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# JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The South Georgia Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America convened for its fiftieth Annual Session at the Friendship Church of the Wayne Charge on October 17, 1945.

In the absence of the Rev. J. R. Swauger, J. M. Merrell, our president, brought the opening sermon, giving us a stirring message on the subject of prayer. He read James 5:16 and Ezekiel 9:4 as a text.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

Thursday morning Brother Brinson led us in some music after which the president called Brother Wigglesworth and Brother Wireman forward and a sacred Communion service was held with a goodly number of pastors, delegates and friends of the Conference participating.

Immediately after the devotional service, the conference was organized for business, with the Conference President, the Rev. J. M. Merrell in the chair. The roll of elders and Conference preachers was called and the Conference proceeded to do business. The nominating Committee gave its report which was adopted.

Rev. J. R. Swauger was introduced to the Conference and brought words of greeting.

It was moved that Brother Swauger be asked to take the chair and preside throughout the Conference.

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

The roll of delegates was called.

A motion was carried that the first four seats from the platform constitute the Conference Bar.

A motion was carried to seat Sister Hancock as a delegate from the Tifton Charge.

The Committee on Courtesy presented Brother Payne from Hortense and E. C. Hord from Tifton, each of whom made appropriate remarks.

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A motion was made fixing the hours of Conference session and was amended to read, Conference shall convene at 9:00 A. M. and adjourn at 12:30 P. M. to convene again at 2:00 P. M. and adjourn by vote. The motion was carried as amended.

The name of Sister Ethel Speight was presented in the place of Brother Franklyn on the Committee on auditing and was adopted.

The Committee on tithing gave its report (see reports) which was adopted as read and a rising vote of thanks was extended to Brother Wigglesworth.

The Committee on Wesleyan Periodicals gave its report which was referred back to the Committee.

It was moved that as far as possible all of our actions and reports be published in the minutes.

The Committee on Education gave its report which was adopted as read. ( see reports )

The name of Brother Brinson was substituted for Brother Cowart on the passage of pastoral character.

It was moved that we take a thirty minute recess.

The Conference came to order after the recess and the following characters were passed; J. M. Allen and Mrs. Stella May Hughes.

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

The Conference Treasurer gave his report which was adopted as read and a free-will offering of \$20.30 was given to him in appreciation of his services (see reports.)

The report of the auditors in relation to the treasurer's report was accepted.

The following characters were passed: W. T. Brinson, and R. M. Henkle.

A motion was made to extend the time of adjournment to permit Brother Henkle to finish giving his report.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After devotions conducted by Brother Payne, the roll was called and the minutes approved as corrected.

The Committee on nominations nominated Brother Hord and W. A. Sapp as a committee on apportionment. These nominees were elected.

Nathan Poppell was nominated and elected to take the place of O. L. Rawlins on the Pastoral Relations Committee.

The Committee was excused for committee work.

It was moved that the orders of the day for tomorrow morning be the election of Conference officers to take place immediately following roll call and the reading of the minutes.

A motion prevailed that tomorrow at 11 A. M. be given to the Home Missionary Secretary for his Connectional address.

A motion was made that the Missionary Society meet tomorrow at 3 P. M. It was moved and carried to put this motion on the table.

The Nominating Committee substituted the name of Brother Sapp for that of Brother Herring on the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

The report on Sabbath Schools was given and adopted. (see reports)

The report on moral Reform was given and adopted. (See reports.)

The Committee on Wesleyan Periodicals brought in their report which was adopted.

The following names were called and their character passed: Mrs. G. H. Doty, F. H. Harris, C. E. Shaw.

The Pastoral Relations Committee made its first reading.

The following names were called and their characters passed: Arthur W. Osgood, R. C. Crossman, L. E. Francisco, C. M. Payne, Ruth Newton, Mrs. C. E. Shaw, S. W. Norton, J. M. Merrell, E. C. Hord, C. L. Wireman.

Moved to adjourn.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT

In the Thursday night service Brother Swauger brought us a very inspiring message from the text, "It seemeth to me there is as it were a plague in the house." Taken from Lev. 14:35.

#### FRIDAY MORNING

After devotions conducted by Brother Hord of Tifton, the roll was called and the minutes of the previous session read and approved.

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It was moved to postpone the orders of the day long enough to hear a report of the Committee on Itineracy and Orders. This report was adopted as read.

The Committee on Courtesy introduced Rev. Hilson, wife and son to the Conference. Brother and Sister Hilson brought us words of greeting.

Brother Payne and Brother Brinson were appointed as tellers and the Conference proceeded to ballot for president.

Brother L. E. Francisco was appointed as a distributing teller.

On first ballot for president Brother J. M. Merrell was elected. Brother Merrell offered his resignation and the Conference proceeded to ballot for its officers with the following results.

President - - - Rev. W. T. Brinson

Brother Brinson was relieved from acting as teller and Brother Roberson was appointed in his place.

