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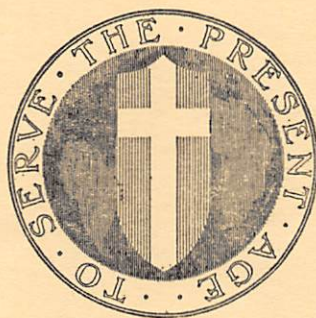
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Rev. F. H. Harris, Odum, Georgia.
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Rev. J. M. Merrell, Route 2, Perry, Florida.
Rev. C. M. Payne, Hortense, Georgia.
Rev. C. E. Shaw, 113 W. Patterson St., Lakeland, Florida.
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Rev. W. W. Wigglesworth, 814 L. St., Waycross, Georgia.
Rev. L. C. Wireman, Intercession City, Florida.

Elders on Superannuated List

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Rev. C. E. Shaw, 113 W. Patterson St., Lakeland, Florida.
Rev. Mrs. Fred Hughes, Central, South Carolina.

Conference Evangelists

Rev. W. W. Wigglesworth, 814 L. St., Waycross, Georgia.
Rev. A. C. Legg, Taft, Florida.

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Rev. Mack Thompson, 1027 Albany Ave., Waycross, Georgia.
Rev. Fred Hughes, Central, South Carolina.

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W. A. Sapp, 1109 Q St., Brunswick, Georgia.
Mrs. Pearl Sapp, Route 1, Brunswick, Georgia.
Mrs. J. W. Davis, P. O. Box 16, Lake Monroe, Florida.
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B. H. Bankston, Ashburn, Georgia.
Mrs. Ruth Parrish, Route 2, Adel, Georgia.
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Mrs. Joe Stallsmith, Route 2, Box 869, Lakeland, Florida.
Mrs. Elsie Osborn, Box 190, Cordele, Georgia.
Mrs. S. A. Trent, P. O. Box 2621, Orlando, Florida.
G. C. Gilliard, 1440 Ben Hill St., Waycross, Georgia.
Mrs. C. I. Davis, 414 Price St., Savannah, Georgia.
Mrs. Ethel Speight, 117 W. Charlton St., Savannah, Georgia.
J. W. Wigglesworth, Route 2, Perry, Florida.
Mrs. J. D. Day, Route 1, Brunswick, Georgia.
Valene Bennett, Route 4, Alma, Georgia.

OFFICIAL BOARDS**Committee on Itinerary and Orders**

W. T. Brinson	term expires 1948
F. H. Harris	term expires 1949
W. W. Wigglesworth	term expires 1950
C. E. Shaw	term expires 1951

Nominated to Central College Board of Managers

Rev. H. R. Gunby	term expires 1951
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Reserve Member of Board of Managers

Rev. C. M. Payne	term expires 1951
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Board of Trustees

Frank A. Lewis	term expires 1948
William W. Wigglesworth	term expires 1948
Frank H. Harris	term expires 1949
Wiley T. Brinson	term expires 1949
William J. Davis	term expires 1950

Standing Committees

Advisory Board—W. W. Wigglesworth, Valene Bennett.

Judiciary Committee—W. T. Brinson, J. M. Merrell, F. H. Harris, C. M. Payne.

Vacancies—C. M. Payne, F. H. Harris, W. T. Brinson, Okay Highsmith, Nathan Poppell.

Ashburn Camp Meeting—Chairman, J. M. Merrell; Vice-Chairman, Rev. James Miller; other members, C. M. Payne, W. T. Brinson, W. J. Davis.

Sunday School Board—C. M. Payne, W. W. Wigglesworth.

STANDING RULES

No. 1. The Conference Treasurer is authorized to close his books two weeks before the opening date of Conference, therefore all receipts and monies should be in his hands by that time if credit on the Statistical Report is desired.

No. 2. The President, after his fourth round of quarterly conferences, shall mail the delegates' credentials to the Conference Secretary who shall be the Committee on Credentials. It shall be his duty to prepare the roll before Conference convenes.

No. 3. All persons introduced to Conference shall be given honorary seats with the right to speak on all questions but not to vote.

No. 4. The office expense of the President and the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be paid by the Conference. Also all Conference supplies shall be purchased by the Conference.

No. 5. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be paid twenty-five dollars each per year for their services.

No. 6. In reading his statistical report it shall be obligatory for the pastor to read only Items I, III, V, VI, VIII and X.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday Night

Our Connectional Representative and Publishing House Agent, Dr. F. R. Eddy, brought us a message on "Dividends of Christian Living" from Gen. 13:11, 12.

Thursday Morning

Conference was called to order by our President, Rev. W. T. Brinson. After devotions, a Communion Service was observed.

The roll of Elders and Conference Preachers was called with eleven being present.

The Committee on Credentials reported and the roll of Delegates was called.

The Bar of Conference was set to include the first three seats on left side, first two seats on right side, with the two sides and chair seats included also.

The Committee on Nominations gave a report which was adopted. (See Report.)

The Committee on Courtesy reported and the following were introduced to the Conference: Rev. F. R. Eddy, Publishing House Agent; Rev. E. Parker Buck of Hephzibah Orphanage; Miss Grace Bryant of Tampa, Florida; Rev. S. I. Keeler of the South Carolina Conference; Rev. Jack and Elsie Osborn, Rev. J. A. Miller and Miss Tommy Stephens of Cordele, Georgia; Willard Parish from Sylvester Church; Rev. H. J. Arnold of Tifton, Georgia; and Rev. C. R. Ruppe of the South Carolina Conference; Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Trent of Orlando, Florida.

It was moved and carried that Rev. F. R. Eddy preside over the Conference.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. Pearl Sapp be seated as a delegate from Brunswick, Georgia.

Standing Rule No. 3 was read for the benefit of those introduced to the Conference.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. C. I. Davis and Mrs. Ethel Speight be seated as delegates from Savannah, Georgia.

The President gave his report which was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Committee on Credentials made an additional report and the names of Mrs. S. A. Trent of Taft, Florida and Mrs. Elsie Osborn of Cordele, Georgia, were added to the roll of Delegates.

It was moved and carried that we convene at 8:30 a. m. and 2:00 p. m. to adjourn by vote.

It was moved and carried that the election of officers be held Friday morning after devotionals.

It was moved and carried that the Connectional Address be given, after the election of officers on Friday morning.

It was moved and carried that the Ladies Missionary Meeting be held Friday night at 7:30.

It was moved and carried that Rev. E. P. Buck of Hephzibah Orphanage speak Thursday afternoon after devotions.

It was moved and carried to adjourn for Committee work.

Thursday Afternoon

Devotions were conducted by Rev. C. E. Shaw.

The roll was called. The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

The Committee on Courtesy reported and Rev. J. B. Hilson, President of Central College, was introduced to the Conference.

The Committee on Itinerary and Orders gave a partial report which was adopted. (See Reports.)

Rev. Eddy discussed the Pension Fund Plan. It was moved and carried that the South Georgia Conference become a member of this plan.

The time for the Orders of the Day having arrived, Rev. E. P. Buck gave the Hephzibah Orphanage Address.

It was moved and carried that the Educational Address be given by Rev. J. B. Hilson.

The Pastoral Relations Committee gave its first reading.

The Committee on Religious Services reported that Rev. E. P. Buck will bring the message at the Thursday night service.

The Committee on Tithing made a report which was adopted and voted to be offered to the Wesleyan Methodist for Publication. (Report not received by Secretary.)

The Committee on Sabbath Schools gave its report which was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Committee on Moral Reform gave its report which was adopted. (See Reports.)

It was moved and carried to adjourn.

Friday Morning

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Mack Thompson.

The roll was called and corrections made.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. J. D. Day be seated as delegate from Hortense Church.

The Committee on Courtesy reported. Rev. Rogers and his son and Mr. Shafer of Tampa, Florida were introduced to the Conference.

Communications from Rev. J. A. Cowart and Rev. H. R. Gunby were read.

The time for the Orders of the Day having arrived, Brother Brinson appointed Valene Bennett and Grover Gilliard as tellers and Rev. E. C. Hord as distributing teller, for the election of officers.

