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Rev. T. J. Cobb
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Notice:

This page will be revised and other names added, as occasion demands.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

OFFICIARY

President-F. K. Smith, Knoxville, Tenn.

Vice-President-F. D. Cross, 4010 Dodds Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Secretary-Rev. J. Roy Lynch, P. O. Box 592, Bristol, Tenn.

Treasurer-O. C. Rushing, 417 S. Leslie St., Knoxville, Tenn.

President's Advisory Board-J. A. Cassady, M. Houser.

COMMITTEES

Itineracy—F. K. Smith, (4 years); F. D. Cross, (3 years); J. A. Cassady, (2 years); J. A. Giles, (1 year).

Judiciary—J. A. Cassady, H. A. Harvey, A. L. Lowrance, F. K. Smith. Tithing Secretary—J. A. Cassady.

Educational Secretary—F. D. Cross.

Sunday-school Secretary—A. L. Lowrance.

Sunday-school Board—A. L. Lowrance, J. A. Giles, H. Houser.

Vacancies—H. A. Harvey, F. D. Cross, Brother O'Rear, O. A. Collins, Hubert Lynn.

Missionary Board—F. K. Smith, F. D. Cross, J. A. Giles, O. C. Rushing, O. A. Collins.

Church and Parsonage Building—Moved that the Missionary Board constitute this committee.

Central College Board Member-F. K. Smith.

President's Advisory Board—J. A. Cassady, M. Houser.

CONFERENCE ROLL Elders

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Lawrence, S. J% A. L. Lowrance, 4015 12th Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn. Trent, S. A
Conference Preachers Allen, T. C
Evans, Chas
Lay Delegates Clara Bowman, O. A. Collins, J. E. Comer, Mrs. J. E. Comer, Mrs. S. M. Crawley, Miss Lealier Fleenor, Mrs. T. L. Grow, Mrs. A. L. Lowrance, Hubert Lynn, Bruce Phelps, Nadine Stansberry, Mrs. Earsie Swaford, Mrs. Ruth Blazer, W. J. Rollan, Mrs. John Harwell, Ed Purkey, C. A. Farmer.
CHURCH DIRECTORY
Knoxville: First Church

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

The Tennessee Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America convened in its Thirteenth Annual Session with the First Church of Chattanooga, Wednesday, July 8, 1942 at 9:00 a.m.

After a short service of song and prayer, Rev. Roy S. Nicholson addressed the Conference.

The Conference was called to order by the President, who asked Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, Connectional Representative, to take the Chair.

Agnes Houser was elected Secretary pro tem.

The roll was called and the following answered to their names: Elders—Clyde Blazer, J. A. Cassady, F. D. Cross, J. A. Giles, A. L. Lowrance, L. W. O'Rear, F. K. Smith. Conference Preachers—O. H. Crabb, O. C. Rushing, Henry Sellers, Ida Sellers.

Delegate credentials were presented, and on motion the following were seated: Clara Bowman, O. A. Collins, J. E. Comer, Mrs. J. E. Comer, Mrs. S. M. Crawley, Miss Lealier Fleenor, Mrs. T. L. Grow, Mrs. A. L. Lowrance, Bruce Phelps, Nadine Stansberry, Mrs. Swaford, Mrs. Clyde Blazer, W. J. Rollan, Hubert Lynn.

The following sessions committees were duly elected:

Credentials and Ministerial Character: J. A. Giles, O. C. Rushing, O. A. Collins.

Courtesy: Hubert Lynn, A. L. Lowrance.

Tellers: Clyde Blazer, O. C. Rushing, William McMahan.

Committee on Apportionments: J. A. Giles, O. A. Collins, O. C. Rushing.

Pastoral Relations: F. K. Smith, J. A. Giles, F. D. Cross, J. A. Cassadv. O. A. Collins, Hubert Lynn, Mrs. Swaford.

Statistics: Nadine Stansberry, Dorotha Shook.

Resolutions: J. A. Cassady, L. W. O'Réar, A. L. Lowrance.

Religious Services: F. K. Smith, A. L. Lowrance, Hubert Lynn.

Committee on Thanks: Willa E. Harvey.

Post Office Addresses: William McMahan.

A motion carried that a page in minutes be set aside for location of churches of the Conference.

Committee on Auditing: Clyde Blazer, E. D. Brannon.

Conference Reporter: Agnes Houser.

Committee on Memorials: Mrs. J. E. Comer, L. W. O'Rear.

On motion Conference Bar was set the first five seats and rostrum.

On motion hours of business were set as follows: Convene at 9:00 a. m., adjourn 11:30 a. m.; convene at 1:30 p. m. to adjourn on motion.

The Conference President gave a partial report. On motion this report was adopted. The newly organized churches, Mascot and Johnson City, Pastors and Delegates were introduced and seated.

Rev. Garrett, Rev. J. L. Culp, Rev. Christine Fowler, Rev. Roy Lynch, William McMahan, Miss Cobb and Mr. Moreland were introduced to the Conference.

Moved and carried to suspend rule of adjournment to complete business.

Committee on Credentials gave a second report and Rev. E. D. Brannon and W. J. Rollan were seated.

On motion Rev. Rushing was appointed to have charge of the music of the Conference.

Motion carried to send Miss Jackson, the Conference Secretary, who was confined to her home, a floral offering as a token of appreciation for her faithful services (\$5.54 received).

