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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

OF THE

Wesleyan Methodist Connection,
or Church, of America

HELD AT

ENID, OKLAHOMA,
SEPTEMBER 5-8, 1923.

OLIVER G. WILSON, President.
W. J. KUNTZ, Secretary.

The Oklahoma Conference.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President—Oliver G. Wilson, Enid, 906 E. Cherokee St., Okla.
Vice-President—A. B. Bissey, Enid, 1301 W. Randolph St., Okla.
Secretary—W. J. Kuntz, Ames, Okla.
Treasurer—C. Hanson, Kremlin, Okla.

TRUSTEES OF CONFERENCE.

W. F. Lee, Bison, Okla. Term expires 1928
M. S. Litell, Ringwood, Okla. Term expires 1927
A. B. Bissey, Enid, Okla. Term expires 1926
C. C. Tynan, Ringwood, Okla. Term expires 1925
C. Hanson, Kremlin, Okla. Term expires 1924

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

Itineracy and Orders—J. M. Batman, term expires 1927; A. B. Bissey, term expires 1926; W. J. Kuntz, term expires 1925; O. G. Wilson, 1924.

Judiciary—W. J. Kuntz, M. S. Litell, J. M. Batman, A. B. Bissey.

Vacancies—W. J. Kuntz, J. M. Batman, M. S. Litell, C. L. Cummings, Mrs. J. M. Batman.

Advisory Board—A. B. Bissey, C. Hanson.

Missionary Board—O. G. Wilson, A. B. Bissey, S. Dague.

Sunday School Board—W. J. Kuntz, Sylvia Litell, Oliver G. Wilson.

SESSION COMMITTEES.

Pastoral Relation—A. B. Bissey, W. J. Kuntz, Oliver G. Wilson, M. S. Litell, Mattie Fisher, Jessie Able, S. Dague.

Ministerial Character—A. B. Bissey, O. G. Wilson, Mattie Fisher.

Finance—A. B. Bissey, M. S. Litell, W. F. Lee.

Resolutions—Oliver Wilson, M. S. Litell, Jessie Able.

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Statistics—Jessie Able, Myrtle Nash.

Courtesies—Oliver G. Wilson.

Thanks—M. S. Litell, G. Cowen.

Religious Service—O. G. Wilson, W. J. Kuntz, S. Dague.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

Elders.

A. B. Bissey	4 days present.
M. S. Litell	2 days present.
Oliver G. Wilson	4 days present.
W. J. Kuntz	4 days present.
Willard Morris	0 days present.
J. M. Batman	0 days present.
J. B. Gum	0 days present.
J. V. and Iva E. Crofford	0 days present.
Geo. Cameron	0 days present.
C. C. Tynan	0 days present.

Licentiates.

Myrtle Nash	4 days present.
Bert Fisher	0 days present.
Mabel Lee Messer	0 days present.
A. F. Messer	0 days present.

Delegates.

Mattie Fisher, Mt. Olive	4 days present.
Jessie Able, Mt. Olive	3 days present.
May Ent, Carwile	3 days present.
Lida Frickle, Carwile	3 days present.
G. C. Cowen, Etna	2 days present.
S. Dague, Enid	4 days present.
Sylvia Litell, Wesley Chapel	1 day present.
W. F. Lee, Wesley Chapel	1 day present.

Journal of Daily Proceedings.

Twentieth annual session of the Oklahoma Conference convened in Enid, September 5, 1923. Devotional led by Brother A. B. Bissey, who read the twenty-second Psalm and led in prayer.

Conference President, A. B. Bissey, gave his annual address, speaking of the condition of the work.

Upon the request of the Conference President, Rev. T. P. Baker, Home Missionary Secretary, took the chair and presided throughout the session.

Four Elders and one Licentiate answered to the roll call.

Motion made and carried that delegates presenting proper credentials be seated. See Delegate Roll page 4.

On motion the two front seats and platform constitute the Conference bar.

Motion made and carried that Committee on Religious service act as Committee on Special Orders. See Session Committee.

Adjourned on motion.

Thursday Morning.

Devotions by Oliver G. Wilson who read 2 Peter 3:11-18, after which Brother A. B. Marlow led in prayer.

Roll call.

Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Religious Service gave partial report. A. B. Bissey to preach at 2:30 P. M. T. P. Baker to preach at 8:00 P. M.

First reading of the report of the Committee on Pastoral Relations.

