MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

Alabama Conference

OF THE

Wesleyan Methodist Church Of America

HELD AT

Camp Eden, Alabama

AUGUST 11-13, 1953

| J. A. TREESE President |
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| E. L. SHIGLEY, Sr. Vice-Presiden |
| W. E. HOBSON, Jr. Secretary |
| A. L. DEASON Treasure |

CONFERENCE CALENDAR 1953-54

CAMP MEETING JUNE 28 TO JULY 4, 1954

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION, AUGUST 10, 1954

W. M. S. RALLIES, NOVEMBER 5-7, 1953

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISTRICT RALLIES MARCH 25-28, 1954

Our Honored Dead

REV. J. A. S. ANDERSON, 1926 REV. RICARD G. RAMSEY, 1938 REV. R. A. FRENCH, 1940

In Memory of those who have deceased during the past year

MRS. ROSA COX
MRS. MARY HARDEN
A. C. MEACHAM
MRS. A. C. MORRIS
HENRY OLIVE
CHARLES W. ROSS
CLIFTON SAHMS

SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE

(Date, Place, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Members) Organized-July 30, 1910, Friendship, E. Teter, P. C. Ramsey, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 238

- 1. Nov. 3, 1910, Ada Chapel, T. Teter, P. C. Ramsey W. E. Hobson Jr., 242.
- 2. Nov. 2, 1911, West Blocton, E. Teter, P. C. Ramsey, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 244.
- 3. Nov. 7, 1912, Ada Chapel, E. Teter, P. C. Ramsey, E. S. Tubb, 256.
- 4. Nov. 6, 1913, Mt. Ivah, E. Teter, P. C. Ramsey, E. R. Tubb, 286.
- 5. Nov. 19, 1914, Friendship, E. Teter, J. A. Wood, E. R. Tubb, 356.
- 6. Nov. 4, 1915, West Blocton, E. Teter, J. A. Wood, W. E. Hobson, Jr. 585.
- 7. Nov. 2, 1916, Pell City, E. Teter, J. A. Wood, W. E. Hobson, Jr.,
- 8. Nov. 8, 1917, Tuscaloosa, E. Teter, R. A. French, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 575.
- 9. Nov. 6, 1918, West Blocton, J. A. Wood, R. A. French, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 538.
- 10. Nov. 6, 1919, Pell City, R. A. French, J. A. S. Anderson, W. E. Hobson, Jr.
- 11. Nov. 2, 1920, Mentone, W. R. French, R. E. Snipes, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 494.
- 12. Oct. 26, 1921, Tuscaloosa, W. R. French, R. E. Snipes, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 485.
- 13. Nov. 1, 1922, Talladega, W. R. French, R. E. Snipes, W. E. Hobson, Jr. 553.
- 14. Oct. 30, 1923, Friendship, R. E. Snipes, E. M. Thompson, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 614.
- 15. Oct. 29, 1924, Birmingham, R. E. Snipes, H. R. French, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 592.
- 16. Oct. 28, 1925, Mentone, R. E. Snipes, E. L. Henderson, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 568.
- 17. Nov. 10, 1926, Tuscaloosa, R. E. Snipes, H. A. Johnson, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 627.
- 18. Nov. 1, 1927, Bessemer, R. E. Snipes, H. A. Johnson, W. E. Hob-
- son, Jr., 596. 19. Nov. 6, 1928, Pell City, R. E. Snipes, H. A. Johnson, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 767.
- 20. Oct. 16, 1929, Talladega, R. E. Snipes, H. A. Johnson, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 767.
- 21. Oct. 21, 1930, Tuscaloosa, R. E. Snipes, H. A. Johnson, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 909.
- 22. Oct. 21, 1931, Talladega, R. E. Snipes, E. L. Shigley, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 962.
- 23. Oct. 18, 1932, Tuscaloosa, R. E. Snipes, E. L. Shigley, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 979.
- 24. Oct. 18, 1933, Mentone, R. E. Snipes, E. L. Shigley, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1039. 25. Oct. 17, 1934, Tarrant, R. E. Snipes, E. L. Shigley, W. E. Hobson,
- Jr., 1079.
- 26. Oct. 5, 1935, Tuscaloosa, R. E. Snipes, E. L. Shigley, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1104.
- 27. Oct. 20, 1936, Birmingham, E. L. Shigley, J. L. Averett, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1095.

- Oct. 19, 1937, Birmingham, E. L. Shigley, H. A. Johnson, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1045.
- Oct. 18, 1938, Brent, E. L. Shigley, H. A. Johnson, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1027.
- Oct. 18, 1939, Tuscaloosa, E. L. Shigley, H. A. Johnson, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1107.
- Oct. 16, 1940, Talladega, E. L. Shigley, Paul E. Allred, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1122.
- 32. July 22, 1941, Camp Eden, E. L. Shigley, Paul E. Allred, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1163.
- July 21, 1942, Camp Eden, Paul E. Allred, E. L. Shigley, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1028.
- July 27, 1943, Camp Eden, Paul E. Allred, E. L. Shigley, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1032.
- Oct. 25, 1944, Brent, E. L. Shigley, H. F. Pair, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1133.
- Oct. 24, 1945, Pell City, E. L. Shigley, J. A. Treese, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1100.
- August 28, 1946, Camp Eden, E. L. Shigley, J. A. Treese, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1119.
- 38. August 13, 1947, Camp Eden, E. L. Shigley, J. A. Treese, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1137.
- August 11, 1948, Camp Eden, S. D. Herron, J. A. Treese, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1159.
- August 10, 1949. Camp Eden, S. D. Herron, J. A. Treese, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1195.
- 41. August 9, 1950, Camp Eden, S. D. Herron, J. A. Treese, W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1218.
- August 14, 1951, Camp Eden, J. A. Treese, E. L. Shigley, Sr., W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1176.
- 43. August 12, 1952, Camp Eden, J. A. Treese, E. L. Shigley, Sr., W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1183.
- August 11, 1953, Camp Eden, J. A. Treese, E. L. Shigley, Sr., W. E. Hobson, Jr., 1182.

ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OFFICIARY

President—Rev. J. A. Treese, P. O. Box 101, Tel. 79-J, Pell City, Ala. City, Alabama.

Vice-President—Rev. E. L. Shigley, Sr., 18 N. 52nd St. Tel. 95402, Birmingham, Alabama.

Secretary—W. E. Hobson, Jr., P. O. Box 903, Tel. 82942, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Treasurer—A. L. Deason, P. O. Box 2808, Birmingham, Alabama. President's Advisory Board—Elder C. R. Tegen, Layman A. L. Deason. Trustees—William E. Hobson, Jr., term expires 1956; H. Frank Pair, term expires, 1955; Arthur L. Deason, term expires 1955; Ernest L. Shigley, term expires 1954; Richmond E. Snipes, term expires 1954.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Judiciary—E. L. Shigley, Sr., C. R. Tegen, J. A. Treese, V. O. Agan. Itinerancy and Orders—George B. Vernon, 4 years; J. A. Treese, 3 years, C. R. Tegen, 2 years; E. L. Shigley, Sr., 1 year. Auditing—Fred T. Brazier, George E. Davis, James H. Johnson.

Auditing—Fred T. Brazier, George E. Davis, James H. Johnson. Vacancies—Marshall Armour, V. O. Agan, J. A. Treese, Arthur Finnen, A. J. Patrick.

Memorials—R. E. Snipes, E. L. Shigley, Sr., Gaines Ross.

Sunday School Secretary—Fred T. Brazier.

Sunday School Board—Fred T. Brazier, E. T. Meacham, Gaines Ross.

Tithing Secretary—Marshall Armour.

Nominating Committee—J. A. Treese, Fred T. Brazier, V. O. Agan, A. J. Patrick, O. B. Shows.

Statistics and Finance—A. J. Patrick, A. L. Deason, Leon G. Dean, George E. Davis, C. R. Tegen.

Evangelism-C. R. Tegen, Fred T. Brazier, V. O. Agan.

Credentials-Fred T. Brazier, J. L. Davis.

Secretary Wesleyan Men's Fellowship-E. L. Shigley, Jr.

Conference Sermon 1954-George E. Davis.

Pension Plan Committee—A. L. Deason, C. R. Tegen, W. E. Hobson, Jr.

Local Board of Managers Central College—E. L. Shigley, Sr., Alternate C. R. Tegen.

Missionary Board—J. A. Treese, C. R. Tegen, A. L. Deason, Gaines Ross, V. O. Agan, Fred T. Brazier, Mrs. Vergene Meacham.

Camp Meeting Association Officers—E. L. Shigley, Sr., President, V. O. Agan, Vice President; Finn M. Crowe, Secretary-Treasurer; Fred T. Brazier.

CONFERENCE ROLL

ELDERS

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| Gilbert, Mrs. Marie | Tuscaloosa | Ala |
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| Henry, Mrs. C. A. | Greenshore | Δ1a. |
| Harris, Luther | Greensboro, | Ala. |
| Marchant, O. A. Route 1 | West Pleaten | Alo |
| Monts, Charles, Route 1 | West Diocton, | Ala. |
| Phillips, Mrs. Emma, Route 1 | nemerger, | Ala. |
| Pair Mrs H C | Montgone | Ala. |
| Pair, Mrs. H. C. | | Ala. |
| Pate, Miss Martha | Birmingnam, | Ala. |
| Patrick, A. J. | Birmingnam, | Ala. |
| Presley, C. L. | Selma, | Ala. |
| Pope, B. F. | Talladega, | Ala. |
| Roach, Paul | Birmingham, | Ala. |
| Rinehart, J. T. | Jamestown, | Ala. |
| Shows, O. B. | Tuscaloosa, | Ala. |
| Smith, W. B | Mentone. | Ala. |
| Smitherman, James D | | Ala. |
| Spruiell, P. S. Sr. | Pell City | Ala. |
| Inomas, Miss Julia | Birmingham | Αla |
| Williams, O. K. | Tarrant | Δ1a |
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| Wyatt, Mrs. Vera | Talladega | Ala |

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

The forty-fourth annual session of the Alabama Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America convened in the tabernacle of the campgrounds at Camp Eden in St. Clair County, Alabama, August 11, 1953 at 3:00 P. M. The opening song service was led by A. L. Deason. Scripture reading by the President J. A. Treese, Acts 27: 21-24 followed by appropriate remarks urging a forward move in our efforts toward the salvation of men. Prayer by Dr. R. D. Reisdorph.