Adjourned by limitation.

Benediction, Rev. E. D. Brannon.

Wednesday Afternoon

Devotionals were conducted by Rev. Henry Sellers, Superintendent of a Mission in Knoxville, who read and commented on Psalm 23.

Roll was called.

The minutes were read and approved.

President gave a second partial reading of his report, which on motion, was adopted.

Special Orders of the Day were set as follows:

Conference Sermon-Wednesday evening.

Election of Conference Officials-Thursday, 2:00 p. m.

Connectional Address-Thursday evening.

Educational Address—Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, 2:00 p. m. Friday.

W. Y. P. S.—Friday evening.

Moved the W. H. & F. M. S. be granted 6:00 p. m. Friday for a business meeting.

Adjourn by motion for committee work.

Benediction, J. E. Comer.

Wednesday Evening Service

A special message in song was rendered by Miss Bettie Comer.

Rev. J. A. Giles brought the Conference Sermon, using as a text Acts 1:8; Ephesians 5:18.

Thursday Morning Meeting

After a short song service led by Clyde Blazer, Rev. Nicholson again addressed the Conference in the second of a series of messages, using as a text, 1 Timothy 4:1.

Roll Call.

Minutes read and approved.

Conference President gave a complete report, which on motion, was adopted.

Communications from R. R. Prickett, J. F. Biddle, Rufus H. Gleason, E. H. Farris and S. A. Trent were read, characters passed and reports adopted.

Rev. and Mrs. Sowers, Rev. Clay Naramore, Mrs. Tobasco, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Neyman, Rev. Ray were introduced to the Conference. Mrs. Sowers and Rev. Ray favored those present with a special message in song.

Adjournment for committee work.

Benediction, Rev. Sowers.

Thursday Afternoon

Devotionals were conducted by Rev. H. A. Harvey.

Roll was called.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Itineracy and Orders gave a partial reading of their report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Memorials gave their report, which on motion, was adopted.

Special Orders of the Day were then taken up, being the election of Conference Officials, resulting as follows:

President—F. K. Smith.

Vice-President-F. D. Cross.

Secretary-Roy Lynch.

Treasurer—O. C. Rushing.

The term of Elder J. A. Giles having expired on the Board of Conference Trustees, he was, by ballot, reëlected to this office for a term of four years.

Ministerial Delegate to General Conference—J. A. Giles.

Lay Delegate to General Conference—J. E. Comer.

Alternate Ministerial Delegate-F. K. Smith.

Alternate Lay Delegate—Michael Houser.

Itineracy and Elders Orders—F. K. Smith.

Judiciary Committee—J. A. Cassady, H. A. Harvey, A. L. Lowrance, F. K. Smith.

Tithing Secretary—J. A. Cassady.

Educational Secretary-F. D. Cross.

Sunday-school Secretary—A. L. Lowrance.

Sunday-school Board—A. L. Lowrance, J. A. Giles, H. Houser.

Committee on Vacancies—H. A. Harvey, F. D. Cross, L. W. O'Rear, O. A. Collins, Hubert Lynn.

Missionary Board—F. K. Smith, F. D. Cross, J. A. Giles, O. C. Rushing, O. A. Collins.

Moved and carried that the Missionary Board constitute the Church and Parsonage Building Committee.

President's Advisory Board—J. A. Cassady, M. Houser.

Communications from S. J. Lawrence was read and report adopted.

Examination of character was taken up. The following names were called, characters passed and reports adopted: J. A. Giles, F. D. Cross, F. K. Smith, J. A. Cassady, A. L. Lowrance, Clyde Blazer, H. A. Harvey, Willa E. Harvey, O. H. Crabb, O. C. Rushing, Henry Sellers, Mrs. Henry Sellers, Roy Lynch.

Rev. Mr. Wright of the Holston Methodist Conference, also a minister in Chattanooga, was introduced to the Conference.

Moved and carried to adjourn.

Benediction by Sister Willa E. Harvey.

Thursday Evening Service

Service was opened at 7:45 with the congregation singing "I Would Not Be Denied," led by Rev. O. C. Rushing. We were led to the throne of grace in prayer by Rev. O. H. Crabb.

Sister Sowers, visitor to the Conference from the Nazarene Church, brought a glorious message in song.

Visiting ministers were recognized and introduced. Each gave a personal testimony.

Rev. Mr. Naramore sang as his song message, "My Home Sweet Home."

Rev. Roy S. Nicholson gave the Connectional address, "Characteristics of the Christian Church," with scriptural text from Matthew 16: 13-20.

After final announcements by Rev. F. K. Smith, Rev. J. L. Cupp pronounced the benediction.

Friday Morning Session

The morning Devotional Service was opened by the congregation singing "Amazing Grace" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," led by Rev. O. C. Rushing.

Rev. Roy S. Nicholson took charge, led in prayer and gave the devotional message on "Owe No Man Anything," Romans 13:8.

Business Session

The roll was called.

Minutes were read, approved and adopted. The Chairman called for unfinished business. Reading of pastor's reports continued. Sister Parker reported for the Harriman Charge. The Secretary was instructed by the Conference to write Brother W. O. Cooke in regard to his personal experience and desire of relationship with the Conference. Communication and report of Brother M. R. Hayes of Ethridge and Nashville was received and read.