Rev. W. T. Brinson was elected as President. He resigned. His resignation was accepted. The following were then elected:

President—Rev. J. M. Merrell

Vice-President—Rev. W. W. Wigglesworth

Secretary—Mrs. Okay Highsmith

Trustee (for 3 years term)—William J. Davis

Member of Board of Managers of Central College—Rev. H. R. Gunby

Reserve Member of Board—Rev. C. M. Payne.

It was moved and carried that the remainder of officers be elected by acclamation.

Treasurer—Rev. C. M. Payne

Tithing Secretary—Rev. E. C. Hord.

Sunday School Secretary—Rev. Mack Thompson

Conference Librarian—Rev. F. H. Harris

Judiciary Committee—W. T. Brinson, J. M. Merrell, F. H. Harris, C. M. Payne.

Committee on Vacancies—C. M. Payne, F. H. Harris, W. T. Brinson, Okay Highsmith, Nathan Poppell.

Ashburn Camp Meeting Committee—Chairman, J. M. Merrell; Vice-Chairman, James A. Miller. Other Members—C. M. Payne, W. T. Brinson, W. J. Davis.

Committee on Itineracy and Orders—C. E. Shaw, 4 years.

Sunday School Board—C. M. Payne, W. W. Wigglesworth.

Educational Secretary—Mrs. Fred Hughes.

Advisory Board—Nominated by the President, W. W. Wigglesworth, Valene Bennett.

It was moved and carried that the Conference give Brother Brinson, retiring president, a rising vote of thanks for his labors during the past year.

The Committee on Nominations made a supplemental report and the names of John Wigglesworth and J. B. Lastinger were substituted on the Pastoral Relations Committee, and Mrs. Allie Deen was substituted on the Committee of Thanks. Rev. C. E. Shaw resigned from the Committee on Statistics. His resignation was accepted, and the Committee appointed O. L. Rawlins, and Henry Williams to serve.

It was moved and carried that a recess be taken before the Connectional Address.

After Brother Willard Parrish led us in a song, Rev. F. R. Eddy brought the Connectional Address. Dismissed by Rev. Eddy.

Friday Afternoon •

Devotions were conducted by Rev. E. C. Hord.

The roll was called. The minutes of Thursday afternoon and Friday morning were read and approved.

The following pastors reported and their characters were passed: W. T. Brinson, J. M. Merrell.

The Auditing Committee gave its report which was adopted. (See Reports.)

The following pastors reported and their characters were passed: Mack Thompson, E. C. Hord, L. C. Douthit.

The Apportionment Committee gave its report which was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Committee on Thanks gave its report which was adopted. (See Reports.)

The following pastors reported and their characters were passed: William N. Osgood, A. C. Legg.

It was moved and carried that we adjourn to meet at the call of the Chair.

The Pastoral Relations Committee gave its second reading.

The name of L. E. Francisco was called and his character passed.

The President, J. M. Merrell, nominated Rev. W. W. Wigglesworth and Valene Bennett as his Advisory Board. This action was adopted by the Conference.

The Committee on Pioneer Work gave his report which was adopted and voted to be sent to The Wesleyan Methodist for publication. (See Reports.)

The Conference Treasurer gave his report which was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Committee on Education gave its report which was adopted. (Report not received by Secretary.)

It was moved and carried to adjourn.

Saturday Morning

Devotions were conducted by Rev. C. M. Payne.

The roll was called. The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Memorials gave a report which was adopted and voted to be sent to The Wesleyan Methodist for publication. (See Reports.)

The Orders of the Day were set and a Memorial Service for the late

Rev. Arthur W. Osgood was announced for 2 o'clock to be conducted by Rev. W. T. Brinson.

The Conference took an offering for Conference Work, amounting to \$34.45.

A communication from Mrs. G. H. Doty was read by the Secretary. An offering was taken in appreciation of Sister Doty, amounting to \$22.14.

Rev. C. E. Shaw gave his pastor's report and his character was passed. Rev. Miss Ruth Newton gave a partial report.

Rev. C. E. Shaw gave his evangelistic report.

Rev. S. I. Keeler gave his report.

The Committee on Statistics gave its report which was adopted with the Committee and Secretary given authority to make minor corrections. (See Report.)

Rev. A. C. Legg gave his evangelistic report.

Communications were read from Rev. R. C. Crossman, Rev. Fred Hughes, Rev. Mrs. Fred Hughes and their characters were passed.

The following names were called and their characters passed: J. A. Cowart, Mrs. G. H. Doty, C. L. Wireman, H. R. Gunby, J. D. Patterson, Miss Ruth Newton, E. F. Houck, Mrs. C. E. Shaw.

It was moved and carried to adjourn.

Saturday Afternoon

A memorial service was held in memory of Rev. A. W. Osgood conducted by Rev. W. T. Brinson.

The following names were called and their characters passed: C. M. Payne, W. W. Wigglesworth.

The report of J. B. Lastinger was read by the Secretary and his character was passed.

Communications from Rev. F. H. Harris were read and his character passed.

The Treasurer of Ashburn Camp Meeting made his report which was adopted.

The Pastoral Relations Committee gave its third reading which was adopted. (See Reports.)

It was moved and carried that the time and place of the next Annual Conference be left in the hands of the President.

The Secretary was given authority to make minor corrections in the Apportionment Committees' report.

The minutes were read and approved.

It was moved and carried to adjourn Sine Die.

MRS. OKAY HIGHSMITH, Secretary.

Sunday Morning

An ordination service was conducted for Rev. Mrs. Bertie May Shaw. Rev. F. R. Eddy brought an inspiring message on "The Man, Christ Jésus." Assisting in the ordaining of Sister Shaw were Rev. J. M. Merrell, Rev. C. E. Shaw, Rev. L. E. Francisco and Rev. W. T. Brinson.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman, Fellow members of this body, Brethren and Sisters, now in session:

It is with a deep sense of humility and gratitude that I submit the following report.

I have sought earnestly this conference year to be faithful, and not to betray the trust, nor destroy the confidence that you placed in me last conference when you chose me as your president.

The work has been unusually heavy this year, and I assure you that I have experienced the unpleasantness of a tired body many times as we labored. Tired in the way, but not of the way. I have thought often of the words of our dear Savior when He said: "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." Then we would see Him as He sat on Sychar's well with a tired body. Yet He had such a great burden for the city that when His disciples prayed Him to eat He informed them that He had meat to eat that they knew not of. The great commission is as timely today as when our Lord uttered it. I believe that He still wills that "we go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, baptizing them in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity." But it is very necessary that we tarry in the city of Jerusalem until we are endued with power from on high. Let us tarry for that holy anointing, that empowering by the Holy Ghost. After the disciples received the Holy Ghost with the Holy anointing they turned the world upside down. Brethren, let's begin the new church year with more piety, more power, more zeal, more love, and a greater determination to evangelize the territory that the Lord has given us, than even before. Will we fail? No, not if the Holy Ghost abides in us, and the Holy anointing is upon us and our labors. But if not, then we will be a failure. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." If we wait, we will go forward, we will gain new territory, we will make progress. When we fail to grow we begin to die. We must grow. There are those people that would have us believe that if we stay clean and spiritual we will have to remain little and few in number. I say, away with such false theory. The greatest growth that the New Testament Church ever experienced was when they were the most spiritual. On the Day of Pentecost there were three thousand added to the Church. I ask can any one prove that they were not spiritual and clean. Our need,

Brethren, is not more education, murmuring, arguing and fault finding, but more of the blessed Holy Ghost in our lives, and His anointing upon our labors.

I have enjoyed working with our pastors and preachers this year, they have rendered splendid co-operation. We would not have been able to accomplish what has been accomplished without this co-operation. To them I extend sincere thanks.

Even though this year has been filled with trials, and problems, the Lord has furnished the grace for every trial, and a solution for every problem. Praise His Great Name! After all, we conclude it has been a profitable year, the best in many years.