Rev. J. M. Merrell Vice President Arthur W. Osgood Secretary William Wesley Wigglesworth Trustee for 3 years C. M. Payne Treasurer W. W. Wigglesworth Tithing Secretary C. M. Payne Sunday School Secretary F. H. Harris Conference Librarian W. T. Brinson, J. M. Judiciary Committee

Merrell, C. M. Payne, W. W. Wigglesworth

Vacancies Committee - F. H. Harris, J. A. Cowart, R. M. Henkle, J. B. Patterson. G. G. Harris.

Campmeeting Committee for Ashburn, Chairman W. T. Brinson; Vice Chairman E. C. Hord; Other members: Mrs. G. H. Doty, C. M. Payne, W. W. Wigglesworth.

Itineracy and Orders - F. H. Harris, 4 years

It was moved that the Sunday School Secretary be permitted to nominate his own board.

Sunday School Board - W. T. Brinson, Mrs. G. H. Doty Educational Secretary - Mrs. Fred Hughes

Brother Brinson, our new president, was called upon and made

appropriate remarks which was followed by equally appropriate remarks from Rev. J. M. Merrell our retiring president.

R. M. Henkle was elected to take the place of J. A. Cowart on the Committee on Statistics.

The Pastoral Relations Committee was excused at this time. Brother Wireman was excused from Conference.

The time having arrived for the orders of the day, the orders of the day were postponed until 11:30 A. M.

A motion was carried that the treasurer be authorized to close his books two weeks before Conference and that this motion become standing rule number one.

It was moved that the address of Brother Hilson be at 2:00 P. M.

It was moved that we take a recess until time for the orders of the day.

The time for the orders of the day having arrived, Brother Swauger brought us the Connectional address from the text "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward."

Brother Swauger presented many of the prospective forward movements of the Home Missionary Department also the interests of Connectional Sunday School work as well as other arms of the Connectional work.

Sister Jones was introduced to the Conference.

Conference adjourned by limitation of time.

#### SPECIAL SESSION

At the request of the Pastoral Relations Committee, Conference was called to order in a special meeting and the Committee gave the second reading of its report.

It was moved that we adjourn.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Devotions were conducted by Brother Swauger. The roll was called and the minutes approved as corrected.

The time for the orders of the day having arrived, Brother Hilson, president of Central College, gave us the educational address.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Brother Hilson, and the

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Conference expressed its intention to give its hearty cooperation to Central College.

The Board of Trustees gave their report which was adopted. (see reports)

The name of J. D. Patterson was called and his character passed.

A motion was made that we accept the report of the Auditing Committee in relation to the president's financial report.

The name of E. F. Houck was called and his character passed. It was moved that we take a recess to the call of the chair. Conference was called to order in the Baptist Church.

The following names were called and their characters passed: W. W. Wigglesworth, J. A. Cowart, Mrs Vashti Andrew.

Brother Norton offered to sell sixteen dollars worth of books in the course of study for ten dollars, said books being in excellent condition. The Conference moved to close the deal.

It was moved that we take an offering for the General Conference President's salary.

It was moved that the Apportionment Committee turn in its report to the Secretary.

The president nominated W. W. Wigglesworth and J. B. Patterson as his Advisory Board. The nominees were elected.

It was moved that the Statistical Committee turn its report over to the Secretary.

Brother Shaw was elected as a Committee on thanks in place of Mrs. J. D. Day who was absent.

The name of J. B. Lastinger was called and his character passed.

The Pastoral Relations Committee gave its final reading. It was moved to accept the report. (see reports)

It was moved that we recind the action of last year to give away Sylvester Church.

It was moved that the Conference Treasurer be authorized to pay the Secretary twenty-five dollars in appreciation of services rendered.

It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to have 300 copies of the minutes published and that he be authorized to add such pages as the Young People's Society and the Women's Society shall wish.

It was moved that we instruct the President and his advisory board to take care of all unfinished items.

It was moved that the arranging of the entertainment of the next Annual Conference be left with the President and his Advisory Board.

The minutes were read and approved.

It was moved that we adjourn, Sine Die.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT

The Friday night service was in charge of the Conference Women's Missionary Society. Miss Hazel Jones returned Missionary to India, was present and brought us a very inspiring message after which a good offering was taken up by Mrs. G. H. Doty.

Arthur W. Osgood, Secretary

# Standing Rules

#### Number 1. CLOSING TREASURER'S BOOKS

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.

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the members of the South Georgia Conference of the Wesley-an Methodist Church.

Dear Brethren, During the Conference year I have endeavored to be faithful to my trust. I have continued in the work during the year, holding all four of the quarterly meetings, except two in Florida.

- Item 1. After consulting my advisory Board and the trustees of the Conference, we decided that the best thing to do with the Lankester Land near McRay, was to sell it, so having received their permission, I sold it to a man for eight hundred dollars cash and he paid back the taxes which amounted to two hundred dollars. This making a total of one thousand dollars.
- Item 2. In November I received the transfer of Rev. C. M. Payne of the North Carolina Conference.
- Item 3. Early in December after the report from the Committee on Pulpit Supply of the Wayne Charge, I appointed Rev. F. H. Harris as pastor.
- Item 4. On December 7, we appointed Rev. E. C. Hord to the Tifton Church as pastor after which we received his transfer from the president of the South Carolina Conference, with his credits on fourth year course of study.
- Item 5. On April 8, I appointed him pastor of the Cross Roads Church.