Brother Henry Sellers reported for Brother L. W. O'Rear, Brother J. A. Giles reported for Brother Harry Warwick and Brother T. C. Allen.

Brother A. L. Lowrance reported for Brother C. O. Goins and Brother O. C. Rushing reported for Sister Jennie Whitaker.

Reports were presented by Sister Dorotha Shook, Brother E. D. Brannon. The report of Brother G. Edgar Stevens was received and read.

Report of Committee on Thanks was read by Sister Willa Harvey. This report was moved and adopted.

Committee on Courtesies introduced Rev. Mr. Harris of the Church of God. to the Conference.

The Committee on Apportionment was instructed to list the membership of the Harriman Church as twelve members by action of the Conference.

Rev. J. A. Giles moved that Sister Jennie Whitaker's name be placed on the Conference Elders Roll after she passes the examination on Discipline. The motion carried. Report of the Itineracy and Orders Committee was read. Report of Sunday-school Secretary, Brother A. L. Lowrance was read. The second reading of the Pastoral Relations Committee's report was read by Brother Collins.

In response to the question concerning the place for the meeting of the next session of the Annual Conference, Brother J. A. Giles invited the Conference to convene at First Church, Knoxville, Tennessee. The invitation was accepted by the Conference.

A petition was made into a motion to change the date of the next Annual Conference to August 24-26, 1943. The motion carried, thus making official this new date for the convening of the Annual Conference.

The report of the Committee on Apportionments was read by Brother J. A. Giles. This report was adopted. A motion was made and carried to extend the time of the morning business session. Brother A. L. Lowrance read the report of the Committee on Resolutions and this report was adopted. Report of the Missionary Board was given and adopted. Brother A. L. Lowrance, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, announced that there was no report from this committee. The motion was made and passed to reëlect the Camp Meeting Committee. This committee was called to meet at 1:30 in the afternoon. The Conference voted to convene at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, with the Orders of the Day following the devotional address. Minutes of the morning session were read and approved. Benediction.

Friday Afternoon Session

Brother O. H. Crabb led in song, "Nothing But the Blood." Sister Smith led in prayer. The Educational Address was given by Brother Roy S. Nicholson. Scriptural text 2 Timothy 2:15. Committee on Courtesies presented Sister Margaret Reiss, of God's Bible School, to the Conference.

Statistical Committee made report which was adopted. Motion made and carried to adjourn for committee meetings, subject to recall by the Chairman.

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Conference reconvened by call of the Chairman.

Third reading of the report of the Pastoral Relations Committee was given by O. A. Collins. This report was approved and adopted.

The Auditing Committee gave a favorable report. Report of the Postal Address Committee was completed. Brother J. A. Giles requested the privilege to teach such books as could be obtained for the Conference Course of Study and to grade same.

Motion was made and passed that any business overlooked by the Annual Conference should be referred to the Conference President and his Advisory Board.

Brother O. C. Rushing, Conference Treasurer, gave his official report which was adopted.

Motion was made and carried to send special greetings from the Conference to Sister Hattie Jackson.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and adopted.

Brother Roy S. Nicholson addressed the Conference in final words of encouragement, blessings and good wishes.

The Chair was surrendered to Brother F. K. Smith, Conference President, who gave a few words of advice and encouragement to all.

With the benediction, the Conference adjourned.

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

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

- 1. Be it Resolved, That before a local building committee proceeds with a building plan or program that they be required to have all plans approved by the President and his Advisory Board, which shall be designated a Board of Church and Parsonage Building and Location; and further that no financial obligation be assumed by a local church for a building program without the consent of Conference Trustees.
- 2. Be it Resolved, That the Board of Conference Trustees hereby are authorized to execute necessary papers to secure funds for the liquidation of Conference, church or parsonage property indebtedness provided that the churches desiring to secure the said loans set forth in writing the amount and the purpose for which it is to be used, and that no funds so secured shall be used for any purpose other than that set forth in the notice to the Trustees of the Conference.
- 3. Be it Resolved, That the Board of Conference Trustees, be and they hereby are, empowered to sign all necessary papers for the sale or transfer of Conference, church or parsonage property, provided the said sale or transfer is authorized by the President and his Advisory Board and shall not violate the spirit of paragraphs 386, 387 of our Book of Discipline.
- 4. Be it Resolved, That when a deed for Conference, church or parsonage property is received and before the same is recorded that it be referred to the President and his Advisory Board, who are hereby designated as a Deed Examining Committee, whose duty it shall be to examine the deed and see that there are included such disciplinary clauses as may be needed to make property secure to our Church. The said committee shall have the power to engage such legal advice as may be necessary to insure the proper steps regarding the reception or transfer of Conference, church or parsonage property. See paragraphs 388, 389 of our present Book of Discipline.
- 5. Be it Resolved, That we recommend that there be an Annual Conference-wide Sunday-school Convention. We further recommend that each organized Sunday school take a special free will offering each quarter to be paid into the Conference Sunday-school Board.
- 6. Be it Resolved, That each organized Sunday school raise the sum designated by our General Conference Sunday-school work.
- 7. Be it further Resolved, That challenged by the whitened fields, we shall proclaim with voice and pen the gospel of full salvation, recognizing entirely our dependence upon and need of the indwelling power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