The Lord has given us three new churches this year. One in Florida and two in Georgia. We give to Him the glory for all. Also many of our churches will show a substantial gain in membership. I admit that there will be some that will show a loss, but our gain is much greater than the loss. Lord, bless the churches that come up with a loss!

It was a real pleasure for me to represent your conference in the Inter-Church Fellowship meeting of the Free Methodist and the Wesleyan Methodist that was held October 22, 23, 1946 at Winona Lake, Indiana. I assure you that there was a splendid warm spirit of fellowship among the brethren of the two Churches.

It was also the very great pleasure of your president to represent the conference in the General Conference of our great denomination held at Houghton College, June 25-30. I assure you that it was a great inspiration, and source of encouragement to me. I am sure that we have the very best people, also our leaders are second to none. Well, Amen! I am satisfied with my people, doctrine, and leader.

It was required by the Annual Conference that the President hold only the first and the fourth Quarterly Conferences, but in harmony with the request of some of our pastors, I have held all four of the quarterly meetings. I did not hold the third one at Paola. I held the first at Lakeland, and went down to hold the fourth, but the hurricane was raging so that it was necessary to call it off, so I arranged for the pastor, the Rev. C. E. Shaw, to hold it when the hurricane was over.

On November 23, 1946 I received Rev. R. M. Henkle's resignation as pastor of the Ashburn Charge.

On December 21, 1946 I appointed Rev. Miss Ruth Newton as pastor of the Ashburn Charge.

Your Conference Camp Meeting at Ashburn, Georgia was held July 10-20. The Rev. G. L. Stewart was the evangelist, and Mrs. Harold Shigley and Mrs. Alvin Morgan, better known as the Brown Sisters were in charge of the music, singing, and Children's Services. The Camp was one of the best, not the biggest, but best I ever witnessed. There were a good number saved, sanctified, and added to the Wesleyan Church as a

result. The Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Payne, also the Rev. E. C. Hord, did much to make the camp a success. I give the Lord thanks for the good people. The future is bright for poor old Ashburn, I say poor, because Ashburn has had so many knocks. Lets pray for the right man for Ashburn.

On July 17, 1947 I appointed the Rev. S. I. Keeler as supply pastor of th Ashburn Charge. We regret very much that the Rev. Miss Ruth Newton was in a very bad automobile accident, and received serious injuries that rendered her unable to carry on as pastor at Ashburn. She consented for us to fill the appointment and relieve her as she is still not able to return to full time work.

It was May 21, 1947 when the Lord by His great wisdom deemed it wise to take out of our ranks one of our most efficient pastors, the Rev. A. W. Osgood. Brother Osgood was pastor on the Mt. Pleasant Charge, he also was our much appreciated Conference Secretary. Brother Osgood's home going necessitated the appointment of a pastor on that work.

On June 4, 1947 I appointed the Rev. W. N. Osgood as supply pastor on the Mt. Pleasant Charge for the remainder of the year. The local committee on pulpit supply, and my Advisory Committee concurred in the appointment.

November 20, 1946 I received the Rev. L. C. Douthit's transfer from the North Carolina Conference.

March 6, 1947 I organized a new church at Taft, Florida, with ten charter members. The Rev. A. C. Legg was instrumental in effecting the new organization. Brother Legg is truly a spirit-filled minister of the Gospel. On the above date, I appointed the Rev. A. C. Legg as pastor of the Taft Church.

Sylvester Church has been repaired as directed by the last Annual Conference. We put a new metal roof on the building, repaired the floor, weather boarding, put in new door shutters, new window sash, new steps. All told, the building is in good shape.

The Rev. E. C. Hord, pastor on the Tifton Charge, reported to the president, the number and names of the people at Sylvester that desired to be organized into a Wesleyan Church. Because of a previous engagement it was impossible for me to go to Sylvester at that time, therefore I authorized the Rev. E. C. Hord to proceed with the organization of the class according to our Book of Discipline. On September 4, 1947 I accepted and declared Sylvester a Wesleyan Church with ten charter members. We give the Lord thanks.

Immediately after the Camp Meeting at Ashburn, Georgia, I received a letter from the Rev. Jack C. Osborn, co-pastor and builder of Wesley Tabernacle at Cordele, Georgia, stating that we could purchase Wesley Tabernacle at less than half of what it cost to build it. I answered his good letter and continued to correspond with Brother Osborn, and also

made three trips to Cordele, trying to secure the property and effect a Wesleyan organization. On the night of September 12, 1947 I preached in Wesley Tabernacle, and gave the history of the Wesleyan Church, also I read the General and Special rules of our Church. The people received the message, and the history as well as the General and Special rules with sincere interest. They at once voiced their intense desire to be organized into a Wesleyan Methodist Church. Then after some further necessary discussion on that night, September 12, I organized them into a Wesleyan Church. I also appointed the Rev. Jack Osborn pastor of the Cordele Church with the Rev. James Miller as assistant pastor. Thus giving us a church in the little city of Cordele, Georgia. I consider that we were very fortunate to have Brother and Sister Osborn and Brother Miller to cast their lot with us. I give thanks to the Lord for them. The Cordele Church has eighteen charter members.

I also held one revival on the Laurens Charge in one of our smaller churches on July 28 through August 8. The Lord blessed and gave us a very good meeting. One good member was secured as a result of the meeting.

Yes, my brethren, I have been in labors more abundantly, and in journeyings often this conference year, but God has blessed, and I am very grateful to Him for the help and blessing that He has bestowed upon us. I have been definitely conscious of the care of all the churches upon me, and I have kept them before the Lord throughout the year.

I have had the whole hearted co-operation of my Advisory Committee, the Rev. W. W. Wigglesworth, and Mr. J. B. Patterson. There are no greater Christian gentlemen than these two brethren. They have agreed to and concurred in all reported official action.

I have traveled approximately 10,000 miles this conference year.

The President has received:

Salary (and traveling expense)	\$831.88
Gifts	11.50

Total received	\$843.38
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I hereby submit this report in a spirit of perfect love.

W. T. BRINSON, President of the South Georgia Conference.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Pastoral Relations—Rev. W. W. Wigglesworth, Rev. J. B. Lastinger, Rev. C. M. Payne, O. L. Rawlins, J. W. Wigglesworth, Valenee Bennett.

Public Worship—Rev. L. E. Francisco, Rev. W. T. Brinson.

Secrecy—Rev. C. E. Shaw.

Moral Reforms—Rev. Mack Thompson, G. C. Gilliard.

Tithing—Rev. W. W. Wigglesworth.

Sabbath Schools—Mrs. S. A. Trent.

Courtesy—Rev. C. E. Shaw.

Education—Rev. C. M. Payne.

Character—Rev. J. B. Lastinger, Olin Rawlins.

Thanks—Mrs. S. A. Trent, Mrs. Allie Dean.

Auditing—Rev. Mack Thompson, Valene Bennett.

Statistics—Olin Rawlins, Henry Williams.

Apportionment—Rev. E. C. Hord, Rev. J. B. Lastinger, J. W. Wigglesworth.

Memorials—Rev. F. H. Harris, W. A. Sapp. Substitute Minister, Rev. W. T. Brinson.

Pioneer Work—L. C. Douthit.

REV. J. M. MERRELL, Committee.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS

We recommend that Brother Jack C. Osborn be received as an elder of the South Georgia Conference and to work under the direction of the President.

We also recommend that Brother James A Miller be received as an elder of the South Georgia Conference and to work under the directions of the President.

We recommend that Brother Arthur N. Lewis be received as an elder in the South Georgia Conference and to work under the direction of the President.

We recommend that Sister C. E. Shaw be ordained at this session of the Conference.

We recommend that Brother Grover Gilliard, Brother H. J. Arnold, Brother W. H. Boughington pursue the first year Course of Study and take work at the hands of the Conference.

We recommend that Brother E. F. Houck and Sister Ruth Newton pursue the Course of Study to the satisfaction of the Committee.

We recommend that Brother Mack Thompson pursue the second year Course of Study.

We recommend that Brother Fred Hughes' recommendation of last year be continued.

