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DAILY PROCEEDINGS

The Alabama Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America convened in its twenty-third annual session at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 9:00 a. m. Wednesday, October Nineteenth, Nineteen hundred thirty-two.

The opening sermon was preached Tuesday evening at 7:30 by the Rev. T. P. Baker, Home Missionary Secretary, using as text, Isaiah 54:5. His message was very timely and fitting.

The first business meeting was called at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday by the President, R. E. Snipes. After song and prayer service the president spoke for a few minutes, using for a basis of his message, 1 Cor. 16:9, reviewing the doctrines of the church, its fundamental teachings and opportunities for its future progress.

The president invited Rev. T. P. Baker to preside as chairman of the conference.

Roll called and twelve Elders and licentiates answered the roll call. A Committee on Credentials, J. M. Kemp and C. E. Myers, were appointed. Credentials were read and thirteen delegates enrolled.

By motion the conference bar was fixed to include each side and four seats in front of the pulpit.

The President read his annual report, which was adopted as read. See report No. 1.

On nominations, R. E. Snipes, J. L. Averett and E. L. Shigley were elected a Committee on Nominations.

Recessed for committee work.

Called to order by the chairman. The Committee on Nominations made its report which was adopted. See report No. 2.

The time of meeting was fixed as follows, meet 9:00 a.m., adjourn 12:00 Noon. Meet 2:00 p.m. and adjourn by motion.

It was made the order of the day to elect conference officials immediately after the roll call of the Thursday morning meeting.

The Committee on Religious services made a partial report announcing that C. K. Gentry would speak at 7:30 p.m.

By nomination and vote Miss Maggie Carlin was elected Conference Reporter both for the local paper and the Wesleyan Methodist.

Announcement was made that the public meeting of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society would be held at 7:30 Friday evening. The Connectional Address by E. F. McCarty, Foreign Missionary Secretary, 3:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

On motion, adjourned. Benediction by T. P. Baker.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON MEETING

Devotions were conducted by M. A. Medders.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

Committee on Credentials made a supplemental report, enrolling three additional delegates.

A review of the life and work of Orange Scott, one of the pioneers of the church was reviewed by T. P. Baker. The life and work of Daniel Worth and Adam Crooks was reviewed by C. K. Gentry. These talks were very interesting and instructive.

Committee on Ministerial Character gave a partial report.

L. A. Bamburg, M. A. Medders, C. E. Myers, E. L. Shigley, Geo. E. Davis, Willie Morgan, O. B. Shows read their pastoral reports.

Reports from H. R. French and L. F. Burkey were read by the conference secretary.

A motion prevailed to have each pastor assessed five cents per member for minute funds, to be paid into the conference treasurer at once.

C. K. Gentry read his pastoral report.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by M. A. Medders.

THURSDAY—MORNING MEETING

Devotions were conducted by P. V. Compton.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

Committee on Credentials made a supplemental report and five additional delegates were enrolled.

The order of the day was called and the conference body proceeded with the election of conference officials, resulting as follows: President, R. E. Snipes; Vice-President, E. L. Shigley; Secretary, W. E. Hobson, Jr.; Trustee for a term of five years, Fred J. Kewish; Treasurer, Velma Gentry. The President nominated and the conference elected W. E. Hobson, Jr., and E. L. Shigley as the advisory board to the president. Judiciary Committee, E. L. Shigley, M. A. Medders, H. A. Johnson, H. F. Pair. Itinerancy and Elder's Orders for four years, C. K. Gentry. Auditing Committee, W. E. Hobson, Jr., E. L. Shigley, H. A. Johnson. Vacancies, J. L. Averett, C. E. Myers, C. K. Gentry, L. W. Moore, Mrs. D. H. Segrest. Conventions, R. E. Snipes, C. K. Gentry, Miss Florice Sides. Sunday School Secretary, E. L. Shigley. Sunday School Board, E. L. Shigley, J. D. Muse, Miss Florice Sides. Missionary Board, R. E. Snipes, C. K. Gentry, Miss Velma Gentry, Mrs. D. H. Segrest. Tithing Secretary, R. E. Snipes. Camp Meeting Committee, R. E. Snipes, W. H. Tillman, E. L. Shigley, H. A. Johnson, C. H. Pickel, C. K. Gentry, W. E. Hobson, Jr. Memorials, J. L. Averett, Stella Shigley, A. H. Bryans. Board of Managers for Central College, R. E. Snipes, Alternate, W. E. Hobson, Jr.

Finance Committee gave its first reading.

