication of the Conference Minutes.

The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted.

On motion adjourned.

MRS. D. H. SEGREST, President.

MRS. FLORICE ALLRED, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS

We, the Committee on Thanks, in behalf of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, wish to express our deep appreciation to the Pastor, members and friends of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Brent, Ala., for their royal entertainment during our conference session. May our Heavenly Father richly reward each one who made our stay comfortable and pleasant.

MRS. BLANCHE LATHEM,

MRS. ETHEL RAY, Committee.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE WORK COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Conference Work Committee, submit the following suggestions to be included in the work program of each local Society:

1. Members of each local Society are to be urged to bring 25 cents per member to the first four meetings after annual conference to be applied on dues for the year. Urge each member to bring at last 10 cents offering to each meeting through the year.

2. The rural Societies will be expected to make sheets, pillow cases, hand and dish towels out of feed sacks or other suitable material to be sent to Camp Meeting Committee, Mrs. H. F. Pair, 107 54th Street, North, Birmingham, Ala., for use at camp meeting.

These rural Societies can also send quilts and suitable clothing to the Hephzibah Orphanage, Macon, Ga., and to the Mountain Mission Work in North Carolina and Kentucky. These Societies which do not have much money can bring eggs, vegetables, etc., to be sold and the price of the same to be given for Missions.

3. We suggest that each Society collect and store away in suitable place, canned fruits and vegetables to be taken to camp meeting next summer.

4. Old clothes, shoes and school supplies can be sent to our Colored Mission School at Brent, Ala.

5. Every local Society of reasonable strength should support or clothe at least one child in the Orphanage through this year. Write Mrs. D. L. Jones, Box 222, Macon, Ga., for information.

6. Insist on a Missionary Magazine Club in each Society. Write Rev. F. R. Eddy, 330 East Onondaga Street, Syracuse, N. Y., for information.

MRS. BLANCHE LATHAM,
MRS. FLORICE ALLRED,
MISS FRANCES FRENCH, Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Receipts	Disbursements
Home Missions	\$ 33.51	\$ 33.51
Foreign Missions	117.73	117.73
General Fund	20.70	20.70
Education	9.15	9.15
Conference Fund	34.21	10.50
Orphanage	33.96	33.96
Conference Work	10.00	10.00
President's Salary	4.00	4.00
Superannuated Ministers' Fund.....	2.10	2.10
Total	\$265.36	\$241.65

Balance in Treasury, \$23.71.

JULIA THOMAS, Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions, wish to submit the following report:

Be it resolved, that the members of our W. H. and F. M. Societies endeavor by the grace and help of God, to make this year count more for God in our Missionary and Church work at large; that we be more spiritual, more prayerful and self-denying; that we live a life of deeper devotion to God and the work of our Church; that our eyes be anointed with eye-salve so that we can see the wonderful opportunities that are before us as a Missionary Society.

Be it further resolved, that in these days of drifting and compromise, when so many religious bodies are letting down the bars, and taking in the world with all its forms, fashions and modern amusements, when Communism, Fascism, Nazism and Liberalism are knocking at our doors, that we as a Missionary Society will take our stand against all such, and will pledge ourselves to be true to God and to the doctrines of our Church, and lift up the standards of true Holiness.

Be it resolved, that each member of the various local Societies strive to enlarge the membership of their Society, and have as their goal every woman in the Church be a member of the W. H. and F. M. Society; that each one do her best to get our Missionary Magazine into every home. Let each one do more to increase the subscriptions to our Magazine. It is rich with spiritual food and helpful instruction concerning both our Home and Foreign Work.

Be it resolved, that each local Society work out some plan to secure membership dues. So many wait until the end of the year before any effort is made to pay their dues. We feel a plan could be worked out so that all members could pay their dues if started at the very first of the year. And that each Society do all they can to help their Pastor raise the Church budget. Let us, with the help of the Lord, strive to make this the best year in the history of the Alabama Conference.

FRANCES FRENCH,
MRS. R. L. COLEY,
MRS. WILL FINNEN, Committee.

