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- Advisory Board W. W. Wigglesworth, J. B. Patterson.
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- Vacancies F. H. Harris, C. M. Payne, J. D. Patterson, J. B. Patterson, Nathan Poppell.
- Ashburn Campmeeting Chairman W. T. Brinson, vice chairman, E. C. Hord; other committee members, Mrs. G. H. Doty, C. M. Payne, J. M. Merrell.
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Mrs. R. H. Ruthford		- Lakeland, Fla.
Mrs. D. G. Gunter		- Lakeland, Fla.
Note: — Figure after no roll call	ame indicates	number of times answering

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 AFTERNOON

Conference convened Wednesday at 2:00 P. M. Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. D. Patterson after which the meeting was called to order by the president, the Rev. W. T. Brinson. The roll of elders and Conference preachers was called and ten answered present.

The Committee on Organization gave a partial report which was adopted.

Brother Francisco was elected as a member of the Committee on Credentials.

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

The Bar of Conference was set to include the first three rows of seats on the front and those on the sides.

It was moved that Mrs. Pearl Sapp be seated as delegate from Brunswick.

The name of Brother Hord was substituted for Brother Henkle on the Committee on Courtesies.

Brother Swauger Connectional Home Missionary Secretary, Brother Thompson of the Savannah church, and Rev. L. C. Douthit of the North Carolina Conference were introduced to Conference.

It was moved that all persons introduced to Conference be made honorary members of the body and be given the privilege to speak on all questions.

Rev. Legg was introduced to the Conference.

It was moved that Brother Swauger, our Home Missionary Secretary preside over the Conference.

The Committee on Credentials made an additional report which was adopted and the name of J. B. Patterson was added to the roll.

The President gave his report which was adopted. (see reports)

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

It was moved that we convene at 9:00 A. M., and close at 12:00 M. to reconvene at 2:00 P. M., to close by vote.

The treasurer gave his report. (see reports)

It was moved that the treasurer receive \$25.00 from the Conference Work Fund, for his services and was passed by a rising vote of thanks.

The Committee on Credentials gave a partial report which was adopted.

The Conference Librarian gave his report which was adopted.

It was moved that the time of election of Conference Officers be Thursday morning after devotions and was amended to read at 10:00 A. M.

It was moved that the orders of the day for Thursday afternoon be the Educational address at 3:00 P. M.

It was moved that 10:00 A. M. Friday morning be the hour for the Connectional Address.

It was moved that the Missionary Meeting be Thursday night at 7:30.

The Committee on Nominations gave a supplemental report which was adopted.

It was moved that we take a recess to meet at the call of the chair.

THURSDAY MORNING

Brother Hord led us in some songs after which we partook of the sacraments.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

Rev. J. B. Hilson, president of Central College, and Rev. Fred Hughes, a student of the college were introduced to the Conference.

It was moved that the hour for the Connectional address be recinded.

It was moved that we hear the Connectional address immediately after the election of officers.

The Committee on Pastoral Relations gave its first reading.

The time for the orders of the day having arrived, the chairman appointed J. M. Roberson and Nathan Poppell as tellers and the Conference proceeded to ballot for president.

Brother Hord was appointed as a distributing teller.

The balloting resulted as follows: —

President - W. T. Brinson

Vice-President — J. M. Merrell

Secretary - Arthur W. Osgood

The President made a supplemental report regarding the receipt of the transfer of H. R. Gunby and he was received.

Trustee for 3 years — W. T. Brinson

The Committee on Credentials gave a report which was adopted.

Ministerial Delegate to General Conference — W. T. Brinson.

Reserve Ministeral delegate — C. E. Shaw.

Lay Delegate to General Conference — J. M. Roberson.

Reserve Lay Delegate - Nathan Poppell.

It was moved that we elect the remainder by acclamation.

Treasurer — C. M. Payne

Tithing Secretary — J. B. Lastinger.

Sunday School Secretary - J. M. Roberson.

Conference Librarian - F. H. Harris.

Judiciary Committee - W. T. Brinson, J. M. Merrell, Rev. F. H.

Harris, W. W. Wigglesworth.

Vacancies — F. H. Harris, C. M. Payne, J. D. Patterson, J. B. Patterson, Nathan Poppell.

Ashburn Campmeeting — Chairman, W. T. Brinson, Vice Chairman E. C. Hord.

Other Members — Mrs. G. H. Doty, C. M. Payne, J. M. Merrell.

Itineracy and Orders - W. W. Wigglesworth 4 years.

Sunday School Board - C. M. Payne, F. H. Harris

Educational Secretary — Mrs Fred Hughes.

Advisory Board — W. W. Wigglesworth, J. B. Patterson.

The Committee on Courtesy made a report introducing the Central College girls quartette.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

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

Brother Francisco resigned from the Committee on Statistics and O. L. Rawlins was placed on that Committee.

It was moved that we petition the General Conference to change the name of "The Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or church) of America" to "The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America."

The committee on Nominations substituted the name of Brother Harrison for that of Brother Williams on the Pastoral Relations Committee.

