

THE ALABAMA CONFERENCE

President..... Rev. E. Teter, Sheridan, Indiana
Vice-President..... Rev. J. A. Wood, R. No. 4, Blocton, Alabama
Secretary..... E. R. Tubb, R. No. 1, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Advisory Board..... Rev. E. Teter, Sheridan, Ind.; Rev. M. A. Medders,
R. No. 2, Bankston, Ala.; Bro. R. M. Bearden, West Blocton, Ala.
Missionary Board.... Rev. E. Teter, Rev. R. E. Snipes, Rev. J. D. Avery
Camp-meeting Committee... Rev. J. A. Wood, R. No. 4, Blocton, Ala.,
Bro. R. M. Bearden, West Blocton, Ala., Rev. R. G. Ramsey,
West Blocton, Alabama.

CONFERENCE ROLL

ELDERS—	Rev. P. C. Ramsey	R. No. 4, West Blocton, Alabama
	Rev. R. G. Ramsey	R. No. 4, West Blocton, Alabama
	Rev. J. A. Wood	R. No. 4, West Blocton, Alabama
	Rev. R. E. Snipes	R. No. 2, Centerville, Alabama
	Rev. M. A. Medders	R. No. 2, Bankston, Alabama
	Rev. R. A. French	Eden, Alabama

LICENTIATES ON THE STATIONED LIST:

Rev. J. D. Avery R. No. 2, Centreville, Alabama
Rev. L. A. Bamberg R. No. 1, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

DELEGATES—M. C. Medders, W. T. Wood, R. M. Bearden, J. H. Cole, G. E. Bailey, N. J. Lathan and J. A. Meggs.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

The Fifth Session of the Annual Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America, met at Friendship Church November 19-21, 1914.

Conference was called to order at 10 a. m. by Rev. E. Teter, President. The Secretary then called the roll of Elders and Licentiates on the Stationed List, and the following elders answered to their names: Rev. P. C. Ramsey, Rev. R. G. Ramsey, Rev. J. A. Wood, Licentiates Rev. R. E. Snipes, Rev. M. A. Medders, Rev. J. D. Avery and Rev. L. A. Bamberg.

The following names were presented as lay delegates from the various charges and their names placed on the roll: Bro. M. C. Medders, Bro. W. T. Wood and Bro. R. M. Bearden from Bibb Circuit; Bro. J. H. Cole from the Mt. Vernon Circuit; Bro. G. E. Bailey from Friendship Station.

Conference was then declared ready for business.

On motion Rev. E. Teter, Rev. R. G. Ramsey and Bro. G. E. Bailey was appointed a committee to examine the character of ministers.

On motion Conference to meet at 9 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. and to adjourn by motion.

It was voted to hold religious services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

On motion it was voted that the matter of pastoral supply be considered by the Conference as a body.

On motion Rev. E. Teter was released from the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

On motion Rev. J. A. Wood was elected to succeed Rev. E. Teter. On motion Rev. P. C. Ramsey was elected to succeed himself. The committee now stands: Rev. P. C. Ramsey 3 years, Rev. J. A. Wood 2 years and Rev. R. G. Ramsey 1 year. Bro. R. M. Bearden and Bro. W. T. Wood was elected as lay members of the committee.

The following names were presented to the Conference as suitable persons to be received by the Annual Conference to take the course of study and to travel under the direction of the Annual Conference: Rev. S. M. Hosmer and Rev. C. C. Wall and for elders orders Rev. R. E. Snipes and Rev. M. A. Medders.

On motion all recommendations was referred to the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

On motion Conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. P. C. Ramsey. Rev. E. Teter then preached the opening sermon at 11 a. m. from John 6:35. Subject: "I am the Bread of Life."

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON MEETING

Conference called to order by Rev. E. Teter, President, and religious services were conducted by Rev. E. Teter.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

Conference then proceeded to business. Bro. N. J. Lathan presented credentials from the Way-Cross charge as lay delegate and his name entered on the roll.

On motion Bro. W. T. Wood was elected a Committee on Statistics.

On motion Bro. R. M. Bearden was elected a Committee on Moral Reforms.

