

MINUTES

OF

THE WEST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE,
HELD AT LIBERTY CHURCH, NEAR
McNAIRY, TENN., OCT. 29-31, 1908.

THE TENNESSEE CONFERENCE,
HELD AT McNAIRY, TENN.,
NOV. 4-7, 1908.

THE NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE,
HELD AT WESLEY CHAPEL, GA.,
NOV. 11-14, 1908.

ALL OF

The Wesleyan Methodist Connection,
or Church, of America.

WEST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Held at Liberty Church, McNairy, Tenn., Oct 29-31, 1908.

Roll of Elders:—Rev. J. W. Plunk, McNairy, Tenn.; Rev. I. P. Austin, Selmer, Tenn.; Rev. L. Akins, address not known; Rev. W. M. Wilkins, Adamsville, Tenn.; Rev. J. V. Worley, Adamsville, Tenn.

Delegates:—A. Henry, W. S. Plunk, J. D. Plunk, Nathan Plunk.

Officers:—Rev. E. Teter, President; Rev. J. W. Plunk, Vice-President; I. P. Austin, Secretary; Rev. E. Teter, Treasurer.

Conference held at Liberty Church, McNairy, Tenn., Oct. 29-31, 1908.

PROCEEDINGS.

The West Tennessee conference met at Liberty church, McNairy, Tenn., Oct, 29, 1908, for its seventeenth session. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. E. Teter, Missionary Secretary. As the conference had not been meeting regularly, Rev. E. Teter took the chair, by request of Rev. J. W. Plunk, President. Conference adjourned for preaching.

First Day. Afternoon Meeting.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. I. P. Austin.

The roll of elders was ascertained to be as follows: Rev. J. W. Plunk, Rev. I. P. Austin, Rev. W. M. Wilkins and Rev. J. V. Worley. Rev. L. Akins having been an elder, his name was added. Delegates handed their credentials as follows: A. Henry, W. S. Plunk, J. D. Plunk, and Nathan Plunk. There being no objections, their names were entered upon the roll and the President declared the conference ready for business.

As there was no session held last year, the Missionary Sec-

retary called for a list of the churches, existing within the territory, and they were reported as follows. Friendship, Liberty, Double Springs, Union Ridge, New Salem, Plunks Chapel and Swaney's Chapel. These churches not having any pastors during the past year, there were no statistical reports, but the membership of them all was estimated at 200. There may be more, and there may be less.

It was moved and seconded that the time of meeting be fixed at 9 A. M. and at 2 P. M. and to adjourn by motion. Carried.

Religious services to be held each day at 11 A. M., and at 7:30 P. M. By motion adjourned.

Second Day. Morning Meeting.

Religious services were conducted by E. Teter. Roll call, and minutes of the previous day approved.

Conference then proceeded to the examination of character. The names of Rev. J. W. Plunk and I. P. Austin were called. The brethren not having had any work assigned them, made a verbal report of their work, and their characters were passed. The names of Rev. J. V. Worley and W. M. Wilkins were called. As these brethren were not present, a general report was made for them, and there being nothing against them, their characters were passed. The name of Rev. L. Akins was called. It was ascertained that he had moved out of the country, but his name was continued on the roll till he could be communicated with.

It was by motion made the order of the day to elect conference officers Friday afternoon, when the conference was ready for business.

Adjourned by motion.

Second Day. Afternoon Meeting.

Meeting called to order by Rev. E. Teter. Devotional services were led by Rev. J. W. Plunk. Roll call, minutes read and approved.

The order of the day was called for. The Missionary Secretary stated that he could be elected to preside over the meetings of the conference, but that he could be given no further powers, and in case he was so elected that the Vice-President would have to act as President during the year.

The conference then proceeded to vote for President, resulting in the election of Rev. E. Teter, as President, Rev. J. W. Plunk as Vice-President, Rev. I. P. Austin as Secretary, and by motion Rev. E. Teter was elected treasurer of the conference. The following persons were elected as advisory board: Elder, I. P. Austin; Layman, W. S. Plunk.

The President, Vice-President, and Advisory Board, were by motion elected as the Missionary Board for the conference. By motion adjourned.

Third Day. Morning Meeting.