The Committee on Itineracy and orders gave a partial report which was adopted.

It was moved that we receive an offering to defray the expenses of Brother Brinson to and from Winona Lake, Ind., and \$50.05 was received.

Standing Rule No. 2 was adopted. (see standing rules)

The time for the orders of the day having arrived, Brother J. B. Hilson gave the Educational address.

The Committee on nominations gave an additional report which was adopted.

Standing rule No. 3 was adopted. (see standing rules)

The following names were called and their character passed.

Mrs. G. H. Doty

W. W. Wigglesworth

J. D. Patterson

R. C. Crossman

Arthur Osgood

R. M. Henkle

The Pastoral Relations Committee gave its second reading.

The name of W. T. Brinson was called and his character passed.

It was moved that the Conference pay \$327.00 to the Sylvester Church for repairs, with whatever amount is collected on the charge to be applied on that amount.

It was moved that we grant the request of the Walker Church on the Laurens charge for a gift of \$150.00 It was ammended to read a loan of \$150.00 It was moved that we adjourn.

FRIDAY MORNING

Devotions were in charge of Brother Henkle. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

It was moved that the money for the Sylvester Church be placed in the hands of the President to be disbursed by him.

The following names were called and their character passed: J. M. Merrell, C. E. Shaw, Mrs. Fred Hughes and J. B. Lastinger.

The Apportionment Committee gave its report which was adopted. (see reports)

The Committee on Itineracy and Orders gave its report which was adopted.

The Committee on Moral Reform gave its report which was adopted and voted to be sent to the Wesleyan for publication.

It was moved that we take a recess to the call of the chair.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Devotions were in charge of Mack Thompson. The president made a supplemental report stating that S. W. Norton had withdrawn from the Conference. This report was accepted.

It was moved to take a recess.

After the recess Brother Roberson offered his resignation as Sunday School Secretary. It was moved to accept this resignation.

The Committee on Pastoral Relations gave its final reading. It was moved that it be adopted. (see reports)

The Conference took an offering in appreciation of Rev. J. D. Patterson which amounted to \$18.85.

The Conference took an offering in appreciation of Sister Doty amounting to \$12.90.

The following names were called and their character passed: E.C. Hord, L. E. Francisco, C. M. Payne.

The characters of J. A. Cowart, Ruth Newton and E. F. Houck were passed by vote due to the fact that they failed to send character blanks.

The name of Mrs. C. E. Shaw was called and her character passed.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

The Auditing Committee gave its report which was returned for adjustment.

The Committee on Education gave its report which was accepted.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools gave its report which was accepted.

The Sunday School Secretary gave his report which was accepted.

The Committee on Tithing gave its report which was accepted.

An offering on General Conference President's salary was taken amounting to \$3.79.

It was moved that the Conference Secretary shall have 300 copies of the Conference Minutes printed and also have appropriate conference stationery printed to the amount of 500 sheets and envelopes and distribute 300 to the President and one hundred each to the secretary and treasurer.

Standing rule No. 4 was adopted. (see standing rules)

Brother Thompson was excused from Conference.

Standing Rule No. 5 was adopted (see standing rules)

Paola extended an invitation to the Conference of 1947 which was accepted.

The conference took a recess.

The sermon of the evening was preached by Rev. C. E. Shaw after which the Rev. E. C. Hord was ordained to the office and work of an elder.

Conference was called to order and it was moved that Rev. W. W. Wigglesworth be given Conference Evangelistic relationship and that the secretary add this to the report of the Committee on Pastoral Relations.

The auditing Committee gave its report which was accepted. ,

The Statistical Committee made its report through the Conference Secretary. It was accepted giving the secretary authority to make minor corrections.

The name of F. H. Harris was called and his character passed.

The Committee on Thanks gave its report to the secretary to be read in the Sunday Service.

Brother Lastinger resigned as Tithing Secretary. His resignation was accepted and Brother Wigglesworth was elected tithing Secretary.

It was moved that standing rule No. 6 be adopted. (see standing rules.)

The minutes were read and approved.

It was moved to adjourn Sine Die.

Arthur W. Osgood, Secretary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman, and Brethren and Sisters of the South Georgia Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.

On October 19, 1945, you, to my very great surprise elected me president of our great Conference. And I again want to express to you my sincere thanks and appreciation for the confidence and trust that you conveyed to me. I have given myself as far as possible to the discharge of my duty as your servant.

To the president and to the members of the Conference and also the members of our local churches there comes a challenge from 84,280 square miles of territory with a population of 3,459,275 people. In this vast territory we have twenty-one classes and some of them barely justify an organization. Out of 3,459,275 people there are only 386 Wesleyans. There is in the state of Florida alone eleven cities with a population of above 25,000 inhabitants, and a great number running from 10,000 to 20,000, and towns galore that have from 2,000 to 10,000. Of this vast number of towns and cities there is a Wesleyan church in only six.

Oh! How we need a vision like Paul had when he saw a man, and heard a voice crying come over into Macedonia and help us. Brethren let's determine to go forward with more Deity, more aggression, more cooperation and a greater mind to pray, give, and to work than ever before.