- 8. Be it Resolved, That because of the alarming increase of worldliness, immorality, drunkenness and Sabbath desecration as well as the tendency to shallow living among the people professing holiness, we pledge ourselves to an uncompromising stand against such evils and implore God's presence by the maintenance of the family altar in our homes.
- 9. Be it Resolved, That we urge all Conference Preachers and Elders to become members of the W. H. & F. M. S. and that the pastors attend each meeting and encourage the women, this being one of the strong arms of the Church.
- 10. Be it Resolved, That each church make a special effort in behalf of and loyally support the Church Extension Card Plan.
- 11. Be it Resolved, That the President and his Advisory Board shall constitute a committee who shall formulate plans for a preachers convention.
- 12. Be it Resolved, That each pastor of self supporting churches be allowed to hold one meeting for weak churches and that his salary be paid while away.
- 13. Be it Resolved, That our President's and Secretary's correspondence expenses be paid from Conference funds by the Treasurer.
- 14. Be it Resolved, That the 4th Sunday in October be known as Educational Sunday and pastors shall emphasize education and take special offering for the same.
- 15. Be it Resolved, That minutes of this Conference shall be published and delivered to the pastors of each church as soon after Conference as possible and payment made within 30 days after receipt of same.
- 16. Be it Resolved, That Preachers and Delegates shall remain throughout entire Conference session unless providentially hindered.
- 17. Be it Resolved, That all Elders received from other denominations be required to pass the Course of Study on our Discipline during first year of trial.
- 18. Be it further Resolved, That there is a growing tendency on the part of many Elders these days, especially in our own Conference, to pass over the Annual Conference lightly, and rarely ever deem it worthwhile to attend these gatherings. Therefore, be it resolved, That hereafter every Elder in the Tennessee Conference be required to attend the Annual Conference at least one day unless Providentially hindered.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. CASSADY, L. W. O'REAR, A. L. LOWRANCE, Committee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

President-Rev. F. K. Smith.

Vice-President-Rev. F. D. Cross.

Secretary-Rev. J. Roy Lynch.

Treasurer—Rev. O. C. Rushing.

We recommend the work to be supplied as follows:

Knoxville, First Church—Rev. J. A. Giles. Associate Pastor—Rev. Miss Christine Fowler.

Hinton Street Mission—Superintendent Henry and Ida Sellers, under supervision of First Church.

East Knoxville Mission—Superintendent T. C. Allen, under supervision of First Church.

Knoxville, Second Church—Rev. O. C. Rushing. Associate Pastor—Rev. Jennie Whitaker.

Knoxville Stair Avenue (Beaumont)-Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Harvey.

Byrd's Chapel—Rev. Edgar Stevens.

Rockwood—Rev. J. A. Cassady. Associate Pastor—Rev. William McMahan.

Bristol-Rev. J. Roy Lynch.

Harriman-Rev. W. L. Scarborough.

Corinth and Old Liberty-Rev. Fred L. Elrod.

Chattanooga—Rev. A. L. Lowrance.

Nashville-Left in hands of President.

Ethridge-Left in hands of President.

Mascot-Rev. O. H. Crabb.

Johnson City-Rev. Clyde Blazer.

General Evangelists—Rev. F. D. Cross, Rev. R. R. Prickett and E. D. Brannon.

Conference Evangelists—Rev. J. F. Biddle, Rev. L. W. O'Rear and Rev. C. O. Goins.

Evangelist and Bible Teacher-Rev. R. H. Gleason.

Missionary Evangelists-Rev. Sallie Parker, Rev. M. R. Hayes.

Supernumerary—Rev. W. O. Cook, Rev. E. H. Farris.

REV. F. K. SMITH, Chairman;

REV. O. A. COLLINS, Secretary.

ITINERACY AND ORDERS REPORT

We, the Committee on Itineracy and Orders, make the following report:

- 1. We recommend that the credentials of Rev. Sally Parker be accepted and that she be restored to the proper place and standing.
- 2. That the name of Rev. J. Roy Lynch be placed on the Conference roll to pursue the Course of Study, and that he be placed in the fourth year Course of Study, and that he be required to complete the seven books prescribed by the committee.
- 3. That the Rev. Dorotha Shook be placed in the third year course. That S. J. Lawrence be placed on Roll of Elders.
- 4. That Rev. F. D. Cross, Rev. R. R. Prickett and Rev. E. D. Brannon be continued as General Evangelists.
- 5. That Mrs. Jennie Whitaker be placed on Roll of Elders, provided that she pass examination on Discipline before minutes are printed. That the following be continued in the first year's course of study: T. C. Allen, O. H. Crabb, C. O. Goins, O. C. Rushing, Henry Sellers, Ida Sellers, William McMahan and Edward Stevens.
- 6. We recommend that Harold West, W. H. Layne, R. H. Warwick be referred back to their Quarterly Conference. Owing to the physical condition of Mrs. Blanch Jackson and Miss Hattie G. Jackson, we recommend they be referred back to their Quarterly Conference.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. GILES, Chairman; F. K. SMITH, J. A. CASSADY, F. D. CROSS, Secretary.