Roll called. Quorum present.

The Bar of the conference was fixed to include the first six seats in the front of the tabernacle and the platform.

Fred T. Brazier and A. D. Preston were elected a committee on Credentials. Credentials were read for enrolling of lay delegates.

The Committee on Nominations reported and the following session committees were elected.

Resolutions-George B. Vernon, Leon G. Dean, J. L. Dav

Martha Pate, Arthur Finnen.

Finance—C. R. Tegen, A. L. Deason, A. J. Patrick, E. L. Shigley, Jr.

Pastoral Relations—J. A. Treese, E. L. Shigley, Sr., B. F. Pope, E. T. Meacham, V. O. Agan, P. S. Spruiell, O. B. Shows.

Courtesies—O. L. Bynum, Jr., Gaines Ross. Tellers—Distributing, James Smitherman, Paul Roach. R:ad-

ing R. W. Davis, W. B. Smith.

Thanks—H. T. Hilton, Mrs. Marie Gilbert, Mrs. Vera Wyatt. Moral Reform—George E. Davis, S. D. Herron, Luther Harris, Mrs. Fred Brown.

Statistics—C. R. Tegen, A. L. Deason, S. D. Herron. Ministerial Characters—J. A. Treese, J. L. Averett, J. C. Arnold, Marshall F. Armour. Conference Stenographer—Julia Thomas.

Post Office Addresses-Miss Venola Cook, W. L. Collins.

A Conference Agenda was read and adopted to fix the orders of the day as follows:

Tuesday, 4:00 P. M., Conference Sermon.

Tuesday, 6:30 P. M.—Men's Fellowship Meeting.

Tuesday, 7:30 P. M.—Sunday School Meeting and Secretary's report.

Wednesday, 9:30 A. M.—Election of Conference Officers.

Wednesday, 11:00 A. M.—Denominational Address.

Wednesday, 1:30 P. M.—Education Report.

Wednesday 7:30 P. M.—Missionary Address.

Thursday, 8:45 A. M.—Tithing Secretary Report.

Thursday, 11:00 A. M.—Ordination Service.

Thursday, 1:30 P. M.—Memorial Service.

Thursday, 2:00 P. M.—Women's Missionary Society Report. Thursday, 3:00 P. M.—Pastoral Relations Committee Report.

The President read his annual report which was by vote

adopted as read. (See Report No. 1).

The Order of the Day was called for the preaching of the Conference sermon by Rev. E. L. Shigley, Jr., whose subject was "Supreme Purpose of Redemption," using as a basis I Peter 2:9. The message was very timely and appropriate.

It was voted that the Conference Resolutions of 1951 be used

as the resolutions of this conference session.

It was voted that the Conference Registration Fee be \$2.50 and \$1.50 for children over 12 years of age.

It was voted that the Credentials Committee be made a standing committee of the conference.

It was moved to adjourn.

SECOND MEETING WEDNESDAY 8:45 A. M.

AUGUST 12, 1953

The Conference was called to order by the President. The Devotions were brought by Dr. R. D. Reisdorph including a report of the Pension Plan.

The roll was called. The names of nine additional delegates were enrolled. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and

approved.

The Order of the Day was called and the Conference proceeded to the election of Conference Officers, resulting as follows: The first ballot for President was a nominating ballot. On the nominating ballot J. A. Treese received 41 out of 64 ballots cast. On first electoral ballot J. A. Treese received 43 of 65 ballots cast, for President and was declared elected. E. L. Shigley, Sr., receiving 41 of 63 ballots cast for Vice-President was declared elected. W. E. Hobson, Jr., receiving 49 of 60 ballots cast for Secretary was declared elected. W. E. Hobson, Jr., receiving 51 of 61 ballots cast for a member of the Board of Trustees for a term of three years, was declared elected.

C. R. Tegen was elected as alternate member of the Local Board of Managers for Central College for the remainder of the present quadrennium, filling a vacancy created by conference transfer of S. D. Herron.

The election of Conference Standing Committees resulted as follows:

Judiciary Committee-E. L. Shigley, Sr., C. R. Tegen, J. A.

Treese, V. O. Agan.

Itinerancy and Orders—J. A. Treese for 3 years to fill the vacancy created by transfer of S. D. Herron, George B. Vernon for a term of four years.

Auditing Committee—Fred T. Brazier, George E. Davis, Jam-

es H. Johnson.

Vacancy Committee-J. A. Treese, Marshall F. Armour, V. O. Agan, Arthur Finnen, A. J. Patrick.

Memorials-R. E. Snipes, E. L. Shigley, Sr., Gaines Ross.

Sunday School Secretary—Fred T. Brazier.

Sunday School Board-Fred T. Brazier, E. T. Meacham, Gaines Ross.

Tithing Secretary-Marshal F. Armour.

Nominating Committee-J. A. Treese, Fred T. Brazier, V

Agan, A. J. Patrick, O. B. Shows.

It was voted that the Committee on Statistics and Finance be combined and made one committee to be composed of five mem? ers with at least two laymen.

Statistics and Finance-A. J. Patrick, A. L. Deason, Leon

G. Dean, George E. Davis, C. R. Tegen.

Secretary Wesleyan Men's Fellowship-E. L. Shigley, Jr.

The Camp Meeting Association Officers as nominated by the association were elected as follows: President, E. L. Shigley, Sr., Vice-President, V. O. Agan; Secretary-Treasurer, Finn M. Crowe, Fred T. Brazier.

Pension Plan Committee—A. L. Deason, C. R. Tegen, W. E.

Hobson, Jr.

Recessed to the call of the chair for the Order of the Day.

The Order of the Day was called at 11:00 a. m. and the Denominational Address was delivered by Dr. R. D. Reisdorph, from Acts 2: 1-8. The message was very appropriate and challenging.

Adjourned by motion.

THIRD MEETING WEDNESDAY 1:30 P. M.

AUGUST 12, 1953

Devotions were conducted by Rev. E. T. Meacham.

Education Report was given by E. L. Shigley, Sr., a member of the Local Board of Managers for Central College.

The Auditing Committee reported, which was adopted. (See

Report No. 2).

The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 3).

The Business Manager and Treasurer of the Alabama Wesleyan reported. Report was adopted. (See Report No. 4).

The Camp Meeting Association Treasurer read his report

which was adopted. (See Report No. 5).

The Conference Board of Trustees Annual Report was read by the Secretary of the Board. It was approved as read.

A special privilege was given to Rev. R. E. Snipes, superannuate, to give a testimony and report at this time due to his illness and inability to remain in the meeting longer.

The Pension Plan Committee gave its report which adopted.

It was voted that each church be requested to assume payment of Pension Plan assessments for pastors.

The report of H. Robb French, General Evangelist of the church was read by the secretary and approved.

The report of Chaplain Frank W. Warren was read by the

secretary and approved.

Mrs. Marie Gilbert presented the matter of church music and the selection of directors for the music programs of the church. The plan was voted approval, and A. L. Deason was elected Music Counselor.

By vote A. L. Deason was elected treasurer by 58 of 61 votes

cast.

By vote Fred T. Brazier and J. L. Davis were elected Credentials Committee.

A motion by A. L. Deason, Music Counselor was carried by vote that each District Caucus Committee nominate a music coun-

selor for each district.

The following pastors and Elders read their reports which were adopted as read: J. L. Averett, Fred T. Brazier, F. M. Crowe, G. E. Davis, Leon G. Dean, G. C. Frederick, H. T. Hilton, H. A. Johnson, E. T. Meacham, M. A. Medders, H. F. Pair, A. D. Preston, E. L. Shigley, Sr., E. L. Shigley, Jr., Maggie Speer, George B. Vernon, Mrs. Hallie Watson, E. L. Crowe, J. L. Davis, Aubrey B. Elam, W. B. Hill, J. C. Hopper, T. J. Moore, Gaines Ross, Eugene D. Smith, Oscar L. Bynum, Jr., Marion Jones. The West Blocton report was read by the delegate.

The Committee on Pastoral Relations gave its first reading.

Recessed for District Caucus meetings.

Called to order at 4:45 P. M.

S. D. Herron read his pastoral report. Brent report was read by the delegate.

The Caucus Committees nominated the following as Dis-

trict Chairman and Music Counselors.

District Chairman: Eastern District C. R. Tegen; Music

Counselor, O. L. Bynum, Jr.

District Chairman, Central District: Fred T. Brazier, Music Counselor, A. L. Deason.

District Chairman, Southern District, V. O. Agan; Music Counselor Marie Gilbert.

By vote the nominees were elected.

On motion adjourned.

Benediction by E. L. Shigley, Sr.

FOURTH MEETING THURSDAY 8:45 A. M.

AUGUST 13, 1953

Called to order by the Secretary.

Devotions were conducted by Marshall F. Armour in connection with his report as Tithing Secretary. Prayer by H. T. Hilton. (See Report No. 6).

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

Committee on Thanks reported. Report was adopted. (See Report No. 7).

Committee on Moral Reform reported. Report was adopted.

(See Report No. 8).