The Lord has been very gracious and considerate of us as a conference. Even though we have no new class to report it is a pleasure to state to you that we have a little better than held our own. The classes as a whole seem to be encouraged and to some degree are getting a vision of what ought to be done and are seeking a way to do it.

We have not had any pastors resign during the Conference year, neither have any pastorates been left vacant as a result of death. For this we are more than grateful.

As I traveled the Conference and worked with the classes I did my best to adhere strictly to our book of Discipline, and plead with the Churches to do the same, especially in regards to our article of Faith, General and Special rules, also in governing our churches.

Your Conference Campmeeting at Ashburn Georgia was held June 20-30 with slightly any cooperation at all from the Conference. Brethren this was grieviously endured. The Rev. C. E. Shaw was the evangelist, and Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hughes were in charge of singing music and Children's services. The Rev. E. C. Hord vice chairman of the campmeeting committee and the Rev. Mrs. G. H. Doty rendered splendid service in behalf of the meeting. Evidently there was some good done.

We have done our best to get old Sylvester Church resurrected and a class there, also the building repaired, but as yet we have not accomplished anything definite. The future seems to be bright. On the night of October 3, I preached to the congregation of approximately 75 people and they all seemed to be interested a great deal in the work there. Rev. E. C. Hord is working faithfully at the job there. Please pray for a class there.

Through the faithful efforts of the Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Doty, old Liberty Church near Ashburn is in process of repairing but no class there.

The good people at Walkee Church on the Laurens charge with their good pastor, the Rev. J. B. Lastinger accepted a challenge and have wrecked the old church building which had become a reproach and now the new one is near completion.

On Feb. 27, with the concurance of my Advisory board, I gave Rev. R. M. Henkle permission to use the Rev. A. C. Legg in two revivals on the Greenville Charge.

September 17, I appointed the Rev. W. W. Wigglesworth and Mr. J. B. Patterson as a committee on nomination.

I have held all four of the Quarterly Conferences except the third one at Lakeland and Paola. I arranged with the pastors to hold them for me.

I was the evangelist in one meeting in the Conference and consider that it was a successful revival.

 I received salary
 \$787.68

 Gifts
 \$ 17.20

 Total
 \$804.88

Submitted in a spirit of perfect love:

Rev. W. T. Brinson, President

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We the committee on nominations nominate the following committees:

Pastoral Relations - Rev. F. H. Harris, Rev. J. M. Merrell, Rev. C. E.

Shaw, Nathan Poppell, Milton Roberson, Joe Harrison.

Public Worship - Rev. W. T. Brinson, Rev. A. W. Osgood.

Secrecy - Mrs. C. E. Shaw, Mrs. W. J. Davis.

Moral Reforms - Rev. E. C. Hord and Mrs. Bessie Govocek.

Tithing - Rev. J. B. Lastinger, Mrs. Bessie Govocek.

Wesleyan Periodicals - Mrs. G. H. Doty.

Sabbath Schools - Rev. C. M. Payne, Dewey Boone.

Credentials — Rev. L. E. Francisco, W. M. Houck.

Courtesy — Rev. E. C. Hord, Mrs. W. T. Brinson.

Education — Rev. C. M. Payne, Ethel Speight.

Character — Rev. J. B. Lastinger, W. M. Houck.

Thanks - Mrs. C. E. Shaw, Mrs. G. H. Doty.

P. O. Addresses - Mrs. D. G. Gunter, Mrs. W. J. Davis.

Auditing — Rev. J. B. Lastinger, Joe Harrison.

Statistics — Olin Rawlins, Pearl Sapp.

Apportionment - Rev. E. C. Hord, Pearl Sapp.

Memorials - F. H. Harris, Joe Harrison.

Pioneer Work - Rev. E. C. Hord, Rev. R. M. Henkle.

W. W. Wigglesworth

J. B. Patterson, Committee.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We the committee on auditing have examined the books of the Conference Treasurer and the President's financial report and have found them to be correct.

J. B. Lastinger

Joe Harrison

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS

We recommend that Brother A. C. Legg be received as an Elder in our Conference.

We also recommend that Brother Mack Thompson be received as a Conference preacher and pursue the course of study.

We further recommend that these brethren be received according to paragraph 171 of our book of Discipline.

We recommend that Brother E. C. Hord be ordained at this session of Conference, he having finished the course of study according to our discipline.

We recommend also that Brother J. M. Allen's request to be dropped from the roll be granted.

We recommend that Brother Fred Hughes be received as a conference preacher and that he pursue the course of study.

We recommend that Miss Newton be continued in the second year's course of study.

We recommend that Mrs. C. E. Shaw pursue and complete the fourth year's course of study.

We recommend that E. F. Houck complete the fourth year's course of study.

We also recommend that all who fail to comply with the discipline standard in the course of study be returned to the Quarterly Meeting.

W. T. Brinson
F. H. Harris
W. W. Wigglesworth

COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS

Your Committee on Periodicals wish to submit the following report.