Camp-meeting Committee then reported and on motion the report was adopted. See Report No. 1.

By vote the Conference accepted the report of the Camp-meeting Committee concerning a permanent camp-ground. See Report No. 1½.

On motion Rev. J. A. Wood, Bro. R. M. Bearden and Rev. R. G. Ramsey were elected Camp-meeting Committee, and are to build a Conference Tabernacle and are to hold the annual camp-meeting.

On motion Conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. M. A. Medders. At 7 p. m. Rev. R. G. Ramsey preached from 1 Cor. 12:31.

SECOND DAY—MORNING MEETING

Conference called to order by Rev. E. Teter, President, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. M. A. Medders.

Roll called; minutes read and approved.

The following person was introduced to the Conference: Rev. Mrs. E. O. Ramsey, a minister from the Penticostal Church of the Nazarines, and on motion was made an honorary member of the Conference.

Then the Committee Itinerary and Orders reported, and on motion was adopted. See Report No. 2. On motion the Committee is to give the preachers quarterly examinations.

Rev. E. Teter, President, made his report and on motion was adopted. See Report No. 3.

Then Bro. J. A. Meggs presented credentials as lay delegate from the Tuscaloosa Circuit and his name was placed on the roll.

It was made the order of the day to elect all permanent officers of the Conference Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

On motion Rev. R. G. Ramsey was elected a Committee on Thanks.

The following names was called and their character passed: Elders Rev. P. C. Ramsey, Rev. R. G. Ramsey, Rev. J. A. Wood, Rev. R. E. Snipes, M. A. Medders and Rev. R. A. French. Licentiates: Rev. J. D. Avery and Rev. L. A. Bamberg.

On motion Conference adjourned for a meeting of the Committee on Pastoral Relations. Benediction by Rev. Mrs. E. O. Ramsey. At 11 a. m. Rev. E. Teter preached from Gal. 5:18-26.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON MEETING

Conference called to order by Rev. E. Teter, President, and Bro. J. O. Bailey being Sunday School Secretary of the Alabama Annual Conference, gave his address on Sunday Schools.

Committee on Thanks reported, and on motion was adopted and to be read Sunday morning. See Report No. 4.

On motion Conference adjourned for a meeting of the Committee on Pastoral Relations. Benediction by Rev. R. E. Snipes. At 6:30 p. m. Rev. P. C. Ramsey preached from Eze. 1:9-10.

THIRD DAY—MORNING MEETING

Conference called to order by Rev. E. Teter, President, and devotional exercises was conducted by Rev. S. M. Hosmer.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

Treasurer then made his report and on motion was adopted. See Report No. 5.

Rev. P. C. Ramsey presented the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That we, the Alabama Conference, allow no person to preach or teach or lecture in our churches that oppose the doctrine of

Holiness as a second work of grace as we stand for it, and on motion it was adopted.

The order of the day was then called for and the Conference proceeded to the election of permanent officers. Rev. E. Teter was elected President on first ballot; Rev. J. A. Wood was elected Vice-President, Rev. E. Teter was elected Treasurer and E. R. Tubb, Secretary.

The Advisory Board was elected as follows: Rev. E. Teter, Rev. M. A. Medders and Bro. R. M. Bearden as lay member of the Committee.

The Committee on Vacancies was elected as follows: Rev. R. G. Ramsey, Rev. R. E. Snipes, Rev. M. A. Medders and Bros. J. A. Meggs and J. O. Bailey as laymen.

The Missionary Board was elected as follows: Rev. E. Teter, Rev. R. E. Snipes and Rev. J. O. Avery.

The following persons were elected as the Sunday School Board: Bro. J. O. Bailey, Bro. W. M. Gleaton with J. O. Bailey Secretary.

By ballot Rev. J. A. Wood was elected delegate to the General Conference with Rev. R. G. Ramsey, alternate, and Bro. R. M. Bearden lay member with Bro. W. M. Gleaton, alternate.

The committee to arrange for the expense of the delegate to the General Conference was elected as follows: Bros. W. M. Gleaton, R. M. Bearden, W. T. Wood, and on motion report adopted. See Report No. 6.