Committee on Ministerial Characters made an additional report.

Committee on Courtesies introduced to the conference Rev. E. F. McCarty, Foreign Missionary Secretary. He was voted honorary privileges within the conference bar, also any others who may later be introduced to the conference.

It was made the order of the day for D. L. Jones, Superintendent of the Hephzibah Orphanage to make his report following the address of E. F. McCarty Thursday afternoon.

The President and his advisory board not having announced the termination of the probationary period of J. M. Kemp, a motion was supported to end his probationary period. A motion to amend the motion was supported to refer the case to a special investigation committee to be elected. The motion with its amendment carried and the committee was elected as follows, R. E. Snipes, H. A. Johnson, E. L. Shigley, C. E. Myers, Edward Brigman, L. W. Moore and J. W. Barton to make an investigation and report with recommendations to the conference as early as possible.

J. L. Averett read his pastoral report.

H. F. Pair made report of his evangelistic work of the year.

R. E. Snipes made a report of his conference evangelistic work.

Adjourned by limitation. Benediction by H. F. Pair.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON MEETING

Devotions were conducted by Geo. E. Davis.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

Committee on Ministerial Characters made an additional report.

H. A. Johnson, J. M. Kemp, R. L. Coley, John Barber, M. A. Medders, E. L. Shigley read their pastoral reports.

Recessed for five minutes.

Called to order by the chairman. The order of the day was called and E. F. McCarty gave the Connectional address using as a subject, "The work of the Church." The message was very interesting, instructive and fitting, and was well received by an attentive audience.

Robert Sims and A. H. Bryans read their pastoral reports.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by R. L. Coley.

FRIDAY—MORNING MEETING

Devotions were conducted by Robert Sims.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

Committee on Resolutions reported. Report adopted by a unanimous rising vote of the body. See Report No. 3.

Committee on Credentials made a supplemental report and two additional delegates were enrolled.

Committee on Finances made its report which was adopted as read. See Report No. 4.

Committee on Moral Reform reported. Report adopted. See Report No. 5.

Committee on Ministerial Characters made its final report.

Committee on Pastoral Relations gave its first reading.

C. H. Pickel read his pastoral report.

The report of W. F. Bunnell was read by the delegate from his church on account of his being unable to be present.

V. A. Stewart of Brent was introduced to the conference. He being a charter member of the conference he made a few remarks with reference to the beginning of the work of the church in Alabama and the organizations of the conference.

The order of the day was called and D. L. Jones, Superintendent of Hephzibah Orphanage gave a report of the Orphanage work.

Adjourned by limitation. Benediction by H. A. Johnson.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON MEETING

Devotions were conducted by A. H. Bryans.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

Committee on Moral Reform reported. Report adopted. See Report No. 5.

Treasurer reported. Report adopted. See Report No. 6.

Special Committee on Ministerial Characters reported. Report adopted. See Report No. 7.

Committee on Finances made its final reading. See Report No. 4.

The following resolution was offered by W. E. Hobson, Jr., "Be it resolved by the Alabama Annual Conference assembled at Tuscaloosa, Ala. October 21, 1932, that no pastor in the Alabama Conference be permitted to employ any evangelist or minister not a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, or objectionable to any member of the local church involved, to conduct a revival in any church of the conference without first securing the consent and approval of the President and his advisory board, said consent to be signed by the members of the said advisory board." This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

The Sunday School Secretary gave his annual report which was adopted as read.

Rev. Arthur L. Vess, President of Central College was introduced to the conference and given honorary privileges within its body. By motion he was given the hour of ten o'clock Saturday morning to give his address on Education presenting the interests of the school.

Adjourned for committee work.

SATURDAY—MORNING MEETING

Devotions were conducted by E. L. Shigley.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

Committee on Thanks reported. Report adopted. See Report No. 8.

Committee on Pastoral Relations gave its second reading, which was adopted as read. See Report No. 9.

Committee on Statistics reported. See Statistical Report.

On motion adjourned to twelve o'clock noon.

Called to order by the chairman.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Elder's Orders reported. Report adopted. See Report No. 11.

The Board of Trustees read the minutes of the meetings of the Board during the year. The actions were approved.

A motion was introduced and prevailed to reconsider the report of the Committee on Pastoral Relations, and by motion and vote the report was ordered referred back to the committee for further consideration.

The Camp Meeting treasurer reported no receipts or disbursements during the year, and that no camp meeting had been held by the Association since the last annual meeting of the conference.