This has been a year of many problems to us, but thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Item 6. We held the Ashburn Camp Meeting with E. P. Buck as Evangelist beginning June 22, and continuing until July 1, with little results. All bills were paid up to date.
- Item 7. About January 14, 1945, due to the fact that Rev. Norton failed to come and take charge of the Fenholloway church, by the consent of the church, wife and I took it in charge. I preached when I could be there and when absent wife preached as supply.
- Item 8. On September 8, I appointed Rev. F. H. Harris and Brother Poppell as Committee on nominations.

Item 9. Financial report:

Received for salary \$745.93. Gifts received \$108.80. Tithes returned to the churches for missions \$71.40.

J. M. Merrell, President.

### COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We the Committee on Nominations nominate the following committees:

Pastoral Relations — J. M. Roberson, J. B. Patterson. Nathan Poppell, J. B. Lastinger, W. W. Wigglesworth.

Secrecy - W. T. Brinson, Mrs. C. I. Davis.

Moral Reform - Mrs. G. H. Doty, Mrs J. D. Day

Tithing - W. W. Wigglesworth, J. B. Patterson

Wesleyan Methodist Periodicals - R. M. Henkle, Lucile Spivey.

Sabbath Schools - Arthur W. Osgood, W. A. Sapp

Credentials — L. E. Francisco, Mrs. L. E. Francisco

Courtesy — C. E. Shaw

Education — C. M. Payne

Character — J. M. Merrell, W. T. Brinson, Nathan Poppell

Thanks — C. E. Shaw

Post Office Addresses — Mrs. W. T. Brinson

Auditing - C. L. Wireman, Ethel Speight

Statistics — R. M. Henkle, W. M. Houck

Apportionment - E. C. Hord, W. A. Sapp

F. H. Harris Nathan Poppell

### 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.

C. L. Wireman Ethel Speight

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Your Board of Trustees recommend that all money and deeds now in the hands of the treasurer of the Board of Trustees be turned over to the Conference Treasurer. We also recommend that Brother J. M. Merrell be paid fifteen dollars (\$15.00) the money to be paid to Brother Merrell out of the money received for the sale of the Lankester land.

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

## COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS

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

We also recommend that S. W. Norton secure questions and pass on books already studied.

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

We recommend that Mrs. Vashti Andrews complete the third year's study.

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

We recommend that J. M. Allen complete the third year's course of study.

We recommend that C. M. Payne's transfer be received.

We recommend that E. C. Hord be received as a Conference preacher and continue in the fourth year's study.

Those pursuing the Course of study can secure questions from Brother Brinson.

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

## COMMITTEE ON WESLEYAN PERIODICALS

We your Committee on Wesleyan Periodicals beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas we realize the necessity of our churches having our periodicals to serve in their different fields that they do, namely, the Wesleyan, the Wesleyan Missionary, and the Wesleyan Youth; and further see how handicapped each local church would be without them it is certainly worthy of our attention and interest for their promotion. Therefore, be it resolved by each pastor, evangelist, and missionary that according to article Number 233 (page 119) of our Discipline that they perform the required duty fully expected of each one.

Be it further resolved that the Committees on character and Statistical reports check at this point more closely in the future. We your Committee on this important factor are fully persuaded in our own minds that in many of our churches we have a small membership and many needs regarding Bible truths, and Holy Ghost Spirituality because of the lack of real sound reading and studying material such as is found in our Wesleyan periodicals of today.

Finally, let us uphold our good Editors and agent and his staff in their splendid efforts, by constantly praying for them, and doing our utmost to banish all destructive criticism at all times.

> Ralph M. Henkle Mrs. Lucille Spivey

### COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM

Your Committee on Moral Reform begs leave to submit the following report.

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 the wearing of gold and costly apparel and following the fashions of the world, that expose the body, but to clothe ourselves with modest apparel that adorns the Gospel of Christ.

Second, we believe that prohibition as related to the liquor traffic was desirable and essential to the welfare of our homes and nation. Our hearts are grieved when we think of beer and whiskey being sold in almost every place of business, especially in cafes and most all eating places. Be it resolved that we do our best to discourage the use of it.

Third, in this age of Sabbath desecration it is a sin for the church not to cry out against these things. There is a tendency to forget the day that God gave us for rest and worship. In the mad whirl of pleasure seeking such as picture shows, base ball games, automobile riding for the purpose of sight seeing and recreation on the Lord's day is the evidence that we are drifting from Puritan ideas of Sabbath observance. Let it be remembered that no nation can long retain her glory and power if she wilfully and persistently ignores the ordinancees within the law of God. We need more governors like Governor Atkinson of South Carolina. He told them they could either close up filling stations, picture shows, and ball games on Sunday or go to jail.