THANKS

The Committee on Thanks wishes to submit the following report:

We are indeed grateful to our Heavenly Father for His kind providence that has brought us together for this the Thirteenth Annual Session of the Tennessee Conference. We praise Him for the mutual spirit of love and fellowship that has been manifest in a very marked degree, and for the help and encouragement we have received. We are grateful to the Lord for the presence of our Connectional Representative, Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, and for his instructive and inspiring messages. We deeply appreciate the kind hospitality of the good people of Chattanooga, and extend to Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Lowrance and the host Church our heartfelt thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLA E. HARVEY, Committee.

APPORTIONMENT REPORT

Feeling the time has arrived when we, as Wesleyan Methodists, must make some sacrifice if we hope to see the Tennessee Conference go forward as it should, we, your Committee on Apportionments, make the following report:

- 1. We recommend that all charges paying less than \$700.00 per year salary to their pastor shall seek earnestly to raise the salary to that amount as quickly as possible.
- 2. In order to support our foreign mission work it is necessary that each church raise the amount of \$2.00 per member for this work.
- 3. We recommend that fifty (50) cents per member be raised for home missions and that the offering in each Sunday school for the first Sunday of the month be applied on the budget.
 - 4. That twenty-five (25) cents per member be raised for Orphanage.
 - 5. That each member pay \$1.25 per year for Education.
- 6. We recommend that \$1.00 per member be raised for Conference Missions and Church Extension within Tennessee Conference.
- 7. That each church shall raise \$1.00 per member for Conference President's salary for his services and that said money be raised and paid monthly by local church Treasurer, that Conference President send a receipt to local Treasurer and duplicate to Conference Treasurer.
- 8. That no money shall be paid out by our Treasurer for work in this Conference without the consent of the Missionary Board.
- 9. We recommend the Storehouse Plan of Tithing as given in Mal. 3:8-10 that being the only financial plan God has given His children.
- 10. That a committee be designated by each local church to raise ten cents per member for Superannuated Ministers' Fund.
- 11. Each church shall pay the sum of twenty cents per member to pay for the publishing of Conference Minutes, and that each church shall receive enough copies of the minutes for each family to have one.
- 12. We heartily recommend and endorse the Church Extension Card Plan and recommend that each pastor shall endeavor to get his membership to sign a pledge card and support this most worthy work.
- 13. That each church raise fifteen cents per member to be known as the Conference Fund, to take care of postage for President and Secretary and current expense.
- 14. That each church raise 20 cents per member for Conference entertainment.

APPORTIONMENTS

Charge	Membership	Conference Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Home Missions	President's Salary	Conference Fund	Orphanage	Conference Minutes	Superannuated Ministers' Fund
Knoxville, First Knoxville, Second Stair Avenue Byrd's Chapel Corinth Rockwood Bristol Harriman Chattanooga Nashville Ethridge Mascot Iohnson City Totals	97 11 6 13 48 21 12 50 6 18 7	\$114.00 97.00 11.00 6.00 13.00 48.00 21.00 12.00 50.00 6.00 18.00 7.00 12.00	194.00 22.00 12.00 26.00 96.00 42.00 100.00	121.25 13.75 7.50 16.25 60.00 26.25 	48.50 5.50 3.00 6.50 24.00 10.50 25.00	11.00 6.00 13.00 48.00 21.00 50.00 6.00 18.00 7.00 12.00	14.55 1.65 .90 1.95 7.20 3.15 1.80 7.50 2.70 1.05 1.80	24.25 2.75 1.50 3.25 12.00 5.25 3.00 12.50 4.50	19.40 2.20 1.20 2.60 9.60 4.20 10.00 1.20 3.60 1.40 2.40	9.70 1.10 .60 1.30 4.80 2.10 1.20 5.00 .60 1.80

J. A. GILES, O. C. RUSHING, HUBERT LYNN, Committee.

MEMORIALS

The Committee on Memorials wish to submit the following report:

It is with thankful hearts we come to the Thirteenth Annual Session of the Tennessee Conference. The past year finds us with all members of our local churches and of the Conference, alive. We have not had one death the past year, for which we praise the Lord. God has promised long life to those that serve Him. While we have no deaths to report, your Committee feels that we should lift our voices in praise to Almighty God in sparing our lives to see another year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. E. COMER, L. W. O'REAR.

Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Members of the Thirteenth Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America.

Greetings in Jesus' name. It is with a deep sense of gratitude to the God of all grace that I bring to you my report of this year's activity. We believe that the character and worth of an individual or group is most re-

vealed when under adverse or changing circumstances. Last year when we met in our Annual Conference the war clouds were gathering in our National life; at this time we are in the midst of the greatest war in the history of the world. Countries are changing ownership over night. Kings are being forced to leave their thrones and go up and down in the earth as wonders. How comforting to know that we are in the service of the King of kings, who will never be forced from His throne.

Whatever happens in this world we know that in the final the whole world will be brought under the rule of the King of kings, that the day of the "Lord will come" and the rightful owner and Governor will take possion of the world. By His help we will serve Him here, and reign with Him yonder. From the standpoint of business and national affairs things are dark, but from the standpoint of religion they are as bright as the promises of God. As darkness makes light visible, and the density of the darkness is in proportion to the billiancy of the light, with the increased darkness in the world there is a necessity if not demand for every little night.