Y. M. W. B. REPORT, 1938

	Members	Amount
Ada Chapel—Mrs. O. A. Marchant, Route 1, West Blocton, Ala.	13	\$ 9.76
Birmingham—Mrs. Grace Angwin, Birmingham, Ala.	10	6.78
Brent—Mrs. J. T. McMillian, Rt. 1, Centerville, Ala.	18	5.04
East Lake—Mrs. Neomi Beard, 4612 9th Terrace, N., Birmingham, Ala.	25	34.00
Fairview—Mrs. W. B. Rainey, Rt. 1, Cottondale, Ala.	16	8.03
Friendship—Mrs. Herbert Cadell, Rt. 1, Brent, Ala.	20	.....
Mentone—Mrs. Mary Brown, Mentone, Ala.	11	11.16
Mt. Ivah—Mrs. W. J. Aultman, Rt. 1, Heiberger, Ala.	5	4.15
Springdale—Mrs. Hattie Hoggle, Rt. 1, Box 3-A, Iron-dale, Ala.	20	1.50
Pell City—Mrs. Florice Joiner, Pell City, Ala. ....	....	2.00
Talladega—Mrs. O. C. Wood, 412 Jackson Street, Tal-ladega, Ala.	10	.....
Tuscaloosa—Mrs. Eber Hobson, Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	35	21.50
Totals	183	\$103.93

MRS. FLORICE ALLRED, Superintendent.

W. H. AND F. M. SOCIETY STATISTICAL REPORT, 1938

Name of Society and President	Members	Local Church Work	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Education	Conference Work	General Fund	Benevolence	Other Objects	Clothing and Gifts	Totals
Ada Chapel—Mrs. Johnnie Hubbard, Route 1, West Blocton, Ala.....	4	\$	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.07	\$	\$	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.06	\$	\$	\$	\$ 4.25
Bessemer—Mrs. Blanche Latham, 4104 Poplar St., Birmingham, Ala.....	6		1.25	1.25	1.53		1.25	1.25			9.20	16.03
Birmingham—Mrs. Edress Pair, 218 47th Place, N., Birmingham, Ala.....	23	2.08	20.10	12.45			8.14	3.13	9.65	31.34		86.89
Brent—Mrs. Mniar Medders, Brent, Ala.....	15		2.50	2.50			2.50	2.50			34.00	44.00
East Lake—Mrs. R. C. Harvey, 8710 3rd Ave., N., Birmingham, Ala.....	15	27.09	1.09	2.49	3.96		10.34	1.08	20.00	2.15		68.22
Fairview—Mrs. Thomas Shirk, Route 1, Cottondale, Ala.....	5			5.00	6.00	3.00	1.25	1.25	11.50			28.00
Friendship—Mrs. R. L. Coley, Route 1, Brent, Ala.....	25	11.00					5.60		23.40			39.00
Mentone—Mrs. Albert Cash, Mentone, Ala.....	11	9.50	2.63	2.63	5.00	5.15	4.37	2.62		.90		32.80
Pell City—Mrs. Martha Sanders, Pell City, Ala.....	10	4.83	8.00	2.00	5.00		10.00			4.25		34.08
Springdale—Mrs. C. O. Hudgens, Route 1, Box 7, Irondale, Ala.....	14		3.00	3.00	5.00		9.10	6.00	121.20			147.30
Talladega—Mrs. O. C. Wood, 412 Jackson Street, Talladega, Ala.....	19	35.09	.41	1.12	11.50	1.00	.41	.41		29.38		79.32
Tuscaloosa—Mrs. Florice Allred, 2409 20th St., Tuscaloosa, Ala.....	24	12.00	10.00	8.00	2.50				9.19	131.61	70.88	224.18
West Blocton—Mrs. Arthur Finnen, West Blocton, Ala.....	8	25.50	2.00	74.75			7.25	2.00		3.00		114.40
Totals	179	\$127.09	\$ 54.04	\$116.26	\$ 40.49	\$ 9.15	\$ 60.17	\$ 21.30	\$194.94	\$202.63	\$114.08	\$918.47