Mentone, Ala., was chosen as the place of holding the next annual session of conference. Time with the official board.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the secretary and treasurer for their untiring labors. A rising vote of appreciation was also extended to the chairman for his efficient and untiring services.

The Committee on Religious Services made an additional report.

A rising vote of thanks was voted the Tuscaloosa News for their service in the publicity given the meetings and the announcements of the conference throughout its session.

On motion adjourned to 4:00 p. m. Benediction by Robert Sims.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON MEETING

Called to order at 4:00 p. m. by the chairman.

Committee on Pastoral Relations gave its final reading as amended and the report was adopted. See Report No. 9.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by H. A. Johnson.

T. P. BAKER, Chairman.

W. E. HOBSON, Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

November 8, 1931 received notice from the Ensley church of their withdrawal from the conference and denomination.

November 11, 1931 dismissed the Ensley church from the Alabama Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

November 18, 1931 received the resignation of H. F. Pair as pastor of the Pell City church.

November 23, 1931 appointed H. F. Pair pastor of the East Lake church.

November 30, 1931 received a church organized at Lawley, Ala., and placed it on the Brent charge.

December 12, 1931 appointed A. H. Bryans as pastor of the Pell City church.

January 18, 1932 separated Wolf Creek church from the Pell City charge and appointed John Barber as pastor of the Wolf Creek church.

February 3, 1932 received on account of ill health the resignation of H. F. Pair as pastor of the East Lake church, and appointed Robert L. Coley as pastor of the church.

July 15, 1932 organized a church at Phoenix City, Ala.

July 20, 1932 received the resignation of H. A. McCutcheon as pastor of the Talladega church.

July 22, 1932, granted H. A. McCutcheon a letter of transfer to the North Carolina conference.

July 18, 1932, received the resignation of Paul G. Marshall as pastor of the Tuscaloosa church, and appointed M. A. Medders as pastor of the church. Granted Paul G. Marshall a letter of standing.

August 14, 1932, organized a church at Cottondale.

August 20, 1932, appointed Robert Sims as pastor of the church at Talladega.

August 20, 1932, appointed the chairman of the various conference committees, as follows: Moral Reform, A. H. Bryans; Resolutions, C. K. Gentry; Thanks, C. H. Pickel; Finance, H. F. Pair; Statistics, W. F. Bunnell; Religious Services, M. A. Medders; Ministerial Characters, H. A. Johnson.

R. E. SNIPES, President.

NOMINATIONS

We, your committee on nominations submit the following report and committees.

Moral Reform—A. H. Bryans, Catherine Browne.

Resolutions—C. K. Gentry, E. L. Shigley.

Thanks—C. H. Pickel, Edythe Putnam.

Finance—H. F. Pair, O. B. Shows, J. O. Bailey.

Statistics—W. F. Bunnell, W. E. Hobson, Jr., Robert Sims.

Religious Services—M. A. Medders, J. L. Averett, C. E. Myers.

Ministerial Characters—R. E. Snipes, Will Finnin, Henry Hill.

Pastoral Relations—R. E. Snipes, L. W. Moore, J. L. Averett, H. A. Johnson, J. W. Barton.

R. E. SNIPES, Chairman.

E. L. SHIGLEY, Secretary.

J. L. AVERETT.

RESOLUTIONS—No. 3

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg to submit the following report:

We purpose by the Grace of God, as ministers according to the gift of Christ, to walk worthy of the calling wherewith we are called. We resolve to stand against the popular evils of the day, especially such as are catalogued below.

Racketeering and exploitation for greed, gain, gambling in any form, bribery, profanity, dissipation in any form. We do greatly deplore the sex-laxity, and lawlessness of the present day and age, therefore, Be it resolved, that both the laity and ministry of the Alabama Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection use every means within their power to check the unparalleled spread of infidelity between husbands and wives, disloyalty between children and parents, and curb the undisciplined temperaments of growing children and young people.

Believing the legislative program enacted by and pending before the Alabama State Legislature to be positively detrimental to the moral and spiritual welfare of our young people and a blot upon the fair name of our State. Be it resolved by the Alabama Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection assembled in executive session at Tuscaloosa, Ala., this the 21st day of October, 1932, that we go on record as uncompromisingly opposed to the legislation legalizing Race—Track gambling in Mobile County of our State, making legal the sale of near beer products, and the removal of restrictions safeguarding the Sabbath and other Christian institutions. Be it further resolved, that this body by vote register its emphatic protest against any attempt to repeal or weaken the dry laws supporting the Eighteenth Amendment in the State.