Secretary was instructed to correspond with all Elders who have not reported to the Conference for two years.

Committee on Special Orders reported. See Report on page 9.

Adjourned on motion.

Friday Morning.

Devotional led by M. S. Litell, who read the first thirteen verses of the eighty-sixth Psalm and led in prayer.

Roll call.

Minutes read and approved.

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Special Orders. Election of officers.

M. S. Litell and S. Dague were appointed tellers.

On first ballot Oliver G. Wilson was elected President.

On third ballot A. B. Bissey was elected Vice-President.

Motion made and carried that the tellers cast the ballot of the Conference for W. J. Kuntz for Secretary.

Motion made and carried that the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for C. Hanson for Treasurer.

Oliver G. Wilson gave statistical report for Enid charge.

A. B. Bissey's name was called. He gave report of his work for the year.

W. J. Kuntz gave statistical report for Wesley Chapel circuit.

Committee on Resolutions gave report. See Report on page 8.

Second reading of the report of the Committee on Pastoral Relations.

On motion the lady licentiates were transferred to the Deaconess course of study as provided by the last General Conference.

Adjourned on motion.

Saturday Morning.

Devotionals led by Brother Dague, who read Romans five, and led in prayer.

Roll call.

Reading of the minutes and approved.

President H. W. McDowell, of Miltonvale College, was introduced to the Conference.

Motion made and carried that all visiting ministers be admitted to honorary privileges within the Conference bar.

Recommendations of A. F. Messer were read and referred to the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

Motion made and carried that the Secretary write letters of greetings to Brother J. B. Gum, Geo. Cameron, Willard Morris, C. C. Tynan.

S. Dague and May Ent were elected lay members on the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

Myrtle Nash gave statistical report of Carwile charge.

Orders of the Day was called for, and the vote on the tobacco amendment was taken up, which resulted as follows: For the amendment, 10; against the amendment, 0.

Statistical report of J. M. Batman, Mt. Olive circuit, was read.

Communications were read from Brothers Geo. Cameron, Willard Morris and C. C. Tynan.

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Finance Committee gave report. See Report on page 8.

Treasurer report was adopted. See Report on page 10.

Motion made and carried that the Annual Conference for 1924 be held in Enid.

Motion made and carried that the Committee on Itineracy and Orders hold a Ministerial Institute. Time and place to be determined by the Committee.

Final report of the Committee on Pastoral Relations. Report was adopted. See Report on page 10.

The report of the Statistical Committee was adopted.

Motion prevailed that the Conference Minutes be published.

Motion that the publication be left with the Conference officers. Motion carried.

Motion made and carried that the Secretary have the privilege of calling to his assistance what help he may need for editing the minutes.

Minutes were read and approved.

Motion to adjourn. Carried.

Reports of Committees.

FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report:
That we adopt the Budget System for raising the Benevolences of the Church; and that the assessment be four dollars and sixty cents per member. The Budget to be divided as follows:

Superannuate Fund	\$.50
Missions	2.00
Education	1.50
Conference Fund	.50
General Conference Delegate expense.....	.10
	\$ 4.60

A. B. Bissey,
M. S. Litell,
W. F. Lee,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Adopted by the Oklahoma Conference and requested published in the Wesleyan Methodist.

The church is the moral force which must leaven the whole society if the world is to be saved from decay. The church must sound a positive note on the questions of public morals. We regret deeply the tendency, even among holiness people, to adopt a compromising attitude toward the prevalent evils of the day. We recommend that the Oklahoma Conference affirm its unaltered opposition to worldly, immodest dress, jazz music and the "freedom" between sexes flaunted from almost every magazine.

We believe God has ordained governments and that those in authority are responsible for the enforcement of the laws. Therefore we are opposed to every semblance of mob rule, or any effort on the part of any society to take from the hands of the rightfully elected officers of the law the enforcement of the same.

We reaffirm our belief in the following:

- 1st. Inspiration of the Scripture;
- 2nd. Divine origin of man, his fall and total corruption;

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3rd. Virgin birth, sacrificial death, and literal resurrection of Jesus Christ;

4th. Sanctification as a second, definite work of grace, subsequent to regeneration, wherein the body of sin is destroyed, and the believer receives the baptism with Holy Ghost.

Oliver Wilson,
M. S. Litell,
Jessie Able,
Committee.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

Committee on Special Orders recommends the adoption of the following report:

Election of officers be held Friday morning.