On motion Conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. L. A. Bamberg. At 11 a. m. Rev. E. Teter preached from Col. 1:16-18.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON MEETING

Conference called to order by Rev. E. Teter, President, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. M. A. Medders.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

The Missionary Board reported as follows: We recommend that Rev. M. A. Medders be paid \$25.00, Rev. R. E. Snipes \$50.00 and Rev. J. D. Avery \$15.00 for services rendered by them during the year, and on motion the report was adopted. See Report No. 7.

Committee on Moral Reform reported, and on motion was adopted. See Report No. 8.

Rev. P. C. Ramsey resigned as a member of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders and by motion was accepted, and on motion Rev. M. A. Medders was elected in his place.

Committee on Statistics reported, and on motion was adopted. See Report No. 9.

On motion the Pell City Circuit report to be added in the Statistical Report by the Secretary if received.

On motion next Conference to be held at West Blocton, time left with the officials.

The Conference adopted the following as its final report on Pastoral Relations:

Friendship Station—Rev. R. E. Snipes, Pastor,

Way Cross Circuit, composed of Way Cross and Mt. Ivah Churches—Rev. J. D. Avery, Pastor.

Bibb Circuit, composed of West Blocton and Ada Chapel—Rev. J. A. Wood, Pastor; Mt. Vernon and surrounding territory, Rev. M. A. Medders, Pastor; Pell City Circuit, composed of Pell City and Wolf Creek—Rev. R. A. French, Pastor; Tuscaloosa Circuit, composed of Pierce Chapel and surrounding territory—Rev. P. C. Ramsey, Pastor.

By request Antioch was discontinued.

Rev. R. G. Ramsey, gave general evangelistic work.

Rev. L. A. Bamberg to choose his own field of labor.

Rev. P. C. Ramsey called for a letter of standing, and on motion was granted. Committee on Secret Societies reported, and on motion report was adopted. See Report No. 10.

It was ordered by the Conference to have District Sunday School Holiness Conventions, District No. 1 composed of West Blocton, Ada Chapel, Friendship, Mt. Ivah and Way Cross, Rev. R. E. Snipes, Chm'n; District No. 2, Composed of Pell City, Wolf Creek and Pierce Chapel, R. A. French, Chm'n; District No. 3, composed of Mt. Vernon and surrounding territory, Rev. M. A. Medders, Chm'n.

Committee on Ministerial Support reported, and on motion was adopted. See Report No. 11.

On motion the minutes to be printed, the Secretary to have it done at Tuscaloosa, and the pastors to raise what they can and the Conference Secretary to send the bill to the Conference Treasurer and the Conference Treasurer to pay the balance out of the Missionary fund. Then a collection was taken for the Secretary amounting to \$5.40.

All minutes was then approved, and on motion Conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. E. Teter.

REV. E. TETER, President.

E. R. TUBB, Secretary

REPORT No. 1—CAMP-MEETING

The Camp-meeting was held at Blocton, beginning July 22, 1914, and closed August 2. Expenditures as follows: Rev. J. A. Clements \$80.00; G. W. Wall \$12.00; Incidentals \$10.33; center piece for tent \$44.57; Total \$146.90.

J. A. WOOD, R. E. SNIPES, E. R. TUBB, Committee.

REPORT No. 1½—CAMP-MEETING

We, your Camp-meeting Committee, offer the following report on a permanent place to hold the Camp-meetings: We have in cash and pledges \$546.00 on locating at Blocton. We hereby offer the same to this Conference for its acceptance.

J. A. WOOD, R. E. SNIPES, E. R. TUBB, Committee.

REPORT No. 2—ITINERARY AND ORDERS

Committee of Itinerancy and Orders beg leave to make the following report: We met November 19, 1914, at Friendship and organized as follows: J. A. Wood, Chairman, and W. T. Wood, Clerk. We recommend that Rev. M. A. Medders and Rev. R. E. Snipes be ordained to elders and orders, and Rev. S. M. Hosmer and Rev. C. C. Wall as suitable persons to take the course of study preparatory to travel under the direction of the Conference.