Be it further resolved, that all members of our local churches, when transferring their membership from one church to another, either pay their

Connectional and Conference claims and assignments before transferring, or carry their assignments, or any unpaid part to the church to which they are transferring. Further, it is understood this resolution is effective immediately.

Since our Discipline provides for a period of twelve months probation for ministers coming to us from other denominations, Be it resolved, That the President and his advisory board are hereby instructed to add any part or fractional part of the year just preceeding the sitting of an annual conference to the period of probation as provided for in Article No. 171, Section 8 of the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline.

C. K. GENTRY, Chairman,
E. L. SHIGLEY.

FINANCES—No. 4

We, your Committee on Finance beg to submit the following report: We recommend the following budget per member—Home Missions, 50c; Foreign Missions, \$2.50; Education, \$1.25; Orphanage, 25c; Conference work, 15c; Superannuated Minister's Fund, 10c; President's Salary, 85c.

We recommend that the president hold the first and fourth quarterly meetings and that his salary be paid in four equal quarterly payments. The time not spent by the president in holding the quarterly meetings is to be occupied by him in missionary and evangelistic work within the bounds of the conference, as approved by the missionary board and the advisory board. All receipts in evangelistic work to be retained by the president as additional salary.

We also recommend that each pastor collect the president's salary each quarter, and also collect the remaining part of his back salary.

H. F. PAIR, Chairman,
J. O. BAILEY, Secretary,
O. B. SHOWS.

MORAL REFORM—No. 5

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We, your Committee on Moral Reform, beg to make the following report:

We believe that the standard of holy living which was preached and practiced by our venerable father Wesley was the standard of Christianity found in the Bible, espoused and promulgated by the Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The preaching and living of that standard both in the days of the apostles and in the early days of Methodism was accompanied with Divine power and glory.

We feel that there has been a decline of power and glory in some parts of our beloved Church and we attribute the cause to a departure—in some measure—from those precepts and practices which were so signally honored of God in the conversion of sinners and the sanctification of believers, as well as in the abounding joy and victory which characterized our saintly forefathers.

If we are to enjoy the presence and power of the Holy Ghost in this day as in former days, there are some reforms, which will be necessary for us to make even though to many they appear but trifles. Surely we can count nothing a trifle that cripples our influence or hinders the power and glory of God from visiting us as He wants us to have it.

We would call your attention first to the matter of dress. We have a standard laid down in the Bible and also in our Discipline relative to this subject, and it is not the standard of the world. The standard for our sisters and mothers is a modest apparel. Plain dress, a plainness which will publicly commit them to the maintainance of their Christian profession wherever they may be. Dress, in which the strictest economy has been used.

For the women of the world Dame Fashion decreed, a few years ago, that nudity should be the order of the day, hence the low-neck, sleeveless and knee-high dress.

With the aid of the Church and its ministry public sentiment became so strong in opposition to this style that Dame Fashion brought forth another style of dress which, while satisfactory as to length, has such a degree of transparency about it as to manifest that same mania for nudity which characterizes the fashions of lewd Paris and licentious Hollywood.

We are convinced that the so-called attractiveness of young women by the use of cosmetics and the immodest dress is one of the prime causes of the inflamed lust of wicked men resulting in kidnapping and the filling of brothels.

We therefore call upon our Wesleyan mothers and daughters to dress in harmony with the standards laid down in the Bible and our book of discipline, and which is, modestly, plainly and economically regardless of what the world may say.

We would call attention to the amount of money, time and labor expended by many of the young people in our churches for permanent waves, water waves, curls and kinks put in their hair, all of which is un-Wesleyan and savors rather of the world than of Christianity, inasmuch as it is a species of pride or vanity.

For what is the object of it? The answer, when truly given is, "to improve my appearance, or to make more attractive." Attractive to whom? To God? To Angels? To Saints? The truth is that this is a custom of the world, and amongst many of the world's young women, underlying it or accompanying it is a strong sex appeal.

We would, therefore, lovingly but seriously admonish our young people especially the active members of our W. Y. P. S., to strive to be admired rather for their Godliness and Christian virtues than for their physical appearance, then increasing that influence for God and the church, and avoiding unfriendly criticism.

Although we are passing through a period of financial depression we feel that quite a little money is being spent, by Wesleyans, for luxuries and needless self-indulgences, that ought to be helping to save souls. It seems to be a rule, with some people, though a disgraceful one, to purchase every thing they desire for themselves before they think of the needs of the church, consequently their pastor is robbed of a portion of his salary, the church is robbed of its running expenses, and worst of all debts are incurred, that sometimes are never paid, thus bringing reproach on the church.