Secretary of Child Evangelism reported. Report adopted.
(See Report No. 9).

It was voted that the next regular annual session of the Conference be August 10, 1954. The first meeting to open at 2:30 P. M. at Camp Eden in St. Clair County, Alabama.

It was voted that the printing of the Conference Minutes be placed in the hands of the Secretary and the President with his ad-

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders reported. Report was adopted with corrections. (See Report No. 10).

It was voted that the Secretary and Treasurer be paid \$30.00

each for their services.

It was voted that an offering be taken in the churches during the month of September for repairs of the President's parsonage. The secretary was instructed to send a letter to each pastor with an estimate of the needs.

The President nominated C. R. Tegen and A. L. Deason as

the members of his Advisory Board. By vote they were elected.

It was voted that the matter of pastor's salaries be referred to a committee to be composed of the President and his advisory board and J. L. Davis.

Committee on Resolutions reported. The report was adopt-

ed with amendment of Rule No. 2. (See Standing Rules).

Mrs. Marshall Armour and C. R. Tegen gave their annual reports.

Committee on Finance reported. Report was adopted. (See Report No. 11).

It was voted that the noon hour of the first Tuesday in each month be observed as an hour of fast and prayer.

The President as Editor of the Alabama Wesleyan and the other members of the staff were reelected by vote.

Fred T. Brazier was reelected as Business Manager

Treasurer of the Alabama Wesleyan.

The nominations for the W. Y. P. S. Officers were read to the body, having been approved by the President and his advisory board no action was necessary for their election.

It was voted that the Secretary send a note of appreciation

to the President of the United States.

The Missionary Board reported. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 12).

The President of the Women's Missionary Society read a report to the conference. The report was by vote approved.

Recessed to 11:00 a. m.

The Order of the Day was called. The ordination sermon was brought by Dr. R. D. Reisdorph, using as text Joshua 1:2. Following the sermon J. L. Davis and Eugene D. Smith were ordained to Elder's Orders in the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

FIFTH MEETING THURSDAY 1:30 P. M.

AUGUST 13, 1953

Devotions were conducted by M. W. Medders, followed with a memorial service and report. Prayer by E. L. Shigley, Sr.

The Committee on Courtesies presented Ponder Frederick to

the body as a new pastor coming into the conference.

Committee on Pastoral Relations gave its final reading which was adopted as read. (See Report No. 13).

Committee on Courtesies presented J. Willett Vess a new

pastor coming to the conference.

It was voted to request the District Chairmen to call quar-

terly prayer meetings in their districts during the year.

It was voted that the three district chairmen be a Committee on Evangelism.

M. W. Medders gave his annual report.

It was voted that the Pension Plan dues of the Conference President be paid from the funds for Conference Work.

It was voted that the President and his Advisory Board consider securing a mimeograph machine for the President's office.

On motion adjourned.

J. A. TREESE, Chairman.

W. E. HOBSON, Jr., Secretary.

REPORT No. 1

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the members of the forty-fourth annual session of the Alabama Conference: Greetings in the name of Him who hath made peace through the Blood of His Cross.

Never has a generation evaded the issues of freedom, peace and victory as ours. America faces her most perilous crisis, and to those without Christ the darkness is great with the only avenue of escape they feel to be appeasement. To us with a knowledge of the Word and experience of Grace there shines a bright hope. Never has God forsaken men or churches in such times as these. He will not forsake us. May this conference cause us to have a burning heart to save our generation.

ACTIVITIES

We have held three quarterly meetings in each church with the exception of Ensley which was organized March 4, 1953. We have endeavored to keep the Gospel message going out from each pulpit where there has been no assigned pastor. We have served as Editor of the Alabama Wesleyan, Chairman of the Missionary Board. We attended the Conference Ministerial Convention in January at Brent. The Southern Area Ministerial Convention at Central, S. C. and the Leader's Convention in May at Miltonvale, Kansas. It became necessary for us to move to Montgomery following the last session of conference since the Pastoral Relations Committee suggested that we fill the pulpit there until some one could be secured. We lived in Montgomery three months. Moved back to the President's parsonage Dec. 1, 1952. The Brent pastor resigned and transferred to the Ensley Church on April 15, 1953. By request of the Brent Church we have kept the pulpit supplied there and at Friendship church for the remainder of the year.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Sept. 4-Appointed O. C. Wood pastor at Harpersville.

Sept. 5-Dec. 1—Supplied pulpit at Montgomery.

Nov. 14—Appointed Gene Stanley pastor at West Blocton.

Dec. 1—Appointed George E. Davis pastor at Montgomery.

Dec. 14—I received the transfer of H. T. Hilton an Elder from the North Carolina Conference and appointed him to the pastorate of the Greensboro Church.

Jan. 20-22—Attended Conference Ministerial Convention. Feb. 24-26—Attended Southern Ministerial Convention.

March 1—Received resignation of O. C. Wood as pastor at Harpersville.

March 7-Appointed Marion Jones to serve as pastor Harpersville.

March 4—Organized Church at Ensley.

April 5-Officially opened the new church at Ensley.

April 15-Received the resignation of Fred T. Brazier as pastor of the church at Brent and on same date appointed him pastor of the Ensley Church.

May 5-7-Attended Leader's Convention, Miltonvale, Kansas.

July 3-Granted letter of transfer to E. Harold Shigley from the Alabama to the Indiana Conference.

July 26—Received the resignation of Gene Stanley as pastor at West Blocton.

STATEMENT OF FINANCES

| Salary | | | \$2,400.00 |
|------------|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| Travel | • • • • • • • • • | | 300.00 |
| Iltilities | | | 137.21 |
| Offerings | | | 780 . 92 |
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| 7 | TOTAL | | \$4,148.13 |

J. A. TREESE, President.

REPORT No. 2

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee have examined the books and records of the Conference Treasurer, Camp Meeting Association Treasurer, and the Alabama Wesleyan Treasurer and according to our opinion have found them in order, neatly and correctly kept.

JAMES H. JOHNSON G. C. FREDERICK FRED BRAZIER, Committee.

REPORT No. 3

CONFERENCE TREASURER

SUMMARY

| Cash on hand from last year Receipts during the year | \$ 2,143.35 |
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| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$16,670.66 \$15,750.54 |
| BALANCE IN TREASURY | \$ 920.12 |
| ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF BUDGET ITEMS | • |
| Home Missions 1,363.26 Conference Missions 3,334.04 Education 1,876.99 Conference Work Fund 1,247.65 President's Salary 2,318.98 Orphanage 313.18 Pension Plan 1,361.11 Denominational S. S. Work 169.40 Administrative Budget 366.10 | Disb. \$ 2,342.22 1,363.26 3,047.69 1,876.99 1,138.87 2,318.98 313.18 1,361.11 169.40 366.10 |
| General Conference Travel 136.63 Australia 212.49 Conference S. S. Work 133.15 Local Minister's Fund 366.84 | 212.49 NONE 275.00 |

Christmas Love Gift J. A. Treese

Illness Contributions

52.26

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| Easter Offering *Camp Meeting Association | 362.86 362.86 400.00 400.00 |
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| \$1 NOTE—* Funds received from Cam a loan to Ensley Wesleyan Methodist Churc Respectfully submi A. L. DEASON, Conference Treasur | tted, |
| REPORT No. 4 | |
| ALABAMA WESLEYAN BUSINE | SS MANAGER |
| RECEIPTS | |
| Receipts from churches | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$446.06 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | |
| Printing Postage Ledger Rubber Stamps and Engravings | |
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| REPORT No. 5 | • |
| CAMP MEETING ASSOCIATION SECRET. | ARY AND TREASURER |
| RECEIPTS | |
| Pledges and Offerings Room Rent Meal Tickets Membership Dues Building lots Missions Refreshment Stand Conference Mission Work | 55.00 1,040.62 129.00 10.00 966.00 93.55 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$4,197.54 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | |
| Groceries Workers Lights Camp Improvement Refreshment Stand Conference Mission Work Missions Miscellaneous | 412.00 55.27 719.97 74.49 110.00 900.00 |

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS\$3,049.00 BALANCE IN TREASURY\$1,148.54

F. M. CROWE, Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT No. 6

TITHING SECRETARY

I assure you that it has been a joy to serve you this year in the field of tithing, which is a very needed work in the Alabama Conference. Tithing has always been God's plan for financing His work and it is God's plan for this 20th century. When we fail to tithe we are disobeying God's command and defeating God's purpose, let us recognize His ownership and give to Him His portion.

I have done my best to promote tithing in the conference, I have visited 18 churches and sent tithing posters to each church. I wrote an article each month in the Alabama Wesleyan, and answer-

ed several letters concerning tithing.

MARSHALL F. ARMOUR, Tithing Secretary.

REPORT No. 7

THANKS

We, your Committee on Thanks wish to submit the follow-

ing:

To Almighty God for the worker's cottage and all other accomodations on the camp ground. We praise Him for the outpouring of His blessings during our recent camp meeting. We wish to express our thanks to Rev. Ernest Shigley, Jr., for the splendid Conference sermon. We also thank Dr. and Mrs. Rufus D. Reisdorph for their ministry and the showing of the missionary field views.

We express our thanks for the fine meals and courtesies in the dining hall. Thanks to Mr. R. A. Speer, caretaker of the camp grounds. We thank God for our retired ministers of our conference

and their influence in our midst.

We express our deep appreciation for our Conference President, Rev. J. A. Treese, who has worked so faithfuly among us. We thank God for our church and the gospel it represents.

> Respectfully submitted, H. T. HILTON MRS. MARIE GILBERT MRS. VERA WYATT

REPORT No. 8

MORAL REFORM

The moral declension and spiritual indifference of our beloved nation have reached appalling proportions. Opposing and subtle forces are at work to destroy the spiritual and moral foundations upon which rest the structure of the greatest nation of modern civilization.