Conference called to order by the President. Religious services were conducted by Rev. I. P. Austin.

The conference as a whole considered the matter of pastoral supply for the coming year, and it was moved and carried that Rev. J. W. Plunk and Rev. I. P. Austin, care for the churches, till such times as pastors could be secured.

It was the judgment of the conference that as soon as Rev. I. P. Austin could be released from pastoral care that he take the tent as a missionary and open up new territory, and also help the churches now organized. It was also the sense of the conference that the Missionary Board be asked for help in the way of securing a pastor for the work, and also in mission work.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the next session of the conference be held at Union Ridge, Tenn., time to be fixed by the Missionary Secretary. By motion adjourned.

E. Teter, President; Rev. I. P. Austin, Secretary.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Held at Chambers Chapel, McNairy, Tenn., Nov. 4-7, 1908.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President:—Rev. J. W. Robinson.

Vice-President:—Rev. W. O. Young.

Secretary:—James B. C. Lutrell.

Treasurer:—T. M. Majors.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

Elders:—Rev. J. W. Robinson, Rev. W. O. Young, T. M. Majors.

Licentiates:—Rev. John H. Young, Rev. W. K. Wommack.

Delegates:—William Draper, J. P. Robinson, William Johnson, James B. C. Lutrell.

MINUTES OF THE TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

The thirty-eighth session of the Tennessee Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America met at Chambers Chapel, near McNairy, Tenn., Nov. 4, 1908, at 2:30 P. M., Rev. J. W. Robinson, President, in the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by the President. Scriptural lesson, Psa. 79. Hymn, Am I a soldier of the cross, followed by prayer.

The following brethren were present and their names were placed on the roll: Rev. J. W. Robinson, Rev. W. O. Young, Rev. T. M. Majors and Rev. J. A. Young.

The following named persons presented credentials as lay delegates, and there being no objections their names were placed on the roll, William Draper, J. P. Robinson, William Johnson, James B. C. Lutrell.

Conference was then declared ready for business.

On motion the bar of conference was fixed and included all the seats in front of the third window from the pulpit.

On motion all visiting brethren were made honorary members of the body, with the right to speak but not to vote.

On motion conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. W. O. Young.

Second Day. Morning Meeting.

Conference was called to order by the President. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. W. Plunk of the West Tennessee conference.

Rev. E. Teter, Missionary Secretary, being present gave an address on Missions, emphasizing the necessity of home mission work among all people.

Roll was then called and minutes read and approved.

It was moved and seconded that all pastoral supplies for the coming year be considered in open conference. Carried.

It was moved and carried that the conference meet at 9 A. M., and at 2 P. M., and adjourn by vote.

On motion J. J. Lutrell and J. P. Robinson were elected a Committee on Statistics.

On motion Brethern T. M. Majors, James L. Lutrell and James Robinson were elected a Committee on Resolutions.

On motion the following persons were elected as the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders. Rev. J. W. Robinson, Rev. W. O. Young; James C. Lutrell and J. O. Robinson as lay members. On motion J. J. Lutrell's name was added to the committee.

On motion Rev. T. M. Majors, and J. H. Young were elected as the Committee on Religious Services.

It was made the order of the day at 3:30 P. M. to listen to an address from Rev. E. Teter, on missionary and general interests of the Connection.

On motion it was made the order of the day at 10:30 A. M. Friday to elect permanent officers. It was also made the order of the day immediately following the election of officers to hear the report of D. W. Hughes, district steward.

On motion conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. W. O. Young.

Second Day. Afternoon Meeting.

Conference called to order by Rev. E. Teter, upon request of the President. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. T. M. Majors.

Conference then proceeded to consider the pastoral supply for the coming year. Chambers Chapel and Walnut Ridge churches were called and the delegate reported as having secured the services of Rev. T. M. Majors. Pleasant Hill was called, and reported as having secured the services of John H. Young as pastor.

Purdy left without a pastor, Bethel Springs without a pastor, and both left in the hands of the President to be supplied.

Rev. W. O. Young and G. W. Willis, in the hands of the President as supplies. W. K. Wommack to seek his own field of labor. The conference then by vote approved of the above arrangements.