Therefore, we pledge ourselves anew to be more careful to

observe the Lord's day appointed for the worship of our Christ, and to give special attention to such truth as will enlighten the people to the consequences which will follow if the nation forgets the Divine admonition coming down to us from Mt. Sinai: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

Mrs. G. H. Doty Mrs. J. O. Day

#### TITHING COMMITTEE

Mal. 3:8 "Will a man rob God?" A startling question, the prophet is trying to shake this people into wide wakefulness. He is seeking to make them face facts about themselves. It is a horrible accusation, a fearful charge. To refuse to tithe is to be guilty of robbing God. Tithing is a safe and sensible way of financing the work of the kingdom. It is businesslike for us to tithe. It enables the church to operate on a solid business basis.

The man who tithes is able to make an intelligent pledge to his church. Our financial embarrassment has not been the results of our poverty so much as it has been the results of our failure to follow this same method of giving. If the whole membership of the church were to begin to tithe, our day's of financial embarrassment would be at an end.

The conscientious tither pays when due and it is due when it comes into your hands. It will help us to honor God and the church. It is a means of grace and spiritual enrichment to him who practices it. The prophet says, "Prove me now herewith saith the Lord." Call my hand—put me to the test. Do it by bringing the whole tithes into the Store House. Your Church is the Store House. The promise is, "I will open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it." In our Church Discipline page 193 Section 20. "We recommend that all our people pay to God at least one tenth of all their increase as a minimum financial obligation and free will offerings in addition as God has prospered them. That the Store House plan be adopted as the general financial plan of the church."

W. W. Wigglesworth J. B. Patterson

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.

The world is calling for well trained workers to fill its positions. It requires much study to be approved by the professional world. None but specialists need apply for work in many places.

In the olden days the children of Israel were required to give their youth a thorough religious education. God commanded them to teach His word in the morning, throughout the day and when they went to bed at night. Scripture portions were to be placed about the wrists and as frontlets between the eyes, on the door posts, and on the gates. The word was to have such prominence that it would find lodging in the children's hearts.

In the days of Samuel he had a school of the prophets at Naioth. Cruden says that this is the first school mentioned for training prophets. EliJah and Elisha conducted such schools at Bethel and in the plains of Jordan.

We notice that these prophets did not go to school to live on flowery beds of ease. On one occasion we find that food was so scarce that they had to eat wild gourds. On another occasion the students cut logs in order to build a new school building. They had outgrown the old building so they went to work on a new building even if they did have to borrow some tools to work with. These were seeking the approval of God upon their life's work.

Jesus was thirty years of age before he began his public ministry. It is probable that these years were years of preparation for the short period that he was to preach.

The disciples of Jesus spent about three years as disciples or learners before they were ordained as apostles.

After the conversion of Paul he spent three years in Arabia, a desert country. It is thought that he spent these years praying, reading and meditating on the Word of God. Paul was well educated in the eyes of the world even before his conversion. However, he felt the need of a spiritual training that he did not have.

Since God demanded spiritual training in the days of the early Israelites; the prophets believed in and carried on religious schools, Jesus trained his workers and Paul took special training for his ministry, it seems that we would be more in favor of training our workers than any generation that has gone before.

Our church needs trained preachers and laymen to carry on for God. By trained workers we mean those who not only believe in being saved and sanctified, but actually have the experience, along with all the training that our schools can give. We have good schools, no better to be found in the world. Our schools are training workers

for the Wesleyan Church. We cannot expect other schools to do this for us. Let us stand by our schools in prayer, students and means, so that we may have a greater number who are approved of God.

C. M. Payne

J. M. Roberson

### COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

It is to be noted with regret that there is a great moral laxity among the youth of today. We believe that to a large extent this is due to the fact that the family unit is no longer a common sight in the church and Sunday School. We might do well to emphasize the familiar saying, "You can lead a horse to water," by reminding ourselves, you can lead your children to Sunday School, but you can't make them go by themselves and have them feel that they are being dealt fairly with. What is good for the child is good for the parent.

Sunday School should be an educational institution whose sole text book is the Bible. All of the teachers should know what the lesson is about before they enter the classroom, and more than that, they should know how to present the truth in an intelligent manner. We are all familiar with the saying of the person who tries to make God do all the work, "I believe in just opening my mouth and letting the Lord fill it." I opened my mouth one day when the wind was stirring up a little cloud of dust. The consequences were unpleasant. It is easy for some people to talk, but a steady flow of words is no insurance that God gave the inspiration. Many a teacher has taken thirty minutes to give a five minute talk. We need students of the We wish to emphasize the Word to teach our Sunday Schools. Teacher's Training Course as a valuable aid to the teacher. We do not in any sense minimize the necessity of using Spirit filled teachers: but we believe that it is possible to be filled with the Spirit and to be educated in the things of God. Let us take as a text, "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Arthur W. Osgood W. A. Sapp

## COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS

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

Waycross - W. W. Wigglesworth

Ashburn Charge: Ashburn, Mount Pleasant, Liberty - Mrs. G. H. Doty

Tifton Charge: Tifton, Cross Roads, Sylvester, - E. C. Hord

Savannah - W. T. Brinson

Laurens Charge: Little Rock, Walkee, Liberty, — J. B. Lastinger Mount Pleasant Charge: Mount Pleasant, Coffee, — A. W. Osgood

Wayne Charge: Friendship, Bethlehem, - F. H. Harris

Greenville Charge: Pine Island, New Zion, Fenholloway—R. M. Henkle

Paola - L. E. Francisco

Lakeland - C. E. Shaw, Mrs. C. E. Shaw, Assistant

General Evangelist - C. L. Wireman, C. E. Shaw

Conference Evangelists—R. C. Crossman, J. A. Cowart, Mrs. Stella May Hughes, J. D. Patterson, J. M. Allen, S. W. Norton, E. F. Houck.

To choose own field of labor - Miss Ruth Newton.

Missionary Evangelist - Mrs. Vashti Andrew

We recommend that the president hold all four quarterly Conferences and that they be held between Sundays.

We also recommend that the president hold a series of Evangelistic services in connection with the quarterly Conferences.

We recommend that the president's salary be \$2.00 per member.

W. T. Brinson
J. B. Lastinger
J. M. Roberson
W. W. Wigglesworth
J. B. Patterson
Nathen Poppell
C. M. Payne

#### COMMITTEE ON THANKS

The Committee on Thanks in behalf of the Conference do express our heart felt thanks to the good pastor and his loyal people and many friends for the fine way in which they have entertained us, for their fine fellowship and sweet spirit, for the good food to eat and the good beds to sleep on. We will go away enriched in our souls, giving thanks to God for His good blessings bestowed on us in your midst.

We pray God's richest blessing upon you.

C. E. Shaw

# SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT 1944-45

ANTONE CONTENTS	
FOREIGN MISSIONS:	•
Receipts	\$374.14
At first of year	28.96
Received -	300.19
Disbursed -	270.44
Balance on Hand	58.71
HOME MISSIONS:	
Receipts	\$218.77
At First of Year	39.80
Received	248.97
Disbursed -	241.12
Balance on Hand	47.65
EDUCATION:	\$75.75
Receipts	53.00
At First of Year	160.27
Received	173.17
Disbursed -	40.10
Balance on Hand -	40.10
ORPHANAGE:	204.00
Receipts -	\$84.60
At First of Year	26.75
Received -	60.41
Disbursed	78.88
Balance on Hand	<sup>,</sup> 8.28
MINUTES:	.*
At First of Year	\$ 19.40
Received	241.55
Disbursed	85.00
Balance on Hand	175.95
SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND:	\$ 8.40
Receipts	274.98
At First of Year	118.20
Received	393.18
Balance on Hand	
DELEGATES EXPENSE:	\$ 2.10
Receipts	\$ 2.10 42.40
At First of Year	42.40 29.90
Received -	72.30
Balance on Hand	12.30

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CONFERENCE WORK:	•				
Receipts - At First of Year Received -		-		\$ 2.10 32.22	2
Disbursed	•		: 	- 19.20 32.22	-
Balance on Hand	<b>-</b> ,	, e	•	19.20	-
PRESIDENT'S SALARY	•				
Receipts -		•	-	\$745.93	3
TENT EXPENSE:			<u>.</u> .	•	
At First of Year	·-	-		\$25.00	)
Disbursed	-		- ,	- 25.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	-			\$1511.79	)
TOTAL CASH		•	•	1722,20	)
TOTAL DISBURSED		-	_	905.83	
TOTAL ON HAND	1.			815.37	
Submitted in a spirit	of perfect	love.		025.01	

W. T. Brinson, Conference Treasurer

# STATISTICAL REPORT

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Charges	Membership	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	President's Salary	Orphanage	Minutes	Delegate's Expense	Conference Work	Superannuated Ministers	Total
Ashburn Brunswick Cross Roads Fenholloway Greenville Hortense Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola Savannah Tifton Waycross Wayne	23 17 25	\$27.50 110.00 40.00 47.50 77.50 117.50 67.50 100.00 30.00 57.50 62.50 117.50	\$11.00 44.00 16.00 19.00 31.00 47.00 27.00 12.00 23.00 17.00 25.00 47.00	\$13.75 54.50 20.00 23.75 38.75 58.75 23.75 33.75 50.00 28.75 21.75 31.50 58.70	\$22.00 88.00 32.00 38.00 62.00 94.00 54.00 24.00 24.00 34.00 94.00	5.75 3.75 6.25	13.50 20.00	\$ .55 2.20 .80 .95 1.55 2.85 1.35 2.00 .60 1.15 .85 1.25 2.35	1.35	17.60 6.40 7.60 12.40 18.80 7.60 10.80 16.00 4.80 9.20	129.60 154.00 251.10 376.00 151.70 218.70 320.00 97.20 184.00 144.50
Total	378	948.50	378.00	462.70	756.00	94.00	189.00	19.60	19.60	151.20	3025.25