We deplore the fact that ideologies foreign to our democratic and spiritual way of life have found refuge and support in different organizations of our American System and in some influential church leaders of the nation. We view with great concern the fact

that ministers of the gospel have recently been called by the Committee on Unamerican Activities for questionable affiliations and dangerous tenents for which they allegedly are responsible.

This is the hour of crisis; in this hour when both church and

government are being imperiled.

We, your Committee on Moral Reform most earnestly urge the entire constituency of the Alabama Conference to take an active part in opposing the entrenched evils of our day by using every weapon of spiritual warfare, especially our rights and privileges in balloting which is granted by a beneficent God, and by the Constitution of the United States; not forgetting to place an increasing reliance on God, who through the inspired prophet wrote, "Not by power or by might, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." Knowing that where the fires of holy sacrifice and divine unction leap high, the vision is clarified and enlarged to see both the dangers of sin and the possibilities of grace, the soul is purified from all affections, for that which is trifling or trashy; the heart is melted with a divine compassion and the purged lips are prepared to carry the message of true moral reform.

Moral reformation born of soul transformation. We command the noble example of President Eisenhower, who led the nation in prayer at the inaugural ceremonies of the President. The recognition of Divine guidance expressed in the opening of the Cabinet meetings with prayer, the restriction of serving strong drinks at the White House, merits our prayers and personal encouragement.

God still stands anxious to prove His divine sufficiency over all moral and spiritual problems if we will but seek His favor and then stand uncompromisingly in whatever gap He may choose to place us.

> Respectfully submitted, GEORGE E. DAVIS S. D. HERRON LUTHER J. HARRIS

REPORT No. 9

CHILD EVANGELISM SECRETARY

Due to the awfulness of the sin around our youth today and the conditions that affront them, we cannot begin too young to instill into them the doctrines of Christ. Our children need to be well grounded upon the Rock Christ Jesus. I feel that this is the purpose of Child Evangelism and this has been my aim this year, as Child Evangelism Secretary. I have tried to promote the organizing of Child Crusade Clubs in every church and community by contacting the pastors by letter and our conference paper the Alabama Wesleyan. We have one in our conference, who has received a gold seal certificate for completion of the Child Evangelism Training Course.

MRS. HAZEL ARMOUR, Secretary.

REPORT No. 10

ITINERANCY AND ORDERS

The following Conference Preachers have passed two books as required by the Discipline for authorization to administer sacraments this coming year. W. B. Hill, Gaines Ross, Ponder Frederick, J. C. Hopper, O. L. Bynum, Jr., and T. J. Moore.

The following persons are pursuing the Course of Study with

the year in which they are listed:

Fourth year: W. B. Hill, Gaines Ross.

Third year: O. K. Williams. Second year: D. L. Howard, T. J. Moore.

First year: O. L. Bynum, Jr., E. L. Crowe, Claud Averett, Aubrey B. Elam, B. F. Pope, C. W. Hodge, A. J. Taylor.

J. L. Davis and Eugene D. Smith have completed requirements for ordination to Elder's Orders and we recommend that the ordination service be held Thursday morning August 13, 1953 at 11 o'clock.

We recommend that a Ministerial Convention be held during this year under the sponsorship of this committee. Time, place and plan of finance and program to be determined by this committee.

J. A. TREESE

S. D. HERRON

E. L. SHIGLEY, SR.

C. R. TEGEN, Committee.

REPORT No. 11

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE APPORTIONMENT

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following re-

commendations:

We recommend that the Conference President be paid a salary of \$2,400.00 with an additional \$600.00 for travel expense. Any deficit from the assessed amounts and utilities for the President's parsonage to be paid from the Conference Work Fund.

We recommend the following amount per member for Conget for the Conference year 1953-1954:

| ference Budget for the Conference year 1999-1994. | 44 00 |
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| Conference Missions | \$1.00 |
| Conference Work | 1.50 |
| Conference work | -100 |
| Conference Sunday School Work (S. S. enrollment) | .00 |
| Concrel Rudget assessments per member as set forth by | , the |

General Budget assessments per member as

| General Conference be adopted as follows: | ^~ |
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| General Conference be adopted as follows: Oreign Missions | ŬŪ |
| lome Missions | |
| Education | UU. |
| Pension Plan | JUC. |
| lmhanage | .25 |
| Administrative Fund | .40 |
| leneral Conference Entertainment | .15 |
| Sanominational Sunday School Work (S. S. Enroll.) | UL, |
| Australia | .25 |

Assessments for President's salary same as last year.

A. L. DEASON

A. J. PATRICK

E. L. SHIGLEY, Jr.

C. R. TEGEN, Committee.

REPORT No. 12

MISSIONARY BOARD

The Missionary Board has met three times this year. We have given general oversight to the work, while there has been given consideration to promotional interests the work of the board has been primarily confined to the projects at hand. We feel there has

been splendid returns for every dollar invested. The following will give you an idea of the investments made. Ensley Church \$1,150.00 towards the purchase of the church building, and extending a loan of \$200.00. To the Greensboro Church \$200.00 on their note due in November 1952, \$150.00 moving pastor and \$66.50 insurance and first payment on the parsonage purchased three blocks from the church. To the Montgomery work \$500.00 from Mission Funds and the Easter Sunday School offerings, helping them to pay two notes. There was given \$20.00 to Gene Stanley helping to pay his moving expenses from Central, S. C. to West Blocton, Ala.

MRS. VERGENE MEACHAM, Secretary.

REPORT No. 13

REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS OFFICERS

President J. A. Treese

| Vice-President E. L. Shigley, Sr. |
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| Secretary W. E. Hobson, Jr. |
| Treasurer A. L. Deason |
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| Sunday School Secretary Fred T. Brazier |
| Tithing Secretary Marshall F. Armour |
| Active |
| Ada Chapel J. L. Davis |
| Anniston John W Vess |
| Anniston (Norwood) Finn M. Crowe |
| Bessemer B. F. Pope |
| Birmingham E. L. Shigley, Sr. Brent George E. Davis |
| Brent George E. Davis |
| COPOOVA Dondon Francisco |
| Last Lake Gaines Ross |
| Ensley Fred T. Brazier |
| Fairview W. B. Hill |
| Friendship |
| Greensboro H. T. Hilton |
| Harpersville In hands of the President |
| Jasper T. J. Moore |
| Mentone E. L. Crows |
| Montgomery E. L. Shigley, Jr. |
| Mt. Zion Charge |
| Nixon Chapel Marshall and Hazel Armour |
| Pell City-Golden Grove |
| Prattmont M. W. Medders |
| Pletcher Claud Averett |
| Selma V. O. Agan |
| Springdale H. A. Johnson Stanton J. C. Hopper |
| Talladega First |
| Talladega First |
| Talladega North Street O. L. Bynum, Jr. Tuscaloosa E. T. Meacham |
| Waycross Charge E. T. Meacham E. D. Smith |
| West Blocton L. G. Dean |
| Wesley Chapel In the hands of the President |
| tresicy chaper In the hands of the President |

OTHER APPPOINTMENTS

| General Evangelist | |
|---|---------------------------|
| Chaplain U. S. Army | Frank W. Warren |
| Deaconess | Mrs. H. Robb French |
| Ministerial Student Central College | Aubrey B. Elam |
| Evangelistic Work | M. A. Medders, H. F. Pair |
| To choose own field of labor. Mrs. Hallie V | Watson, Mrs. Maggie Speer |
| Superannuated L. A. Bamburg, G. C. | Frederick, A. D. Preston, |
| | R. E. Snipes |
| Pastor Independent Methodist Church | S. A. Lowery |

J. A. TREESE

E. L. SHIGLEY, Sr.

E. T. MEACHAM

V. O. AGAN

B. F. POPE

P. S. SPRUIELL

O. B. SHOWS, Committee.

STANDING RULES

We, your Committee on Resolutions submit the following resolutions which shall remain the standing rules of the Conference until the same are repealed or otherwise changed.

1. Opening of Conference. All meetings open at 8:45 a.m.

except the opening day of Conference and that at 2:30 P. M.

2. Conference President. The Conference President be required, authorized and appointed to travel the conference as president, having general supervision of the spiritual interest and beneather the conference. volence thereof, holding or providing for the holding of three quarterly meetings at each church during the conference year under such dates as he may announce thirty days in advance and according to the following schedule. The first quarter to close by November 30, the fourth quarter to begin not earlier than May 1. We furth r recommend that the first quarterly meeting consist of two services, if possible. That he assist the pastors in raising funds to meet the demands of the conference work. He may receive contributions for the budget in churches where there are no pastors. That he devote as much time to the promotional work of the conference as possible.

3. Committee Reports. All reports of committees shall be made in writing and handed to the secretary at the adoption by the

conference.

4. Sunday School. Sunday School shall be held at the camp on Sunday and those attending the camp ground groups will b counted as attending in their respective churches. That all Sunday Schools under the supervision of Wesleyan Methodist pastors be counted in their statistical reports.

5. Quarterly Conference Reports. All treasurer's books shall be audited quarterly and all treasurers shall give a written report of

all receipts and disbursements at each quarterly conference.

6. Credentials. Each annual conference preacher shall present his credentials at each annual conference session for renewal and proper signature. Paragraph 170 subdivision 2 of the Discipline shall be adhered to in renewing authorization of annual conference preachers.

7. Illness or Death. The secretary shall be notified by telephone in case of critical illness or death in a minister's home and he shall mail notices at once to each pastor, and each pastor and church shall send at least \$2.00 to the stricken family.

8. Financial Year. The financial and statistical year of each church shall close with the first Sunday in August and all receipts and budget money be mailed to the Treasurer on the following Monday, with the Pastor's report completely filled out.