1. Through the life of the papers — the Wesleyan Methodist and Wesleyan Missionary have become an important factor in our church work. It furnishes helps for our meetings, broadens our vision, and enables us to pray more intelligently.

We recommend that this conference and each local church and society elect an alert soliciter, who will seek new subscriptions and secure the renewal of all present subscribers.

2. The Wesleyan Methodist and Wesleyan Missionary are the best papers for the Wesleyans. It brings every week to our doors the news from the Foreign fields, Home Mission fields, from pastors and evangelists, our schools, and the publishing house.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

If we are interested in our church we will certainly want to know what is going on in our church. There is no other way to know but to take our church paper.

> Respectfully submitted, Mrs. C. H. Doty

COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM

Be it resolved that we call our membership to a closer adherence to the general rules of the church as set forth in our book of discipline, that we refrain from wearing of gold and costly apparel and following the fashions of the world such as wearing of slacks, men's clothing, painting their face, women cutting their hair. If they do cut their hair let them also shave their head. The hair is given to the woman for her glory and we Wesleyans need all the glory we can get. We have none to cut off. In 1 Peter 3:1-5 "Likewise ye wives be in subjection to your own husbands, that if any obey not the word they also may without the Word be won by the conversation of the wives."

"Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair and of wearing of gold or of putting on of apparel. But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is contemptable even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price.

Second, we must be a separate people from the world. 2 Cor. 6:14, 18. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I will be their God and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you and will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters. saith the Lord Almighty."

In this whirl of pleasure we as a church must show to the world that there is pleasure in serving the Lord. We must set the example for the world to go by, but not the world set the example for us. It is easy, very easy, if we aren't very careful, to pattern after the

world in order to have friendship. God's people are a peculiar people. They don't enjoy the things of the world.

Also this Sabbath desecration is awful. Shall we as a church cry out against these things. We should cry against sin and wickedness and worldliness.

Rev. E. C. Hord Mrs. Bessie Govocek

COMMITTEE ON TITHING

Are we bringing all of our tithe into the storehouse and getting the blessing that is promised? Any Christian that refuses to tithe is robbing God. "Will a man rob God?" Mal. 3:8

As Christian people we must see that our title is clear to mansions in the sky.

The tithe is a safe and sensible way to finance church work, if all church members would do it. The man who tithes is a blessing to the church. If all members of the church and conference would tithe our financial embarrassment would end. Let us follow the Bible. Abraham was the first tither. He paid the tenth to Melchisedec. Let us likewise pay our tenth to God and the Church and see if God does not pour out His blessing on the church and let souls find God.

J. B. Lastinger Mrs. Bessie Govocek

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Prov 9:1-5 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars, she hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

From this Scripture we see that wisdom is a finished product. She hath builded her house, not merely a foundation but the entire house. A Christian education may be accounted for according to the Scripture.

It requires some effort to gain a real Christian education. Here we find that wisdom hath hewn out her pillars thus indicating that special pains were taken even to each individual stone.

Again we note that there were seven pillars in the foundation. In the Bible seven is a perfect number. God's wisdom cannot be im-

proved upon. One may finish attending a Christian school, but should keep learning as long as life lasts.

We also notice here that wisdom hath made ample provision for anyone to feed upon. The table is spread, beasts are killed, proper drinks are served, and all is in readiness. Everything that is enticing for our knowledge is provided by wisdom.

Again we notice that wisdom crieth without. She is out in the streets inviting the simple to come partake of her. We also read that wisdom is the principal thing. James tells us that if any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not.

The Scriptures are freighted with exhortations that we should study and learn all the good things that we can.

Our church schools have been provided by Godly men and women that we might have a better opportunity to learn the things that will better prepare us for effective service in the Master's vineyard. Let us stand by those schools to our limit.

> C. M. Payne Ethel Speight

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

The Sunday School is important because it affords a wholesome place to go. The best people in the world go to Sunday School. People are going somewhere on Sunday, if there is no Sunday School to go to, they will go to the swimming pools, the ball games, the movies, or some other worldly amusements. We have too many worldly amusements already. The Sunday School helps to keep the Sabbath.

The Sunday School is important as a partnership. People like to have a part in important organizations. Each member in the Sunday School has a voice in the School. When anyone realizes that he is a vital part of an organization, he wants that organization to be a success and will do his part to make it go. Even small children like recognition. They enjoy the Sunday School as being their Sunday School.

The Sunday School is important because of its message. That message is God's own word. There we learn the beginnings of all things. We learn "In the beginning God." We see Him as Creator

of heaven and earth and all things that are therein. We see the beginning of man; Adam not prehistoric man. We learn of God's plan of redemption throughout the Bible. Many children would never learn much of these things, were it not for the Sunday School.

The Sunday School is very important as a soul saving institution. That is the chief mission of the organization. God has said that, "My word shall not return unto me void." The Word properly taught will bring salvation. Many children have been brought to God through the Sunday School and its influence.

Finally the Sunday School is important because a great percentage of the church members come from it. Someone has said that 85% of the church membership comes from the Sunday School. If children enjoy our Sunday Schools the chances are that many of them will also enjoy being members of our churches. May we continue to realize that the Sunday School is one of the main organizations of our church.

