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OF THE
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
South Ohio Conference

OF THE
Wesleyan Methodist Connection,
or Church, of America

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COLUMBUS, OHIO,
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REV. G. W. JACKSON, President.
REV. W. F. JONES, Secretary.

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THE SOUTH OHIO CONFERENCE.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

For the ensuing year.

President:—G. W. Jackson, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Vice-President:—A. C. Mayle, Belpre, Ohio.

Secretary:—W. F. Jones, Richmond, Ind.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Peter Brock, five years; H. C. Pierce, four years; W. F. Jones, three years; G. W. Jackson, two years; J. E. Artis, one year.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Credentials and Membership:—S. M. Saine, A. Lawrence, S. S. Walker.

Elder's Orders:—W. F. Jones, three years; G. W. Jackson, two years; H. C. Pierce, one year.

Statistics:—A. C. Mayle, J. E. Bass.

Moral Reform:—W. F. Jones, J. E. Lucas.

Finance and Claims:—D. E. Bass, H. C. Pierce, S. M. Saine.

First and Second Year's Study:—W. F. Jones, A. C. Mayle, D. E. Bass.

Judicial:—A. C. Mayle, S. M. Saine, W. F. Jones, J. E. Bass.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

Elders.

Artis, J. E., 526 S. 12th St., Richmond, Ind.

Bass, D. E., 1608 5th St., Dayton, Ohio.

Gardener, B., 542 W. 6th St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jackson, G. W., R. F. D. No. 8, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Jones, W. F., 528 S. 12th St., Richmond, Ind.

Kiner, L. C., 722 Maple St., Lockland, Ohio.

Lawrence, A., General Delivery, Marietta, Ohio.

Mayle, A. C., R. F. D., Belpre, Ohio.

Pierce, H. C., 274 W. Frambes Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Saine, S. M., S. 13th St., Richmond, Ind.

Mayle, A. P., 253 East St., Hillsboro, Ohio.

Bass, J. E., R. F. D. No. 8, Greenville, Ohio.

Daniels, J. W., 155 Water St., Columbus, Ohio.

Thompson, O. C., Ripley, Ohio.

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Superannuated.

Clinton, F. H., Ripley, Ohio.

Licentiates.

Bray, D. L., 819 Park St., Findlay, Ohio.

Clark, E. C., 255 Frambes Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Gulliford, A. E. 221 Crystal Ave., Findlay, Ohio.

Scott, F. A., Xenia, Ohio.

Tolliver, P., R. F. D., Parkersburg, W. Va.

Tyler, C., Columbus, Ohio.

Thompson, A. C., 273 Frambes Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Mumford, F. L., Indianapolis, Ind.

Lucas, I. E., Cutler, Ohio.

Kennedy, I., Cutler, Ohio.

S. S. Walker, Xenia, Ohio.

Delegates.

Goins, Cora.

Curtis, Hattie.

Stewart, Martha.

Curtis, James.

Hill, William.

Dyke, Ida.

Wells, Malinda.

Robinson, Creedis.

Johnson, Isaac.

Armstrong, S.

McGregor, R. D.

Clemons, A. L.

Sawyers, Sadie.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

The South Ohio Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or church) of America convened for its sixteenth session, at Columbus, Ohio, August 25 to 29, 1909, at 9 A. M. with Rev. G. W. Jackson, President of the conference in the chair.

Devotional services were conducted by the President by reading the 13th chapter of Romans, and prayer. After which he gave an interesting and instructive talk regarding the law and duty of the officers. Due to the absence of the Secretary, Gertrude Donaway, the President appointed J. E. Lucas Secretary pro tem. Prayer by Rev. B. Gardner.

The President declared conference open for business.

The roll was called and the following answered to their name:

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Elders:—B. Gardner, G. W. Jackson, W. F. Jones, A. Lawrence, A. C. Mayle, H. C. Pierce, S. M. Saine, A. P. Mayle and J. W. Daniels.

Licentiates:—Emma C. Clark, F. A. Scott, S. S. Walker, Anna C. Thompson and C. Tyler.

The conference called for reading of minutes of last annual session. The President then appointed the committee on Rules and Order of Business, namely, H. C. Pierce, J. W. Daniels, H. C. Mayle.

The Committee on Credentials and Membership were ordered to report at the opening of the afternoon session after which the conference adjourned by limitation to meet at 2 P. M. Benediction by Elder A. C. Mayle.

Wednesday, 2 P. M.

Conference was called to order by President G. W. Jackson. Devotional exercises conducted by F. A. Scott.

Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

Roll called and the following answered present. Elders:—G. W. Jackson, W. F. Jones, A. C. Mayle, H. C. Pierce, A. P. Mayle and J. W. Daniels. Licentiates:—Emma C. Clark, F. A. Scott, C. Tyler and S. S. Walker.

The Committee on Credentials and Membership was called and made a partial report. (See Report No. 1.)

A few minutes was spent in prayer and song service by Rev. B. Gardner.

The Committee on Credentials and Membership then made their second partial report. (See Report No. 2.)

The Committee on Rules and Order of Business submitted their report. (See Report No. 3.)

The President then appointed the following committees:

Committee on Complaints:—A. P. Mayle, B. Gardener, C. Robinson.

Committee on Statistics:—A. C. Mayle, D. E. Bass, Robert D. McGregor.

Committee on Religious Services:—H. C. Pierce, Ida Dyke, Carrie Goins, W. M. Hill.

Committee on Moral Reform:—W. F. Jones, Martha Steward, Robert D. McGregor.

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The President then submitted his annual report after reading section ten, page ninety of the Discipline and explained the law, which aroused some discussion, but upon motion the President's report was accepted. (See Report No. 4.)

President appointed Brother C. Robinson as a lay member of the Committee on the Examination of Character.

J. E. Bass and B. Gardener to conduct the devotional services.

Rev. A. P. Mayle was appointed to preach the annual sermon at 8 P. M.

Conference adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M. Benediction by B. Gardener.

Wednesday Evening, Aug. 25, 1909.

Song and praise service led by Rev. J. E. Bass and B. Gardener. Quite a number recorded their testimony and the Lord wonderfully blessed us. After which Rev. A. P. Mayle delivered the annual sermon from John 17:4, making an earnest appeal to individuals on the necessity of right living. An offering was then taken. Benediction by Rev. B. Gardener.

Thursday Morning, Aug. 26, 1909.

Devotional services led by Elder D. E. Bass and Rev. J. W. Daniels.

Conference called to order at 9 A. M. by President G. W. Jackson.

Roll called and the following persons answered present. Elders: D. E. Bass, B. Gardener, G. W. Jackson, A. Lawrence, W. F. Jones, A. C. Mayle, H. C. Pierce, S. M. Saine, A. P. Mayle, J. E. Bass, J. W. Daniels. Licentiates:—Emma C. Clark, C. S. Nickens, F. A. Scott, Annie C. Thompson, S. S. Walker. Delegates:—Creedis Robinson, Cora Goins, Ida Dyke, Hattie Curtis, Martha Steward, Isaac Johnson, Malinda Wells, William Hill, Samuel Armstrong, Robert D. McGregor.

Minutes were then read and received with necessary corrections.

The Rev. Isaac Kennedy of the Ohio conference was then introduced to the conference and made a few remarks. Professor J. E. Fletcher of Cutler, Ohio, was then introduced to the con-

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ference and spoke inspiring words. Upon motion both were accorded a seat within the conference bar.

The hour having arrived for preaching, upon motion the conference adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

Elder D. E. Bass read a short Scripture lesson and offered prayer after which Rev. O. C. Thompson was introduced and preached his trial sermon, selecting his text from Psalm 8:4, subject, "God's glory magnifies His work." The subject was handled in an able manner. Benediction by Rev. S. S. Walker.

Thursday Afternoon, Aug. 26, 1909.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. F. A. Scott.

Conference was called to order at 2 P. M. by President.