The vote on the tobacco amendment be taken Saturday morning at eleven o'clock.

Rev. T. P. Baker be given Friday afternoon to give his Connectional address.

President H. W. McDowell be given Saturday afternoon to present the needs of Miltonvale College.

The report was adopted.

Oliver G. Wilson,
W. J. Kuntz,
S. Dague,
Committee.

ITINERACY AND ORDERS.

The Committee on Itineracy and Orders submit the following report:

Bert Fisher and A. F. Messer be received to pursue the course of study preparatory to travel.

Myrtle Nash and Mabel Lee Messer be received to pursue the Deaconess course of study.

J. M. Batman,
A. B. Batman,
W. J. Kuntz,
O. G. Wilson,
S. Dague,
May Ent,
Committee.

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COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS.

Enid—Oliver G. Wilson.
Mt. Olive Circuit—J. M. Batman.
Wesley Chapel Circuit—W. J. Kuntz.
Carwile—Myrtle Nash.
Springdale—In hands of President.
Ellis—In hands of President.
Etna—To be supplied.
General Evangelist—A. B. Bissey.
To choose own field of labor—M. S. Litell, J. B. Gum.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Home Missions.

Received during year	\$ 129.68
Paid to T. P. Baker	129.68

Conference Fund.

On hand at beginning of year	\$ 64.55
Received during the year	79.33

	\$ 143.88
Paid for printing minutes	\$ 22.50
Paid for supplies	2.70
Paid W. J. Kuntz for editing minutes	15.00
Paid C. L. Cummings, Delegate expense..	65.00

	\$ 105.20
Balance	\$ 38.68

Superannuated Ministers' Fund.

Cash on hand from last year	\$ 6.84
One note at 8 per cent interest	200.00
Interest added to the note	16.00
Received during the year	5.75

Total	\$ 228.59
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Educational Fund.

Received during the year	\$ 18.00
Paid to H. W. McDowell	18.00

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Conference Mission Fund.

On hand \$ 42.19

General Conference Delegate Fund.

Received during the year \$ 44.33

Paid to A. B. Bissey, Delegate 44.33

Student Loan Fund.

Received during the year \$ 50.00

Cash on hand 50.00

Church Extension Fund.

Cash on hand \$ 128.92

C. Hanson, Treasurer.

QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

Carwile, Oct. 6, 7; Dec. 8, 9; March 9, 10; June 1, 2.
Mt. Olive, Oct. 13, 14; Dec. 22, 23; March 17, 18; June 8, 9.
Springdale, Oct. 24, 25; Jan. 15, 16; March 29, 30; June 29, 30.
Etna, Nov. 3, 4; Jan. 19, 20; April 13, 14; July 13, 14.
Wesley Chapel, Nov. 10, 11; Jan. 26, 27; April 27, 28; July 27, 28.
Enid, Nov. 17, 18; Feb. 9, 10; May 11, 12; Aug. 3, 4.
Ellis, Nov. 24, 25; Feb. 23, 24; May 26, 27; Aug. 17, 18.

The Conference President is to hold at least one quarterly meeting; the others are to be provided for by the pastor of the church.

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STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Pastor's Labors					Periodicals						
	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	No. Wesleyans Taken	S. S. Banner Taken	Primary Class Paper	Teacher's Quarterlies	Scholar's Quarterlies	Junior Quarterlies	Little Folks Cards	Lesson Leaves	Picture Chart
Enid	12	1	1	6	40	20	12	80	40	20	36	2
Wesley Chapel	12	2	2	9	30		5	45	15	12		
Mt. Olive	12	3	2	5	16	10	5	40	24	16		
Etna, No Pastor			1	4	15	10	5	40	15	15		
Springdale, No Report			1									
Carwile	12	1	1	1		10	3	30	10	10		
Ellis, No Report			1									
Totals	48	7	9	25	101	50	30	235	104	73	36	2

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

	Membership															
	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	No. reported last year	No. at Beginning of Year	Present number	Gain	Loss	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Licentiates	Membership	Tithing
Enid	8		2	1	2	54	54	57	3						10	
Wesley Chapel	2		4		1	50	49	47	2	5		6			7	
Mt. Olive			2	1		42	39	39					2	2	5	
Etna, No Pastor				1		32	32	31		1				1	1	
Springdale, No Report ..						17	17	17								
Carwile																
Ellis, No Report																
Totals	10		8	3	3	195	191	191	5	9		6	2	3	23	