We believe that one tenth of our income is the lowest possible amount that God requires for the support of church interests, and that every wage earner, and all who have an income, are under obligation to lay aside one-tenth of such income for church interests, particularly ministerial support. Under the Old Testament law the Jews paid two-tenths, the first of which was appropriated to the support of the ministering Levites, the priests. In New Testament times, it is generally conceded that the Christians gave more freely of their substance than did the ancient Jews. In view of these facts we recommend, First—That the subject of Church Finance as found in our Book of Discipline be read to the local churches, by the pastors, at least twice a year, emphasizing the necessity and duty of tithing in order to produce true loyalty to the church and the best Christian experience. Second—That where it is practicable, a weekly or semi-monthly envelope system shall be adopted by the local churches for the tithes, and that they shall be placed in the local church treasury to be distributed or disbursed in accordance with the storehouse plan. Third—That each pastor shall secure, as soon as possible after conference a sufficient number of copies of "The Storehouse Plan" pamphlet to furnish each member a copy for his perusal.

In the early days of American Methodism one of its chief attractions was its singing. At the meetings of Phillip Embury and Barbara Heck in New York spectators came in crowds, attracted by their singing. Other churches had their music and their hymns, but not the crowds. What made the difference? Methodist hymns were not only pleasing to the ear, but being saturated with the gospel of the atoning and cleansing blood, they touched the heart and helped to fasten conviction upon the soul.

Not only did they sing the hymns, but the preachers, 'gave out', the hymns; recited them as carefully and sacredly as though they were divinely inspired, and why? Not because of the esteem in which they hold their authors but because of the 'gospel of the atoning blood' in poetry.

We deplore the fact today that many of our modern songs are composed by men of various denominations, including Russellites, and contain little more than sentiment about mother, home and Heaven, set to tunes that are light and jazzy and which rather hinder than help true spiritual worship by producing revelry and a shuffling of the feet in imitation of dancing. We believe that no modern hymns have surpassed those of the Wesleys and their contemporaries for sound doctrinal content and spiritual power.

We recommend therefore, and urge that, in the selection of song books, our churches shall discriminate against those that contain light, jazzy and sentimental songs, and choose such as contain the expressions of sound doctrines and a healthful Christian experience, and which tend to move the heart to a holy joy or melt it in penitence and contrition rather than move the feet to dancing that God may be glorified in all our singing.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. BRYANS, Chairman,
CATHERINE BROWNE.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance from last year's report	\$ 14.75
Home Missions	185.31
Foreign Missions	159.16
Education	84.20
Orphanage	81.56
Conference Work	416.15

\$941.13

DISBURSEMENTS

Home Missions	\$185.31
Foreign Missions	159.16
Education	84.20
Orphanage	81.56
Conference Work	415.04
Balance	15.86

\$941.13

VELMA GENTRY, Treasurer.

MINISTERIAL CHARACTERS—No. 7

We, your Special Committee on Ministerial Characters, recommend that J. M. Kemp be granted an extension of twelve months probationary period without pastoral appointment, subject to the President and his advisory board.

R. E. SNIPES,
E. L. SHIGLEY,
C. E. MYERS,
ED. BRIGMAN,
J. W. BARTON,
H. A. JOHNSON,
L. W. MOORE, Committee.

THANKS—No. 8

We, your Committee on Thanks, beg to submit the following report: Since it has been God's gracious will to preserve our unworthy lives and permit us, the members of the Alabama Conference, to be gathered together in annual session at Tuscaloosa, Ala., we wish to express our profound gratitude and appreciation of thanks to the pastor, the church and our friends for their courtesy and hospitable entertainment during our stay here. May the richest blessings of the Lord and our precious Savior rest upon them.

EDYTHE PUTNAM, Committee.

PASTORAL RELATIONS—No. 9

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

We recommend that West Blocton and Ada Chapel churches be separated and that West Blocton become a station and that Ada Chapel and Friendship become a charge.

We recommend the work to be supplied as follows:

Adamsburg, E. L. Shigley; Akron, M. A. Medders; Anniston, R. L. Coley; Bessemer, C. H. Pickel; Birmingham, C. K. Gentry; Brent Charge, C. E. Myers; East Lake, Left in hands of the President; Friendship Charge, L. A. Bamburg; Mentone Charge, E. L. Shigley; Mt. Olive, Willie Morgan; Mt. Vernon, H. A. Johnson; Pell City, P. V. Compton; Phoenix City, Geo. E. Davis; Springdale, Ruth Newton; Talladega, Left in the hands of the President; Tarrant, H. A. Johnson; Tuscaloosa, J. L. Averett; Waycross Charge, W. B. Hill; West Blocton, G. C. Frederick; Wolf Creek, John Barber.