C. M. Payne D. W. Boone

COMMITTEE ON THANKS

The Committee on Thanks wish to express their heart felt thanks for the loyal entertainment we have had since we have been here, for the good food we have had to eat and the good beds to sleep on.

We pray God's blessing upon every home and may your souls be fed as bountifully as you have fed our bodies.

Mrs. G. H. Doty

CONFERENCE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

51 books are in the Conference Library.

F. H. Harris, Librarian

COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS

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

Waycross - Rev. Mack Thompson

Brunswick - Rev. W. T. Brinson

Ashburn Charge: Ashburn, Liberty, Mt. Pleasant,—Rev. R. M. Henkle

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

Tifton Charge: Tifton, Cross Roads, Sylcester — Rev. E. C. Hord Savannah — Rev. L. C. Douthet

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

Mt. Pleasant Charge: Mt. Pleasant, Coffee — Rev. Arthur W. Osgood

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

Greenville Charge: Pine Island, New Zion, Fenholloway — Rev. J. M. Merrell

Paola - Rev. L. E. Francisco

Lakeland — Rev. C. E. Shaw, Mrs. C. E. Shaw, Assistant.

GENERAL EVANGELISTS

Rev. C. L. Wireman, Rev. C. E. Shaw, Rev. Mrs. Fred Hughes

CHOOSE OWN FIELD OF LABOR

Rev. Miss Ruth Newton, Rev. E. F. Houck, Rev. R. C. Crossman, Rev. H. R. Gunby

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Rev. Fred Hughes, Rev. W. W. Wigglesworth, Rev. A. C. Legg

We the committee on Pastoral Relations recommend that Rev. J. D. Patterson be Superannuated and that the Conference treasurer be authorized to pay eight dollars per month to be drawn from the Superannuated Ministers Funds.

We also recommend that the Rev. Mrs. G. H. Doty be elected Sunday School Secretary and travel the Conference in behalf of our Sabbath Schools and Missions.

We also recommend that all pastors take collections for the traveling expenses of the Sunday School Secretary.

The Committee also recommends that the president hold first and fourth quarterly conferences and that he have the privilege to do some evangelistic work.

We also recommend that the presidents salary be \$2.00 per member throughout the Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. T. Brinson J. M. Merrell

F. H. Harris

Joe Harrison

Nathan Poppell

C. E. Shaw

J. M. Roberson

ANNUAL CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT 19	45-46
FOREIGN MISSIONS: Receipts	\$420.21 58.71 362.21 280.78 140.14
HOME MISSIONS: Receipts	\$146.17 47.65 257.96 270.45 35.16
EDUCATION: Receipts	\$13.00 40.10 374.71 289.43 125.38
ORPHANAGE	
Receipts At first of Year	\$37.19 8.28 88.66 73.19 23.75
MINUTES	
Receipts At first of Year	\$ 175.95 180.54 85.00 271.49
SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND	
Receipts	\$ 393.18 145.61
	538.79
DELEGATE'S EXPENSE Receipts At first of Year	4.00 72.30

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

Received	20.65
Disbursed Balance on Hand	92.95
CONFERENCE WORK	52.55
Receipts	\$
At first of year	19.20
Received	60.55
Disbursed	37.00
Balance on Hand	42.75
GENERAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S SALARY	
At first of Year	7.14
Disbursed	7.14
CONNECTIONAL S. S. WORK	
Receipts	-\$10.80
CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S SALARY	
Receipts	\$750.13
Received	37.55
Disbursed	37.55
LANCASTER PROPERTY FUND	
Received	\$800.00
Disbursed	15.00
Balance on Hand -	- 785.00
TRUSTEE PROPERTY FUND	
Received	\$107.00
Balance on Hand	107.00
FOR REPAIRS TO SYLVESTER CHURCH	
Received	\$125.00
Balance on Hand	125.00
MISCELLANEOUS	
Disbursed, for check turned down	- \$16.20
Received, for check made good	16.20
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1419.05
CASH AT FIRST OF YEAR	\$815.37
CASH RECEIVED DURING YEAR	\$2583.78
TOTAL CASH	\$3399.15
TOTAL DISBURSED	\$1111.74
TOTAL CASH ON HAND	\$2287.41
Respectfully Submitted,	

Statistical Report

Apportionment

Charges	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	President's Salary	Orphanage	Minutes	Delegate's Expense	Conference Work	Superannuated Ministers	Total
Ashburn Brunswick Greenville Hortense Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola Savannah Tifton Waycross Wayne	22.00 90.00 74.00 90.00 26.00 54.00 80.00 76.00 60.00 40.00 108.00	11.00 45.00 37.00 45.00 13.00 27.00 40.00 15.00 38.00 30.00 20.00 54.00	16.50 67.50 55.50 67.50 19.75 40.75 60.00 22.50 57.00 45.00 30.00 81.00	74.00	10.00 3.75 9.50 7.50 5.00	22.50 18.50 22.50 6.50 13.50 20.00 7.50 19.00 15.00	1.85 2.25 .65 1.35 2.00 .75 1.90 1.50 1.00	.65 1.35 2.00 .75 1.90 1.50 1.00	14.80 18.20 5.20 10.80 16.00 6.00 15.20 12.00 8.00	349.45 286.75 349.45 101.20 209.50 310.00 116.25 292.50 232.50 155.00
Total	750.00	377.00	563.00	750.00	94.75	185.50	19.75	19.75	150.40	2,930.90