J. A. Wood, Chm'n, W. T. Wood, Sec'y

REPORT No. 3—REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

1. Received the transfer of Rev. R. A. French from the Kansas Conference November 1913.

2. With the consent of J. A. Wood, a member of the Advisory Board, we received a church organized at Eden by P. C. Ramsey of 11 members and appointed Rev. R. A. French pastor of same.

3. With the advice of J. A. Wood and J. A. Avery, members of the Advisory Board, received a church organized at Tuscaloosa, Ala., by Rev. P. C. Ramsey of 29 members.

E. TETER, President.

REPORT No. 4.—ON THANKS

Your Committee on Thanks be to submit the following: We the members of the Alabama Conference thank the pastors and members of Friendship Church at large for their royal entertainment since coming among you, and we pray the blessing of God upon you, and that He may reward you an hundred in this world in basket and store for your hospitality to us and reward you with eternal life at end the way.

R. G. RAMSEY, Committee.

REPORT No. 5—TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Bibb Charge—J. A. Wood, Pastor		
Received by receipts	\$ 98 00	
Y. M. W. B. receipts	66 00	
Cash	31 00	—\$195 00
Friendship—R. E. Snipes, Pastor		
Receipts	\$ 31 00	
Cash	32 00	—\$ 63 00
Way Cross Circuit—R. E. Snipes, Pastor		
Receipts	\$ 7 50	— \$7 50
Mt. Vernon—M. A. Medders, Pastor		
Receipts	\$1 00	
Cash	12 10	—\$ 13 10
P. C. Ramsey, Missionary Evangelist		
By receipts	\$ 37 41,	
		<u>\$316 10</u>

Paid to E. Teter by receipts and cash.....\$250 01
 Mrs. E. G. Hartson, the Y. M. W. B..... 66 00

\$ 316 01

E. TETER, Treasurer

REPORT No. 6

West Blocton	\$21 00
Ada Chapel	13 20
Friendship	17 70
Mt. Ivah	17 70
Way Cross	9 00
Mt. Vernon	9 00
Pierce Chapel	8 70
Wolf Creek	7 80
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REPORT No. 7—MISSIONARY BOARD

The Missionary Board of the Alabama Conference reports as follows:

1. That Rev. M. A. Medders be paid \$25.00
2. That Rev. R. E. Snipes be paid 50 00
3. That Rev. J. D. Avery be paid 15 00

4. That where pastors do not receive a sufficient support the coming year that that fact be reported to the Missionary Board of the Alabama Conference through its chairman, and that said chairman report same to the parent board to see if help can be granted.

5. That the pastors do as much missionary work as possible, and where possible secure evangelistic help and report same to the Missionary Secretary, and if said work has not sufficiently paid the help secured, that that fact be reported to the parent board by the Missionary Secretary.

6. We recommend that as soon as the parent board find itself with sufficient money on hand to put a missionary in the field; that the Missionary Board and and Missionary Secretary select a missionary and put him in the field to work within the bounds of the Alabama Conference under such a contract as can be agreed upon between the worker employed and the Parent Missionary Society at Syracuse, N. Y.

E. TETER, R. E SNIPES, J O. BAILEY.

REPORT No. 8—MORAL REFORM

When God made man he created him an upright moral being different from all other animal creation. The breath of life that God breathed into man was the life of God, and he become a living soul. When Adam believed the devil he disbelieved God and lost the life of God and it affected his entire posterity. There is a crying need for men and women to reform, and say yes to God and accept the atonement and receive the life of God in their souls. Then there is the white slave traffic or stealing of girls and carrying them to large towns and selling them for immoral purposes. A stranger will go out in a country settlement and stay two or three months and marry a girl, live with her awhile and take her off and sell her and go out and do the same thing over again. These things are happening every week in our land and country. Our fathers and mothers should teach their children about these things. Whiskey has caused more pain and sorrow and death here in America than all the wars since Joshua's time; there are homes broken up every week by the whiskey demon. The making and selling of whiskey should be forever prohibited in our land, and there are many other things Romanism, black wings of carnality and ignorance are trying to get control of our government and public schools. They take away the right of true members of a free conscience. Then the tobacco and soft drinks and moving picture shows and other sensual sins ought to cease; be it

RESOLVED, That we as a people with the life of God in our hearts and lives, that we do all we can to stop these things by praying, preaching, circulating tracks, paying our poll tax and voting prohibition.