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	Charges	Time employed	ointmen	No. Church Societies	- 1	Wesleyan Missionaries	şľ٩	Schoo	<b>44</b> 1		Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	υı	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Leafle	Folk's	esson Cr	s Lesson	Bible Lesson Stories
•	Ashburn Brunswick Cross Roads Fenholloway Greenville Hortense Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola Savannah Titton Waycross Wayne	1216 1012 1212 1212 1212 1212 1212 1212	2	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	1 26 4 4 4 5	10 22 18 6		3	32	48 20 10	_	15	32 8 48	10 6	20	2 1 4	8 10 1	8 12 13
-	· Total	156	25	23	158	38	35	85	34	13	84	217	165	154	109	106	162	10	19	33

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	Charges	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Total Membership Lost	No. Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss (or)	Gain	Members under 14 yrs.	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Local Preachers	Number of Family Altars	Membership Tithing
•	Ashburn Brunswick Cross Roads Fenholloway Greenville Hortense Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola Savannah Tifton Waycross Wayne	12 . 1 . 4 . 7 . 3 . 3 . 16 . 3	1	2 2 1 1 2 12 3	1 1 1 2	112 52 11	4 1 4 7 3 13 13 4 14	11381724315322738112182657	1146 17931 4719 2737 12417 253	5 6 1 1 14	3	2 2 3 1	3			2 2	10 10 18 16 4 38 4 10	8 20 4 4 27 5 11 8
	Totals	50)	1	24	6	14	45	394	386	19	11	14	5	17	-	6	59 :	106

Item IV	Sun	day	Sch	1001	s										
Charges	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Officers	ė į	Viole No. of School In Main School	Total in Main School	Average Attendance	No. in Home Dept.	No. on Cradle Roll	Total in Sunday School	No. of Scholars Converted	No. Joining Church	No. of Dept. Supts.	of Organize	No. of Young People's Societies	Total Membership of Societies
Ashburn Brunswick Cross Roads Fenholloway Greenville Hortense	1 1 2	2 4 2 6 5	25 25 8	51 12	7 56 15 30	5 26 12 20 36			7 56 15 30 71	4	4			1	18
Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola Savannah		2 5 6 6 4 2	25856836	57 35 46 45 11 61	15 30 71 40 58 53 21 68	12 20 36 33 37 30 20 30		10 12 5	15 30 71 50 58 53 73	2 8	3 2 1		3	1	14
Tifton	1 1	4 6	4	25	50 31	10 29 20	31		50 31			1	4	1	10
Totals	18	54	54	343	500	308	31	27	527	18	14	1	וו	4	51

Item V Church	Property						
Charges	No. of Church Buildings Value	Am't. of Indebtedness		Value of Parsonages	Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola Savannah Tifton Waycross	2 \$ 1200 1 1250 1 1000 1 2000 2 1500 4 5750 3 1500 1 1500 1 6000 1 1500 2 2000	\$10 10 10 12 20	1 1 200	\$ 800 2000 800 750 6000 500	850	2500 1250	150.00 285.00 108.00 98.84 80.00 112.71 424.83
Totals 2	1 \$27850	  \$62!	50) 6)	\$10850	\$850	\$3750	\$1259.38

Item	VI ·	Contr	ibute	d for I	astor.	. 1	Item VI	I	Co	ntribute	d for (	Church
1945 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	Incidental Expenses	Total for Church
Ashburn Brunswick Cross Roads Fenholloway Greenville Hortense Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola Savannah Titton Waycross Wayne	101.95 1687.25 248.00 79.83 1037.80 1525.90 394.52 308.50 870.31 999.00 490.84 530.00	120.00 350.00	8.00 10.00 10.00	35.00 4.00 12.25 423.08 9.00 11.75 209.23 245.25 50.00 50.00	283.00 83.83 111.26 1588.88 1525.90 403.52 319.80 1089.54 1254.25 900.84 580.00	5.45 191.52 154.74 194.20 86.00 61.50 185.45 110.00	52.71 18.00 29.00 49.30 77.34 25.75 18.12 5.40 24.84				135.08 18.00 23.60 52.25 24.00 18.00 8.00 239.35	158.52 229.52 231.99 400.79 131.03 263.25 211.60 426.62 714.40 230.49