Roll was called and the following answered present. Elders:—D. E. Bass, B. Gardener, G. W. Jackson, W. F. Jones, A. Lawrence, A. C. Mayle, H. C. Pierce, S. M. Saine, A. P. Mayle, J. E. Bass, J. W. Daniels. Licentiates:—Emma C. Clark, C. S. Nickens, F. A. Scott, S. S. Walker. Delegates:—Creedis Robinson, Cora Goins, Ida Dyke, Hattie Curtis, Isaac Johnson, Malinda Wells, William Hill, Samuel Armstrong, A. L. Clemons, Robert McGregor.

Minutes read and adopted.

Committee on Credentials and Membership made a third partial report. (See Report No. 5.)

The Judiciary Committee then made their report on case of A. Lawrence. (See Report No. 6.)

Next in order being the the examination of character, the following elders paid their dues and characters passed: J. E. Artis, D. E. Bass, W. F. Jones, B. Gardener, A. Lawrence, A. C. Mayle, H. C. Pierce, S. M. Saine, A. P. Mayle, J. E. Bass, J. W. Daniels; the names of B. B. Gifford and B. V. Gifford were called and having been transferred to the Ohio conference their names were ordered stricken from the conference roll, and upon motion the name of L. C. Kiner was laid on the table until close of conference. Licentiates were then called and characters passed:—F. A. Scott, Emma C. Clark, A. E. Gulliford; the name of C. S. Nickens was then called and upon motion he was referred to the Committee on Complaints.

Conference adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M. Benediction by Isaac Kennedy.

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Thursday Evening Session, Aug. 26, 1909.

Praise service conducted by Rev. Isaac Kennedy and Rev. O. C. Thompson. Next preaching by Rev. J. E. Lucas from Rev. 14:13, subject "The Spirit's witness to the truth." Then Rev. E. Teter, President of the General Conference, was introduced and gave an inspiring talk on the Word. D. E. Bass lifted the offering. Benediction by Rev. E. Teter.

Friday Morning Session, Aug. 27, 1909.

Devotional services conducted by Elder A. Lawrence and S. S. Walker.

Conference was called to order by President at 9 A. M.

Roll called and following were present. Elders:—D. E. Bass, G. W. Jackson, W. F. Jones, A. Lawrence, A. C. Mayle, H. C. Pierce, S. M. Saine, A. P. Mayle, J. E. Bass, J. W. Daniels, O. C. Thompson. Licentiates:—Emma C. Clark, F. A. Scott, C. Tyler. Anna Thompson, S. S. Walker, Isaac Kennedy. Delegates:—Creedis Robinson, James Curtis, Cora Goins, Ida Dyke, Hattie Curtis, Isaac Johnson, William Hill, Samuel S. Armstrong, A. L. Clemons, Robert McGregor.

The minutes were read and approved with the necessary corrections.

The examination of characters was taken up, the names of the following persons were called, who paid their dues and characters passed. Elder G. W. Jackson. Licentiates:—Peter Tolliver, C. Tyler, Anna Thompson, S. S. Walker, D. L. Bray. The name of F. L. Mumford was called and upon motion it was referred to the Investigation Committee. On motion name of Gertrude Donoway was dropped from conference roll.

Rev. E. Teter, the Connectional Missionary Agent, gave a talk on missionary work, which was inspiring to all.

The conference then adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

Friday Afternoon Session, Aug. 27, 1909.

Song and praise service conducted by Rev. S. S. Walker and Brother Armstrong.

Conference called to order by President at 2 P. M.

Next in order was the roll call.

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Letters were read from J. E. Artis and Brother Tolliver.

The name of Brother Clinton who is on the superannuated list was called and his character passed with a resolution that the conference send him a letter of sympathy.

The Committee on Memorials submitted its report which was adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

The Committee on Moral Reform submitted its report which was received and adopted. (See Report No. 8.)

The Committee on Complaints submitted its report which was received and adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

The Judiciary Committee submitted its report which was received and adopted. (See report No. 10.)

The Committee on Statistics submitted its report which was received and adopted. (See Report No. 11.)

The Treasurer submitted his report which was received and adopted. (See Report No. 12.)

Rev. Postum, of the Kansas conference, was introduced to the conference and gave a short talk.

The name of Brother L. C. Kiner was considered and upon motion the Secretary was instructed to write Brother Kiner informing him that he is to send to the Treasurer, A. C. Mayle, within thirty days the money he borrowed from conference last year, otherwise his name will be dropped from conference roll.

Next being the election of officers. Rev. G. W. Jackson elected President; Rev. A. C. Mayle, Vice-President; Rev. W. F. Jones, Secretary; Rev. J. E. Lucas, Assistant Secretary; Rev. A. C. Mayle, Treasurer; Rev. A. P. Mayle, Financial Secretary.

Conference then adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M. Benediction by S. M. Saine.

Friday Evening Session, Aug. 27, 1909.

Was devoted to missionary. (See missionary minutes.)

Saturday Morning Session, Aug. 28, 1909.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. F. A. Scott and Isaac Kennedy.

Conference called to order at 9 A. M. by President G. W. Jackson.

Roll called.

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The minutes were read and approved.

A resolution was offered by Rev. H. C. Pierce and on motion was received. (See Resolution No. 1.)

The report of the Financial Secretary, on motion, was accepted. (See Report No. 13.)

The Committee on Thanks submitted their report. (See Report No. 14.)

The Committee on Finance and Claims submitted their report which was accepted. (See Report No 15.)

The Committee on First and Second Year's Study submitted their report which was accepted. (See Report No. 16.)

The Committee on Pastoral Relations submitted their report which was accepted. (See Report No. 17.)

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary were elected to compile the minutes.

The Committee to investigate the trouble at Xenia church submitted their report. (See Report No. 18.)

An invitation was extended from Long, Ohio, to entertain the conference next year.

Benediction by Rev. W. F. Jones.

Saturday Evening Session, Aug 28, 1909.

Saturday evening was devoted to temperance, conducted by Elder H. C. Pierce and Rev. J. E. Lucas, who delivered interesting addresses. An address was delivered by Mrs. M. G. Jamison, the state superintendent of the W. C. T. U. Also an address by Miss Daisy Perkins. The meeting was very interesting and we trust very profitable.

The President, G. W. Jackson, then took the chair and proceeded to finish the business of the conference.

On motion D. E. Bass and H. C. Pierce were elected members of the Investigating Committee, to investigate the trouble in the church at Xenia, Ohio.

Elder G. W. Jackson informed the conference that the church at Findlay, Ohio, desired to be left without a pastor for the ensuing year.

This closed the business of the sixteenth annual session of the South Ohio conference.

Benediction by H. C. Pierce.

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Sunday Morning Session, Aug. 29, 1909, 9:30.

A large congregation assembled at Love Feast and was led by Rev. Gardener of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Rev. Kennedy of Cutler, Ohio. At 11 o'clock Rev. J. E. Bass of Long, Ohio, presented the Word with much power after which an offering was taken. Benediction by J. E. Bass.

Sunday Afternoon Session, Aug. 29, 1909, 2:30.

Elder D. E. Bass read the Scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. Johnson of the A. M. E. Church. Rev. Kennedy of Cutler, Ohio, was then introduced by Elder H. C. Pierce and delivered the sermon, after which the Lord's Supper was administered by Elders A. Lawrence and D. E. Bass.

Benediction by Rev. Kennedy.

Sunday Evening Session, Aug. 29, 1909, 7:30.

At the opening of the session Mrs. Flora Hunter of Richmond, Indiana, sang a solo, music furnished by Miss Stewart of Columbus. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Bass. A solo was rendered by Mr. O. Hunter, after which Rev. A. Lawrence was introduced and preached the closing sermon and showed himself master of the situation. An offering was taken.

The President then asked Elder W. F. Jones to make a few remarks, which he did by thanking the good people of Columbus, Ohio, for the splendid manner in which they entertained the conference. A few timely remarks by the President and conference stood and sang, "God be with you till we meet again." Benediction by Elder W. F. Jones.

Thus closed the best session held for several years.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

Brother Gardener cheered the conference with his songs and fervent prayer, he will be missed when called from labor to reward.