At 3:30 P. M. Rev. E. Teter, Missionary Secretary, delivered his address on missions and the general interests of the church, which was followed by remarks made by several of the brethren, after which a collection and subscription was taken for home missions, amounting to \$10.50. The question of employing a missionary for this field was then discussed, and the Rev. J. W. Robinson was elected to that place, and the Parent Missionary Society asked to help the conference in the matter of remuneration for services rendered.

On motion conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. E. Teter.

Third Day. Morning Meeting.

Conference called to order by the President, Rev. J. W. Robinson, who also conducted the devotional exercises, delivering a stirring address in connection with the same. Roll called, minutes read and approved.

At 10 A. M. D. W. Hughes, as district steward made his report. He made a partial report and gave opportunity for others to speak.

On motion it was made the order of the day to-morrow at 3 P. M. to hear the report of the committee on the disposal of Harris Chapel.

Conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. H. Young.

Third Day. Afternoon Meeting.

Conference called to order by the President, Rev. J. W. Robinson. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. H. Young. Roll called, minutes read and approved.

The conference then proceeded to the examination of the character of the ministers. The following names were called: Rev. T. M. Majors, Rev. J. W. Robinson and W. O. Young, and after making their reports their characters were passed. These were elders. The names of the following persons were called: Rev. John H. Young who made his report and character passed. Rev. W. K. Wommack was called and made his report, but having failed to pay his missionary money, but promising to do so within three weeks, was excused from making any further report.

Adjourned by motion. Benediction by Rev. J. H. Young.

Fourth Day. Morning Meeting.

Conference called to order by the President, Rev. J. W. Robinson. Devotional exercises conducted by James B. C. Lutrell. Roll called, minutes read and approved.

The name of Rev. W. K. Wommack was then called, and having paid his missionary money his character was passed.

The order of the day being called for the conference proceeded to the election of permanent officers. On the first ballot Rev. J. W. Robinson was elected President. Then Rev. W. O. Young was elected Vice-President. Following this James B. C. Lutrell was re-elected Secretary, and T. M. Majors treasurer, Brethren D. W. Hughes and J. B. C. Lutrell going on his bond in the sum of \$100 for the faithful performance of his duties.

On motion Rev. W. K. Wommack and J. J. Lutrell were elected as Advisory Board.

On motion D. W. Hughes was continued in the office of District Steward, giving as bondsmen Brothers Sam Pearson and W. O. Young.

On motion the conference was divided into two divisions for the purpose of having calls of supervision, and Brother John Lutrell was placed over the Eastern division as class leader, and Brother William Johnson was placed over the Western division as class leader.

Conference adjourned.

Benediction by W. K. Wommack.

Fourth Day. Afternoon Meeting.

Conference called to order by the Rev. W. O. Young, Vice-President, who also conducted the devotional exercises. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The conference proceeded to examine the characters of those on the roll. Names of Rev. J. K. Holmes and Estel Hurst were called and dropped from the roll, they having failed to report to the conference for the past two years.

The Committee on Statistics made its report and it was adopted. See report.

On motion the conference organized a society, Rev. W. O. Young, President; J. H. Young, Vice-President; J. J. Lutrell, Treasurer, with D. W. Hughes, William Rodgers, Louis Jackson, and Will Draper as bondsmen in the sum of \$75. Rev. J. W. Robinson was elected as secretary with J. J. Lutrell, T. M. Majors, William Draper as board of directors.

Rev. J. W. Robinson and James Lutrell reported \$11.50 in cash received from the sale of the Harris chapel church.

On motion conference agreed to pay them \$4.50 for their services.

T. M. Majors reported \$6 in the treasury, which was adopted.

A recommendation for elder's orders, in which Rev. T. M. Majors, was recommended, was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

On motion the Conference Treasurer was ordered to pay James Lutrell \$3.50 for his services as Secretary.

On motion, it was ordered that the conference start Rev. J. W. Robinson out as missionary with \$25 and that the Missionary Secretary be instructed to ask further help of the Parent Society. The conference requires Brother J. W. Robinson to travel over its territory and open up new fields.

On motion the time and place of holding the next session of the conference was left with the President.

On motion, conference adjourned. Benediction by the President, Rev. J. W. Robinson.