9. Ministerial Labors. The pastor's labors shall terminate with the Sunday following the close of the annual conference session.

10. Moving Pastor. Each church shall make provision for the moving of the incoming pastor, either by paying moving expenses or providing way to move him.

11. Vacation. The Conference President and all Pastors shall be given a two weeks vacation with pay, with one Sunday absent

from their pulpit.

12. Conference Entertainment. Each member and each visitor to the annual conference shall be required to pay \$2.50 for entertainment purposes, and children over 12 years of age shall pay \$1.25.

13. Trustees. (A) Buying church property.

All property purchased by a local congregation shall be taken in the name of the Alabama Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, a corporation doing business in the State of Alabama.

The following paragraph shall be inserted in every deed, "That this property is taken in the name of the Alabama Conference exclusively for the benefit of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, subject to the direction of the local Board of Trustees with the pastor and the Annual Conference with the Board of Trustees.

If the said local church shall cease to exist as an organized Wesleyan Methodist Church, the conference, at the direction of the President and his Advisory Board, with the approval of two-thirds of the conference Board of Trustees, either separately or in session, shall have authority to do as it deems advisable in the local situation, and if any money is received from the sale of said property, it shall be used as Conference Mission Fund to establish another new church.

(B) Mortgaging Church Property.

1. Resolved that the Conference Trustees be empowered and requested to sign and execute a mortgage in behalf of any local church or church group. When the said church or church group shall request it at a business meeting, announced at each regular meeting for at least 8 days prior to the meeting and further providing that at least two-thirds of the eligible local church voters are favorable. A copy of the said minutes of the local meeting shall be presented to the conference trustees together with a suitable mortgage properly drawn up for their approval and signatures.

2. The local church property only shall be security for the

mortgage in question.

(c) Selling Church Property.

Resolved that if at any time the local church, at a public business meeting which has been announced by the chairman of the local Board of Trustees at each public meeting for at least 8 days previously, shall if a two-thirds vote of the eligible voting membership, desire to sell, transfer, or trade the local church property, or any part thereof, that a copy of the minutes of this meeting be presented to the Chairman of the Annual Conference Trustees together with a warranty deed properly drawn, and that he be to take into consideration the request together with the deed and if there is no moral issue involved, they shall sign the deed and thus convey a

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clear title to the said property.

14. Marriage. No minister may perform a marriage involving a divorcee except in cases where thorough investigation reveals that the divorce has been on scriptural grounds. This does not prohibit the remarrying of persons who have been divorced from each other.

15. Resolved that the Alabama Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church go on record as deploring the present drift toward worldliness as evidenced by the mad rush for earthly possessions, by the immodesty in dress, such as the wearing of slacks, sleeveless dresses, shorts and other apparel which does not conform to scriptural standards of decency, and the adorning of the body with jewelry and rings, including the wedding ring, and the practice of the wearing of short hair among the women, and that we further go on record as most earnestly discouraging such practices, admonishing the people called Wesleyans to conform to the Holy standards of modesty, simplicity and humility as becometh saints to the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE B. VERNON, Jr.
MARTHA PATE
LEON G. DEAN
J. L. DAVIS
ARTHUR FINNEN, Committee.

WESLEYAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S ANNUAL CONVENTION

OFFICERS

President Rev. Gaines Ross, 8624 West Byvd., Birmingham, Ala. Vice-President Rev. George B. Vernon, Rt. 1, West Blocton, Ala. Secretary Mrs. Eugene D. Smith, Mentone, Ala. Treasurer Miss Oneita Doss, Rt. 1, Centreville, Ala. Wesleyan Youth Solicitor Miss Julia Thomas, 8116 6th Ave. N. Birmingham, Alabama

DELEGATES

Sylvia Bailey, Ramona Brown, Billy Davis, Judy Deason, Gloria Dees, Mattie Lee Dickie, Betty Heath, Jimmy Franklin Johnson, Betty Jo Jones, Velma Lawson, Tamea McMillan, Carlton Meelan, Bobbie Jean Mitchell, Marie Pressley, Inez Rainey, Lucille Rainey, Wanda Ross, Sara Smith, Dorothy Stewart, Rev. C. R. Tegan, Elsie Thackerson, Anne Thompson, Carolyn Tillman, Mrs. George Vernon.

LOCAL SOCIETIES AND PRESIDENTS

| Ada Chapel Glover Medders, Rt. 1, West Blocton, Ala. Anniston First Ray Taylor, Jefferson St. Anniston, Ala. Anniston Norwood Aly Joe Taylor, 1912 Mulberry Ave. Anniston |
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| Birmingham Miss Alleen Bynum, 1035 Ford Ave., Tarrant City |
| Brent Miss Cora Sue Elam, Rt. 1, Brent, Ala. |
| Cordova Mrs. Bessie Barton, 114 McCrary St., Cordova, Ala. |
| East Lake Mrs. Gaines Ross, 8624 West Blvd., Birmingham |
| Fairview Mrs. Inez Rainey, Rt. 1, Cottondale, Ala. |
| Greenshoro Roy Hilton, Greensboro, Ala. |
| Jasper Mr. Donald Blaylock, Jones Dairy Rd., Jasper, Ala. |
| Mentone Miss Sara Smith, Mentone, Ala. |
| Nixon Chapel |

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| Pell City |
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| Selma Mrs. V. O. Agan, 2714 Water Ave., Selma, Ala. |
| Springdale Miss Bernice Johnson, 104 Chestnut St., Homewood |
| Stanton Mrs. L. D. Harrison, Stanton, Ala. |
| Talladega First Mrs. Wright, Rt. 1, Renfroe, Ala. |
| Talladega No. St Mrs. Hilda Jo Jones, 805 E. No. St., Talladega |
| Tuscaloosa |
| Mt. Ivah Erline Barnette, Rt. 1. Heiberger, Ala. |
| West Blocton |
| Harpersville |

ANNUAL CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

The Annual Convention of the Alabama Conference Wesleyan Young People's Society convened at Camp Eden, Alabama, Wednesday afternoon, July 1, 1953. The first business meeting was called to order by our president, Rev. George Vernon. The following committees were elected:

Resolutions Committee—Julia Thomas, Mattie Lee Dickie, Mrs. V. O. Agan.

Credentials Committee-Billy Davis.

Statistical Committee—Tamea McMillan, Rev. Gene Stanley, Rev. Gaines Ross.

Auditing Committee—Rev. Oscar Bynum, Jr., Rev. V. O. Agan.

Courtesy Committee—Rev. Marshal Armour, Jimmie F. Johnson.

The president called for reports from the District Chairmen. Rev. V. O. Agan, reported for the Southern District and Rev. Marshal Armour reported for the Eastern District.

By motion the meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 2, 1953

The Thursday afternoon session was called to order by the president. The following committee was elected:

Planning Committee—Rev. Eugene Smith, Rev. Gaines Ross, Miss Margaret Ann Crowe.

The following societies gave reports: Ada Chapel, Anniston First, Brent, Cordova, East Lake, Fairview, Greensboro, Jasper, Mentone, Nixon Chapel, Pell City, Springdale, Selma, Stanton, Talladega First, Tuscaloosa, West Blocton, Mt. Ivah.

By motion the meeting adjourned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 3, 1953

The Friday afternoon session was called to order by the President. The following committees gave their reports: Auditing, Statistical, Resolutions, and Planning. These reports were adopted.

The president gave a very good report which was adopted. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

PresidentRev. Gaines RossVice-PresidentRev. George VernonSecretaryMrs. Eugene D. SmithTreasurerMiss Oneita Doss

By motion the meeting adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 4, 1953

This session was called to order by our president. The treasurer's report was given and accepted.

It was moved that the treasurer be paid \$10.00 in apprecia-

tion for her services.

It was moved that the President be responsible for getting

1eport blanks printed for the local treasurers.

It was moved that the W. Y. P. S. Executive Committee work with the conference executive board to do church extension work in our conference.

The society met in caucus meetings to elect their district chairmen. The following were elected:

It was moved to adjourn.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

James Russell Lowell, in his poem, "The Vision of Sir Launfal," describes a June day as a time when

"Joy comes, grief goes, we know not how; Everything is happy now, Everything is upward striving; 'Tis as easy now for the heart to be true, As for grass to be green or skies to be blue, 'Tis the natural way of living."

It has been the happy privilege of your conference W. Y. P. S. president to endeavor to bring the young people of Alabama into a June day experience of grace that naturally strives upward with a happy, true-hearted devotion, and to that end I have attended every rally of the southern district and the rally of the central district which was held at Jasper, as well as having emphasized the importance of youth work in revival services, district meetings, and special services which I have attended at Birmingham, Ensley, Pell City, Brent, Talladega North Street, Cordova, Nixon Chapel, and Friendship.

I attended the Youth Leaders Conference which was held at Marion College, the Southern Area Convention which was held at Central College, and the Interdenominational Holiness Convention which was held at the Great Commission Bible School at Ander-

son, Indiana.

I have spent some time at the camp ground working on the improvements made last year and have endeavored to encourage the youth of our conference to a sacrificial devotion to God by writing a monthly article for the Alabama Wesleyan and have sent out some 150 letters and cards, including a special article on Youth Leadership Qualifications to the society presidents.

It is my observation that if we as the Wesleyan Youth of Alabama are to make straight paths for our feet we must keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ, the unmovable Pole Star of the soul, and

avoid the destructive little foxes of world conformity.

D. Munsey wrote, "If you have a tender conscience he (the devil) will tell you that you are too conscientious. He knows that if he can instill such an idea into your mind he will open the floodgate for a thousand little sins which in turn will make room for greater till you are finally eternally ruined. You cannot be too con-

scientious. Watch little sins and you are safe." Such watchfulness will produce happiness, Holiness, and helpfulness. May God grant that it is the possession of every member of the Alabama W. Y. P. S.