We also recommend that all who fail to comply with the discipline standard in the Course of Study be returned to the quarterly meetings.

W. T. BRINSON,

W. W. WIGGLESWORTH,

Committee.

PIONEER WORK

If there is any Conference in all our connectional territory that offers opportunity for unlimited pioneer work it is the South Georgia Conference. The state of Georgia furnishes a vast territory, and the whole state of Florida is before us. There are scores of towns and cities in each state in which Wesleyan Methodism is practically if not altogether unknown to the population making up those cities. If we fail to carry them the truth which we have at our command, God will evidently entrust the great responsibility to some one else, and if we permit the present opportunity to pass it will likely be gone forever.

We have the Bible message which will certainly meet the needs of human lives cursed under the power of sin in the hour in which we live; but it will avail little or nothing to hundreds and thousands of lives unless we find people to carry the message to where they are, for they are not very likely to come and hunt us up. The early Church was to go to the people and they were never directed to wait for people to come to them, and the record shows that by obeying the Lord's command the leaders of the Church with the assistance of the membership, never halted in their efforts to get the Gospel to all of the then known world. They never waited for people to invite them to come, but did respect invitations when they were invited; but when no invitation voice was heard, they blazed their way into new territory, many times amid sore difficulties and bitter opposition. They knew that they had the message of salvation, which the old sin-sick world sorely needed, and that is why they sacrificed any and all things to get the message of truth to the people, and that is why the enemy so bitterly and violently opposed them, he knew very well that the Gospel which they were proclaiming would tear the souls of men from his wicked clutches, and wreck his hope of securing their damnation.

The early heroes of the cross set an example of Christian service that all of God's people today will do well to copy. The apostle Paul said "Follow me as I follow Christ." None of God's men in that day were seeking a soft spot nor an easy place. They taught people how to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Paul said, "that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death."

We are sorry to say that we do not find many people seeking that experience among God's people today, but we have just about decided to try to get through with an easy, self-pleasing religion which will save us from trial of hard and unpleasant places. We need to find out before going any further that God cannot and will not trust a man whom He cannot try. When He told Abraham to go into a new country the first thing that he and Lot met when they arrived in the land was a famine. When they saw the trial they headed for Egypt, and that proved to be

detrimental to both of them, and was likely instrumental in proving the later ruin of Lot, so far as a useful life was concerned. Later on God tried Abraham again, and Abraham had learned by this time that it did not pay to shrink from severe trial, so he manifested an example of faith that has enriched the cause of God down through ages till the present time.

It is useless to attempt pioneer work in the South Georgia Conference if we are going to hesitate because of sore trials, trials will be necessary in order to see our work advance, and if we don't advance we will most likely do as we have been doing during a good many years in the past, just gradually and constantly dwindle until finally we will have nothing left to dwindle. We need preachers who are ready to throw themselves full length in the battle to advance our work, and a laity behind them who will esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. When this is done our membership will stop robbing God, get under the burden for the great need of humanity, manifest a burning passion and bitter birthpang for the salvation of lost souls. When this is done they will not have much time left for chattering social conversation, nor for criticizing and constantly finding fault with their preachers. Prayer will solve many problems that cannot be solved any other way, and if a preacher is not meeting the needs of the hour, he can be prayed out of the way by any people who have got a mighty grip on God, and the man who is needed can be put in his place.

Certainly it will require vision by both ministers and laymen to advance pioneer work in the South Georgia Conference, but we have a great advantage that not many Conferences enjoy, and that is, our Conference covers a territory which permits us to do pioneer work the whole year around because of climate. Tent work can be carried on in Florida during the entire winter season, and the field is wide open. We need to profit by the example of the denominational bodies, by sending men into new fields to stay there and hold meetings until they get something established, and then put an active man on the work who will hold and advance what we have gained.

If we are properly informed, the South Georgia Conference now has only about one half the strength that we had some thirty years ago. This is certainly a pitiful record, we ought to hang our heads in shame and go down in sack cloth and ashes and weep and mourn until we are ready to say, "Lord, I will do what you want me to do," and prove what we say by our actions. St. Paul told the Corinthian Church to prove their love. It is little use for me to tell the other party what to do, and demonstrate by my own actions that I am unwilling to do that thing myself. For instance there is no use of preachers telling people to tithe unless they tithe themselves, and it is best that they prove that they are tithing for God tells us to be an example, and to prove ourselves; and He cer-

tainly would not tell us to prove ourselves and not give us anything to prove by.

In spite of the fact that the South Georgia Conference has greatly dwindled during the past thirty years, God is now in His great mercy giving us another opportunity to recover our lost ground and advance into new fields, and the great question for us to settle once and for all, is, what are we going to do with what we have at our command. When we prove that we are going to do our very best to advance the interest of our Church by preaching Jesus Christ as an all-sufficient Savior to a lost and dying world, then other Conferences will manifest a greater sympathy in our behalf, and will feel a burden to hold us up in prayer, and encourage, and assist us in any way possible. But as sure as we drift along with the spirit of indifference we may expect other people to turn their attention in other directions where they see a possibility of something worth while being done. It means much for any one to have the confidence and friendship of other Christian people, and good Christian friends are more important than money. But if we are going to be a friend to God, and to sin-cursed man we are going to put our time, money, and all that we have at our disposal in that which will glorify His holy name.

May God give the South Georgia Conference a heaven born vision with a burning passion for the salvation of men such as they have never known before. If we will obey God we shall see things come to pass within the next short time which will surprise both men and demons, and bring about a scene of joy in heaven which we who are saved shall have a part in throughout endless ages of an incomprehensible eternity.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. DOUTHIT.

COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM

In this day of infidelity and modernism on one hand and fanaticism and wild fire on the other, we are confronted with some of the greatest problems that we have ever faced before.

First. There is the dress problem. God knows we should pray for and sympathize with our women folk, especially our school girls on this matter, for it is almost impossible for them to buy a decent dress in many of our stores today. We know that there are two extremes to the dress question and the devil is not particular which side he traps our people on, just so he gets them.

There is the old fashioned method of dress that was used many years ago by our good Christian women; that if used by our women today, would only cause them embarrassment and humiliation among their associates. We would not advocate that, neither would we advocate the use

of the modern fashions of today that we believe are designed in hell which will cause many to commit the sin mentioned in Matthew 5:28, "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." We would suggest to our women of today that they practice the Bible rule of dress found in 1 Timothy 2:9, 10, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety: not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array. But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." May God help our Wesleyan Methodist women to seek the will of God in this most important matter.

Second. SABBATH DESECRATION. We all know that buying, selling, and doing unnecessary work is breaking the Sabbath. I wonder if we have thought of another way that we can be guilty of that sin. How about the Christian that will take God's day that has been set apart for their fellowship and worship with Him, using it to visit, or entertain visitors, and absent themselves from the house of God! Could that be classed as Sabbath desecration? (Definition by Funk & Wagnalls practical dictionary of desecration: To divert from a sacred to a common use.) God help us to think on this matter.

Third. THE MOVIES. Many Wesleyan Methodist parents are trapped by the devil into allowing their children to visit too often in the homes of children of unsaved parents causing some of them to be led into the habit of attending the movies, and other places of worldly amusement. When they have once tasted, it is hard to break them away.

May God help us to teach our children the evil of the movies, and to lead them to God as soon as possible, so they will avoid this sinful practice.

Yours for a closer walk with God,

MACK THOMPSON,

G. C. GILLIARD.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

The Sunday School is very vital and important to any church, since the Church of today and tomorrow consists of its scholars. These lives who are entrusted to our care for just a short time once a week, can be guided and trained into capable leaders for the future, if we have the right teachers and leaders in our Sunday schools. They should be chosen from the most spiritual members of the Church, in order that the children and young people may be led into a saving knowledge of our Lord, which is really our purpose. Too often children slip through our fingers and are

lost because the teacher is not deeply spiritual, and does not have a burden for the lost.