Rev. J. W. Robinson, President, James B. C. Lutrell, Secretary.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Pastors' Labors:—Time employed, 5 years; appointments 5; number of churches 5.

Membership:—Received 8; Discontinued 2; Died 1; Present numbers 150. Licentiates 4.

Periodicals:—Wesleyan Methodists 4; Wesleyan Lesson helps 60.

Sabbath-Schools:—Number 5; Superintendents 5; Teachers 8; Scholars 75; Books in library 24.

Church Property:—Number of meeting houses 5; value of \$400; Parsonages 1; Value of \$175.

Amounts Contributed:—Pastor's salaries \$70; Evangelist's receipts \$2.17; Building and repairs, \$12.61; Foreign missions, 50 cents; Home missions \$9; Conference missions \$1; Sabbath-schools \$7; Incidental expenses \$1; Other benevolent objects 70 cents; Total amount paid for all purposes \$103.98.

Committee:—J. W. Robinson, President; J. B. L. Luttrell, Secretary, Bethel Springs, Tenn.

MINUTES OF THE NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

Held at Wesley Chapel, Ga., Nov. 11-15, 1908.

Roll of Elders:—Rev. F. M. Graham, Rev. Mrs. Ella M. Graham, Rev. J. H. Lawrence, Rev. J. A. S. Anderson, Rev. I. A. Manley, Rev. W. D. Vickery, Rev. P. C. Ramsey, Rev. H. P. Osborne, Rev. T. F. Putnam, Rev. W. M. Sanders.

Delegates:—B. H. Childs, Mrs. B. H. Childs, W. D. Bennett, J. B. F. Allen, H. D. Amos, R. E. Snipes, P. C. Hill, T. A. Panell.

Officers:—Rev. F. M. Graham, President; Rev. J. H. Lawrence, Secretary; Rev. E. Teter, Treasurer.

Judiciary Committee:—Elders: F. M. Graham, Ella R. Graham, J. A. S. Anderson, J. H. Lawrence.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders:—Rev. P. C. Ramsey, 3 years, Rev. F. M. Graham, 2 years; Rev. J. A. S. Anderson, for 1 year.

Missionary Board:—Rev. F. M. Graham, P. C. Ramsey, and T. A. Panell.

NORTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The North Georgia Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America, met in its sixth annual session at Wesley Chapel, near Greensboro, Ga., Nov. 12, 1908, Rev. F. M. Graham in the chair. The opening sermon was preached Wednesday evening by Rev. E. Teter, Missionary Secretary.

The roll was called and the following elders answered to their names: F. M. Graham, Ella R. Graham, J. H. Lawrence, P. C. Ramsey and J. A. S. Anderson. Annual conference preachers responded as follows: Mrs. Ada Ramsey, Rev. T. F. Putnam and I. A. Manley. Credentials of the delegates were then called for and the following persons handed in their names: B. H. Childs, Mrs. B. H. Childs, W. D. Bennett, J. B. F. Allen, H. D. Amos, R. E. Snipes, P. C. Hill, and T. A. Panell. There being no objections, their names were placed on the roll. Conference was then declared ready for business.

The President then made his official report as follows: He had received one church, which was organized by Rev. P. C. Ram-

sey in Alabama, named Mt. Ivah with ten members. Report adopted.

On motion the conference bar was fixed by including in the same, all the seats in front of the pulpit as far back as the stove.

It was moved and seconded that the time of meeting be fixed at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., and adjourn by motion. Carried.

The following persons were elected as the Committee on Religious Services: Rev. F. M. Graham, H. D. Amos and T. A. Panell. Time fixed for holding religious services as follows: 11 A. M. and 6:30 P. M.

Conference decided by motion, to call the roll of circuits and let the delegates report any contracts entered into for pastoral supply for the coming year.

On motion, Rev. P. C. Ramsey and H. D. Amos were elected as the Committee on Statistics.

On motion, Rev. P. C. Ramsey was elected as a member of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders. The committee now stands as follows: P. C. Ramsey, three years, F. M. Graham, two years, and J. A. S. Anderson for one year.