Respectfully submitted, REV. GEORGE B. VERNON, Jr.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee, wish to submit the follow-

ing report:

Be it resolved that the Youth of the Alabama Conference go on record as recognizing that the first and principal purpose of the W. Y. P. S. is to develop and promote genuine, deep spirituality among our youth. To that end we would urge the placing of the spiritual interest above all other activities of our societies and we would pledge ourselves to those principles and practices which develop spirituality such as Bible study, prayer, definite separation from the world, and deep devotion to God.

Resolved: That the annual business meeting of the W. Y.

P. S. be held in connection with the camp meeting.

Resolved: That each society raise an amount equal to \$1.00 per member for missionary support, also at the state convention a special offering be taken to supplement this amount.

Resolved: That the President, or a person which he may designate, shall visit each church in the conference in the interest of the youth work. Further, that an offering be taken to cover his ex-

pense.

Resolved: That the President receive a salary of \$25.00 per year to be paid by the end of the second quarter. This amount is to be raised by the treasurer who will assess each society according to its membership.

Resolved: That each district elect a Wesleyan Youth Solicitor who will keep a record of names and addresses and dates of expiration of subscribers. It will also be his duty to send a record to the conference solicitor.

Resolved: That an annual convention be held each year. The date and place will be set by the executive committee.

Respectfully submitted, JULIA THOMAS RUBY AGAN MATTIE LEE DICKIE

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

We, the Planning Committee, wish to submit the following

report:

We recommend that each active member be assessed \$1.85 to be divided as follows: \$1.00 for General Dues, \$.50 for Church Extension, \$.25 for Conference Dues, \$.10 for Area Dues; and that each associate member be assessed \$.85 to be divided as follows: \$.50 for Church Extension, \$.25 for Conference Dues, and \$.10 for Area Dues.

We recommend that a banner, or some similar award, be given to the society having the highest rating, according to the number of points, using the General Efficiency Standard. Also that a copy of the General Efficiency Standard be sent to each society.

We recommend that the Treasurer's books be closed ten days before the annual business meeting and that all local annual reports be sent to the treasurer ten days before the annual business session. Each of these local reports shall be checked by the treasurer for accuracy in the matters of dues, then signed by the treasurer before turning over to the statistical committee. The treasurer shall turn over all local reports to the chairman of the statistical committee on the first day of the business session.

We recommend that the executive committee investigate the possibilities of a state-wide youth camp, beginning three days before the annual camp meeting, and converging into the annual camp

meeting.

Respectfully Submitted. REV. EUGENE D. SMITH REV. GAINES ROSS MARGARET ANN CROWE

TREASURER'S REPORT

AUGUST 1952 - JULY 1953

| Amount brought forward | \$697.95 817.00 | | | | | |
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| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$1,514.95 835.55 | | | | | |
| BALANCE IN TREASURY | \$679.40 | | | | | |
| ITEMIZED REPORT | | | | | | |
| General Conference Dues \$ 501.83 Conference Dues 194.76 General Building Fund 24.58 Church Extension 184.55 Missionary Salary 282.08 Foreign Missions 133.75 Home Missions 74.35 Education 40.25 Camp Ground Improvement 43.00 Area President 33.30 Fexas Crusade 2.50 | Disb. \$ 326.83 126.71 24.58 259.19 54.79 38.45 5.00 | | | | | |
| \$1,514.95 Respectfully, | \$ 835.55 | | | | | |

ONEITA DOSS, Treasurer

MINUTES WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OFFICERS

President-Mrs. Vergene Meacham, 2003 - 25th Ave., Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Vice-President - Mrs. Hazel Armour, Route 2, Horton, Ala. Recording Secretary - Mrs. Dorothy Medders, 4 Newton St., Prattville, Alabama.

Treasurer - Mrs. Tinie Segrest, 1425 - 11th Place South,

Birmingham, Alabama.

Y. M. W. B. Superintendent - Miss Eva Green, Mentone, Ala. Prayer Partner Secretary - Mrs. Oscar L. Bynum, Jr., Route 1. Box 298, Talladega, Ala.

Mission Study Secretary - Mrs. E. L. Shigley, Jr., 514 Fin-

ley Ave., Mongtomery, Ala.

Statistical Committee Chairman - Miss Julia Thomas, 8116 -6th Ave., No. Birmingham, Ala.

District Organizer Central Mrs. Fred Brazier Eastern Mrs. Finn Crowe SouthernMrs. V. O. Agan

LOCAL SOCIETIES AND PRESIDENTS

Active-Mrs. Ralph Burnett, Lawley, Ala.

Ada Chapel-Mrs. J. L. Davis, Rt. 1, West Blocton, Ala.

Anniston First-Mrs. Fred E. Brown, 23 Ledbetter Ave., Anniston, Ala.

Anniston Norwood-Mrs. Hazel Gibbs, Route 4, Box 132, Anniston, Alabama.

Bessemer-Mrs. Ira Crowder, Bessemer, Alabama.

Birmingham First-Mrs. G. T. Sims, 3906 - 40th Ave. No., Birmingham, Ala.

Brent-Mrs. George Davis, Brent, Alabama.

Cordova-Mrs. Bennie McMillan, 200 Stewart St., Cordova, Alabama.

East Lake-Mrs. Julia Hicks, 8601 - 4th Ave., Birmingham, Alabama.

Ensley-Mrs. A. J. Patrick, Jr., 2223 Ave. F., Ensley, Ala. Fairview-Mrs. W. B. Hill, Cottondale, Alabama.

Greensboro-Mrs. E. R. Vines, No. 5 Cork Street, Greens-

boro, Alabama,

Harpersville-Mrs. O. S. Benton, Vincent, Alabama. Mentone-Miss Alleen Pullen, Route 1, Mentone, Alabama. Montgomery-Mrs. H. C. Pair, Sr., 510 Ryan St., Montgom-

ery, Alabama.

Mt. Zion-Mrs. Gertrude Rinehart, Lyerly, Ga. Nixon Chapel-Mrs. Hazel Armour, Route 2, Horton, Ala. Pell City—Mrs. C. D. Robertson, Eden, Alabama. Selma—Mrs. H. D. Seymore, Route 4, Selma, Alabama.

Springdale-Mrs. Delma Burkett, Route 4, Box 106, Birmingham, Alabama.

Stanton-Mrs. Levadia Hayes, Stanton, Alabama. Talladega First-Mrs. Audrey Wright, Route 1, Renfroe, Ala. 26

Talladega North St.-Mrs. Oscar Bynum, Jr., Route 1, Box 298, Talladega, Alabama.

Tuscaloosa-Mrs. Vergene Meacham, 2003 - 25th Ave., Tusca-

loosa, Alabama.

Wesley Chapel-Mrs. Kelly Lewis, Route 1, Akron, Ala. West Blocton-Mrs. Arthur Finnen, West Blocton, Ala.

DELEGATES

Mrs. V. O. Agan Mrs. Kathleen Boyd Mrs. F. M. Crowe Mrs. Rother Davis Viva LaGrone Mrs. Faith Hobson Mrs. M. Jackson Mrs. Rosa Mae Johnson Mrs. Alfred Jones

Ella Lawley Mrs. Lucille McCray Mrs. Gaines Ross Mrs. Verna Rush Mrs. E. L. Shigley, Sr. Mrs. Juanita Smith Mrs. Herbie Towner Mrs. C. H. Vinson

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

The Alabama Conference Woman's Missionary Society convened for its thirty-sixth annual session at Camp Eden, Alabama, August 11th, 1953 at 3:00 P. M.

The President, Mrs. Vergene Meacham, called the meeting to order. Mrs. E. L. Shigley, Jr., was announced as the pianist and Mrs. J. A. Treese as music director for the session. The choruses, "God Can Do Anything," and "Let's Talk About Jesus" were sung, followed with prayers by Mrs. C. D. Robertson and Mrs. Tinie Segrest.

The President had charge of worship period, basing the message on Mathews 16:24, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me," after which the group sang the chorus, "Channels Only."

Committee on Courtesies presented Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph,

Denominational W. M. S. President, who brought greetings.

Committee on Credentials gave a partial report.

delegates were enrolled.

President briefly presented contents of literature table and announced Mrs. Gaines Ross as being in charge of same.

President announced meeting of Executive Committee im-

mediately following supper.

Adjourned by motion for Conference Sermon. Mrs. J. A. Treese dismissed with prayer.

SECOND MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 8:30 A. M. AUGUST 13, 1953

Mrs. Treese led two choruses, "There's Northing Too Hard

for Thee, Dear Lord," and "God Can Do Anything."

Mrs. Finn Crowe had charge of prayer period, reading II
Peter 3:1-14. Mrs. Fred Brazier offered prayer.

Minutes were read and approved. Roll was called.

Committee on Credentials reported. Three delegates were enrolled.

Report of Nominating Committee was read and adopted as follows:

> Courtesies—Mrs. Fred Brazier, Mrs. Rosa Mae Johnson. Auditing-Mrs. F. M. Crowe, Mrs. Hazel Armour. Goals-Mrs. Faith Hobson, Mrs. C. D. Robertson, Mrs. J. A.

Treese.

Session Magazine Solicitors—Mrs. Ernest Shigley, Jr., Mrs. Oscar Bynum, Jr.

Memorials-Mrs. H. D. Seymour, Mrs. George Vernon.

Thanks-Mrs. V. O. Agan, Mrs. G. T. Sims.

Credentials—Mrs. Dougas Smith, Mrs. Judy Jackson. Statistical Committee—Julia Thomas, Mrs. Tinie Segrest.

Conference Reporter-Eva Green.