The Sunday-school lesson can be made so impressive when explained in a simple and Christlike manner, by making an application to our everyday living, that the smallest child may understand. When this method of teaching is backed up by much prayer, it very often brings conviction. Some folks do not consider it very much when a child kneels at an altar of prayer, but some of our greatest leaders were saved when a child. Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." When we are instrumental in getting a child saved we have saved a life as well as a soul, as children have a full life ahead of them in which to labor for the Master and they are saved from the pitfalls and snares of sin. It has been said the first seven years of a child's life are the most important. Early impressions and teachings stick with us all through life. The Catholics say, "Give me a child for the first seven years of its life and it will remain a Catholic for the rest of life." Oh, how hard we should work to try to reach as many children as possible and instill into their hearts and minds the true Gospel.

I am sure we are all interested in ways of building up our Sunday schools. Here are a few that I have in mind. The singing of live and peppy choruses are very interesting to children as well as grown-ups. In my opinion, every Sunday school should find time for, at least, a few of these choruses sometime through the course of the Sunday school. If there are no class rooms, the children could be grouped together in the main auditorium either before or after the lesson. There should be some sung with motions for the benefit of the tiny tots, also some in which the young people and grown-ups may take part.

One of the greatest problems that confronts us as Sunday-school leaders is how to get the children in and how to keep them coming. Contests are very good and have been met with a great measure of success, when various types are used frequently. These are days when the things of the world are very enticing to children and young people, especially, and we have to entice them in legitimate and right ways, or else the devil will get them to work for him instead of the Church.

Periodical canvassing among the homes of the surrounding communities is very good and brings results. Several workers could be appointed to different sections. In these times in which we are living we can't sit down and wait for the people to come to us; we will have to seek them out. In Luke 14:23 the Lord says, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." If the Sunday school cannot afford a bus, the members who have cars should be willing to give themselves and their cars over to the Lord for a short time on Sunday mornings to help to seek out some diamonds in the rough. Jesus

has saved us to be workers, not loafers. We are laborers together with Christ. When we get enough of the love of God in our hearts and a burning passion to see souls brought to Christ, we will have so much zeal to see things go for God that we wont be able to sit at ease while millions go down to a Christless grave. "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." Amos 6:1.

Children crave attention and if they do not get it from us they will go somewhere else where they do get it. So I feel it is greatly important for the teacher to take a personal interest in each child in the class. For the teacher to become better acquainted with his or her pupils. monthly class meetings are good. They should be held in the home of one of the pupils each time. This also gives the teacher a better chance to become acquainted with the parents of the children and maybe win them for the Lord and the Church. These class meetings may be held on a social basis without being classed as worldly. Picnics and all social gatherings are very interesting to the children, but should always have an air of spirituality about them and be well chaperoned. If the leaders are deeply spiritual these outings can be a great blessing to the Sunday school for they will not "get out of hand" if God is honored properly.

There is so much hidden talent in our boys and girls of the Sunday school. There should be some one appointed to seek out talent and help to develop it. One of the best ways is to put on programs. I feel like a public program should be put on by the Sunday school at least once a month or quarterly. This could be called Children's Day or Rally Day or maybe you have a better name. The children would probably invite their parents, relatives, and friends to come out to hear them sing and recite. The pastor could give a short talk at the close of the program, closing with a call to the altar for prayer. We need to be willing to step aside occasionally so that our children and young people may have a chance to exercise their talents, thus causing their talents to grow into greater and more useful ones for the Master.

Every church should have a children's choir and let them take over the choir on a certain Sunday in each month. A children's revival held once or twice a year is a great blessing to both the Sunday school and the church. The church could sponsor it and call a special children's evangelist to hold the meeting. I have a strong conviction that the children are not given enough part in the regular church services, thus are not made to feel they are really needed at church as well as Sunday school. I believe if this is carried out there will be more children staying for church service on Sunday mornings.

Let us work for Christ while it is day, for the time is so short, and the night soon cometh when no man can work.

MRS. S. A. TRENT.

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

It is with sad regrets that we report the homegoing of our dear Brother Osgood, but we realize that our Lord doeth all things well, and never makes any mistakes. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Arthur W. Osgood was born September 27, 1911 in Dixonville, Pa., and died May 21, 1947 at Alma, Ga. He gave his heart to the Lord in 1927 and a few years later was called to the ministry. He was a graduate of Houghton College and preached the Gospel for 14 years, having spent nearly four years in the South Georgia Conference. At the time of his death he was the successful pastor at Mt. Pleasant charge.

Brother Osgood lived a life of prayer and he was a very godly man. His influence lives on and I'm sure will count for good in the years to come.

He left a wife and four children, as well as other relatives to mourn his loss.

W. A. SAPP.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE LIBRARIAN

There are fifty-five books in the library.

REV. F. H. HARRIS.

COMMITTEE ON THANKS

We, the Committee on Thanks, would like to express our deep appreciation to each and everyone who had a part in extending to us such wonderful entertainment. We thank the dear Lord for opening hearts and homes, and providing such nice sleeping accommodations and excellent food. Laboring under adverse circumstances, we are assured that these sacrificial workers will receive rich dividends in the day of final rewards. May God richly bless this church and the surrounding community.

MRS. S. A. TRENT,
MRS. ALLIE DEAN.

COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS

Ashburn Charge: Ashburn, Mt. Pleasant, Liberty—Rev. James A. Miller.

Brunswick—Rev. W. T. Brinson.

Cordele—Rev. Jack Osborn.

Greenville Charge: Pine Island, New Zion—Rev. E. F. Houck.

Fenholloway—Rev. J. M. Merrill.

Hortense Charge—Hortense, Philadelphia, Oak Grove, Brownstown, Rev. C. M. Payne.

Lakeland—Rev. Mrs. C. E. Shaw.

Laurens Charge—Brownin, Liberty, Little Rock, Rev. J. B. Lastinger.

Mt. Pleasant Charge—Mt. Pleasant, Coffee, Rev. William N. Osgood.

Paola—Rev. C. R. Ruppe.

Savannah—Rev. L. C. Douthit.

Taft—Rev. L. E. Fransisco.

Tampa Mission—Rev. Miss Ruth Newton. Rev. W. B. Rogers and Miss Grace Bryant, assistants.

Tifton Charge—Tifton, Cross Roads, Rev. E. C. Hord.

Sylvester—Rev. H. J. Arnold.

Waycross—Rev. Mack Thompson.

Wayne Charge—Friendship, Bethlehem, Rev. F. H. Harris.

General Evangelists—Rev. C. L. Wireman, Rev. C. E. Shaw, Rev.

Mrs. Fred Hughes.

Conference Evangelists—Rev. W. W. Wigglesworth, Rev. A. C. Legg.

Superannuated—Rev. J. D. Patterson, Rev. Mrs. G. H. Doty.

Theological Student at Central College—Rev. Fred Hughes.

Assistant Pastor in Atlanta, Georgia—Rev. H. R. Gunby.

To Choose Own Field of Labor—Rev. R. C. Crossman.

Recommendations:

We recommend that the Conference President hold all four quarterly conferences and that his salary be \$2.00 per member. We also recommend that the Parent Missionary Board supplement the salary of the Conference President.

We recommend that Rev. Mrs. G. H. Doty be paid \$5.00 per month from the Superannuated Fund. We further recommend that Rev. J. D. Patterson continue to receive \$8.00 per month from this fund.

We recommend that the Conference pay \$500.00 on the Tabernacle at Cordele. We also recommend that the Parent Mission Board supplement this by the sum of \$2,000.00, as soon as a \$500.00 personal loan is secured.