The Judiciary Committee was elected as follows: Rev. F. M. Graham, Rev. Mrs. Ella R. Graham, Rev. J. A. S. Anderson and Rev. J. H. Lawrence.

On motion all visiting members were made honorary members of the body.

The Committee to Examine the Reports of the Pastors was elected as follows: Rev. F. M. Graham, President, Rev. P. C. Ramsey and H. D. Amos.

On motion it was made the order of the day to elect permanent officers Friday morning, when the minutes are approved.

On motion Rev. E. Teter was to deliver an address on Education Friday afternoon at 3 P. M.

The order of the day was fixed on Saturday morning to hear Rev. E. Teter present the general interests of the Connection, and to deliver an address on missions Saturday night. Conference adjourned by motion.

First Day. Afternoon Meeting.

Conference called to order by the President. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. A. S. Anderson. Roll call, minutes read and approved.

Moved and carried to elect committees to report on the following subjects: Sabbath-schools, Rev. P. C. Ramsey; Committee on Thanks, Rev. J. A. S. Anderson; On Moral Reform, Rev. F. M. Graham; On Secret Societies, T. A. Panell.

A recommendation referring R. P. Ramsey to the conference as a suitable person to travel under the direction of the conference was referred to the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

Conference then took a recess in order to give the committees a chance to work.

The conference then proceeded to the examination of characters. The following names were called and characters passed. Rev. F. M. Graham, Mrs. Ella R. Graham, J. H. Lawrence, P. C. Ramsey, J. A. S. Anderson, H. P. Osborne, Mrs. Ada Ramsey, T. F. Putnam, I. A. Manley, W. J. Vickery, and W. W. Sanders. Rev. D. T. Gain, not having had work during the year was referred back to his quarterly conference, and Rev. H. P. Osborne, was placed on the unstationed list.

Conference adjourned by motion.

Second Day. Morning Meeting.

Conference called to order by the President. Devotional exercise conducted by Rev. I. A. Manley.

The order of the day being called for the conference proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Rev. F. M. Graham, President; Rev. T. F. Putnam, Vice-President; Rev. J. H. Lawrence, Secretary; Rev. E. Teter, Treasurer; Rev. I. A. Manley and H. D. Amos Advisory Board. The Missionary Board was elected as follows: Rev. F. M. Graham President, and Rev. P. C. Ramsey as Elder and T. A. Panell as Layman.

The treasurer made his report which was adopted. See report No. 1.

On motion, the treasurer was instructed to put the money raised for superannuated ministers on interest.

A resolution of instruction was presented by Rev. J. A. S. Anderson, and by vote adopted. See Resolution A.

Conference adjourned.

Second Day. Afternoon Meeting.

Conference was called to order by the President. Devotional exercises conducted by R. G. Ramsey. Roll called, minutes read and approved.

The Secretary was instructed to call the various circuits and the delegates were instructed to report what arrangements had been made for pastoral supply for the coming year. Names and reports were as follows. Canon, T. F. Putnam, pastor; Pentecost, W. I. Vickery pastor; Welcome, I. A. Manley pastor; Beulah, left in the hands of the President; Wesley Chapel, F. M. Graham and wife, (Mrs. Ella R. Graham) pastors; Winder, F. M. Graham and wife (Mrs. Ella R. Graham) pastors; Bibb circuit to be composed of Ada Chapel and West Blocton, J. A. S. Anderson pastor; Blue Creek circuit in Alabama to be composed of Friendship and Mt. Ivah churches, Rev. P. C. Ramsey and wife (Mrs. Ada Ramsey) pastors; Rev. P. C. Ramsey was also appointed as missionary for the Alabama Mission.

By vote of the conference, upon roll call, Canon, Ga., was selected as the place of holding the next session of the conference. Adjourned.

Third Day. Morning Meeting.

Conference called to order by the President. Roll call, minutes read and approved.

Whereas, the Rev. I. A. Manley, T. F. Putnam and W. I. Vickery having been ordained by the Fire Baptized Holiness Association as elders in the Church of God, it was moved, seconded and adopted, that they be received by the conference as elders, they having only been received as licentiates last year.

Committee on Sabbath-schools made its report. Adopted and ordered published in the Wesleyan Methodist. See Report No. 2.