R. M. BEARDEN, Committee.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIES TO THE CONNECTIONAL EDITOR

How many elders are on the conference roll? 6

Who of the elders are on the stationed list? (Give names and P. O. addresses.)

Rev. P. C. Ramsey, R. No. 4, Blocton, Ala.;
Rev. R. G. Ramsey, West Blocton, Ala.;

Rev. J. A. Wood, R. No. 4, Blocton, Ala.;

Rev. R. E. Snipes, R. No. 2, Centreville, Ala.;

Rev. W. A. Medders, R. No. 2, Bankston, Ala.;

Rev. R. A. French, Eden, Ala.

By letter of standing? Rev. P. C. Ramsey

Who have joined the conference this year;

By ordination: Rev. R. E. Snipes, Rev. M.

A. Medders.

By transfer: Rev. R. A. French

Who of the licentiates are on the stationed list? (Give names and P. O. addresses)

Rev. J. D. Avery, R. No. 2, Centreville, Ala.

PASTOR'S LABORS

Time Employed, Months 48

Appointments 7

Number of Church Societies 7

MEMBERSHIP

Received 61

Expelled 4

Discontinued 4

Died 3

Granted Letters 7

Present Numbers 356

Number Reported Last Year 286

Gain 70

Associate Members 1

Baptized 13

Licentiates 1

Membership Tithing 49

PERIODICALS

Wesleyan Methodists Taken 54

Wesleyan Lesson Helps :

Teacher's Quarterly 33

Scholar's Quarterly 219

Intermediate Quarterly 202

Primary Class Paper 153

Our Little Folks 151

SABBATH SCHOOLS

Number of Sabbath Schools 6

Number of Superintendents 10

Number of Other Officers 21

Number of Teachers 25

Number of Scholars:

In Cradle Roll 58

In Adult Bible Class 49

In Main School 247

Number of Average Attendance 195

Number of Scholars Converted 4

Number of Scholars Joining Church 8

Number of Departmental Supt's 8

Number in Teacher's Training Course 30

Number of Books in Library 20

CHURCH PROPERTY

Church Buildings 5

Value of \$3360.00

Amount of Indebtedness \$44.00

Parsonages 3

Value of \$900.00

Cash, or Other Values on Hand \$38.00

AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED

Pastor's Salary:

Cash Salary \$575.96

Parsonage Rent \$84.00

Fees, Marriage and Funeral \$1.00

Gifts \$29.10

Conference Evangelist \$42.25

Other Evangelistic Help \$143.00

Church Benevolences:

Educational Enterprises \$50.33

Foreign Missions:

Africa \$62.03

Home Missions \$62.03

Young Missionary Workers' Band \$85.35

Sabbath Schools \$55.87

Amount of Budget Assigned \$260.00

Amount of Budget Contributed \$83.60

Building and Repairs \$217.65

Incidental Expenses \$79.06

Conference Incidental Fund \$51.08

Other Benevolent Objects \$77.87

Total Receipts \$1679.84

Average Contribution per Member \$4.71 1/2

Average for Missions 77 1/2

When and where shall the next conference

be held? West Blocton, Ala., time left

with officials.

How is the work supplied? Bibb Circuit

consisting of West Blocton and Ada

Chaple, Rev. J. A. Wood, pastor.

Friendship Station Rev. R. E. Snipes, pastor

Way Cross Circuit consisting of Way Cross

and Mt. Ivah, Rev. J. D. Avery, pastor.

Pell City Circuit consisting of Pell City and

Wolf Creek, Rev. R. A. French, pastor.

Mt. Vernon Circuit consisting of Mt.

Vernon and surrounding territory, Rev.

M. A. Medders, pastor.

Tuscaloosa Circuit consisting of Pierce

Chapel and surrounding territory, un-

supplied.

Who are the conference officers? President,

Rev. E. Teter, Sheridan, Ind.; Vice-Pres.

Rev. J. A. Wood, R. No. 4, West Blocton,

Ala.; E. R. Tubb, Secretary, R. No. 1,

Tuscaloosa, Ala.