Now as never before, the world needs the message of our Church, with fathers, sons and sweethearts that have rallied to the colors and the call of our country, thus leaving heavy-hearted loved ones behind that need the message of hope, faith and salvation that our Church has to give. We must make our Church more intensive, a strong, necessary spiritual force in the community life. The power of the spiritually strong, is divinely mortgaged in the interest of the weak. The sufferer whom I have the means of relieving has a God-given claim upon me for that relief. The spiritually ignorant whom we are able to instruct are by the Lord entitled to that instruction and light at our hands, he who has is in debt to him who has not. Are we measuring up to this challenge? Personally, I am not satisfied with the results of our revival efforts. We haven't yet seen that Conference-wide Holy Ghost revival we are praying for. Candidly we do not feel that our soul-winning activities have reasonably measured up to our opportunities and the constituency with which we have to work. An increased sense of individual responsibility in soul winning, and personal evangelism would greatly multiply the results so consistent with normal development. Then, too, we fear we have been a bit too conservative in the increasing of our membership, for fear we might get some who have not a Wesleyan vision, and because of this we fear we have lost some splendid people we should have.

Every department of our Conference we believe will show some gain this year. Some of our churches will show a substantial gain in every department. If we are to build churches, we must give attention to every department. The Sunday school is the great feeder for our Church. Since eighty-five per cent of all church members are Sunday-school products, this inheritance is a valuable one in building Christian character and churches.

The spiritual tone of the Conference is not ideal, yet we are encouraged with a deepening of spiritual devotion, and an increasing appreciation of the fact that genuine spirituality is our only hope. We must constantly practice and emphasize the necessity of a life of prayer, and this clearly becomes the task of the ministry to lead our people to greater devotion, not only so but we must firmly, yet wisely, hold to the standards of our Church, frowning upon worldliness in dress and alliance. God will not bless compromise today any more than He did in the days of Israel. We must give attention to the full program of the Church, seeking to make our people Wesleyan minded, and to do this we must get them to buy and study our discipline, subscribe for the Wesleyan Methodist, the Wesleyan Missionary and the Wesleyan Young People's Journal.

Official Acts

In harmony with my advisory board:

On July 22, 1941, I granted a transfer to Rev. W. H. Key to the North Carolina Conference. I held Quarterly Conference at Harriman and gave Salley Parker local preachers license, and appointed her as pastor of the Harriman Church.

In August, I resigned as pastor of the Rockwood Church, and appointed Rev. J. A. Cassady as pastor. We moved to Bristol and took the pastorate of the Bristol church.

In September I appointed Ed Stevens as pastor of the Byrd's Chapel church.

October 14, 1941 I organized the church at Johnson City with fourteen members and appointed Clyde Blazer as pastor.

I held Quarterly Conference at Knoxville November 24, 1941, granted Quarterly Conference license to Roy J. Lynch, and appointed him as evangelist in the Wesleyan Methodist Church. I held Quarterly Conference in Rockwood, licensed Billy McMachan and appointed him as assistant pastor of the Rockwood church.

I received the resignation of Sister Parker from the Harriman church, and appointed Rev. L. W. Scarborough as pastor.

Services Rendered

I have held twenty-two Quarterly Conferences. I have conducted two revivals and two camp meetings, I have attended three college board meetings at Central, S. C. I have preached two hundred times. Have traveled eleven thousand six hundred and thirty-three miles.

Salary set	\$423.00
Salary received from the Conference	310.12
Received from Rev. Roy S. Nicholson	140.00

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Received from evangelistic work	255.00 200.00
Total	\$905.12
Respectfully subn	nitted,
	F. K. SMITH.
	

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE TREASURERS REP	OKI	
Superannuated Ministers' Fund	\$ 1.80	
Conference President's Salary	339.55	
Education	152.90	•
Foreign Missions	253.76	
Home Missions	165.56	
Orphanage	100.46	
Conference Mission Work	271.70	
Benevolences	1649.97	
Total disbursements		\$2935.70
Cash on hand		\$ 135.45

O. C. RUSHING. Treasurer.

SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE

- (Giving Date, Place of Meeting, President, Secretary, and No. of Members.)