We hope the Brethren and all who heard Brother Teter's address on missions will remember that hearing is not all. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1.

Whereas it is true three years ago we as a conference agreed to be governed by our book of discipline and all things that is in harmony with its law. Therefore, be it resolved, That the President or Vice-President shall visit each charge in the conference and each pastor on his respective charge shall lift a good collection for the same. And be it further resolved, That we empower the Conference Evangelist to hold at least one quarterly meeting on each charge during this conference year and the Evangelist is to fix the date of the same by giving due notice to the pastor in charge.

REPORTS.

Report No. 1.

We, your Committee on Credentials and Membership, beg leave to submit the following report: The following persons appeared before us with proper credentials which entitles them to a seat as delegate during this conference:—Creedis Robinson, Parkersburg, W. Va.; James Curtis, Cedar Ridge, O.; Ida Dyke, Belpre, O.; Hattie Curtis, Marietta, O.; Martha Steward, Columbus, O.; Isaac Johnson, Ripley, O.; Malinda Wells, Pomeroy, O.; Sadie E. Sawyer, Barlow, O.; William Hill, Richmond, Ind.; Samuel A. Armstrong, Springfield, O.; Robert D. McGregor, Dayton, O.; A. S. Clemons, Long, O.; Cora Goins, Hillsboro, O.

S. M. Saine, S. S. Walker, A. Lawrence, Committee.

Report No. 2.

We, your Committee on Credentials and Membership, do hereby submit the following partial report:

J. E. Lucas came before us with proper credentials and after being duly examined we find him a proper person to travel under the direction of this conference. We therefore order that his name be placed on the conference roll.

S. M. Saine, A. Lawrence, S. S. Walker, Committee.

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Report No. 3.

We, your Committee on Rules and Order of Business, report as follows:

The morning session to begin promptly at nine o'clock and adjourn at eleven o'clock for preaching. The afternoon session to begin at two o'clock and adjourn by order of conference. Evening session to begin at seven-thirty.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society to hold its annual session Thursday evening.

The Temperance meeting to convene Saturday evening.

A line across the church parallel with the fourth row of seats shall constitute the conference bar. Sergeant-at-arms, W. M. Hill.

H. C. Pierce, A. C. Mayle, J. W. Daniels, Committee.

Report No. 5.

We, your Committee on Credentials and Membership, beg leave to submit the following third partial report:

Isaac Kennedy came before us recommended by W. F. Jones, G. W. Jackson and A. C. Mayle, we therefore recommend that he be received into the conference as a licentiate and his name placed on conference roll; also that P. C. Thompson be received into the conference as an Elder and his name placed on conference roll.

S. M. Saine, A. Lawrence, S. S. Walker, Committee.

Report No. 6.

We, the Judicial Committee, do find that in the case of Brother C. S. Nickens that he is not a proper person to travel under the direction of this conference. Therefore we recommend that his name be dropped from the conference roll, and he be referred back to the quarterly conference of which he is a member.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Mayle, A. M. Saine, J. E. Bass, W. F. Jones, Elders;
James Curtis, A. L. Clemons, Laymen; Committee.

Report No. 7.

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

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Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our various fields of labor the following Christian soldiers:—

Dayton, Ohio.—Rev. A. A. Dyson, Rev. J. H. Pauly, Sister Amanda Donaphlin, Sister Olevia Taylor.

Xenia, Ohio.—Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Brother John Hayes, Mary Honaker.

Bethel, Ohio.—Sister Susanna Patterson.

Cedar Ridge.—Brother Joseph Wright.

Marietta, Ohio.—Sister Elizabeth Steward, Brothers Nathan Burk, Martin Burk, Jessie Burk, William Jackson.

Girta, W. Va.—Sister Lucy Hulbert.

Bartlett, Ohio.—Sister Thomas Gilson.

Columbus, Ohio.—Elder J. D. Thompson.

Springfield, Ohio.—Sister Silvie Steward.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—Mrs. Jennie and Miss Winnie Thompson.

Pomeroy, Ohio.—Sisters Nancy Harper and Amanda Stills, Brother Calvin Morton, Charles Campbell.

Hillsboro, Ohio.—Sister Louise Jenkins, Brother Thomas Self.

Be it resolved that this conference bow its head in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well while Elder Gardner offers prayer.

Be it further resolved that Rev. H. C. Pierce pay tribute to the memory of Elders A. A. Dyson, J. D. Thompson and J. H. Pauly.

Rev. D. E. Bass, Mrs. Ida Dyke, Isaac Johnson, Committee.

Report No. 8.

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

Whereas other churches may succeed in operating on purely social lines ours cannot. Methodism is nothing if not spiritual.

Therefore be it resolved that we maintain the doctrines of Jesus and His apostles, be loyal to the policy of the church and our vows of consecration to God, and be filled with the Spirit.

Seeing the condition of our churches and the continued falling off on the account of the spiritual drought and knowing that there is a cause and believing that the social relation of the church with the world is the cause, Be it resolved that we will not tolerate

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any such evil. It shall be the duty of the ministers and members of the Wesleyan Methodist church of the South Ohio conference to use their influence in every possible manner favoring a more complete recognition of the authority of God in secular and civil relations, that we present our bodies blameless before God.

Whereas the business of the liquor traffic is to make drunkards, paupers and criminals, and whereas the curse of God is on it, the sentiment of good people against it, Be it resolved that we will seek every opportunity to strike this traffic a blow with intent to kill; Be it further resolved that we, the ministers of the South Ohio conference, pledge ourselves to vote the prohibition ticket.

Societies.

Whereas we believe secret and worldly societies to be the bane of all civil and religious liberty and anti-Christian from center to circumference, therefore be it resolved that we will antagonize secrecy under whatever name, whether temperance, benevolent or labor unions.

Sabbath Desecration.

Resolved that we enter our protest against excursions and all other violations of the laws of Ohio and God's law which requires a cessation of ordinary work on Sunday and believe the observance of Sunday as a day of rest and worship is essential to good health and good morals.

W. F. Jones, R. D. McGregor, Martha Stewart, Committee.

Report No. 9.

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

It seems at this session of the annual conference that there is a grievance at Xenia, Ohio, and has been for years. We, your committee, recommend that this conference now in session appoint an Investigation Committee to go to Xenia with the pastor in charge and investigate the trouble and if necessary reconstruct the church.

A. P. Mayle, J. E. Bass, C. Robinson, J. Daniels, I. Johnson,
Committee.

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Report No. 10.

We, your Judiciary Committee, called in session to hear the charge against Rev. A. Lawrence made by the Advisory Board, after hearing the evidence submitted by the Board in support of the charge, we then heard the defense by Rev. A. Lawrence, in which he acknowledged after fully considering the matter, that he had personally offended the President and wilfully violated the law. He then asked forgiveness and promised never again knowingly and wilfully to violate the law which request was granted by the committee.

A. C. Mayle, S. M. Saine, W. F. Jones, J. E. Bass, Elders;
James Curtis, A. L. Clemens, Laymen; Committee.

Report No. 11.

Dayton, Ohio, D. E. Bass, Pastor:—Time employed 1 year. Appointments 1. Number of churches 1. Membership: received 33, died 4, present number 200, baptized 8, licentiates 4. Periodicals: Wesleyan Lesson Helps taken 150. Sabbath-schools: number of 1, superintendents 1, teachers 10, scholars 150, books in library 150. Church property: number of meeting-houses 1, value of \$3000, value of site for new church \$2000. Amount contributed: pastor's salary \$550, evangelist's receipts \$40. President's salary \$2.75. Superannuated ministers \$3, Home missions \$10, Sabbath-schools \$83.50, building \$265.04, incidental expenses \$170.80, other benevolent objects \$14.50. Total \$1130.59.