Conference Evangelist, R. E. Snipes; General Evangelist, H. Robb French; Singing Evangelists, Mrs. H. R. French, Miss Florice Sides; Conference Missionary Evangelist, W. F. Bunnell; Conference Evangelistic Work, H. F. Pair, L. F. Burkey.

R. E. SNIPES, Chairman,
J. L. AVERETT, Secretary,
L. W. MOORE,
H. A. JOHNSON,
J. W. BARTON.

ITINERANCY AND ELDER'S ORDERS—No. 11

We, your Committee on Itinerancy and Elder's Orders, held our annual meeting October 22, 1932.

The following named persons were presented to the Committee, Miss Ruth Newton, Willie B. Hill, and O. K. Williams to pursue the Course of Study. They were accepted and enrolled.

We recommend that John Barber, Geo. E. Davis, O. B. Shows, Robert Sims and Miss Maggie Carlin be continued in the Course of Study, and that all others who have been recommended to pursue the Course of Study begin said study at once if they are not now doing so.

R. E. SNIPES, Chairman,
M. A. MEDDERS, Secretary,
C. E. MYERS,
H. F. PAIR.

MINUTES OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

The Wesleyan Young Peoples' Society of the Alabama Conference met in its fourth annual conference session at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, October 22, 1932.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Miss Florice Sides. The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The following delegates were enrolled, Edythe Putnam, Adamsburg; Mary Moore, Akron; Estelle Harvell, Bessemer; Nellie Pair, Birmingham; Charles Crowe, Mentone; Thelma Warlick, Talladega; Bernice Johnson, Tarrant; Virginia Hobson, Tuscaloosa; Preston Spruill, Pell City; Rosa Kelly, Mt. Vernon.

A letter from Frances Compton was read by the president.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Miss Florice Sides; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Velma Gentry; Executive Committee, R. E. Snipes, Stella Shigley, Virginia Hobson, and Thelma Warlick.

Committee on Resolutions reported. See Report No. 1.

Committee on Thanks reported. See Report No. 2.

Committee on Statistics reported. See Report No. 3.

Reports were read from the following named societies; Akron, Bessemer, Birmingham, Mentone, Tarrant, Tuscaloosa, Pell City and Mt. Vernon.

On motion adjourned.

FLORICE SIDES, President,
MAGGIE CARLIN, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS—No. 1

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg to submit the following report:

Be it resolved that all the budget money raised by the W. Y. P. S. be sent to the Conference Treasurer undivided.

Be it further resolved that we earnestly request the pastors of each district to lend their hearty cooperation to the District Executive Committee in promoting the W. Y. P. S. convention work periodically.

Be it further resolved that one-half of the Home Mission budget money raised by the W. Y. P. S. and sent to the treasurer be used to defray the expense of traveling by the W. Y. P. S. Conference President.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNICE JOHNSON, Committee.

THANKS—No. 2

Your Committee on Thanks is pleased to offer the following report:

First—Through the merciful kindness of our crucified, risen and soon coming Lord, we, an organization of young people in the Wesleyan Methodist Church feel ourselves highly privileged in that we are permitted to meet in another session of Annual Conference under such auspicious circumstances. For these and many other unmerited favors, we render most hearty thanks to our Father in Heaven.

Second—Inasmuch as the success of our conference depended so largely upon the preparation for it by the program committee, we express our gratitude to this committee for their careful and wise arrangement of timely subjects for discussion, and for their discretion shown in choosing the persons to prepare and give the addresses on this occasion.

Third—In times of spiritual apostasy and blindness, and extreme worldliness, especially among our young people, we give thanks to the

Father, Son and Holy Spirit for the revelations of divine truth vouchsafed unto us the members of the Alabama Conference W. Y. P. S., and for the evidences of genuine spiritual life among us, which has been evidenced by the profitable spiritual program given at this conference.

Fourth—For the wholesome meals provided for us, the cheerful service given by those who prepared and served the same, and for the Scriptural Christian hospitality accorded to us who are the guests of the young people and members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Tuscaloosa and their friends, we humbly express our most hearty thanks to all these kind generous hearted Christian friends, and earnestly pray that they will be abundantly rewarded in time and in eternity for their loving courtesies and kindness.