Committee on Statistics reported. Report adopted. See Report.

Committee on Thanks reported. Report adopted. See Report No. 3.

Committee on Secrecy reported. Adopted. See Report No. 4.

It was voted to publish the minutes of the conference in connection with the minutes of the West Tennessee and Tennessee conferences. A collection was then taken for payment of the same, amounting to \$6.25 which with the amount paid to the treasurer, together with \$5 returned to the fund by J. H. Lawrence, including also \$2 more paid by Brother J. H. Lawrence, made \$14.25 in the Treasurer's hands to pay for the same.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders reported that R. G. Ramsey was a suitable person to travel under the direction of the

conference. Report adopted. He was then appointed to general evangelistic work.

Committee on Moral Reform reported. Adopted. See No. 5. Adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

Rev. F. M. Graham, President; J. H. Lawrence, Secretary.

INSTRUCTIONS.

Whereas the use of tobacco is a filthy and useless habit and a waste of the Lord's money, the North Georgia conference hereby instructs the churches within its bounds to consider the use of the same as an objection to receive the users of the same into full membership until they have left off using the same, and hereby instruct all churches under the jurisdiction of the conference to consider the use of the same an objection to receiving them. Adopted.

J. A. S. Anderson, Committee.

Report No. 1. Treasurer's Report.

Receipts:—P. C. Ramsey, pastor, \$101; P. C. Ramsey, Collection for L. L. Folger, \$25; F. M. Graham, pastor, \$114.40; F. M. Graham, pastor, Y. M. W. B., by money paid Mrs. E. G. Hartson, \$21.35; Mrs. Ella R. Graham, Sunday eggs, etc., \$2.23; T. F. Putnam, pastor, \$10.85; J. A. S. Anderson, \$5; W. J. Vickery, \$1; I. A. Manley, pastor, \$9.55; J. H. Lawrence, Evangelist, \$13.62; Total, \$304.00.

Disbursements:—Mrs. E. G. Hartson receipt, \$21.35; R. G. Ramsey, Alabama Mission, \$50; To Missionary Secretary during the year, \$232.65; Total, \$304.

Minute Money:—T. F. Putnam, \$1; Collections, \$6.25; J. H. Lawrence from last year, \$5; J. H. Lawrence, this year, \$2; Total, \$14.25.

Superannuated Minister's Fund:—Receipts, T. F. Putnam, \$2.25.
E. Teter, Treasurer.

Report No. 2. On Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee to whom this important subject was referred, make the following report.

1. The Sunday-school is a good place for the children to go,

in order to learn the Bible, and is just as good for the older ones. I remember well the first time I went to the Sunday-school, and it was there that I first heard of Jesus and his love, and how he died that this poor lost world might be saved. The impressions made upon my mind at that time are there yet, and to this day I praise God for the Sabbath-school, for had it not been for those early impressions I might have been in sin till this day, and maybe in hell. I am sure that I am only one of the many poor boys and girls that can say: "Thank God for the Sunday-school."

2. I firmly believe that if we as Wesleyan Methodists would make our Sunday-schools better, we would see more young people saved and sanctified wholly. In order to do this we must have our very best men and women at the head as superintendents and teachers, and then supplement this by having the older members, and the fathers and mothers at the Sunday-schools also.

Therefore, be it resolved by the North Georgia Annual Conference that, First, all the pastors and preachers give a special discourse upon the Sunday-school, and exhort all the members to attend and take part in the same who can. Second, Let all the pastors see to it, that the Sunday-schools in the conference, use the literature furnished by the Wesleyan Methodist Church, including the Lesson Helps and Sunday-School Banner and such other helps as the Publishing House furnishes. Let us pray much, that the Lord will bless us as a conference, including the Sunday-school work.

P. C. Ramsey, Committee.

Report No. 3. Resolution of Thanks.

Whereas the people of the Wesley Chapel church and of the community have so kindly and generously entertained the sixth annual session of the North Georgia conference, including the visitors also, all of which makes us think of the heavenly home above, where is all is love, therefore be it resolved that we tender them our hearty thanks and gratitude to God, the giver of all good, and that in return for their hospitality and care, that we pray much for the blessings of the Lord to rest upon all, both in spiritual and in temporal things. May they be rewarded ten fold in this life, and seek life in the world to come.