Marietta, Ohio, A. Lawrence, Pastor:—Time employed 1 year. Appointments 1. Number of churches 1. Membership: received 8, died 4, present number 45. Periodicals: Wesleyan Methodists taken 2, Temperance paper 5, Lesson Helps 68. Sabbath-schools: number of 1, superintendents 1, teachers 4, scholars 64, books in library 187. Church property: number of meeting-houses 1, value of \$2000, parsonages 1, value of \$1000. Amount contributed: pastor's salary \$400, evangelist's receipts \$44.74, Missions \$10, Sabbath-schools \$100; buildings and repairs \$40, incidental expenses \$25.50 other benevolent objects \$5. Total \$684.74.

Richmond, Indiana, F. L. Mumford, Pastor:—Time employed 9 months. Appointments 1. Number of churches 1. Membership: received 2, granted letters 2, present number 58, unstationed elders,

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1. Periodicals: Wesleyan Methodists taken 1, Lesson Helps 40. Sabbath-schools: number of 1, superintendents 1, teachers 4, scholars 40, number of books in library 40. Church property: number of meeting-houses 1, value of \$2000, parsonages 1, value of \$500. Amount contributed: pastor's salary \$275.40, Missions \$2, Sabbath-schools \$20, incidental expenses \$47.35, other benevolent objects \$10, paid on church debt \$50. Total \$403.75.

Parkersburg, West Virginia, W. F. Jones, Pastor:—Time employed 1 year. Appointments 1. Number of churches 1. Membership: received 4, died 2, granted letters 2, present number 84, licentiates 2. Periodicals: Wesleyan Methodists taken 2, Wesleyan Lesson Helps 50. Sabbath-schools: number of 1, superintendents 2, teachers 4, scholars 30, books in library 50. Church property: number of meeting-houses 1, value of \$2000. Amount contributed: pastor's salary \$273, evangelist's receipts \$11.05, Home missions \$1, Conference missions \$1, Sabbath-schools \$16, building and repairs \$35, incidental expenses \$58, other benevolent objects \$5. Total \$393.05.

Columbus, Ohio, H. C. Pierce, Pastor:—Time employed 1 year. Appointments 1. Number of churches 1. Membership: received 8, present number 40, baptized 8, licentiates 3. Periodicals: Wesleyan Lesson Helps 50. Sabbath-schools: number of 1, superintendents 2, teachers 5, scholars 70, books in library 70. Church property: number of meeting-houses 1, value of \$500. Amount contributed: pastor's salary \$400, evangelist's receipts \$5, Foreign missions \$1, Home missions \$1, Conference missions \$2, Sabbath-schools \$42.60, building and repairs \$18.34, incidental expenses \$49.65, other benevolent objects \$3.25. Total \$521.16

Hillsboro, Ohio, A. P. Mayle, Pastor:—Time employed 1 year. Appointments 1. Number of churches 1. Membership: received 18, discontinued 8, granted letters 1, present number 55, baptized 12. Periodicals: Wesleyan Methodists taken 2, Wesleyan Lesson Helps 24. Sabbath-schools: number of 1, superintendents 2, teachers 3, scholars 40, books in library 140. Church property: number of meeting houses 1, value of \$400. Amount contributed: pastor's salary \$300, evangelist's receipts \$12.98, President's salary \$5, Superannuated ministers \$1.30, Missions \$2, educational enterprises \$1, Sabbath-schools \$31.19, incidental expenses \$66.08, other benevolent objects \$15.39. Total \$434.94.

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Pomeroy, Ohio, W. F. Jones, Pastor:—Time employed 1 year. Appointments 1. Number of churches 1. Membership: received 4, died 4, present number 24, baptized 2. Periodicals: Wesleyan Methodists taken 1. Sabbath-schools: number of 1, superintendents 1, teachers 2, scholars 25, books in library 25. Church property: number of meeting-houses 1, value of \$900. Amount contributed: pastor's salary \$84, evangelist's receipts \$6, Home missions \$2, Conference missions \$.50, Sabbath-schools \$10.80, building and repairs \$12, incidental expenses \$21.56. Total \$123.56.

Bethel, Ohio, J. E. Bass, Pastor:—Time employed 8 months. Appointments 1. Number of churches 1. Membership: received 4, died 1, present number 79, baptized 1, licentiates 3. Periodicals: Wesleyan Methodists taken 3, Wesleyan Lesson Helps 45. Sabbath-schools: number of 1, superintendents 1, teachers 6, scholars 48, books in library 45. Church property: number of meeting-houses 1, value of \$1000. Amount contributed: pastor's salary \$76, evangelist's receipts \$36.39, President's salary \$11.53, Conference missions \$2, Sabbath-schools \$18.15, building and repairs \$6, incidental expenses \$40, other benevolent objects \$52.02. Total \$220.34.

Ripley, Ohio, B. Gardener, Pastor:—Time employed 1 year. Appointments 1. Number of churches 1. Membership: granted letters 2, present number 30. Periodicals: Wesleyan Methodists taken 2, Wesleyan Lesson Helps 12. Sabbath-schools: number of 1, superintendents 1, teachers 2, scholars 15. Church property: number of meeting-houses 1, value of \$800, parsonages 1, value of \$100. Amount contributed: pastor's salary \$93.41, evangelist's receipts \$5.30, Sabbath-schools \$8, building and repairs \$60.80, incidental expenses \$7.50, other benevolent objects \$1.50. Total \$176.51.

Barlow, Ohio, A. C. Mayle, Pastor:—Time employed 1 year. Appointments 1. Number of churches 1. Membership: received 5, died 1, present number 38. Periodicals: Wesleyan Methodists taken 1, Sabbath-schools: number of 1, superintendents 1, teachers 4, scholars 45, books in library 35. Church property: number of meeting-houses 1, value of \$400. Amount contributed: pastor's salary \$37.50, President's salary \$1, Superannuated ministers \$1, Foreign missions \$1, Home missions \$2, Sabbath-school \$10.58, building and repairs \$12, incidental expenses \$4.40. Total \$69.48.

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Belpre, Ohio, G. W. Jackson, Pastor:—Time employed 1 year. Appointments 1. Number of churches 1. Membership: received 4, present number 14. Periodicals: Wesleyan Methodists taken 2, Lesson Helps 29. Sabbath-schools: number of 1, superintendents 1, teachers 3, scholars 25. Amount contributed: pastor's salary \$20.16, evangelist's receipts \$4.84, Home missions \$1, Conference missions \$.50, Sabbath-schools \$4, incidental expenses \$7.90. Total \$38.10.

Bartlett, Ohio, A. C. Mayle, Pastor:—Time employed 1 year. Appointments 1. Number of churches 1. Membership: received 4, died 1, present number 21, baptized 6. Sabbath-schools: number of 1, superintendents 1, teachers 5, scholars 43. Church property: number of meeting-houses 1, value of \$700. Amount contributed: pastor's salary \$25, building and repairs \$250. Total \$280.

Xenia, Ohio, O. C. Thompson, Pastor:—Time employed 6 months. Appointments 1. Number of churches 1. Membership: received 8, died 3, granted letters 3, present number 24, baptized 3. Periodicals: Lesson Helps taken 16. Sabbath-schools: number of 1, superintendents 2, teachers 2, scholars 19, books in library 120. Church property: number of meeting-houses 1, value of \$1800. Amount contributed: pastor's salary \$18, evangelist's receipts \$13.25. Sabbath-schools \$1, building and repairs \$2, incidental expenses \$5, other benevolent objects \$12. Total \$39.25.

Gertie, West Virginia, F. A. Scott, Pastor:—Time employed 1 year. Appointments 1. Number of churches 1. Membership: died 1, present number 12, baptized 3. Periodicals: Wesleyan Methodists taken 1, Sunday-school Banners 10, Wesleyan Lesson Helps 26. Sabbath-schools: number of 1, superintendents 1, teachers 2, scholars 26. Amount contributed: pastor's salary \$14.50, evangelist's receipts \$2.25, incidental expenses \$4.25. Total \$21.