Respectfully,

J. M. MERRELL,

J. B. LASTINGER,

C. M. PAYNE,

J. W. WIGGLESWORTH,

O. L. RAWLINS,

VALENE BENNETT,

W. W. WIGGLESWORTH,

Committee.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT**Foreign Missions:**

Receipts	\$ 634.77	
At first of year	140.14	
Received	183.91	
Disbursed	222.45	
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Balance on Hand		\$ 101.60

Home Missions:

Receipts	\$ 292.96	
At first of year	35.16	
Received	143.45	
Disbursed	178.61	
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Balance on Hand		\$

Education:

Receipts	\$ 19.79	
At first of year	125.38	
Received	480.86	
Disbursed	587.56	
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Balance on Hand		\$ 18.68

Orphanage:

Receipts	\$ 362.00	
At first of year	23.75	
Received	62.93	
Disbursed	86.68	
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Balance on hand		\$

Connectional S. S. Work:

Receipts	\$ 2.70	
Received	13.80	
Disbursed	7.75	
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Balance on Hand		\$ 6.05

General Conference President's Salary:

At first of year	\$ 3.79	
Received	1.50	
Disbursed	3.79	
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Balance on Hand.....		\$ 1.50

Conference President's Salary:

Receipts	\$ 826.88
Received	5.00
Disbursed	5.00

Balance on Hand \$

Conference Work:

At first of year	\$ 55.70
Received	22.30
Disbursed	57.75

Balance on Hand \$ 20.25

Delegate's Expense:

Receipts	\$ 1.40
At first of year	92.95
Received	18.55
Disbursed	105.15

Balance on Hand \$ 6.35

Superannuated Ministers:

At first of year	\$ 538.79
Received	147.90
Disbursed	97.20

Balance on Hand 589.49

Minutes:

At first of year	\$ 271.49
Received	180.00
Disbursed	130.33

Balance on Hand \$ 321.16

Property Sale Funds:

At first of year	\$ 892.00
Disbursed	327.00

Balance on Hand \$ 565.00

Sylvester Church Funds:

At first of year	\$ 125.00
Received	200.00
Disbursed	325.00

Balance on Hand \$

Ashburn Tabernacle:

Received	\$ 72.34
Disbursed	72.34

Miscellaneous:

From Rev. J. A. Clement	\$ 65.00
To Rev. J. A. Clement	65.00

Totals:

Receipts	\$ 2140.50
Cash at first of year	2304.15
Cash received during year	1597.54
Total cash	3901.69
Total disbursed	2271.61

Total Cash on Hand	\$ 1630.08
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Respectfully Submitted,

C. M. PAYNE, Conf. Treas.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, report that we have examined the books of the South Georgia Conference and find them to be correct and very well kept in every respect.

Signed:

MACK THOMPSON,
VALENE BENNETT.

THE SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

APPORTIONMENT

Charges	No. of Members	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Superannuate Ministers	Extension Budget	General Conference Expense	Orphanage	President's Salary	Minutes	Total
Ashburn	18	\$36.00	\$18.00	\$36.00	\$27.00	\$4.50	\$3.60	\$4.50	\$36.00	\$9.00	\$174.60
Brunswick	55	110.00	55.00	110.00	82.50	13.75	11.00	13.75	110.00	27.50	533.50
Cordele	18	36.00	18.00	36.00	27.00	4.50	3.60	4.50	36.00	9.00	174.60
Fenholloway	18	36.00	18.00	36.00	27.00	4.50	3.60	4.50	36.00	9.00	174.60
Greenville	28	56.00	28.00	56.00	42.00	7.00	5.60	7.00	56.00	14.00	271.60
Hortense	44	88.00	44.00	88.00	66.00	11.00	8.80	11.00	88.00	22.00	426.80
Lakeland	14	28.00	14.00	28.00	21.00	3.50	2.80	3.50	28.00	7.00	135.80
Laurens	26	52.00	26.00	52.00	39.00	6.50	5.20	6.50	52.00	13.00	252.20
Mt. Pleasant	41	82.00	41.00	82.00	61.50	10.25	8.20	10.50	82.00	20.50	397.95
Paola	12	24.00	12.00	24.00	18.00	3.00	2.40	3.00	24.00	6.00	116.40
Savannah	38	76.00	38.00	76.00	57.00	9.50	7.60	9.50	76.00	19.00	368.60
Taft	10	20.00	10.00	20.00	15.00	2.50	2.00	2.50	20.00	5.00	97.00
Tifton	38	76.00	38.00	76.00	57.00	9.50	7.60	9.50	76.00	19.00	368.60
Waycross	36	72.00	36.00	72.00	54.00	9.00	7.20	9.00	72.00	18.00	349.20
Wayne	54	108.00	54.00	108.00	81.00	13.50	10.80	13.50	108.00	26.00	522.80
Totals		\$900.00	\$450.00	\$900.00	\$675.00	\$112.50	\$90.00	\$112.75	\$900.00	\$224.00	\$4364.25

E. C. HORD,
J. W. WIGGLESWORTH,
J. B. LASTINGER,
Committee.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

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STATISTICAL REPORT

Item I. Pastor's Labors. Item II. Periodicals

Charges	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	Wes. Methodists Taken	Wes. Missionaries Taken	Wesleyan Youths Taken	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflets	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart	Pupil's Lesson Stories, Etc.	Bible Lesson Stories, Etc.
Ashburn	4	1	1	5	3	5	5	15	10	14	10	20	15	10	10	15	12	1	8	3
Brunswick	12	1	1	16	6	12	35	15	10	14	20	20	15	10	10	50	12	1	8	3
Cordele	1	1	1	7	4	2	10	10	10	6	6	6	6	6	6	50	12	1	8	3
Greenville	12	3	3	7	4	2	10	10	10	6	20	12	10	8	8	10	5	1	8	3
Hortense	12	6	3	18	4	3	8	10	10	7	15	6	15	5	5	16	14	1	8	3
Lakeland	12	1	1	11	4	4	10	6	10	3	10	7	10	7	10	10	14	1	8	3
Laurens	12	3	3	3	3	16	20	12	27	27	32	32	32	32	32	10	14	1	8	3
Mt. Pleasant	12	3	3	7	6	11	7	2	9	9	17	26	9	15	15	8	8	1	8	3
Paola	12	1	1	7	4	3	15	12	8	8	12	120	96	48	20	61	96	8	8	3
Savannah	12	1	1	10	4	3	15	12	8	48	120	120	96	48	20	61	96	8	8	3
Taft	12	3	3	3	3	12	12	12	12	3	3	6	6	6	6	12	12	1	8	3
Tifton	12	3	3	3	3	12	12	12	12	12	20	20	20	20	20	30	15	1	8	3
Waycross	12	1	1	10	6	10	10	10	10	24	24	20	20	20	10	24	1	8	3	3
Wayne	12	2	2	13	6	10	10	10	10	5	18	10	8	8	8	15	15	1	8	3
Totals	133	27	24	110	41	48	106	86	28	149	322	262	180	112	166	205	102	21	3	3

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item III. Membership

Charges	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Total Membership Lost	No. Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss (or)	Gain	No. Mem. Under 14 Years	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstated Elders	Local Preachers	No. of Family Altars	Membership Tithing
Ashburn	7	...	...	...	...	...	11	18	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Brunswick	15	...	...	...	...	...	45	56	11	11	1	...	...	...	...	...	20
Cordele	18	...	...	...	...	...	18	18	18	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Greenville	8	...	...	...	...	...	37	46	9	9	2	...	...	...	...	...	7
Hortense	3	...	...	...	...	...	45	44	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Lakeland	2	...	...	...	...	...	13	14	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Laurens	2	...	...	...	...	...	27	26	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mt. Pleasant	4	...	...	...	...	...	41	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paola	1	...	...	...	...	...	15	12	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Savannah	6	...	...	...	...	...	42	39	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Taft	12	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Tifton	12	...	...	...	...	...	30	38	8	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Waycross	17	...	...	...	...	...	20	36	14	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Wayne	2	...	...	...	...	...	56	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Totals	109	...	19	9	24	35	382	454	8	78	19	5	60	4	11	103	135

THE SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item IV. Sunday Schools