Statistical Report

Item I. Pastor's Labors

Item II. Periodicals

Charges	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	sleye	Wesleyan Missionaries taken	Young People's Journal taken	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Scholar's Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart	Pupil's lesson stories, with hand work	Bible lesson stories, with hand work
Ashburn Brunswick Greenville Hortense Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola, Fla. Savannah Tifton Waycross Wayne	12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12	313513211212	13313211112	3 12 14 11 4 6 6 14 14 7 13	3442634	8 3 2 5 10 2 4 3	15	12 5 6 2 12		2 10 4 9 3 16 9 4 48 6	10 20 15 18 12 32 17 6 40 8 12 10	20 17 48 26 6 54 15	64	9 8 48 15 48 10		12 5 6 8 3 20 48 6	14 12 48	1 1 2 1 6		8
Totals	144	25	19	108	37	37	88	46	24	115	200	186	151	138		108	140	11	9	8

Item III. Membership

1946 Charges	Received	Expelled	Discontinuea	Died	Granted Letters	Total Membership Lost	Number Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss (or)		Number Members Under 14	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Local Preachers	H	Membership Tithing
Ashburn Brunswick Greenville Hortense Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola, Fla. Savannah Tritton Waycross Wayne	2 7 1 5 8 19 1 4		4 8 2 2 1 1 1	1	1 3 3 2	1 3 3 3	27	11 45 37 45 13 27 41 15 42 30 20 56	132 2 6	4 3 18		2 1	21		3	8 34 5	5 20 26 3 7 6 9 6 8
Totals	47		21	3	18	34	379	382	26	29	13	5	147	7	T	58	89

Item IV.

Sunday Schools

Charges	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Officers	jo	Total Pupils in Main School	Total No. in Main School	age Attendance	No. Scholars in Home Dept.	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	No. of Scholars Converted	Schola	No. Dept. Supt.	No. of Organized Classes	Pupils in Vacation Bible School	Av. Att. in Vacation Bible School	No. Wesleyan Y. P. Societies	Total Membership of Societies
Ashburn Brunswick Greenville Hortense Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola, Fla. Savannah Tifton Waycross Wayne	1 1 2 3 1 2 2 1 1 1 1 2 2	43 45 48 52 52 46	25 6 11 3 8 9 4 6 2 4 6	20 52 18 45 95 24 54 32 30	63 30 65 24 45 108 62 9 40 36	30		5 3 42	18 65 30 65 29 45 108 33 96 9 40 36	1 10	2 1 4 4 1	1	56	23	.14	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	12 6 8 17 20
Totals	18	52	66	386	482	340		51	574	14	12	1	32	23	14	7	63

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 Brunswick Greenville Hortense Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola Savannah Tifton Waycross Wayne	3 1 3 4 3 2 1 2 1 2	1,600.00 1,650.00 2,500.00 6,000.00 1,500.00			1	\$ 800.00 2,500.00 800.00 750.00 6,000.00	700.00	2,000.00	\$ 200.00 48.00 90.40 324.00 275.75 570.05 218.80
Total	22	\$28,500.00	\$800.00	\$5,875.00	6	\$11,350.00	\$700.00	\$3,875.00	\$2,084.82

Contributed for Pastor.

Item VII.

Contributed for Church

946 Charges	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Recelpts	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amt. Paid on Indebtedness	Church Incidental Expense	Total for Church
Ashburn Brunswick Greenville Hortense Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola Savannah Tifton Waycross Wayne	128.53 1,535.05 785.32 1,192.97 1,350.25 403.89 675.35 635.03 1,590.00 356.19 512.00 539.41	96.00 360.00	10.00 20.00 13.00	579.32 60.90 7.25 411.65 39.54 254.95 87.75	1,846.67 1,059.32 1,905.29 1,411.15 411.12 1,183.00 674.70 1,855.95 816.96 512.00	81.29 428.86 175.13 171.23 79.00 144.16	139.43 36.61 62.20 31.58 45.00 52.40 25.98 52.95 11.91 24.00	286,25	100.00 90.15 7.50 29.90 45.26 27.50	175.00	3.00 185.20 26.00 108.47 97.15 110.00 28.51 217.34 97.52 35.00 25.00	419 393 524 343 599 286 198 701 77

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Item VIII. Contributed for Conference Budget