Resolved that this resolution be read in the church at the morning and evening meetings.

J. A. S. Anderson, Committee.

No. 4. On Secrecy.

Why do we as a Church bear witness against Secret Societies? A few of the many reasons will be given.

1. While many of them have some good precepts, and teach some good things, yet the good is so interwoven with that which is evil, that the good cannot be had without at the same time having to take in the evil things in them.

2. Many of the secret orders teach that if its members live up to the teachings of the order that they will be saved, and yet they do not teach repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as essential to salvation, but on the contrary, exclude both Christ and his salvation from the lodge, which makes what religion they do have a Christless one, while the Word of God teaches that there is salvation in no other name under heaven except in Jesus Christ.

3. We further object to them on the ground that they bind believers in Christ to unbelievers in Christ in an unequal yoke, which is contrary to the Word of God, as recorded in II. Cor. 6: 14-17.

4. Every person who becomes a member of a secret society pledges himself to conceal and never reveal the secrets of the same to an outsider, but in order to keep this pledge said member has frequently to lie. We do not believe that any one should place themselves in any such a relation to their fellowmen, much less a Christian who has renounced the hidden things of dishonesty and is not walking in craftiness in any sense.

5. The Scriptures teach that husband and wife are one flesh, and yet secret societies will not allow a man to tell his wife, if he has one, and she is not allowed to join, what is done in the society, thus in an important sense, separating what God hath joined together. This we believe to be wrong.

6. We believe that in the God ordained relationships of home, church and state, all the duties and obligations existing between God and man and between man and all other created intelligences,

can be fulfilled, hence secret societies are not only unnecessary but become rivals to the home, church and state, hence ought not to be supported by Christians under any circumstances.

Written by E. Teter, and accepted by T. A. Panell, Committee.

No. 5. On Moral Reform.

Salvation is a joyful sound, our Savior brought from heaven down, to Jew and Gentile, bond and free, and every one may come and see. Salvation in its fulness is a cure-all for all that sin does in the world, and hence will make people moral in deed. There is such a thing as the righteousness of law, whereby persons observe good morals from a force exhibited upon them from without. Public opinion is a mighty factor along this line. The righteousness that salvation brings begins on the inside with a life—the life of Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit—and it produces righteousness like a tree bears fruit, from a life within. Persons by will power may quit the use of tobacco and whiskey, and in that sense may be reformed, but still not be alive to God but dead in trespasses and sins, but when Jesus comes into the soul they are not only reformed, but made alive in Christ and are reformed in deed and in truth. This reformation carries with it pardon, life, cleansing for the pollution of sin and empowerment to do the will of God. Persons frequently join the Freemasons, Oddfellows, Red Men, and similar orders and suppose they are reformed and going to heaven because of these things, and especially because some of the lodges have the Bible in them, only to find that sin still has the victory over them, and sometimes wake up to the fact that they are very unequally yoked together with unbelievers, and are in fellowship with Belial. We as Wesleyan Methodists believe, that the higher men and women go into the degrees of the various secret societies, the deeper they go into sin and darkness, but thank God, Jesus Christ can deliver all from every evil habit formed in life, and save men and women from all their uncleanness, and set them perfectly free, and those whom the Son makes free are free indeed.

Young men are destroying their manhood by the use of the cigarette, and cheating themselves out of salvation. In nearly every paper we see a record of crimes committed while persons are under the influence of whiskey, and we might mention many other

things that God does not approve of, that are attracting the young into the paths of sin, and also ruining many of the older ones, and what is worse, many in the matter of religion are so living that it may be said of them: "This people honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me." All such worship is vain and bring no joy or comfort to the soul. But while all this is true, we as a people will not fellowship such things, and will preach a gospel that has salvation from all such things and urge the people to turn away from all forms of wickedness to the Lord Jesus Christ, who will save and then they will be reformed in heart and in life. "Let others go the way they choose, but we've decided to live for Jesus. We can't afford our souls to lose, so we have decided to live for Jesus."

F. M. Graham, Committee.

Statistical Report.