President announced the day as Tag Day.

Vice-President was called to the chair. President's report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 1). A rising vote of thanks was given the President for her untiring labours during the year.

Verbal reports of Central, Eastern, and Southern District Organizers were given by Mrs. S. D. Herron, Mrs. J. A. Treese and Mrs. Verlon Agan, respectively. Reports of same were adopted.

Verbal report of State Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Fred Braz-

ier, was given and adopted.

Report of Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. S. D. Herron was read and adopted. (See Report No. 2). President expressed the society's regret of Mrs. Herron's leaving the conference. A rising vote of thanks and appreciation was given Mrs. Herron.

The following local reports were read: Birmingham First, Ensley, Brent, East Lake, Greensboro, Harpersville, Mentone, Montgomery, Nixon Chapel, Pell City, Selma, Stanton, Talladega First, Talladega North St. and Tusaslossa.

Talladega North St., and Tuscaloosa.

Miss Eva Green, Y. M. W. B. Supt., announced meeting of all local superintendents immediately following the district caucus meetings.

President announced that probably the Saunders would be the fall convention guest speakers.

Recessed for District Caucus meetings.

At 10:00 a. m., Mrs. Treese led the ladies singing choruses, "Everybody Ought To Love Him," "Let's Talk About Jesus," and "Everybody Ought to Know."

Committee on Courtesies presented Mrs. Blanche Latham

of Uniontown, Alabama.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Marshall Armour.

Orders of the Day called for an address by Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, Denominational W. M. S. President, who quoted Proverbs, Chapter 31, last two verses, and a portion of Psalm 45. Her message was based on the Psalmist's Scripture of the "King's Daughter — all glorious within," and while presenting the King's Daughter's practical christian qualities and characteristics, shared with us a few examples from her own reservoir of rich experiences.

Adjourned for Denominational Address.

THIRD MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 1:30 P. M. AUGUST 12, 1953

Mrs. J. A. Treese led the ladies in singing the following choruses, "There's Nothing Too Hard for Thee, Dear Lord," "Channels Only," "God Can Do Anything," and "Let's Talk About Jesus."

Mrs. George Vernon had charge of devotionals, reading Ephesians 6:18-20. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Verlon Agan and Mrs. A. J. Patrick.

Roll was called. Minutes were read and approved.

Committee on Credentials gave a partial report. Three delegates were enrolled.

The following local reports were read: Active, Anniston-Norwood, Cordova, Fairview, Mt. Zion, Springdale, Wesley Chapel, and West Blocton.

Mrs. Reisdorph sang, as only she can sing, "There is a Balm

in Gilead."

Committee on Courtesies presented Rev. E. L. Shigley, who at the request of President Mullinax, spoke in behalf of Central College, and presented the need of furnishing rooms for the new wing of McDonald Hall. The three districts pledged \$150.00 each to meet expenses of furnishing a room per district.

Committee on Courtesies presented Mrs. Hopper, new past-

or's wife in the conference.

Mrs. Hazel Armour ably presented the Jubilee Goals for the

coming year.

A Magazine Workshop was efficiently conducted by Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, who caused the group to more fully understand and appreciate the purpose of the vital organ of our society.

Order of the Day called for the election of officers. Mrs.

Finn Crowe and Mrs. Faith Hobson were appointed tellers.

At the request of the President, Mrs. Reisdorph presided at

the chair during the election.

Election resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Vergene Meacham; Vice-President, Mrs. Hazel Armour; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Medders; Treasurer, Mrs. Tinie Segrest; Y. M. W. B. Superintendent, Miss Eva Green; Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. Oscar L. Bynum, Jr.; Missionary Study Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Shigley, Jr.; Statistical Committee Chairman, Miss Julia Thomas; Organizers for Central, Eastern and Southern Districts, Mrs. Fred Brazier, Mrs. Finn Crowe, and Mrs. V. O. Agan, respectively.

President announced Public Missionary Service at 7:00 P.

M. instead of 7:30 P. M. according to program.

Mrs. Reisdorph honored the ladies by sharing with them one of her most treasured experiences, one in the African Bush.

By motion adjourned and dismissed with prayer by Miss

Eva Green.

FOURTH MEETING, THURSDAY, 8:30 A. M. AUGUST 13, 1953

Mrs. Treese led the following choruses, "God Can Do Anything," "Let's Talk About Jesus," and "There's Nothing Too Hard For Thee."

Mrs. Verlon Agan had charge of prayer period, reading the 91st Psalm. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Ruth Treese and Mrs. J. L. Davis.

Committee on Courtesies presented Rev. R. D. Reisdorph, Denominational representative, who brought greetings and expressed appreciation for the work the W. M. S. had done. The group was urged to "Keep on as they had been."

Roll was called. Minutes were read and approved as read.

Local reports were read from Anniston First and Ada Chapel societies.

Report of the Y. M. W. B. Superintendent, Miss Eva Green, was read and adopted. (See Report No. 3). Rising vote of thanks was given her for outstanding work done past year and was given also a pledge of the society's support and prayers during the coming year.

Y. M. W. B. Workshop was conducted by Miss Eva Green, assisted by Mrs. Gaines Ross, Mrs. Judy Jackson, and Mrs. Eugene

Smith. Effective methods used in local Y. M. W. B.'s were demonstrated.

Report of Auditing Committee was read and adopted. Report No. 4).

Statistical report was read and adopted. (See Report.)

Report of Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Tinie Segrest, was read and adopted with a rising vote of thanks for her serving 30 or more years as treasurer of the Alabama Conference W. M. S. (See Report No. 5). Mrs. Reisdorph, as General President, expressed appreciation to Mrs. Segrest.

Report of Mission Study Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Shigley, Jr.,

was read and adopted. (See Report No. 6).

Ladies enjoyed a violin solo, "O Zion, Haste," by Mrs. A. J.

Mrs. Reisdorph expressed her sincere appreciation for contribution from our conference on watch given her and the \$10.00 sent before leaving on her journey with which she purchased a much needed plastic pocketbook; Also expressed her thanks for the Public Missionary Love Offering of \$53.00, with which she in turn is paying a pledge made on the support of a Japanese student at Houghton College.

We were related one of Mrs. Reisdorph's Indian experiences, pertaining to the eagerness with which the women want to learn to read, and to the extent they go in order to do so.

Mrs. Reisdorph began speaking to the women on the "Heart of Hinduism," when the Ordination Service necessitated adjournment.

FIFTH MEETING, THURSDAY, 1:30 P. M., AUGUST 13, 1953

Choruses, "There's Nothing Too Hard for Thee, Dear Lord," and "God Can Do Anything," were led by Mrs. Treese.

Committee on Memorials reported the homegoing of Mrs.

A. C. Morris and Mrs. Evaline Colburn. (See Report No. 7).

Prayer was offered by Mrs. H. D. Seymour.

Report of Committee on Goals was read.

Committee on Courtesies presented Rev. J. A. Treese, Conference President, who brought greetings; also commendations on our gains over the previous year and challenged us to make the new conference year greater, not in monetary means only, but the most important of all, spiritually.

There was a discussion on goals for the coming year.

Report of Committee on Goals was adopted. (See Report No. 8.)

Report of Committee on Thanks was read and adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

President announced 10c per member assessment to defray Jubilee Convention expenses at Greer, South Carolina, October 23-25.

Rev. and Mrs. Reisdorph were judges of the six posters submitted to conference. Ribbon went to Tuscaloosa poster, a water color by Miss Marilyn Shows.

President expressed appreciation to Miss Eva Green, who made the Theme Poster and Mrs. Marshall Armour, who made Poster on Goals.

Minutes of previous session and this session were read and approved.

Adjourned by motion. Dismissed with prayer by Mrs. J. A. Treese.

MRS. VERGENE MEACHAM, President.
MRS. DOROTHY MEDDERS, Secretary.

REPORT No. 1

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the organizing of the Wesleyan Missionary Society. As I have been taking inventory, I have been asking myself if I have done my part of the task that the Lord has entrusted to me. I pledge myself to do all in my power to reach the goals that have been set forth for this Jubilee Year.

This year I have attended two district missionary rallies—one at the Ada Chapel Church and the other at Harpersville. Both

rallies were times of real inspiration and blessing.

I visited the Birmingham Society in September, speaking at a public missionary service, which was held at the close of a member-

ship contest.

In November it was my privilege to reorganize the Montgomery Society. In April I organized a W. M. S. in our new church at Ensley. I have attended three meetings of the Missionary Board. I have contacted each society three times during the year by letter. I have been responsible each month for the missionary column in the "Alabama Wesleyan." I planned and attended one meeting of the W. M. S. Executive Board.

In this day of lukewarmness and unconcern, may we as missionary women keep the channels of our hearts open. Let us take care that the channels are neither clogged nor cluttered for God in His infinite wisdom choose to use us and He will make us chan-

nels of living water.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. VERGENE MEACHAM, President.

REPORT No. 2

PRAYER PARTNER REPORT

Number of Prayer Partners - 229. Total Number of Missionaries Chosen: Home - 115; Foreign

239. Number

Number of Y. M. W. B. Prayer Partners - 42. Amount for Postage - \$1.65.

DOROTHY HERRON,
Prayer Partner Secretary.