 1. July 2-6, 1930, Knoxville, T. C. Harvey, F. D. Cross, 168.

 2. July 29-31, 1931, Knoxville, First, T. C. Harvey, Lavonne Edmonds, 228.

 3. July 28-30, 1932, Knoxville, First, T. C. Harvey, Hattie G. Jackson, 182.

 4. Oct. 11-13, 1933, Knoxville, Second, T. C. Harvey, Hattie G. Jackson, 220.

 5. Oct. 11-14, 1934, Knoxville, Second, C. K. Gentry, Hattie G. Jackson, 230.

 6. Oct. 9-11, 1935, Knoxville, Second, T. C. Harvey, Hattie G. Jackson, 230.

 7. Oct. 7 1936, Knoxville, First, H. W. Hawkins, Hattie G. Jackson, 250.

 8. Oct. 6-10, 1937, Knoxville, Second, E. H. Farris, Hattie G. Jackson, 210.

 9. July 12-15, 1938, Knoxville, Second, E. H. Farris, Hattie G. Jackson, 334.

 11. July 10-14, 1940, Knoxville, First, F. K. Smith, Hattie G. Jackson, 390.

 12. July 9-12, 1941, Knoxville, Second, F. K. Smith, Hattie G. Jackson, 423.

 13. July 8-11, 1942, Chattanooga, F. K. Smith, J. Roy Lynch, 408.

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STATISTICAL REPORT

	Item	ı.	Past	or's	La	bors		Ite	m I	ı.	Peri	odic	als					_
Name of Church	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	Number of Societies	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Wesleyan Missionarys Taken	Young People's Journal	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Senior Quarterly	Teachers' Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflets	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart
Knoxville, First Knoxville, Second Stair Avenue Bristol, First Byrd's Chapel Rockwood Harriman Chattanooga Nashville Ethridge Corinth, Miss. Hinton St. Mission Johnson City Mascot Totals	12 12 12 11 10½ 11 8 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12	1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1	87 20 2 16 4 3 8 2 4 6 10 3	12 6 1 10 2	35 12 5 14 10 5 5	20 10 10 20	8 8	10	120 50 20 15 12 15 15 30 10 20 20 25 367	12 8 4 6 2 2 8 2 6 4 4	60 20 15 15 6 12 25	35 25 15 8 10 20 10 20 15 15	15	4	30 50 10 10 25 30 12 25 60 20 10	25 25 25 10 10 12 30 10 20 30 	1 1 1 2 6

	Ite	m I	II.	Μe	mbe	rshi	p								
Name of Church	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	No. Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss	Gain	No. Under 14 Years	Associate Members	Baptized	Local Preachers	Membership Tithing	Unstationed Elders
Knoxville, First Knoxville, Second Stair Avenue Bristol, First Byrd's Chapel Rockwood Harriman Chattanooga Nashville, First Ethridge Corinth, Miss Hinton St. Mission Johnson City Mascot	125 55 21 87	6	13		111 22 22 22 	93 22 18 13 33 26 58 22 	2 113 6 48 122 500 24 	111 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	2	1 5 1	25	5	1 3 3	2 40 6 10 1 11 7 20 2 2 1 11 7	
Totals	85	6		20	36	403	408	41	36	16	58	20	15	188	2

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Item	IV.	Sunday	Schools
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Name of Church	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Teachers	Whole No. of Officers	Whole No. of Scholars	Total No. in Main School	Average Attendance	No. in Home Department	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	No. Scholars Converted	No. Joining Church	No. Departmental Supts.	No. Organized Classes	No. Books in Library	No. W. Y. P. Societies	Membership of Societies
Knoxville, First Knoxville, Second Stair Avenue Bristol, First Byrd's Chapel Rockwood Harriman Chattanooga Nashville, First Ethridge Corinth, Miss. Hinton St. Mission Johnson City Mascot Totals	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	9 5 4 3 6 4 8 4 6 11 3 3	3 4 5 5 3 4 2 4 4 6 9 3 5	240 188 50 54 44 56 24 140 90 187 49 63	252 201 55 59 51 60 24 152 90 198 49	151 31 35 25 44 16 90 22 40 131 28 35	4	242 242 	252	25 15 6 10 8 3	33	3	55		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	53 15 16

Iten	n V	. Church	Property				
Name of Church	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Church Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Cash or Other Valuables on Hand
Knoxville, First Knoxville, Second Stair Avenue Bristol, First Byrd's Chapel Rockwood Harriman Chattanooga Nashville, First Ethridge Corinth, Miss. Hinton St. Mission Johnson City Mascot Totals	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1500.00 800.00 4500.00 500.00 2000.00 900.00	311.00 175.00 1500.00 50.00 900.00	1 1 1	900.00	1492.00	\$500.00 594.00 567.00 11.46 81.32

Item VI. Amount Contributed for Pastor									
Name of Church	Pastor's Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funcral Fees	Gifts	Total for Pastor				
Knoxville, First Knoxville, Second Stair Avenue Bristol, First Byrd's Chapel Rockwood Harriman Chattanooga Nashville, First Ethridge Corinth, Miss. Hinton St. Mission Johnson City Mascott	1555.00 703.25 455.34 82.91 542.77 87.04 1250.00 158.73 200.00 360.00 220.00	238.95 169.00 18.00 40.00	12.00 4.00 10.00 1.00	163.08 17.50 52.50 10.00 61.05 63.65 156.00 	720.75 676.84 100.91 607.82 190.69 1416.00 159.73 565.00 360.00 295.88				

STATISTICAL REPORT-Continued

Item VII. Amount Contributed for Church										
Name of Church	President's Salary	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday-school Expense	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expense	Total for Church				
Knoxville, First Knoxville, Second Stair Avenue Bristol, First Byrd's Chapel Rockwood Harriman Chattanooga Nashville, First Ethridge Corinth, Miss. Hinton St. Mission Johnson City Mascot	22.00 18.00 19.50 6.50 58.00 2.80	90.35 73.00 	170.61 34.56 39.31 21.23 62.39 17.50 103.37 18.00 50.86 100.70 24.91	693.67 70.70 123.95 21.30 642.51 62.74 	182.81 72.60 99.20 7.70 59.55 184.30 27.60 115.60 262.31 237.33	4641.77 322.15 923.18 99.63 405.33 69.53 1209.98 180.24 259.71 1047.74 503.96				

Knoxville, First—Radio Expense, \$951.00; Assistant Pastor's Salary, \$257.50. Knoxville, Second—Radio Expense, \$1,785.00; Assistant Pastor's Salary, \$478.80.