Springfield, Ohio, S. S. Walker, Pastor:—Time employed 1 year. Appointments 1. Membership: received 5, expelled 7, died 2, present number 9, baptized 4, licentiates 2. Periodicals: Lesson Helps taken 36. Sabbath-schools: number of 1, superintendents 1, teachers 2, scholars 23. Amount contributed: pastor's salary \$30.90, evangelist's receipts \$3.25, Superannuated ministers \$.50, Conference missions \$1. Total \$34.95.

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Cedar Ridge, Ohio, A. C. Mayle, Pastor:—Time employed 1 year. Appointments 1. Number of churches 1. Membership: received 1, died 1, granted letters 1, present number 47. Sabbath-schools: number of 1, superintendents 1, teachers 5, scholars 45, books in library 50. Church property: number of meeting-houses 1, value of \$700. Amount contributed: pastor's salary \$60, President's salary \$1, Home missions \$1, Conference missions \$1.11, Sabbath-schools \$10, building and repairs \$25, incidental expenses \$5. Total \$108.11.

Report No. 12.

Treasurer's report submitted as follows:

Received from Financial Secretary from Conference Fund 1908, \$49.15.

Total amount left in treasury from 1907, \$18.18.

Total amount in treasury to date, \$67.25.

Disbursements:—B. Gardener, \$5; Jackson and Jones, \$3; Stewards of Parkersburg church, \$10; S. S. Walker, \$5; Gertrude Donaway, \$5; L. C. Kiner, \$4.25; C. S. Nickens, \$2.50; Sister Childs, \$2; Printing of minutes, \$12.63; Father Clinton, \$6.50.

Total amount in treasury, \$10.87. Received from A. C. Mayle from sale of minutes, \$1; from M. L. Mumford for same, \$1.20; from Brother Dyson, conference dues, \$1. Total amount in treasury to date, \$14.07.

A. C. Mayle, Treasurer.

Report No. 13.

The Financial Secretary submitted his report as follows:

Annual dues, \$18; Conference missions, \$8.11; Superannuated funds, \$13.30; Educational interest, \$1. Total amount, \$40.41.

A. P. Mayle, Secretary.

Report No. 14.

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

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Resolved that we tender our successive thanks to the Rev. H. C. Pierce, his congregation and the good people of this Capitol City for the hospitable manner in which they entertained us during our stay with them.

Be it therefore resolved that we heartily commend our presiding officer, Rev. G. W. Jackson, for the able manner in which he has conducted the session of conference.

We pray God's blessings upon the good people of this community for the manner in which they have treated us.

J. E. Bass, Hattie Curtis, Committee.

Report No. 15.

We your Committee on Finance and Claims, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas Rev. F. A. Scott who was signed to Gertie, W. Va., remained on his work all the year and received a very small compensation for his work, we recommend he be given his fare home. We also recommend we give our President, \$12; Secretary, \$2; to the committee appointed to investigate the trouble at Xenia, Ohio, \$4; Sister A. A. Dyson, \$3; Rev. G. W. Jackson paid over to conference the interest on Corbet money, \$7.50; T. H. Clinton, \$10.20.

D. E. Bass, H. C. Pierce, A. Lawrence, A. L. Clemens, C. Robinson, Committee.

Report No. 16.

We, your Committee on First Year's Study, beg leave to submit the following report:

Rev. F. A. Scott, Brother S. S. Walker and Rev. Emma Clar' came before the committee but failed in the examination on the first year's course of study. Rev. F. A. Scott passed on our book of discipline and Binney's Compend.

A. C. Mayle, D. E. Bass, W. F. Jones, Malinda Wells, Carrie Williams, Committee.

Report No. 17.

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

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Dayton, Ohio, D. E. Bass; Richmond, Ind., W. F. Jones; Marietta, Ohio, A. Lawrence; Parkersburg, W. Va., A. C. Mayle; Hillsboro, Ohio, A. P. Mayle; Columbus, Ohio, H. C. Pierce; Xenia, Ohio, F. A. Scott; Pomeroy, Ohio, and Bartlett, Ohio, J. E. Lucas; Ripley, Ohio, O. C. Thompson; Springfield, Ohio, S. S. Walker; West Hill circuit, W. Va., Cedar Ridge and Barlow, Ohio, I. Kennedy; Findlay, Ohio, In hands of the President; Cincinnati Mission, B. Gardener; Belpre, Ohio, G. W. Jackson; Gertie, W. Va., P. Tolliver; W. F. Jones to have oversight of New Paris, Ohio; Conference Evangelist, J. W. Daniels; Missionary Agent, G. W. Jackson; D. L. Bray, Missionary Evangelist; E. C. Clark, C. Taylor and A. C. Thompson, in the hands of missionary agent; J. E. Artis, Evangelist at large.

Report No. 18.

We, your committee appointed by the South Ohio conference to investigate the trouble relative to the Xenia church, beg leave to submit the following report:

We called a meeting on the evening of Sept. 2nd, 1909 and found it necessary to elect a new trustee and steward board which resulted in the following named persons.

Trustees:—J. H. Wilson, Andrew Walker, S. S. Walker, Edith Watson, Anna P. Wilson.

Stewards:—J. H. Wilson, Andrew Walker, Martha Walker; Secretary. Martha Walker.

D. E. Bass, H. C. Pierce, Committee.

MINUTES OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Columbus, Ohio, August 27th, 1909.

The sixteenth annual session of the South Ohio conference Missionary Society convened at the Wesleyan Methodist church at Columbus, Ohio, August 25th, 1909, at 8 o'clock P. M.

The meeting was opened by the President of the conference, Rev. Jackson.

Song by the congregation. Scripture reading by Rev. O. C. Thompson.

The minutes of the last session were received as read.

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The roll of churches was called and responded through their respective representatives:—Hillsboro, O., Lucile Kittrel, \$2; Marietta, O., Hattie Curtis, \$10; Columbus, O., Celia Pierce, \$2.28; Parkersburg, W. Va., Rev. Jones, \$1; Pomeroy, O., M. C. Wells, \$2; Dayton, O., Rev. Bass, \$10; Cedar Ridge, O., James Curtis, \$1; Belpre, O., Ida Dyke, \$1; Barlow, O., Lucy Barnett, \$3; Richmond, Ind., Wm. Hill, \$2; Brother Gardener gave \$.02 to make even collection. Total, \$34.30.

The following members paid their annual dues:—Mattie Dixon, Emma C. Clarke, Celia Pierce, Mary Gardener, A. C. Mayle, A. P. Mayle, Catherine Tyler, D. E. Bass, W. F. Jones, G. W. Jackson, H. C. Pierce, S. M. Saine, Annie D. Thompson, B. Gardener, L. C. Jackson, A. Lawrence, Carrie Williams, J. W. Daniels, J. E. Bass, Elizabeth Burton, Lucile Kittrel, Malinda Wells.

Total amount received in dues, \$5.50; total amount received from churches, \$34.30; total amount received as offering, \$1.75. Total amount of collection, \$41.55.

The following officers were elected:—President, Celia Pierce; Vice-President, Columbus Jackson; Treasurer, G. W. Jackson; Secretary, Martha Stewart; Directors, Emma C. Clarke, Malinda Wells and Ida Dyke.

Rev. Jackson explained to the Society in a very instructive manner as to what became of the monies which are turned over into the Missionary Treasury. He said that in case of a mission church just beginning and which asked for assistance from the conference to help with the erection of an edifice, etc., that the conference would be enabled to give that charge the needed aid. He exemplified the statement by giving an example of a certain charge, that had asked for help, and to which the conference Society gave just \$5. He further said that probably had this Society not given that \$5 that the conference would have lost that charge.

The meeting on motion adjourned to meet at 8:30 P. M., Aug. 28th, 1909.

Aug. 28th, 1909.

The Society met at the call of the President, in an adjourned meeting.

The Board allowed the following amounts:—Printing of minutes, \$2.50 (or more if needed); Superannuated Fund for Sister

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Dixon, \$2; For charge at Bartlett, O., \$5, for the purpose of helping to buy church seats; To the Connectional Missionary Agent, \$5; To Rev. O. C. Thompson, \$5; To Rev. Walker, \$2.50, on 60 days time, with Rev. Jackson as security; To the Connection, pledged by the delegate at General Conference, \$5. Total amount allowed, \$27.