MARY BEARDEN, Committee.

STATISTICAL REPORT—No. 3

Society—President and Address	Mem.	Amt.
Akron—Miss Altha Bailey, Akron, Ala.....	41	\$ 1.70
Bessemer—Miss Helen Brigman, 1511 N. 16th St., Bessemer, Ala.	9	.20
Birmingham—Miss Maggie Jean Carlin, 1707 N. 13th Court, Birmingham, Ala.	33	60.07
Mentone—Miss Catherine Brown, Mentone, Ala.....	20	.70
Mt. Vernon—Mrs. Rosa Kelly, Rt. 2, Bankston, Ala.....	26	7.75
Pell City—Miss Frances Compton, Pell City, Ala.....	40	16.35
Talladega—Mrs. Thelma Warlick, 411 Henderson Ave., Talladega, Ala.	29	43.24
Tarrant—Mrs. L. E. Coley, 1236 Hanover St., Tarrant, Ala.....	16	2.02
Tuscaloosa—Miss Virginia Hobson, 1429 23rd Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.	33	17.75
TOTAL.....	247	\$149.78

MAGGIE JEAN CARLIN,
NEVA SEGREST, Committee.

THE MINUTES

—of the—

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WOMEN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

—of the—

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

—of the—

WESLEYAN METHODIST CONNECTION (OR CHURCH) OF AMERICA HELD AT TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, OCTOBER 20-22, 1932

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

President—Mrs. W. W. Warren, Mentone, Ala.
Vice-President—Mrs. N. J. Bradford, 2007 25th Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. D. H. Segrest, 2309 Wesley Avenue, Birmingham, Ala.
Y. M. W. B. Superintendent and State Organizer—Miss Maggia Carlin, 1709 N. 13th Court, Birmingham, Ala.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Alabama Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America met in its fifteenth annual session, October 20, 1932 at Tuscaloosa, Ala., at 1:30 P. M. Called to order by the vice-president, Mrs. N. J. Bradford. Prayer was offered by the vice-president and Mrs. W. W. Warren.

Credentials were presented and the following delegates were enrolled: Mrs. C. A. Kline, Mrs. W. W. Warren, Mrs. M. F. Sides, Mrs. O. C. Wood, Mrs. J. W. Hawkins, Mrs. T. H. Ledbetter, Mrs. Rosa Kelly, Mrs. H. F. Pair, Mrs. Velma Breland, Mrs. J. L. Averett.

It was made the order of the day to elect the conference officers Friday at 8:30 a. m.

The chair appointed the following session committees: Courtesies, Miss Maggie Carlin; Thanks, Mrs. W. W. Warren; Resolutions, Mrs. H. F. Pair and Mrs. M. F. Sides; Auditing, Mrs. Rosa Kelly and Mrs. O. C. Wood; Statistics, Miss Maggie Carlin and Mrs. C. A. Kline.

The resolutions committee of the Y. M. W. B. Convention held in Birmingham in May, 1932, presented a resolution asking that the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society put their approval upon an annual convention to be held by the Y. M. W. B. The resolution was approved.

On motion adjourned.

SECOND DAY MEETING

Devotions conducted by Mrs. W. W. Warren.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

The order of the day was called for and the election of the officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. W. W. Warren; Vice-President, Mrs. N. J. Bradford; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. D. H. Segrest; Y. M. W. B. Superintendent and Conference Organizer, Miss Maggie Carlin.

An interesting and instructive talk was given by Rev. T. P. Baker regarding the financial program, and Rev. F. F. McCarty related the need of giving public programs concerning our foreign missionary work.

Mrs. C. H. Pickel and Mrs. Estelle Harwell were introduced to the conference body.

The following reports were read and approved, Mentone, Talladega, Tuscaloosa, Tarrant, Birmingham, Pell City, Bessemer, Mt. Ivah and Anniston.

An interesting talk by Mrs. W. W. Warren relative to the work for the coming year.

The treasurer's report was read and adopted. See Report No. 3.

Committee on Statistics reported. See Report No. 4.

Committee on Resolutions reported. See Report No. 2.

By motion the president was instructed to send a copy of the resolutions to each local society.

Auditing Committee reported the books of the treasurer were in good condition and correctly kept.

Committee on Thanks reported. See Report No. 1.

Adjourned by limitation.

MRS. N. J. BRADFORD, Chairman,
MRS. D. H. SEGREST, Secretary.