Charges	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Officers	Whole No. of Teachers	No. Schol. in Main School	Total No. in Main School	Average Attendance	No. Schol. in Home Dept.	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	No. Scholars Converted	No. Schol. Joining Church	No. Departmental Supts.	Teacher's Training Course	No. Organized Classes	No. Books in Library	Enrollment V. B. S.	Average Attendance B. S.	No. W. Y. P. Societies	Total Membership Soc.
Ashburn	1	2	1	8	10	6		13	106	6	6	1		6				1	30
Brunswick	1	6	4	91	91	56		16	93									1	23
Cordele	1	4	4	71	77	50		1		8	8	1		6					
Greenville	2	5	5	28	28	35													
Hortense	2	6	6	44	50	24													
Lakeland	1	2	2	20	25	27												1	11
Laurens	2	10	8	40	60			8	68			2		3					
Mt. Pleasant	2	5	9	101	114	51				4								1	10
Paola	1	4	4	40	47	30						2		4				1	6
Savannah	1	12	7	75	94	55		57	151	3	2	2				20	12	1	13
Taft	1	3	3	35	35	22			35	4	4			3					
Tifton	2	3	5	60	70	70				4	4								
Waycross	1	2	4	71	77	47				7	9			4				1	14
Wayne	2	6	6	30	36	20												1	
Totals	20	62	71	679	814	493		97	453	32	55	8		37		20	12	8	107

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Item V. Church Property

Charges	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Ashburn	3	\$2000			1	\$800			
Brunswick	1	2000		\$2000	1	2500	\$375	\$2000	\$572.83
Cordele	1	15000	\$7470	5000	1				5.00
Greenville	3	4000							
Hortense	4	6000			1	800			85.00
Lakeland									
Laurens	3	2000							
Mt. Pleasant	2	1650			1	750			
Paola	1	2500		2000	1	500			444.38
Taft									41.05
Savannah	3	9000		1750	1	5500		1750	
Tifton	1	3000		4000	1	1000			139.24
Waycross	2	2000							
Wayne									
Totals	24	\$49150	\$7470	\$14750	8	\$11850	\$375	\$3750	\$1287.50

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item VI. Contributed for Pastor

Charges	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Ashburn	\$181.12			\$33.00	\$214.12
Brunswick	1655.00	\$180.00	\$28.00	148.50	\$2011.50
Cordele	45.00	35.00		350.00	395.00
Greenville	1001.07		31.00	95.58	1127.65
Hortense	1137.17	120.00	28.00	479.90	1765.07
Lakeland	1503.43				1503.43
Laurens	434.77				434.77
Mt. Pleasant	422.00	96.00	4.00	305.00	827.00
Paola	222.23			43.27	265.50
Savannah	1470.00	270.00		643.17	2383.17
Taft	286.38			44.69	331.07
Tifton	466.60	360.00	10.00	196.70	1043.30
Waycross	1269.47	148.00		40.00	1457.47
Wayne	624.47		23.00	217.60	865.07
Totals	\$10718.71	\$1209.00	\$124.00	\$2597.41	\$14624.12

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item VII. Contributed for Church

Charges	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Church Incidental Expenses	Taxes	Total for Church
Ashburn								
Brunswick	\$150.00	\$149.38		\$403.42	\$347.18	\$156.46	\$3.75	\$1210.19
Cordele		7.80	\$18.50			4.50		30.80
Greenville	158.74	44.46				36.00		239.40
Hortense	346.21	38.92		469.17		41.38		895.68
Lakeland	132.43	71.19				137.24		340.86
Laurens								
Mt. Pleasant	147.50	55.50		46.00		18.00		267.00
Paola	129.93	47.75		60.00		46.79		284.47
Savannah	100.00	157.43				248.07		505.50
Taft	15.00	27.22						42.22
Tifton	356.65	8.00		243.29		25.83		613.77
Waycross	119.68	39.47		485.00		124.71		768.86
Wayne	243.34	24.00		37.22		20.00		324.56
Totals	\$1899.48	\$671.12	\$18.50	\$1744.10	\$347.18	\$858.98	\$3.75	\$5523.31

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item VIII. Contributed for Connectional Budget

Charges	Foreign Missions Assigned	Foreign Missions Raised	Home Missions Assigned	Home Missions Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised
Ashburn	\$22.00	\$51.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$16.50	\$18.00
Brunswick	90.00	90.00	45.00	45.00	67.50	67.50
Cordele		40.00				
Greenville	74.00	79.17	37.00	38.00	55.50	55.50
Hortense	90.00	105.31	45.00	61.56	67.50	67.50
Lakeland	26.00	46.48	13.00	27.16	19.75	24.63
Laurens	54.00	16.34	27.00	13.33	40.75	5.00
Mt. Pleasant	80.00	80.00	40.00	47.51	60.00	60.00
Paola	30.00	38.02	15.00	25.83	22.50	22.50
Savannah	76.00	88.46	38.00	59.47	57.00	18.68
Taft						
Tifton	60.00	60.10	30.00	30.00	45.00	45.00
Waycross	40.00	55.52	20.00	23.15	30.00	30.00
Wayne	108.00	108.00	54.00	54.40	81.00	81.00
Totals	\$750.00	\$858.40	\$375.00	\$436.41	\$563.00	\$495.31

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item VIII. Contributed for Connectional Budget—Continued

Charges	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Raised	Connectional S. S. Work Assigned	Connectional S. S. Work Raised	General Conference	Total Connectional Budget Assigned	Total Connectional Budget Raised
Ashburn	\$2.75	\$15.00				\$52.25	\$95.00
Brunswick	11.75	16.75	\$3.75	\$3.75		218.00	223.00
Cordele							
Greenville	9.25	9.25	1.85	1.85		175.75	183.77
Hortense	11.75	311.75	2.70	4.00		214.25	550.62
Lakeland	3.25	8.28	2.70	2.70		64.70	109.25
Laurens	6.75	4.00				128.50	38.67
Mt. Pleasant	10.00	10.00				190.00	197.51
Paola	3.75	5.40				71.25	91.25
Savannah	9.50	17.00				180.79	183.79
Taft							
Tifton	7.50	7.50				142.50	142.60
Waycross	5.00	5.00	4.20	4.20	\$1.00	99.20	118.87
Wayne	13.50	15.00				256.50	258.40
Totals	\$94.75	\$424.93	\$15.20	\$16.50	\$1.00	\$1763.69	\$2193.23

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item VIII. Contributed for Conference Budget

Charges	President's Salary Assigned	President's Salary Raised	Conference Evangelist's Salary Raised	Conference Work Assigned	Conference Work Raised	Conference Missions Assigned	Conference Missions Raised	Superannuated Ministers' Fund Assigned
Ashburn	\$22.00	\$34.25	.....	\$ .55	\$4.10	\$.55	\$1.10	\$5.50
Brunswick	90.00	90.00	.....	2.25	2.25	.....	.....	18.20
Cordele	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenville	74.00	74.06	.....	1.85	1.85	.....	.....	14.80
Hortense	90.00	121.00	.....	2.25	2.25	.....	.....	18.20
Lakeland	26.00	31.00	.....	.65	.65	.....	.....	5.20
Laurens	54.00	62.60	\$237.46	1.35	1.35	.....	.....	10.80
Mt. Pleasant	80.00	80.00	.....	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	16.00
Paola	30.00	37.97	.....	.75	.75	.....	.....	6.00
Savannah	76.00	76.00	.....	1.90	1.90	.....	.....	15.20
Taft	.....	13.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tifton	60.00	60.00	.....	1.50	1.50	.....	.....	12.00
Waycross	40.00	44.00	.....	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	8.00
Wayne	108.00	108.00	.....	2.70	2.70	.....	.....	21.60
Totals	\$750.00	\$831.88	\$237.46	\$18.75	\$22.30	\$.55	\$1.10	\$151.50

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item VIII. Contributed for Conference Budget—Continued