On motion meeting adjourned.

President, Celia Pierce;
Vice-President, Columbus Jackson;
Treasurer, G. W. Jackson;
Secretary, Martha Stewart.

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

The sixteenth annual session of the Wesleyan Methodist South Ohio conference Sunday-school Convention of District No. 1 convened at Pomeroy, Ohio, on June 25, 1909, with Elder A. Lawrence in the chair.

Convention was called to order at 9:30 by the President reading the 46th Psalm. Prayer by same.

Next was the call of schools and enrollment of delegates. The following schools and delegates responded: Cedar Ridge, Kinzie Armstrong; Barlow, Lawrence Sawyer; Marietta, Elder Lawrence; Parkersburg, Rev. F. A. Scott, Gertie, Asel Holbert; Pomeroy, Jessie Campbell.

The President then appointed the following persons: F. A. Scott, L. Sawyer, Laura Wells, Committee on Credentials.

The minutes of the previous annual session were read and recorded.

A motion prevailed that the session convene at 9:30 A. M., close at 12; afternoon session at 1:30, close at 3:30.

The question, "The superintendent and teacher's week-day work for their school," was discussed by several.

The noontide hour was conducted by Elder Lawrence. Benediction by Elder Jones.

Friday Afternoon Session.

Convention called to order by the President.

Rev. Simmons of the A. M. E. church was introduced to the convention.

The devotional exercises was led by Rev. Simmons. Song by the choir.

Minutes of previous session were read and adopted.

A motion prevailed that the first four rows of seats be the bar of the convention.

The President then appointed the following committees:

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Statistics, Rev. W. F. Jones, L. Sawyer, Laura Wells; State of Sunday-school, Rev. F. A. Scott, T. Still, A. Holbert; Memorials, M. Mitchell, C. Robinson, T. Still; Thanksgiving, L. C. Jackson, F. A. Scott, L. Sawyer; Finance and Claims, Rev. W. F. Jones, C. Robinson, T. Still.

The Committee on Credentials reported. Report adopted.

Singing after which A. Holbert read the 14th chapter of John.

The subject, "Why we should be interested in Sunday-school work" was forcibly discussed. "Who said bring them up in the fear of the Lord?" Father Still. "Because we want to bring in the entire world." Rev. Simmons. There is so much to do.

Benediction by Rev. Simmons.

Friday Evening Session.

Called to order by the President.

Devotions conducted by Rev. F. A. Scott. Prayer by Brother Robert Cousins of Athens, Ohio. Song by the choir. The welcome address was given by Miss Maggie Mitchell, who gave the visitors and delegates a welcome that only Keens Run could give. Rev. F. A. Scott responded accepting the hospitality.

Elder W. F. Jones then introduced Elder Lawrence.

The President delivered the annual address, giving a review of the past and telling most earnestly what and how we should strive to do in the future. Remarks by Elder Jones.

Benediction by Elder Jones.

Saturday Morning Session.

Convention called to order by President.

Devotions conducted by C. Robinson. Prayer by Father Still.

The minutes of previous session were read and recorded.

A motion prevailed that Jessie Campbell act as secretary while the committees were making their reports.

The President gave a short talk on Sunday-school work.

Recitation by Francis Starks, "My Mother's Bible."

Father Still, the field lecturer, made his report. On account of sickness he had not been able to do much. Lectured seven times, collected \$11.17. Same was used for expenses. A motion prevailed that his report be received.

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Committee on Finance and Claims made their report which was received.

Committee on Statistics reported. Report received.

The subject, "The power of the tongue," was discussed by Brothers Still, Cousins, Wells and Scott, who said the best use we can make of the tongue is to use it in kindness.

The noontide hour was conducted by Rev. Scott.

Benediction by Rev. Scott.

Saturday Afternoon Session.

Convention called to order by President.

Devotions conducted by L. C. Jackson.

Minutes of previous session were read and adopted.

Song by the choir after which the election of officers took place.

Elder A. Lawrence, who has been the President for fifteen years, was unanimously re-elected; F. A. Scott, Vice-President; L. C. Jackson, Secretary; L. Sawyer, Assistant Secretary; Creedis Robinson, Treasurer.

Song by the choir. Paper, Jessie Campbell of Pomeroy. Paper, L. Sawyer of Barlow, O. Song. Remarks by all the Sunday-school workers on "Why we are here," was participated by all present.

Benediction by Elder Lawrence.

Saturday Evening Session.

Called to order by the President.

Devotions conducted by Elder Jones.

Singing by the choir.

Paper by Kinzie Armstrong, of Cedar Ridge, O. Recitation, Phila Jefferson. Singing. Recitation, May Jackson. Remarks by Rev. W. F. Jones.

The President made announcements for Sabbath.

Benediction by Rev. Scott.

Sabbath Morning Session.

Sunrise prayer-meeting led by Creedis Robinson.

A grand and glorious praise and testimony meeting was led

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by Brothers Robert Cousins and F. A. Scott, after which F. A. Scott preached.

Benediction by Elder Lawrence.

Sabbath Afternoon Session.

Singing by the choir.

Brother Grant Curtis not being present Rev. F. A. Scott conducted a session of Sunday-school.

Singing.

Miss Emma Mitchell read a very interesting paper on Sunday-school work.

Singing.

Jessie Campbell read a paper on "How can we improve our Sunday-school?" Father Still spoke on the subject, "The Power of the Sunday-school," saying, "it is world-wide and all the combined powers could not slay it."

Rev. Mitchell and Rev. Smith of the Free Methodist church were introduced to the convention and made encouraging remarks.

Benediction by Rev. Mitchell.

Sabbath Evening Session.

Song service.

Devotions conducted by L. C. Jackson.

Singing by the choir. Recitation, Hazel Grant. Recitation, Lulu Moten. Song. Recitation, Father Still. "My Mother's Prayer," solo, Laura Wells. Paper, L. C. Jackson, "Jesus our example."

Address by Brother Robert Cousins of Athens, Ohio.

Remarks by Elders Lawrence and Jones.

"God be with you" was sung, good-byes were said; thus closed the sixteenth annual convention to meet one year hence at Parkersburg, W. Va.

Benediction by Elder Lawrence.

CONVENTION NOTES.

Although the attendance was not as large as on other occasions God wonderfully blessed us. Three young men held up their hands for prayers.

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The choir was present at every service.

Brother Robert Cousins was a great inspiration to all.

Father Still, our field lecturer, over eighty years old, was present at every session.

REPORTS.

Statistics.

We, your Committee on Statistics beg leave to submit the following: Number of officers, 33; teachers, 24; scholars, 302; conversions, 16; died, 4; average attendance, 167; collections, \$203.02; books in Sunday-school library, 426; Children's Banner, 1; Temperance papers, 1; Normal classes, 1.

Kennis Armstrong, Rev. W. F. Jones, Laura A. Wells, Sec.

State and Condition of Sunday-school.

We, your Committee on State and Condition of Sunday-school, submit the following: We find from observation that in general the Sunday-schools are in as good condition as could be expected, and we believe by a united effort on the part of consecrated superintendents, God-fearing teachers and the co-operation of the parents that much more good could be done in the name of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me."

F. A. Scott, L. C. Jackson, Thos. Still, Committee.

Memorial.

We, your Committee on Memorial, beg leave to submit the following report: After examining the statistical reports from the various schools we find that our heavenly Father has seen fit to remove from life's labors to heaven's reward, Misses Winnie Thompson, of Parkersburg, W. Va.; Lucy Holbert of Gertie, W. Va.; Lucy Simpson of Barlow, O.; Mrs. Nancy Harper and Mr. Chas. Campbell of Pomeroy, O. Their happy voices and pleasant smiles will be missed from their respective schools, but we have the blessed assurance that the Giver of all good and perfect gifts

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has called them to enjoy the blessings which have been prepared for all those who love Him.