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

Sabbath Schools											
	No. of Sabbath Schools	Whole No. of Officers	Officers not Teachers or Scholars	No of Teachers	No. in Home Dept.	No. Scholars in Cradle Roll	No. in Main School	Total No. in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. Scholars Converted	No. Schol. Joining Church
Enid	1	4	1	9		52	200	266	140	35	8
Wesley Chapel	1	14		8		36	120	100	100	3	1
Mt. Olive	1	6		8				60	47		
Etna, No Pastor	1	4		4		25	60	60	42		
Springdale, No Report											
Carwile	1	5	5	3		16	32	48	30		
Ellis, No Report											
Totals	7	33	6	32		129	412	428	329	38	9
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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

Church Property.						
	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amt. of Indebtedness
Enid	1	\$5000.00	\$2200.00	2	\$3000.00	\$1600.00
Wesley Chapel	1	800.00		1	400.00	
Mt. Olive	3	1600.00		1	800.00	
Etna, No Pastor	1	700.00		1	500.00	
Springdale, No Report ..	1	1000.00				
Carwile	1	400.00		1	200.00	
Ellis, No Report						
Totals	8	\$9500.00	\$2200.00	6	\$4900.00	\$1600.00
						\$1937.93

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

Salary					
	Pastors' Salary	Parsonage Rent	Fees, Marriage and Funeral	Evangelistic Work and Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Enid	\$775.00	\$3.00	\$10.00	\$108.25	\$1193.25
Wesley Chapel	553.85	60.00	15.00		628.85
Mt. Olive	301.52		7.00		308.52
Etna, No pastor					
Springdale, No Report					
Carwile	93.31				93.31
Ellis, No Report					
Totals	\$1723.68	\$360.00	\$32.00	\$108.25	\$2223.93

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

Church Expense.						
	Conf. President's Salary	Evangelistic Help	Sabbath School Expense	Buildings and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Total for Church
Enid	\$49.00	\$230.00	\$165.00	\$38.65	\$472.56	\$955.21
Wesley Chapel	60.00	139.13	39.97	24.50	20.00	283.60
Mt. Olive	38.04	35.00	24.82		3.00	100.86
Etna, No Pastor	33.13	66.28	30.00		10.00	139.58
Springdale, No Report						
Carwile	26.60	12.14	20.00		5.00	45.14
Ellis, No Report						
Totals	\$206.77	\$485.57	\$279.79	\$63.15	\$510.56	\$1524.39

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

Benevolences							
	Missions	Education	Conference Work	Superannuated Min. Fund	Gen. Conf. Delegate Fund	Other Benev. Objects	Total for Benevolences
Enid	\$106.21	\$18.00	\$39.21	\$2.75		\$20.65	\$186.82
Wesley Chapel	53.41		25.00		\$20.00		163.85
Mt. Olive	77.03		10.00	2.00	7.50		96.53
Etna, No Pastor	70.08				8.00		78.08
Springdale, No Rp.							
Carwile	9.58						9.58
Ellis, No Report..							
Totals	\$316.31	\$18.00	\$74.21	\$4.75	\$35.50	\$20.00	\$530.86

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

Budget.				
	Undivided Budget Assigned	Total for Pastor	Total for Churches	Total for All Purposes
Enid		\$1193.25	\$955.21	\$2335.28
Wesley Chapel	\$67.44	628.85	283.60	1078.30
Mt. Olive		308.52	100.86	505.91
Etna, No Pastor			139.58	217.66
Springdale, No Report				
Carwile		93.31	45.14	148.03
Ellis, No Report				
Totals	\$67.44	\$2223.93	\$1524.37	\$4285.18

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Budget.						
	Missions Raised	Education Raised	Conf. Fund Assigned	Conf. Fund Raised.	Gen. Conf. Del. Fund Raised	Total
Enid	\$106.21	\$18.00		\$39.21	\$8.83	
Wesley Chapel	90.61		25.00	25.00	20.00	203.05
Mt. Olive	77.03		10.00		7.50	96.53
Etna, No Pastor	70.08			10.00	8.00	
Carwile	9.58					
Springdale, No Report				5.12		
Totals	\$353.51	\$18.00	\$35.00	\$79.33	\$44.33	\$299.58