APPORTIONMENT FOR BUDGET

Name of Church	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	President's Salary	General Conference Travel	Minute Fund	Superannuated Ministers' Fund	Church Extension
	\$ 70.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 45.00	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.50	\$ 17.50	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.60	\$ 3.00	\$ 8.50
	26.00	6.50	16.25	3.25	3.25	5.00	.65	.65	1.30	3.25
	64.00	18.00	46.50	9.50	9.00	17.50	1.80	1.80	3.60	9.00
	54.00	13.50	33.75	6.75	6.75	15.00	1.35	1.35	2.70	6.75
	136.00	34.00	85.00	17.00	17.00	50.00	3.40	3.40	6.80	17.00
	92.00	23.00	57.50	11.50	11.50	30.00	2.30	2.30	4.60	11.50
	34.00	8.25	25.25	4.25	2.50	12.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	4.25
	46.00	11.50	28.50	5.50	5.75	10.00	1.50	1.50	3.00	5.75
	70.00	17.50	45.00	8.50	8.50	17.50	1.60	1.60	3.00	8.50
	98.00	24.50	61.50	12.50	12.50	25.00	2.45	2.45	4.90	12.25
	76.00	19.00	57.50	8.75	9.50	30.00	1.90	1.90	3.80	9.50
	20.00	5.00	15.00	2.50	2.50	5.00	.50	.50	1.00	2.50
	50.00	12.50	31.25	6.25	6.25	10.00	1.25	1.25	2.50	6.25
	148.00	37.00	92.00	18.50	18.50	40.00	3.70	3.70	7.40	18.50
	56.00	14.00	35.00	7.00	7.00	15.00	1.40	1.40	2.80	7.00
	186.00	46.50	116.00	23.00	23.00	30.00	4.65	4.65	9.30	23.25
	200.00	50.00	125.00	25.00	25.00	40.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	25.00
	220.00	55.00	137.50	27.50	27.50	65.00	5.50	5.50	11.00	27.50
	286.00	71.50	178.00	35.00	35.00	50.00	7.15	7.15	14.30	35.00
	82.00	20.00	51.25	10.25	10.25	30.00	2.05	2.05	4.10	10.25
	8.00	2.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	.20	.20	1.00	1.00
	\$2,022.00	\$579.25	\$1,295.75	\$252.00	\$252.50	\$576.50	\$ 50.95	\$ 50.95	\$101.50	\$252.50

STATISTICAL REPORT

Time Employed	No. Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Missionary Magazine	Sunday School	Junior Class	Children's Paper	Children's Friend	Teachers Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflets	Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart	Received	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Number Last Year	Present Number	Loss	Gain	Number Under 14 Years of Age	Associate Members
12	2	2	9	1	12			4	54	14	22	17		6	15		5	2		5	26	72	4			
12	1	1	3	1	8			5	32		17	30		10	27	1	6				32	38				
12	1	1		1				6	16	18	30	25		5	10		9	17		3	32	27		6		
12	1	1	16	5	23		2	7	70	24	29			6	19	1	7	11		3	72	68			1	
12	2	2	3	3				6	50	19	18			10	14		15			2	95	85	10			
12	1	1	7	1	25		12	5	15	22		5		15	7	1	5				15	17			1	
12	1	1	11	1	12			20	7			1		10	1		1				24	23			1	
12	2	2	9					30	40	30	30			19			1			2	54	49	5			
12	2	2	2		6			3	12	16	6			13			2			4	33	29				
12	1	1	7	5	30	12	8	3	30	10	10	4	5	2			1			3	45	38	6			2
12	1	1						4	17	12	5			9			5				12	10				
12	1	1	5	5				4	17	16	6			4			5				25	25				
12	1	1	7		6			7		20	15		10		11		4				71	74		3		
12	1	1	10	1					45	25		30		6	21	1	10	6			21	25			5	
12	1	1	2					5	28	10	10				10		7	1			55	60			4	
12	1	1	1		7			8	84	25	22	17		10	17		58		1	1	46	102		56	10	
12	1	1	28	16	10			6	100	35	22	20			25	1	7				111	114		3	12	
12	2	2	3					4	22	23	20				15		12	58		2	177	129	48			
12	1	1	3	1	10	10		6	25	15	15		5	19	15		6	1			36	41		6		
228	24	24	126	39	144	49	32	93	649	311	297	134	20	103	258	6	150	131	4	26	1038	1027	85	91	36	4