Wesley Chapel:—Time 12 months; appointments 2; churches 2; received 12; died 1; granted letters 1; present numbers 102; baptized 9; licentiates 4; Wesleyan Methodists taken 17; number Sabbath-schools 2; superintendents 2; teachers 8; Scholars 89; meeting houses 1; value of \$600; parsonages 1; value of \$500; pastor's salary \$157.80; evangelist's receipts \$36.50; missions \$71.35; Sabbath-schools \$14.81; building and repairs \$4; F. M. Graham and Wife, pastors.

Winder:—Time 12 months; appointments 1; churches 1; received 43; discontinued 6; died 1; present numbers 109; baptized 14; Wesleyan Methodists taken 12; Sabbath-schools 1; Superintendents 1; teachers 6; scholars 100; meeting houses 1; value of \$1,000; pastor's salary \$233.30; evangelist's receipts \$41.71; missions \$64.40; Sabbath-schools \$28.73; building and repairs \$12.97. F. M. Graham and Wife, pastors.

Canon:—Time employed 12 months; appointments 1; churches 1; received 2; expelled 7; died 1; present numbers 109; baptized 14; Wesleyan Methodists taken 12; Sabbath-schools 1; superintendents 1; teachers 4; scholars 35; meeting houses 1; value \$350; Pastor's salary \$25; evangelist's receipts \$77; missions \$10.35; Sabbath-schools \$4.25; superannuated ministers' fund \$2.25; building and repairs \$2; incidentals \$7.05; other benevolent objects \$15. T. F. Putnam, pastor.

Welcome:—Time employed 12 months; appointments 1; churches 1; received 1; expelled 1; present numbers 9; Wesleyan Methodists 6; Sabbath-schools 1; superintendents 1; teachers 4; scholars 20; meeting houses 1; value \$400; pastor's salary \$37.15; evangelist's receipts \$3; missions \$9.55; educational enterprises \$2; Sabbath-schools \$3.15; incidentals 75 cents. I. A. Manley, pastor.

Bibb Circuit:—Alabama Mission, time employed 12 months; appointments 4; churches 4; received 49; expelled 8; died 1; present numbers 155; baptized 13; licentiates 3; Wesleyans 35; lesson helps 83; Sabbath-schools 3; superintendents 3; teachers 13; scholars 95; books in library 30; meeting houses 2; value \$1,000; parsonages 1; value \$500; pastor's salary \$175; evangelist's receipts \$240.89; missions \$126; educational enterprises \$9.85; Sabbath-schools \$50.41; building and repairs \$269.23; incidental expenses \$2.80; other benevolent objects \$148.25. P. C. Ramsey and Wife, pastors.

Pentecost:—Time employed 12 months; appointments 1; churches 1; received 6; discontinued 4; granted letters 1; present numbers 25; Wesleyan Methodists taken 1; meeting houses 1; value \$400; pastor's salary \$9.85; evangelist's receipts \$3; missions \$1; building and repairs \$75; incidentals \$2. W. I. Vickery, pastor.

Totals:—Time employed 72 months; appointments 10; churches 10; received 113; discontinued 10; expelled 16; died 4; granted letters 5; present numbers 471; baptized 36; licentiates 8; Wesleyans taken 82; lesson helps 83; Sabbath-schools 8; teachers 8; scholars 339; books in library 30; meeting houses 7; value \$3,750; parsonages 2; value of \$1,000; pastor's salaries \$641.58; evangelist's receipts \$402.10; superannuated ministers' funds \$2.25; missions reported \$282.15; add to that \$2.23 by Ella R. Graham, J. H. Lawrence \$13.62, J. A. S. Anderson \$5 and the total is \$304; educational enterprises \$11.85; Sabbath-schools \$101.37; building and repairs \$362.82; incidentals \$10.80; other benevolent objects \$148.40.

P. C. Ramsey, H. D. Amos, Committee.

The session was one among the best ever held. The works were all reported, except Beulah. All were supplied with pastors except Beulah. All started to their fields of labor with renewed energy and zeal, expecting the Lord to do great things for them and make the coming year one of the best in the history of the conference.

Rev. F. M. Graham, president; Rev. J. H. Lawrence, Secretary.