Margaret Mitchell, Father Still, Creedis Robinson, Committee.

Thanksgiving.

We, your Committee, submit the following report: Resolved, that we return our heart-felt thanks to the Reception Committee and the dear friends of Keens Run for the royal manner in which we have been entertained. We were glad when we received the news that the sixteenth annual session would be held at Keens Run. We knew from the memory of other days that our stay here would be pleasant. Notwithstanding some of the seats are vacant, some voices are hushed in death, our heavenly Father has seen fit to permit a few of us to meet again. We shall ever look back with pleasure upon this session. We want to commend Miss Martha Steward of Columbus, Ohio, for the Christian and lady-like manner in which she presided at the organ and the choir who was present at every session. Eternity alone will tell the good.

L. C. Jackson, F. A. Scott, L. Sawyer, Committee.

Finance and Claims.

We, your Committee on Finance and Claims, beg leave to submit the following report: The following claims were allowed:— For the printing of programs by Brother Lawrence, \$3; allowed to President, \$4; to our Secretary, L. C. Jackson, \$4.

C. Robinson, Thos. Still, W. F. Jones, Committee.

Credentials.

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to submit the following report: After carefully examining the credentials of the delegates we recommend that they be received.

Laura Wells, Lawrence Sawyer, F. A. Scott, Committee.

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Treasurer's Report.

Amount taken up at this convention, \$25.15; dues from schools, \$6; dues from members, \$2.75; collections: Saturday evening, \$1.25; Sabbath morning, \$6.05; Sabbath afternoon, \$4; Sabbath evening, \$5.10.

C. Robinson.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

The twelfth annual Sunday-school convention of the South Ohio conference, District No. 2, was called to order at 9.45 A. M., by the President, Prof. Wm. Shoemaker.

Song service conducted by Rev. J. E. Artis of Richmond. This meeting was a spiritual help to all present. Responsive reading of 107th Psalm. Congregation singing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name."

Enrollment of delegates was as follows: Columbus, Miss Martha Stewart; Dayton, Miss Rita Higgins; Long, H. O. Mason; Hillsboro, Miss Edith Williams; Ripley, Miss Esther Woodward; Richmond, Ind., Sent a letter. No communication from the following schools: Xenia, Springfield, Findlay, Cincinnati.

Appointment of committees was next business taken up. Committee on Finance and Claims:—Elizabeth A. Williams, Rev. J. E. Artis, Miss Edith Williams. Committee on Statistics:—Rev. A. P. Mayle, Martha Stewart, Rita Higgins. Committee on Resolutions:—J. F. Cousins, Esther Woodward, H. O. Mason. Committee on Memoirs:—Rev. J. E. Artis, Rev. D. E. Bass, Miss M. Stewart. Committee on Credentials and Membership:—Prof. J. F. Cousins, Mrs. K. Artis, Miss Edith Williams.

The Symposium was opened by Rev. Artis, subject, "How shall we make this a profitable session to those present and to the schools throughout the district?" Rev. Artis emphasized the fact that each officer should be present at each opening session and that promptness would be the keynote of the success of this convention.

Roll was called and dues amounted to \$3.80.

A motion prevailed that the bar comprise the first three rows.

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and that we open at the appointed hours and close at 12 M., 4 P. M., 9:30 P. M. Carried.

Benediction.

Friday Afternoon Session.

Called to order by the President.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. P. Mayle, Hillsboro, O. Congregation singing, "I need Thee every hour." Prayer by Rev. O. Thompson, Xenia, O.

Reports of delegates was next business taken up. The reports from the following schools were read by their respective delegates and dues paid: Dayton, Hillsboro, Long, Columbus. The delegate from Ripley reported the school in a very low state and unable to send dues. At this juncture a motion prevailed that the convention make up this school's deficiency. \$1.80 was taken up, 30cts above the annual dues was given to the delegate on her rare.

Charlester Higgins, of Dayton, O., rendered a very beautiful recitation.

Miscellaneous business was then taken up. The school at Long, O., was the only school which had observed the 2nd Sunday in June as Convention Rally Day and sent \$2 as Rally Day money. A vote of thanks was tendered Prof. J. F. Cousins, the superintendent of the above named school, for his kind observance and it is the sincere desire of the convention that all superintendents will do likewise in the future.

The delegates hour was conducted by Miss Martha Stewart of Columbus, O., in which all the delegates participated. A heart to heart talk was enjoyed by all. They spoke of the various methods used in each respective school for its betterment and of the weak places which they were trying to overcome.

Rev. Artis conducted the Bible Study which was very instructive.

Congregation singing, "God be with you 'till we meet again."

Friday Evening Session.

This session was called to order by the Vice-President, Rev. A. P. Mayle.

Devotional exercises conducted by Prof. J. F. Cousins, who

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read 3rd chapter of James 1-10 verses. Prayer, Rev. Artis. Congregation singing, "Jesus Savior, pilot me."

Annual sermon, Rev. Artis who took for his subject, "Bible Instructions."

Song, Dayton choir.

Symposium, "Compare the Sunday-school as a factor in the evangelization of the world." Prof. J. F. Cousins of Long, O., in the absence of Rev. H. C. Pierce opened the subject and his talk was very instructive. He proved very satisfactorily that the Sunday-school had, since its existence, did its part in the evangelizing the world. Rev. and Mrs. Artis of Richmond, Mrs. Wm. Coleman of Dayton, also spoke upon the subject.

Duet by Miss Romania Pointz and Miss Ethel Stewart, Dayton, O.

Offering, \$3.80.

Benediction.

Saturday Forenoon Session.

This session was called to order by the President.

Choir singing, "Onward Christian soldiers." Scripture reading, Rev. H. C. Pierce, Columbus, O. Song, choir.

Symposium, "Has your Sunday-school made the desired progress along all lines since last convention? State cause." The delegates were requested to take up the subject. State progress made spiritually, intellectually: that is considering the qualifications of superintendents and teachers as to fitness of their positions intellectually. We, the convention, feel that it is absolutely necessary for superintendents and teachers to be spiritually prepared, it is equally necessary for them to be intellectually so. They were also asked the progress made financially. The delegates all spoke very favorably along these lines concerning their respective schools.

Report of committees was next business taken up. The report of Committee on Resolutions was read and received. A motion prevailed for it to be re-read Sunday evening. The report of the Committee on Memoirs was read and received. Also the report of the Committee on Statistics was read and partially received.

Symposium, "What constitutes a successful Sunday-school teacher?" Rev. A. P. Mayle opened the subject in which he

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claimed the successful Sunday-school teacher must be a Christian.

A motion prevailed to take up unfinished business at the next session in the afternoon.

Benediction.

Saturday Afternoon Session.

The President opened the session.

Congregation singing, "Bless be the tie that binds." Devotional exercises conducted by Miss Esther Woodward who read the 24th Psalm. Prayer, Rev. Artis. Choir singing, "Jesus, lover of my soul."

Mr. E. T. Banks, President of the C. Y. M. C. A., was introduced and addressed the convention. Also made an honorary member of the same.

Choir singing, "My Jesus I love Thee."

Mrs. Katherine Artis, district primary superintendent, made her report. She spoke of her work which had been principally at her home. She reports good work done among the children.

Miss Elizabeth Williams, Field Secretary, made her report in which she says she notified all schools of the district of her proposed visit to all schools, but only one school, Long, O., sent for her. This school, she says, is lively and in splendid condition. \$4.56 was given her by this school to bear her expenses. Both reports were received and adopted.

Fifty cents was received from the minutes sold in Dayton.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Carrie Cousins, was read and received.

Miss Esther Woodward of Ripley, O., read a very interesting paper, subject, "How to bear little things."

Only one paper was received for the prize contest, Miss Esta Archey of Richmond. She was awarded a prize for her efforts.

Song by the choir.

Rev. J. E. Artis again interested the convention in the Bible Study.

A motion prevailed that the present officers be retained for the ensuing year.

Benediction by Rev. Bass.

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Saturday Evening Session.

This session was opened by the President.