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Charges	Superannuated Minister's Fund Assigned	Superannuated Minister's Fund Raised	Minutes Raised	Delegate's Expense Raised.	Total Conference Budget Assigned	Total Conference Budget Raised	Total Budget Assigned	Total Budget Raised	President's Salary Assigned	President's Salary Raised	Conference Work Assigned	Conference Work Raised
Ashburn Brunswick Greenville Hortense Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola Savannah Trifton Waycross Wayne	\$ 17.60 20.00 18.80 7.60 10.80 16.00 4.80 9.20 12.40 10.00	\$ 1.00 17.60 9.01 18.80 7.60 10.80 16.00 4.80 9.20 12.40	22.00 25.00 23.50 9.50 13.50 20.00 6.00 11.50 16.50 12.50	1.15 1.65	\$ 132.00 150.00 142.00 120.00 36.00 69.00 75.00	150.00 57.00 88.75 124.00 74.45 69.00	400.00 377.00 320.00 96.00 186.95 127.75	188.17 144.75 322.00 180.84 187.00 58.21	\$88.00 100.00 94.00 38.00 54.00 80.00 24.00 46.00 66.00 50.00	56.10 102.00 38.00 69.75 80.00 62.45 46.00 66,00	\$ 2.20 .95 1.35 2.00 1.15 1.65 1.25	\$ 4.25 2.20 .95 1.35 2.00 1.15 1.65
Total	\$151.20	\$145.61	\$180.54	\$24.65	\$744.00	\$954.91	\$3,025.25	\$4,002.83	\$756.00	\$787.68	\$19.60	\$60.55

Item VIII. Contributed for Connectional Budget.

Charges	Foreign Missions Assigned	Foreign Missions Raised	Home Missions Assigned	Home Missions Raised.	Education Assigned	Education Raised
Ashburn Brunswick Greenville Hortense Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola Savannah Tifton Waycross Wayne	\$ 110.00 125.00 117.50 47.50 67.50 100.00 30.00 57.50 82.50 62.50	52.00 117.50 61.74 9.00 93.00 37.50 57.50 365.50	44.00 50.00 47.00 19.00 27.00 40.00 12.00 23.00 25.00	45.00 43.70	54.00 62.50 58.75 23.75 33.75 50.00 15.00 28.75 41.75 31.25	\$ 13.08 30.15 21.52 59.00 24.75 33.75 50.00 15.00 28.75 21.75 31.25 58.71
Total	\$948.50	\$782.42	\$378.00	\$404.13	\$462.70	\$387,71

Item VIII. Contributed for Connectional Budget (Cont'd)

Charges	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Ralsed	Connectional S. S. Work Raised	Total Connectional Budget Assigned	Total Connectional Budget Raised
Ashburn Brunswick Greenville Hortense Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola Savannah Tifton Waycross Wayne	\$ 11.00 12.50 11.75 4.75 6.75 10.00 3.00 5.75 7.75	10.00		\$ 219.50 250.00 235.00 200.00 60.00 117.95 85.25 125.00	110.52 242.28 131.17 56.50 198.00 106.39 118.00 86.25
Total	\$94.00	\$125.85	\$10.80	\$1,291.70	\$1,899.69

Item IX. Contributed for Benevolences

Charges	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	TO.	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences
Ashburn Brunswick Greenville Hortense Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola Savannah Tifton Waycross Wayne	の事となったいとのできた。	\$ 4.25 2.00 3.00	1	5.38	\$	\$ 115.45 1.00 10.00		131.86 14.00 24.37 79.00
Total		\$9.25	\$5.00	\$5.38	\$	 \$126.45	\$338.08	\$931.13

Item X. Contributed Totals

Charges	r Pastor	r Church	r Budget	r Benevolences	r all Purposes
	for	for	for	for	for
	Total for	Total	Total	Total	Total
Ashburn Brunswick Greenville Hortense Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant	\$ 262.53 1,846.67 1,659.32 1,905.29 1,411.15 411.14 1,183.00	567.43 393.05 524.56 343.18 599.63 286.66	335.43 205.63 392.28 187.17 144.75 322.00	149.45 143.08 179.07 131.89	2,898.98 1,801.08 3,001.20 2,073.39 1,100.52 1,805.66
Paola Savannah	674.57 1,855.95	198.65 701.50	180.84 187.00	24.37 79.00	
Tifton Waycross Wayne	816.96 512.00 651.61	77.63 159.00 281.78		9.00	952.80
Total	\$12,690.29	\$3,667.67	\$4,002.83	\$1,151.13	\$21,511.9

Statistical Report

General Evangelists

Evangelists	Time Employed	Revivals Held	Revivals in Local Conference	o ui	Revivals in other denominations	Quarterly Meetings Held	Other Services	1 =	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Traveling Expenses	Total Net Receipts
C. L. Wireman * C. E. Shaw	12	10 7		10 6	1	1	98	\$1,160.00 651.00			\$285.00 300.00	\$ 875.00 351.00
Totals	18	17		16	2	1	98	\$1,811.00			\$585.00	\$1,226.00

^{*} Served as pastor part time,

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OFFICERS

President — Mrs. G. H. Doty, 117 9th St., Tifton, Ga.
Vice President — Mrs. W. T. Brinson, 2309 Ellis St., Brunswick, Ga.
Secretary — Mrs. Pearl Sapp, Brunswick, Ga.
Treasurer — Mrs. Dewey Day, Brunswick, Ga.
Superintendent of Y. M. W. B. — Mrs. C. I. Davis, 310 E. Anderson St., Savannah, Ga.