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Item VIII. Amount Co	ontribute	for Be	enevolenc	es		,
Name of Church	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Conference Work	W. Y. P. S.	Conference Minutes Entertainment
Knoxville, First Knoxville, Second Stair Avenue Bristol, First Byrd's Chapel Rockwood Harriman	16.00 5.00 21.81 16.50	33.00 10.00 23.09 5.00	5.00	74.00 22.70		\$55.00 18.60
Chattanooga Nashville, First Ethridge Corinth, Miss. Hinton St. Mission Johnson City Mascot Totals	10.00	2.35				<u> </u>

Item VIII. Amount Contributed for Benevolences-Continued							
Name of Church	Orphanage	Connectional Sunday School Work	Other Benevolent Objects	Superannuated Ministers'	Total for Benevolences		
Knoxville, First Knoxville, Second Stair Avenue Bristol, First Byrd's Chapel Rockwood Harriman Chattanooga Nashville, First Ethridge Corinth, Miss. Hinton St. Mission Johnson City Mascot	39.46 11.00 6.00 14.50	4.40 2.50 7.00	62.84 	\$1.80	\$896.40 365.55 77.70 71.80 21.50 62.84 92.10 19.00 58.57 1.50		
Totals							

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Item IX. Totals									
N. C. C.	r Pastor	r Church	r Benevolences	or All Purposes					
Name of Church	for	for	for	For					
	Total	Total	Total	Total					
Knoxville, First Knoxville, Second Stair Avenue Bristol, First Byrd's Chapel Rockwood Harriman Chattanooga Nashville, First	\$2250.00 1969.03 720.75 651.18 100.00 607.82 190.69 1416.00 58.73	4641.85 322.15 923.18 99.63 405.33 69.53	365.55 77.70 71.80 21.50 62.84	6976.43 1120.60 1646.16 199.63 1034.65 323.06 2718.08					
Ethridge Corinth, Miss. Hinton St. Mission Johnson City Mascot Totals	565.00 360.00 295.98 103.00	1047.34 503.96 624.51	1.50	1465.91 801.44 727.51					

Minutes of W. H. & F. M. Society

On July 10, 1942, the W. H. & F. M. Society was called to order by our President, Mrs. J. A. Giles. Prayer was offered by Mrs. E. D. Brannon. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President-Mrs. H. A. Harvey.

Vice-President-Mrs. F. K. Smith.

Treasurer-Mrs. O. A. Collins.

Secretary-Mrs. O. D. Abston.

Y. M. W. B. Superintendent-Miss Nema White.

Delegate to General Conference-Mrs. J. A. Giles.

Alternate-Mrs. F. K. Smith.

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W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Receipts										
Name of Society	Active Members	Honorary Members	Members Gained	Members Loss	Regular Meetings Held	Special Meetings Held	Do You Use Missionary Programs?	Wesleyan Missionarys Taken	Cash on Hand From Last Year	Membership Dues
Knoxville, First Knoxville, Second Bristol, Tenn. Corinth, Miss. Johnson City, Tenn.	13 10 13 8 9	3	2 3	1 2	10 10 10 12 4	ĺ	No Yes No	6 10 1	1	\$13.34 12.00 14.50 8.25 4.35
Totals	53	7	5	3	46			18	\$26.55	\$52.44

W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT-Continued

Rec	eipts					
Name of Society	Offerings	Labor	Clothing and Other Gifts to Home Work	Bandages and Other Gifts to Foreign Work	Education	Total
Knoxville, First Knoxville, Second Bristol, Tenn. Corinth, Miss. Johnson City, Tenn.	\$81.74 6.65 56.27	303.75 34.98	5.19 1.90	\$5.00	\$12.46	\$360.46 154.57 340.49 103.22 4.35
Totals	\$144.66	\$560.97	\$361.01	\$5.00	\$12.46	\$963.09

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W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT-Continued

Disbursements									
Name of Society	Home, Cash	Home, Clothing and Other Gifts	Foreign, Cash	Education, Provisions	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Cash on Hand	Total
Knoxville, First Knoxville, Second Bristol, Tenn Corinth, Miss Johnson City, Tenn	9.00	118.46 4.19	23.65	\$1.00	303.75 103.22	\$14.50	12.46	\$17.05	\$360.46 154.57 340.49 103.22 4.35
Totals	\$46.00	\$358.01	\$70.00	\$1.00	\$409.52	\$14.50	\$55.93	\$17.05	\$963.09

Tennessee Conference W. Y. P. Society

OFFICIARY

President-Mr. Houston Houser, Neubert, Tenn.

Vice-President-Rev. O. C. Rushing, 417 S. Leslie, Knoxville, Tenn.

Secretary-Miss Agnes Houser, Neubert, Tenn.

Treasurer-Miss Eileen Hill, 12281/2 E. Main, Knoxville, Tenn.

BUSINESS SESSION

The Tennessee W. Y. P. S. convened at the First Wesleyan Methodist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, July 10, 1942 for the annual business meeting and the election of officers.

After a short devotional period the Conference President, Houston Houser, took the Chair and called the business session to order. The reports of the President and Treasurer were given and adopted.

A ruling was passed that the money in the treasury be given to the Conference Missionary Board to be used at their discretion in pioneer work.

The election of officers was taken up, resulting as follows:

President—Houston Houser. Vice-President—O. C. Rushing. Secretary—Agnes G. Houser. Treasurer—M. Eileen Hill. Adjourned by motion.

AGNES HOUSER, Secretary.