Choir singing, "Trust and obey." Devotional exercises conducted by Brother Richard McGregor who read II, Timothy 2:1-15. Prayer by Brother Harry Pollard, Superintendent of Dayton school. Choir singing, "The Comforter has come." Recitation, Irma Mason, Long, O. Rev. Pierce, in the absence of Mr. Banks, spoke upon the subject, "Child Training, Why of great importance?" His talk was very instructive to both parents and children. Recitation, Miss Rita Higgins, Dayton delegate. Recitation, Mamie Pauley, Dayton, O.

Prof. Beame of Mt. Sterling, Ky., was introduced to the convention and made a few remarks.

Symposium, "Should we urge the banishment of cigarettes and the liquor traffic in the Sunday-school." The subject was opened by Rev. Bass of Dayton, in which he urged the church members to abstain from the use of the same.

Eighty-five cents dues collected.

Miss Rita Higgins, Dayton, O., joined the convention.

Public offering, \$21.30.

Benediction.

Sunday Morning Session.

At 9:30 A. M. praise meeting was conducted by Brothers Chas. Scales and Richard McGregor. This was a glorious meeting, one accompanied by the Holy Ghost.

Services opened at 11 A. M. Choir singing, "Holy Ghost with light divine." Prayer and scripture reading, Rev. Artis.

Preaching by Rev. H. C. Pierce, II. Corinthians 5:20. The sermon was pointed and powerful.

Collection for stewards amounted to \$14.58.

Sunday Afternoon Session.

Session was opened at 3 P. M.

Song by the Dayton choir.

Oration, "Value of Character," Mr. Earl Clemens, Long, O.

Address, "Stern Duties of Life," Mr. H. O. Mason, Long, O.

Solo, Mr. Samuel McGregor, Dayton, O.

Address, "Brains and Education," Herschal Lewis, Long, O.

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Duet, Charlester and Unice Higgins, Dayton, O.

Recitation, Merl Epps, Long, O.

Address, Rev. A. P. Mayle, Hillsboro, O.

Song, Dayton choir.

Offering for convention, \$10.85.

Benediction.

Sunday Evening Session.

This session was opened by the President at 8:15 P. M.

Scripture reading by Miss Elizabeth Williams who read the 27th Psalm. Song, Dayton choir.

Paper, Mr. Orville Clemens, Long, O.

Recitation, Miss Bessie Vinson, Dayton, O.

Recitation, Mr. Patterson, Long, O.

Solo, Mrs. Maud King Walker, Dayton, O.

Paper, Miss Edith Williams, Hillsboro, O.

Paper, "Woman's Influence in the Home," Mrs. Viola Patterson, Long, O.

Organ voluntary, Miss Martha Stewart, Columbus, O.

Song, Dayton choir.

Address, Prof. J. F. Cousins, Long, O.

Solo, Mrs. Hayti Preston, Dayton, O.

Closing address, President Prof. Wm. Shoemaker.

A motion prevailed that the appointment of a place to hold the next annual convention be left to the President and Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Claims was read and received. Also the Resolution of Thanks.

Congregation singing, "God be with you 'till we meet again."

Benediction, Rev. Artis.

REPORTS.

Finance and Claims.

We, the following Committee, beg leave to submit the following report: Taken up from annual dues from the schools, \$6; from membership dues, \$5.35; from sale of minutes, \$.80; from public offerings, \$16.95. Total amount taken, \$29.10. Expenditures:

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To Secretary, \$5; Incidentals, \$2.07; President, \$1.60; Dayton church, \$3.80. Total, \$12.47.

Amount remitted to Treasurer, July 25, 1909, \$17.63. Amount in the treasury, July 22, 1909, \$10.28. Total amount in treasury, \$27.91.

Elizabeth Williams, Rev. J. E. Artis, Edith Williams, Com.

Statistics.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report: Number of schools represented in this convention, 6; number of superintendents, 11; number of teachers, 30; number of scholars, 332; total number of officers and scholars, 373; number of books in library, 483; amount of money raised, \$173.40; amount sent to convention, \$8.70; number of deaths, 6; number of conversions, 8.

A. P. Mayle, Martha Stewart, Rita Higgins, Committee

Credentials and Membership.

We, your Committee on Credentials and Membership, have examined the credentials of the following delegates and find them eligible: Long, O., Bethel school, H. O. Mason; Dayton, Rita Higgins; Columbus, Martha Stewart; Hillsboro, Edith Williams; Richmond, Reported by letter; Ripley, Esther Woodward.

Members, 1909. Officers:—Wm. Shoemaker, Crete, Ind., President; Rev. A. P. Mayle, Hillsboro, O., Vice-President; Elizabeth A. Williams, Dayton, O., 116 New St., Secretary; Martha Stewart, Columbus, O., Assistant Secretary; Carrie Cousins, Greenville, R. R. No. 9, Treasurer; Katherine Artis, Richmond, Ind., District Primary Superintendent.

Members:—Rev. J. E. Artis, Rev. D. E. Bass, Elizabeth Burton, Dora Burton, Eva Brown, Beatrice Brandon, Carrie Cousins, J. F. Cousins, Bessie Craig, Grace Carr, Cordelia Craig, Edward Dixon, Mattie Dixon, Nancy Fee, Clara Harris, Otis Hunter, Flora Hunter, Rita Higgins, Bertha Hicks, Lucile Kittrel, Elmer Mason, H. O. Mason, Jennie Mumford, Lee Mumford, Hazel Nichols, Samuel McGregor, Richard McGregor, Izora McGregor, Dorsey Oldham, Rev. H. C. Pierce, Laura Tilton, Charlotte Stewart.

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Martha Stewart, Edith Williams, Norman Woodward, Esther Woodward.

J. F. Cousins, Katherine Artis, Esther Woodward, Committee.

Resolutions.

We, your Committee, most kindly submit the following report.

Whereas throughout the providence of our heavenly Father we have been permitted to meet in this the twelfth annual convention of the South Ohio conference, District No. 2, and, whereas the convention has been so ably managed by its officers, and the lectures, addresses and papers were so instructive and inspiring that we feel it was good for us to be here, and, whereas the reports from the various schools show an increase in membership which is encouraging to this convention; but we do most earnestly beg of our ministers, delegates and co-workers to lose no opportunity nor time in doing service in the Sunday-school work. And whereas through the able efforts of Sister Elizabeth Williams, Rev. D. E. Bass, and the other good people of Dayton, who have so nobly received us and so grandly entertained us; Be it resolved, that we return them our most sincere thanks and will ever remember them most tenderly for the same. Be it further resolved, that we return a vote of thanks to the Dayton choir for the rendition of their most excellent music.

J. F. Cousins, H. O. Mason, Esther Woodward, Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

Amount in treasury July 18, 1908, \$8.50; amount paid to Treasurer, July 19, 1908, \$15.02. Total amount in treasury, July 19, 1909, \$23.52.

Expenses:-Amount paid for annual proceedings, \$9; amount paid for programs, \$4; amount paid for money orders and stationery, \$24. Total amount paid out for year, \$13.24.

Leaving a balance to date, \$10.28.

Most faithfully submitted,

Mrs. Carrie L. Cousins.

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Memoirs.

We, your Committee on Memoirs, beg leave to submit the following report: We find death has removed several members of this convention. Three from the Dayton school, Brother Harvey Pauley met his death by drowning; he was well liked by all who knew him. Miss Olivia Taylor, a young girl, an active worker in the school and who was sent as delegate to the last convention in 1908 at Long, O. Edith Chatman in the primary department. Two from the Columbus school, Edward G. Brown and Jennie R. Ringo, both faithful workers in this school. Miss Gida Woodward of Ripley who all of her life took an active part in the Sunday-school work. We ask the ministers or delegates from these schools to pay a tribute to the memory of the deceased and we, as a convention, say in silent language,

"Rest sainted ones, thy spirits shall have their reward."

Rev. Artis, Martha Stewart, Rev. D. E. Bass, Committee.

Note:—Remember Rally Day the second Sunday in June.