		Ite	m VIII	Ame	ount C	ontribut	ed			
Charges	Foreign Missions Assigned	Foreign Missions Raised	Home Missions Assigned	Home Missions Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Raised	Connectional Sunday School Work Assigned	Connectional Sunday School Work Raised
Ashburn . 3 Brunswick . Cross Roads Fenholloway Greenville . Hortense . Lakeland . Laurens . M. Pleasant Paola . Savannah . Tifton . Waycross . Wayne .	27.50 95.50 42.50 60.00 77.50 140.00 47.50 95.00 52.50 45.00 52.50	15.00 10.00 106.00 79.97 10.00 16.07 30.00 52.51 6.95 114.32	17.00 24.00 31.00 56.00 19.00 27.00 38.00 12.00 21.00 26.00	4.00 34.00 23.50 75.01 30.54 13.86 26.80 26.50 42.00	21.25 30.00 38.75 70.00 23.75 47.50 15.00 26.25 22.25 33.75	10.00 2.50 50 90.67 25.75 5.00 10.00 15.00 26.25 5.00 35.75	4.25 6.00 7.75 14.00 4.75 6.75 9.50 3.00 5.25 4.50 6.75	\$ 25.00 10.00 16.50 10.00 3.00 11.66 6.75 10.00 3.00 5.22 8.00 6.75 15.00		\$ 2.00 1.00 4.10 3.00 2.00
Totals .\$	890.00	\$683.03	\$396.00	\$467,74	\$495.00	\$336.02	\$89.00	<b>\$144.91</b>		\$12.10

Item VIII Amount Contributed (Con't.)													
Charges	Total Connectional Budget Assigned	Total Connectional Budget Raised	President's Salary Assigned	President's Salary Raised	Conference Work Assigned	Conference Work Raised	Superannhated Ministers Assigned	Superannuated Ministers Raised					
Ashburn Brunswick Cross Roads Fenholloway Greenville Hortense Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola Savannah Tifton Waycross Wayne	\$ 55.00 190.001 85.00 120.00 155.00 280.00 95.00 135.00 105.00 90.00 135.00 285.00	273.68 30.60 70.00 39.00 291.28 152.02 35.61 62.88 60.00 113.51 25.85 200.50	76.00 34.00 48.00 62.00 112.00 38.00 76.00 24.00 42.00 36.00	34.04 20.00 35.72 112.00 38.00 44.00 57.86 34.20 43.00 36.00 65.70	3.80 1.70 2.40 3.10 5.60 1.90 2.70 3.80 1.20	\$ 1.00 3.80 3.00 6.50 1.90 2.70 1.20 2.10 3.00	6.80 9.60 12.40 22.40 7.60 10.80 15.70 4.80 8.40 7.20	22.40 7.60 10.80 5.00 10.10 8.40 7.20 10.80					
Totals	\$1980.00	\$1650.18	\$792.00	\$746.18	\$39.60	\$25.20	\$158.20	\$126.60					

## Item VIII Amount Contributed (Cont'd.)

Charges	Delegates Expenses Assigned	Delegates Expenses Raised	Minutes Assigned	Minutes Raised	Total Conference Budget Assigned	Total Conference Budget Raised	Total Budget Assigned	Total Budget Ralsed
Ashburn Brunswick Cross Roads Fenholloway Greenville Hortense Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola Savannah Tifton Waycross Wayne	\$ 1.10 3.80 1.70 2.40 3.10 5.60 1.90 1.20 2.70 1.80 2.70 5.70	3.80 2.00 5.50 1.90 2.70 3.80 1.20 2.10 2.70 5.70	19.00 12.00 15.50 28.00 9.50 13.50 19.00 6.00 10.50 28.50	\$ 4.50 19.00 6.00 8.25 28.00 9.50 13.25 15.00 6.00 10.50 9.00 13.50 28.50	\$ 34.30 117.80 52.70 74.40 96.10 168.00 58.90 83.70 118.30 65.10 55.80 81.50 176.70	36.00 45.97 168.90	\$ 89.10 307.80 137.70 194.40 251.10 453.90 218.70 307.80 97.20 170.10 145.80 218.70	84.97 460.18 210.16 109.06 150.04 112.70 179.61 77.05 296.20
Totals \$	39.60	\$32.00 \$	198.00	171.00	\$1220.50	\$1103.98	\$3207.60	\$2757.95

Charges   Sum   Su	Item IX Contributed for Benevolences							Item 2	K Co	ontribute	d Total	s		
Ashburn \$20.00 \$14.40 \$246.00 \$25.00 \$4.00 \$4.00 \$22.00 \$302.90 \$ \$288.45 \$108.10 \$111.80 \$302.90 \$400 \$25.00 \$4.00 \$25.00 \$4.00 \$22.00 \$26.00 \$2494.75 \$1605.21 \$37.40 \$26.00 \$26.00 \$3.83 \$15.83 \$106.00 \$4.00 \$25.00 \$111.26 \$29.52 \$49.77 \$4.00 \$4.00 \$111.26 \$29.52 \$49.77 \$4.00 \$4.00 \$111.26 \$29.52 \$49.77 \$4.00 \$4.00 \$111.26 \$29.52 \$49.77 \$4.00 \$4.00 \$4.00 \$111.26 \$29.52 \$49.77 \$4.00 \$4.00 \$4.00 \$111.26 \$29.52 \$49.77 \$4.00 \$4.00 \$4.00 \$4.00 \$111.26 \$29.52 \$49.77 \$4.00 \$4	Charges			Education	Orphanage	Work	Y. P.	her	for	for	for	for	for	Total for all purposes
mission	Brunswick Cross Roads Fenholloway Greenville Hortense Lakeland Laurens Mt. Pleasant Paola Savannah Tifton Waycross						5.00 12.50	4.00 25.00 31.13 5.50 114.25 49.87 2.00 41.00	4.00 25.00 36.13 5.50 114.25 62.37 2.00 41.00 11.00	580.00 689.23	230.49 186.00	106.00 84.97 460.18 146.16 109.06 62.88 112.70 179.61 77.05 296.20 384.35	4.00 25.00 36.13 5.50 114.25 62.37 2.00 41.00 11.00	429.7 2306.0 2108.9 643.6 651.4 1528.0 1922.8 1694.2 1147.2