Statistical Report

W. H. and F. M. S. Receipts

Charges	Active Members	Honorary Memoers	Members gained	Members lost	Regular meetings held	Special meetings held	Do you use Missionary Programs?	Wesleyan Missionaries taken	Cash on hand from last year	Membe <mark>rship dues</mark>	Offerings	Labor	Clothing and other gifts to home work	Totals ~
Brunswick Paola Savannah Ashburn Tifton Hortense Wayeross Pine Island Cross Roads Mt. Pleasant Bethlehem	22 10 23 17 30 14 31 17 6 14 10	8 5 1 3 4 13 3 3	4 3	45	1000	1	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	1 2	87.58 1.00 30.10	15.00 17.44 10.00 30.00 8.00	49.62 80.00 64.35	\$ 45.00 10.00 6.00 2.00 73.90	\$.17 2.50	\$143.77 145.05 191.31 13.00 32.50 72.35 175.68 5.00 6.46 94.00 11.85
Totals	164	40	7	46	104	3		17	\$135.11	\$176.50	\$364.16	\$126.90	\$2.67	\$890.97

Statistical Report

W. H. and F. M. S. Disbursements

Charges	Home Cash	Home — Clothing and other gifts	Hephzibah — Cash	Foreign — Cash	Education — Cash	Total Church work	Membership dues	Other Objects	Cash on Hand	Total
Brunswick Paola Savannah Ashburn Tifton Hortense Waycross Pine Island Cross Roads Mt. Pleasant Bethlehem	26.00 5.00 15.00 4.10 2.50 3.23 24.00 5.00	15.00 10.00 2.50	10.19	47.50 5.00 15.00 4.15		3.05	23.00 14.00	2.00 64.10	28.30 12.31 64.34 1.00	143.77 145.05 191.31 13.00 32.50 72.35 337.82 5.00 6.46 94.00 11.85
Totals	84.83	27.50	16.89	165.38	15.00	159.87	37.00	71.95	269.09	1,053.11

Statistical Report

Y. M. W. B. Report

Charges	No. of Members	No. of Meetings held	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Total
Brunswick Savannah Ashburn Waycross Pine Island Mt. Pleasant Bethlehem	79 21 56 25 35 11	12	\$ 64.53 16.00 8.35 29.00 20.72 27.86 14.33		5.00	\$ 64.53 16.00 13.35 29.00 20.72 27.86 14.33
Totals	227	44	\$180.79	\$	\$5.00	\$185.79

THE FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

South Georgia Conference Young People's Society HELD AT

Hortense, Georgia August 30 — September 1, 1946

REV. MRS FRED HUGHES, President REV. ARTHUR W. OSGOOD, Secretary

W. Y. P. S. OFFICERS

Pres. — Rev. Mrs. Fred Hughes, 113 W. Patterson St., Lakeland, Fla. Vice-president — Mrs. Okay Highsmith, 2204 Ellis St., Brunswick, Ga. Secretary — Rev. Arthur W. Osgood, Rt. 4, Alma, Ga. Treasurer — Mrs. H. C. Powell, 838 N. Iowa Ave., Lakeland, Fla. Journal Solicitor — Mrs. J. M. Roberson, Rt. 2, Hortense, Ga.

LOCAL SOCIETY PRESIDENTS

Brunswick — Mrs. J. D. Day, Route 1, Brunswick, Ga.

Lakeland — Mrs. H. C. Powell, 838 N. Iowa Ave., Lakeland, Fla.

Mt. Pleasant — Mrs. A. J. Moore, Rt. 4, Alma, Ga.

Paola —

Philadelphia — Mrs. Herman Roberson, Rt. 2, Hortense, Ga. Savannah — Mrs. J. F. Shelton, Daffin Park, Apt. 1, Savannah, Ga. Waycross — Mrs. A. J. Conner, 1025 Albany Ave., Waycross, Ga.

Statistical Report

W. Y. P. S.

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Name of Society	Organized	Active Members	Associate Members	Wesleyan Youth	Total Receipts for the	Church Extension	Education	Local Work	Conference Budget	General Dues (Connectional)	Radio Fund	Song Books	Annual Convention	Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand
Brunswick, Ga	1943 1943 1946	5	12 4 5	8 5 10	122.90 48.02 65.80		50.00 10.00	40.00 16.01 59.00	10.00 5.00	6.00 4.50	5.00	4.20	10.25	115.45 40.51 64.00	7.45 6.96 1.80
Paola, Fla. Philadelphia, Hortense, Ga. Savannah, Ga. Waycross, Ga.	1946 1945 1943	8	10	3 2	5.00 13.04 13.50			7.00	5.00 10.00	3.00 1.50				5.00 13.00 13.50	
Totals		57	38	28	313,26		60.00	122.01	30.00	15.00	10.00	4.20	10.25	251.46	16.25