Charges	Superannuated Ministers' Fund Raised	Minutes Assigned	Minutes Raised	Total Conference Budget Assigned	Total Conference Budget Raised	Total Budget Assigned	Total Budget Raised
Ashburn	\$6.50	.....	.....	\$33.40	\$51.65	\$85.75	\$146.65
Brunswick	18.20	\$22.50	\$22.50	135.20	135.20	352.20	358.20
Cordele	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenville	14.80	18.50	18.50	111.00	111.06	286.75	294.83
Hortense	19.40	22.50	22.50	135.20	167.40	349.45	718.02
Lakeland	5.20	6.50	6.50	39.00	44.00	103.70	153.25
Laurens	4.80	13.50	5.00	81.00	75.10	209.50	113.77
Mt. Pleasant	16.00	20.00	20.00	120.00	121.40	310.00	318.91
Paola	7.00	7.50	8.25	45.00	53.22	116.25	144.97
Savannah	15.20	19.00	19.00	114.00	114.00	294.50	294.50
Taft	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tifton	12.00	15.00	15.00	90.00	90.00	232.50	232.60
Waycross	8.00	10.00	10.00	60.00	64.00	159.20	182.87
Wayne	21.60	27.00	27.00	162.00	162.00	418.50	420.40
Totals	\$148.70	\$182.00	\$174.25	\$1125.80	\$1189.03	\$2918.30	\$3378.97

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item IX. Contributed for Benevolences

Charges	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	W. Y. P. S.	Other Objects	Childs Hall	Total for Benevolences
Ashburn									
Brunswick	\$3.33	\$3.33				\$10.00	\$42.00	\$20.55	\$94.21
Cordele		10.31							40.00
Greenville									10.31
Hortense								7.04	47.67
Lakeland	24.50	12.50	\$32.00				182.82		241.82
Laurens								5.00	
Mt. Pleasant						11.00	30.07		72.09
Paola		80.00					41.81		124.79
Savannah	88.64	59.47	18.68	\$17.00			90.57		303.43
Taft									5.00
Tifton									
Waycross			40.55				23.33		63.88
Wayne							355.00		355.00
Totals	\$116.47	\$165.61	\$91.23	\$17.00		\$21.00	\$765.60	\$32.59	\$1358.20

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item X. Contributed Totals

Charges	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
Ashburn	\$214.12		\$146.65		\$360.77
Brunswick	2011.50	\$1210.19	358.20	\$94.20	3674.01
Cordele	395.00	30.80		40.00	465.80
Greenville	1127.65	239.40	294.83	10.31	1672.19
Hortense	1765.07	895.68	718.02	47.76	3426.53
Lakeland	1503.43	340.46	153.25	241.82	2239.36
Laurens	434.77		113.77		548.54
Mt. Pleasant	827.00	267.00	318.91	72.09	1485.00
Paola	265.50	358.16	144.97	124.79	893.42
Savannah	2383.17	305.50	294.50	303.46	3286.60
Taft	331.07	42.22	13.00	5.00	391.29
Tifton	1043.30	613.77	232.60		1889.67
Waycross	1457.47	768.86	182.87	63.88	2473.08
Wayne	865.07	324.56	420.40	355.00	1965.03
Totals	\$14624.12	\$5396.60	\$3391.97	\$1358.31	\$24771.29

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W. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Receipts

Name of Society	Active Members	Honorary Members	Members Gained	Members Lost	Regular Meetings Held	Special Meetings Held	Do You Use Missionary Programs?	No. Wes. Missionaries Taken	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Tifton	7	2	...	...	12	...	...	4	...
Lakeland	7	5	...	...	7	1	Yes	...	...
Hortense	8	7	6	...	5	1	No	2	...
Savannah	29	3	12	3	12	1	Yes	3	\$64.34
Paola	...	6	...	2	6	1	No	4	68.17
Ashburn	5	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Waycross	12	8	...	24	25	1	...	6	337.82
Brunswick	31	10	...	...	18	2	Yes	6	33.36
Mt. Pleasant	12	3	...	...	...	...	Yes	...	...
Fenholloway	8	1	...	...	12	...	Yes	...	...
Friendship	12	1	1	...	6	3	Yes	4	...
Totals	141	49	19	29	104	8	...	42	\$503.69

W. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Receipts

Name of Society	Membership Dues	Offerings	Labor	Clothing and Other Gifts to Home Work	Bandages and Other Gifts to Foreign Work	Total
Tifton	\$9.00	\$47.83	...	...	...	\$56.83
Lakeland	9.00	45.22	...	\$2.50	...	66.72
Hortense	14.50	1.92	...	6.00	...	22.42
Savannah	32.00	9.77	\$16.55	47.47	...	170.13
Paola	13.50	74.23	...	80.00	...	235.90
Ashburn	10.00	2.50	...	14.00	...	26.50
Waycross	20.00	80.95	49.00	15.00	\$56.72	559.49
Brunswick	32.30	165.40	...	...	...	231.06
Mt. Pleasant	15.00	4.70	55.00	9.50	...	84.20
Fenholloway	...	41.00	...	2.50	...	43.50
Friendship	14.00	1.00	...	6.96	...	15.00
Totals	\$169.30	\$474.52	\$120.55	\$186.97	\$56.72	\$1511.75

W. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Disbursements

Name of Society	Home, Cash	Home, Clothing and Other Gifts	Foreign, Cash	Foreign, Bandages and Other Gifts	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Cash on Hand	Total
Tifton	\$14.00		\$42.83			\$9.00			\$56.83
Lakeland	16.70	\$12.50	28.52			9.00			66.72
Hortense	8.21		8.21				\$6.00		22.42
Savannah	24.13	37.47	61.77				20.00		170.13
Paola		80.00	35.53				52.20		235.90
Ashburn		5.00	19.00					\$2.50	26.50
Waycross			55.52		\$389.71	20.00		94.26	559.49
Brunswick	21.64		68.07		59.00	23.40	42.00	19.65	231.06
Mt. Pleasant	10.50		7.50	\$9.50	55.00			4.70	84.20
Fenholloway	21.50		20.50				2.50		43.50
Friendship	7.50		7.50						15.00
Totals	\$124.18	\$134.97	\$404.95	\$9.50	\$503.71	\$61.40	\$122.70	\$120.11	\$1511.75

Y. M. W. B. STATISTICAL REPORT

Name of Band	No. of Members	No. of Meetings Held	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Total
Tifton						
Lakeland	17					\$8.84
Hortense						
Savannah						
Paola						
Ashburn	16		\$8.32		\$3.68	12.00
Waycross	42					25.00
Brunswick	92		13.66		10.00	23.66
Mt. Pleasant	19	2	10.13			10.13
Fenholloway		4	11.72			11.72
Friendship	13					
Totals	199	6	\$43.83		\$13.68	\$91.38

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People's Society

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Brunswick, Georgia—Miss Ruby Lillian Day, Route 1.
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Savannah, Georgia—W. M. Moore, 107 W. York St.
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W. Y. P. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Name of Society	Organized	Active Members	Associate Members	Wesleyan Youths	Total Receipts for the Year	Church Extension	Education	Local Work
Alma, Ga. (Mt. Pleasant Church)	1946	10	2	10	\$137.00	.....	.....	\$87.00
Brunswick, Ga.	1943	18	21	10	156.89	.....	\$5.00	10.00
Lakeland, Fla.	1943	7	4	4	24.33	.....	.....	8.00
Paola	1946	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Screven, Ga. (Friendship Church)	1946	11	2	10	8.50	.....	.....	.....
Savannah, Ga. ....	.....	8	3	5	27.01	.....	.....	5.73
Waycross, Ga.	1943	8	14	10	67.50	\$3.00	.....	53.00
Hortense, Ga.	1945	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	8	62	46	49	\$421.23	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$163.73

W. Y. P. S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Name of Society	Conference Dues	General Dues (Connectional)	Delegate to General Conf.	Youth Revival	Childs Memorial	Orphanage	Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand
Alma, Ga. (Mt. Pleasant Ch.)..	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$10.00	.....	\$10.00	.....	\$137.00	.....
Brunswick, Ga.	10.00	.....	10.00	\$110.00	.....	\$5.00	150.00	\$6.89
Lakeland, Fla.	5.50	2.50	10.00	.....	.....	.....	26.00	.29
Paola	7.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	17.00	.....
Screven, Ga. (Friendship Ch.)..	2.00	6.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.50	.....
Savannah, Ga.	3.00	3.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....	21.73	5.28
Waycross, Ga. ....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	61.00	6.50
Hortense, Ga. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	\$38.50	\$21.00	\$55.00	\$110.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$286.23	\$18.96