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# THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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Hortense, Georgia

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Charges	Active Members			Members Lost	Regular meetings held	Special Meetings Held	Do you use Missionary programs	Wesleyan Missionaries taken	nand from last	Membership dues	Offerings	Labor	Clothing and other gifts to Home Work	Bandages and other gifts to Foreign work	Total
Ashburn Brunswick Cross Roads Friendship Hortense Mt. Pleasant Paola Savannah Titton Waycross	7 53 10 10 5 8 4 18 7 16		68 1	7	24 8 3 5 5 3 11 10 25	2 2 1	No Yes No Yes No Yes No Yes	5 4 1 3 4 4 2 3	5.15 2.46 30.43	10.00 75.00 12.00 15.00 9.00 8.10 5.00 13.32 10.00 26.00	5.40 99.12 .70 6.75 3.35 5.00 16.27 134.30	25.00 1.00 1.00 5.00 53.07	65.00 18.00 11.75		18.43 306.30 12.70 27.50 28 85 20.10 165.62 26.75 156.01
Total 1	38	51	70	8)	94	5	ı	26	38.64	183.42	257.60	85.07	241.43	17.84	850.99

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Charges	æ	Clothing and	Cash	Cash	Bandages and	h work	dues	ts	pu	
	Home — Cash	Home — Clo gifts	Orphanage -	Foreign — C	Foreign, Bagifts	Local Church	Membership	Other Objects	Cash on Hand	Total
Ashburn	5.40 50.50 4.70	98.70	5.00	5.00 54.50 8.00		86.17			16.43	18.43 306.30 12.70
Friendship Hortense Mt. Pleasant Paola Savannah Pifton Waycross	3.35 9.05 30.55 5.00	65.00	. !	10.00 4.05 16.27 42.31 5.00	18.00	1.00 4.25 5.00 25.41	5.00	15.50 6.00	ì .	28.85 20.10 88.73 165.62 26.75 156.01
Total	108.55	217.16	  5.00	  145.13	18.00	121.83	  31.00	   <b>21.</b> 50	135.37	823.49

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Charges	Number of Members			Home Missions	Education	Total
Ashburn Brunswick Cross Roads	15 73	10	35.20	32.02	5.00 10.00	17.50 77.22
Friendship Hortense Mt. Pleasant		3	13.00	2.00	15.00	30.00 12.12
PaolaSavannah	11	10	10.20		-	10.20
Tifton Waycross	67		17.42	17.42		34.84
Total	166	23	73.82	51.44	30.00	181.88

# THE THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

South Georgia Conference
Young People's Society
HELD AT
Brunswick, Georgia
September 30, 1945

MRS. STELLA MAY HUGHES, President MRS. DEWEY DAY, Secretary

## W. Y. P. S. OFFICERS

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# STATISTICAL REPORT

W.	Y.	P.	S

Name of Society	No. of Active members	No. of associate members	No. of members lost	No. of members gained	No. of meetings held	No. of Journals taken	No. in Fasting and prayer League	Amt. on hand at the begin- ing of the year	Amt. of offerings during the year	Amount raised from other sources	Total Receipts
Brunswick Lakeland Savannah Waycross	16 9 10 10	12 5 3	3	12 4 5	25 38 18	9 6 2		12.65 2.00	79.84 39.31 16.52	1.10	80.94 51.96 18.52
Total	45	  20	1 8	3 21	81	17	1	14.65	135.67	1.10	151.42

# STATISTICAL REPORT (Continued)

#### W.Y.P.S. Report Cont'd

Name of Society	Amt. paid for General W. Y. P. S. Work	Amt. paid for Conference W. Y. P. S. Work	Amt. paid for local W. Y. P. S. Work	Amt. paid for Foreign Missions	Amt. paid for Home Missions	Amt. paid for other projects	Total Disbursments	Balance in the treasury at the present time
Brunswick Lakeland Savannah Waycross	8.00 4.50 2.50	5.00 5.00 5.00	29.11 13.09			38.83 19.92	80.94 42.51 7.50	9.45 11.02
Total	15.00	15.00	42.20		(	58.75	130.95	20.47