THANKS—No. 1

We, your Committee on Thanks, beg to submit the following report:

We, as members of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of the Alabama Conference now in session at Tuscaloosa, Ala., desire to extend our thanks to the President and members of the Society, pastor and friends of the First Wesleyan Methodist Church at Tuscaloosa, for their royal entertainment while among them.

May God reward every one who has helped to make our stay pleasant and we hope profitable while here.

MRS. W. W. WARREN.

RESOLUTIONS—No. 2

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg to submit the following report:

Be it resolved that the local societies hold at least four public meetings annually, one each for Orphanage, Education, Home Missions and Foreign Missions.

Be it further resolved that all the information possible concerning the topic being presented be given and that an offering be taken for that special work.

MRS. H. F. PAIR,
MRS. M. F. SIDES.

TREASURER'S REPORT—No. 3

RECEIPTS

Home Missions	\$ 36.49
Foreign Missions	20.85
Orphanage	28.50
Mountain Missions Work	20.00
Education	12.25
Local Church Work	10.00
Benevolences	139.99
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MRS. D. H. SEGREST, Treasurer.

Y. M. W. B. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Name of Society—Superintendent and Address	Mem.	Amt.
Anniston—Miss Little Johnson, Rt. 3, Box 160, Anniston, Ala.	25	\$ 7.28
Bessemer—Edward Brigman, 1511 N. 16th St., Bessemer, Ala.	29	4.92
Birmingham—Miss Velma Gentry, 964 N. 51st St., Birmingham, Ala.	18	17.58
Mentone—Miss Aileen Pullen, Mentone, Ala.	16	27.65
Mt. Ivah—Mrs. Ella Stephens, Heiberger, Ala., Rt. 1.	18	10.07
Pell City—Mrs. Ben Hestley, Pell City, Ala.	4	2.27
Springdale—Miss Ruth Newton, B'ham, Ala., Rt. 3.	4	25.00
Talladega—Miss Ruth Warlick, 44 Henderson Ave., Talladega, Ala.	12	11.00
Tuscaloosa—Miss Virginia Hobson, 1429 23rd Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.	57	17.03
TOTALS	<u>183</u>	<u>\$122.80</u>

MAGGIE JEAN CARLIN, Superintendent.

REPORT NO. 4
W. H. AND F. M. SOCIETY STATISTICAL REPORT

SOCIETY	PRESIDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Members	Local Church Work	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Mountain Mis- sion Work	Education	Benevolences	Other Objects	TOTALS
Bessemer.....	Mrs. E. A. Henry 216 N. 19th St., Bessemer, Ala....	8	\$	\$	\$ 1.25	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 13.54	\$ 14.79
Birmingham.....	Mrs. C. K. Gentry 312 N. 23rd St., Birmingham, Ala....	5	10.00	4.00	2.00	4.00	.....	.....	89.25	10.09	119.34
Mentone.....	Mrs. E. L. Shigley, Mentone, Ala....	8	8.20	.65	.65	14.00	6.50	.....	.....	12.57	42.57
Mt. Ivah.....	.....	1	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.35	5.35
Pell City.....	Mrs. Lewis Sanders c. Avondale Mills, Pell City, Ala....	.....	.....	7.00	1.50	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	9.50
Talladega.....	Mrs. L. C. Watts 108 West St., Talladega, Ala.....	4	.....	3.00	1.00	2.59	.....	.....	.....	10.30	16.89
Tarrant.....	Mrs. M. F. Sides 1240 Maple St., Tarrant, Ala.....	12	.....	4.00	2.00	9.50	20.00	.....	.....	47.00	82.50
Tuscaloosa.....	Mrs. J. W. Hawkins 1920 24th Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala....	10	6.00	4.00	2.08	5.00	.....	12.25	33.77	18.65	81.75
TOTALS		48	\$ 28.20	\$ 22.65	\$ 10.48	\$ 35.09	\$ 27.50	\$ 12.25	\$ 123.02	\$ 113.50	\$ 372.69

Pastor's Salary	Rent	Fees	Gifts	Total for Pastors	President's Salary	Conference Evangelist	Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expenses	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Total for Church	Undivided Budget	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Conference Work	Superannuated Fund	Sunday School Work	Other Benevolent Objects	Orphanage	Total for Benevolences	Total for Pastors	Total for Church
\$ 29.00 13.21 60.92 140.50 1,500.60 675.00 52.38 54.15 333.35 60.82 41.00 259.00	\$ 81.01 120.00 3.00 60.00	\$ 2.00 2.00 2.00 1.00 5.00 																					

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