Y. M. W. B. LOCAL BANDS AND SUPERINTENDENTS

| Active | Mrs. Ralph Burnett |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Ada Chapel | Mrs. Ruby Caffee |
| Akron | Mrs. W. T. Aultman |
| Anniston First | Mrs. Emmett Haynie |
| Anniston Norwood | Mrs. F. M. Crowe |
| Birmingham First | Mrs. Judy Jackson |
| Brent | Mrs. Burley Elam |
| Cordova | Mrs. Louise Nation |
| East Lake | Mrs. Julia Hicks |

| Ensley | Mrs. Laverne Gutherie |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fairview | |
| Harpersville | Mrs. Emma Phillips |
| Mentone | |
| Montgomery | Mrs. Ernest Shigley, Jr. |
| Mt. Ivah | |
| Mt. Zion | Mrs. Jackson Rinehart |
| Nixon Chapel | Mrs. Marie Moman |
| Pell City | |
| Selma | |
| Springdale | Miss Verdie Johnson |
| Stanton | Miss Eleanor Haves |
| Talladega First | Mrs. Della Watts |
| Talladega North Street | Mrs. M. S. Jones |
| Tuscaloosa | Mrs. W. B. Hill |
| West Blocton | |

REPORT No. 3
Y. M. W. B. STATISTICAL REPORT

| BAND *New Bands | Active Members | Honorary Members | Meetings | Efficiency Standard (per cent) | Foreign Missions | Home Missions and Orphanage | Education | Special Projects (Credit) Golden Jubilee Hospital | TOTAL (Band Credit) | Non-Credit Total | GRAND TOTAL |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| *Active Ada Chapel Akron Anniston First Anniston Norwood Birmingham First Brent Cordova East Lake Fairview Harpersville Mentone *Montgomery Mt. Ivah *Mt. Zion *Nixon Chapel Pell City Selma *Springdale Stanton Talladega First Talladega North St Tuscaloosa West Blocton TOTALS | 25 122 30 18 18 25 5 11 12 12 13 23 8 10 25 25 | 20 8 0 0 35 0 0 35 0 0 0 0 0 16 16 10 0 0 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 | 12 12 15 18 18 12 11 24 48 35 10 14 12 46 12 46 12 46 12 46 12 46 65 65 65 65 | 50 95 100 95 100 95 100 95 100 75 100 80 100 80 100 100 100 | 18.37 36.00 44.00 17.00 17.00 11.46 15.32 20.33 45.50 62.00 57.64 3.00 7.24 24.10 7.72 25.00 19.64 30.00 30.00 19.64 30.00 10. | 32.55 9.00 10.00 8.00 1.00 11.46 9.00 5.00 5.00 7.50 4.50 4.50 16.10 21.00 | 3.75 1.00 4.50 15.00 7.00 7.00 5.00 21.00 2.10 2.50 5.50 5.50 1.00 14.41 4.00 115.61 | 3.00 17.78 26.62 7.84 5.00 3.85 5.00 1.22 70.31 | 18.37 72.30 36.50 58.50 40.00 77.00 29.92 31.60 48.11 55.50 72.43 121.26 10.50 22.91 36.10 12.22 98.94 56.50 5.00 23.49 50.00 8.75 82.62 34.00 1.102.52 | 1.00 14.10 1.25 4.94 7.00 .75 2.00 .50 5.50 132.69 1.00 2.5 3.11 1.28 11.18 10.86 7.34 6.10 5.00 5.00 | 19.37 86.40 37.75 63.44 47.00 77.75 31.92 32.25 53.41 56.00 72.93 22.91 36.35 15.33 100.22 67.68 57.34 14.85 87.62 39.47 1,324.79 |

9 Honor Bands

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the W. M. S. and Y. M. W. B. Treasurers and found them in excellent condition.

> Respectfully submitted, MRS. F. M. CROWE, Chairman MRS. MARSHAL ARMOUR

REPORT No. 5

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

| Cash on hand at beginning of the year | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Total Receipts | \$9,217.91 .\$8,933.80 |
| Cash balance in treasury | \$ 284.11 |
| ITEMIZED ACCOUNT | |

| | Receipts | Disb. |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Home Missions | \$1,214.98 ⁻ | \$1,071.98 |
| Australia | • | 60.50 |
| Brainerd Indian School | | 82.50 |
| Jewish Work | . 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Foreign Missions | 1,546.41 | 1,471.41 |
| India | | 75.00 |
| Education | 413.75 | 413.75 |
| McDonald Dormitories | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Administrative Fund | 67.75 | 67.75 |
| General Fund | 157.25 | 157.25 |
| Conference Fund | 211.44 | 136.51 |
| Conference Missions | 114.00 | 114.00 |
| Orphanage | 59.85 | 59.85 |
| Conf. Project - Camp Eden | 420.70 | 497.84 |
| Local Church Work | | 3,642.91 |
| Other Objects | 977.55 | 977.55 |
| TOTALS | \$8,931.59 | \$8,933.80 |

MRS. TINNIE SEGREST, Treasurer.

REPORT No. 6

BALANCE \$ 284.11

MISSION STUDY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Someone has said, "The woman who does not read has no advantage over the woman who cannot read." I read this statement several years ago and my heart was stirred as I thought of the advantages that had been mine - the privilege of going to school and learning to read, the ability to understand what I read, and the great store of books that had been written by consecrated men and women, I became uncomfortably conscious of the fact that I was falling far short of what I might have been doing along the line of study and reading. Some people are ignorant because they have never had the opportunity to be otherwise. Some are ignorant because they do not

care to be otherwise. I thank God for arousing me.

Your friend may tell you about the wonderful things contained in the Bible. That may bless your soul. It will do you more good, however, to go to the Bible yourself and read from the very Word of God. Our missionary books are quite the same way. Do not depend upon someone else to do your reading for you. You will receive a far greater blessing by reading for yourself.

The books selected for our reading course are among the best that can be had. We have been wonderfully blessed as we have read how faithful to God and souls some of our precious missionaries were. Then as we noted the presence of God with them under the most trying circumstances, we have consecrated our lives anew to His service.

We have noticed in our church that when our services have been most blessed, has been when our people have been reading the books in our reading course.

Reports have been received from the following societies: Pell City, Cordova, Mentone, Anniston First, Birmingham First, and Fairview.

Forty-three have completed the 1952 list. Three have read four of that list. Two have completed the 1953 list. This is a good start but how wonderful it would be if every society would get the books and read them and send in a report.

You may have a list of the books by consulting your "Wesleyan Missionary," your Conference W. M. S. President or your Conference Mission Study Secretary.

MRS. ERNEST SHIGLEY, Jr.
Mission Study Secretary

REPORT No. 7

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

We, Your Committee on Memorials, wish to submit our report as follows:

God in His providence has seen fit to take from our midst the following:

Mrs. A. C. Morris.

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Mrs. Evaline Colburn.

Let us pray that God will raise up others to take their plac-

MRS. H. D. SEYMORE MRS. G. B. VERNON, Jr.

REPORT No. 8

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOALS

The Committee on Goals wish to submit the following report:

1. Deepened devotional life.

2. Increased watchfulness for opportunities of personal witnessing as soul winning.

3. Fifteen per cent gains in:

1. Giving for general, home and foreign missions.

2. Membership.

3. Subscriptions to the "Wesleyan Missionary."

- 4. Paint walls and put down rugs in the guest house.
- 5. Purchase a stove for the kitchen on the camp ground.

6. Each society pay a 50c breakage fee to supply kitchen with dishes when there is a need.

> Respectfully submitted. FAITH HOBSON, Chairman MRS. C. D. ROBERTSON MRS. J. A. TREESE

REPORT No. 9

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS

We, your Committee on Thanks, wishes to submit the fol-

lowing report:

We would like to express sincere thanks to our wonderful Lord, for His good providence that has again directed our paths to this session of the Alabama Conference; for His unseen presence which has been so much felt and has caused this coming together to be a success, we would gratefully recognize our indebtedness to God.

The wise choice of the local societies, in sending us the local presidents and the cooperative delegates, has made this convention of planning not only a task, but a real time of fellowship and blessing. For this, thanks to every member of the local society.

Real thanks are due from the Woman's Missionary Society

to our State President; also the Secretary and Treasurer.

Let us render special thanks to God that He sent Mrs. R. S. Reisdorph. Her messages have been just what we needed for such a time as this. Thank God and thank you, Sister Reisdorph.

Thanks are due a number of the men that labored to build the Worker's Cottage. If it had not been for this response, on part of the ones who built this, our Missionary Society could not have sponsored this.

Many have planned and prayed to make this time together what it has been. Thanks to God - and to all.

> MRS. V. O. AGAN, Chairman MRS. E. L. SHIGLEY, Sr.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC MISSIONARY SERVICE

The W. M. S. opened the Public Missionary Service Wednesday, 7:00 P. M., August 13, 1953, under the Tabernacle. Everyone joined in congregational singing led by Rev. Oscar Bynum, Jr. After two songs were sung and prayer, there came the presentation of the banner to the Cordova W. M. S. Society by Mrs. E. T. Meacham, Conference W. M. S. President. Miss Eva Green, Y. M. W. B. Superintendent, was presented the Conference Pennant, and she, in turn presented the honor awards to the following Y. M. W. B. Bands: Akron, Birmingham First, Cordova, Mentone, Mt. Zion, Pell City, Talladega First, Tuscaloosa, and West Blocton. Hearts were blessed as Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, Denominational W. M. S. President, sang an old hymn of Charles Wesley.

Before beginning her message, Rev. Reisdorph played a tape recording of the services from various lands and as this was being done, Mrs. Reisdorph dressed Miss Eva Green in a costume from Japan. This set the stage for her inspiring address, in which she stirred our hearts with news and incidents not only from the Word of God, but from her recent trip to our mission stations and various parts of the world. Following her address, we enjoyed very fine bits of photography, showing our various mission fields in Japan and Africa.

We felt the service was both a blessing to us and to our people and that it has helped to make the far away lands of Japan and Africa more real in our minds as we both heard and saw the work being done there and to grasp anew the meaning of "Go ye and tell."

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| NAME OF SOCIETY | Active Members | Honorary Members | Members Gained | Members Lost | otal No. Meetings Held | No. of Wesleyan Missionary Taken | ank under Efficiencr | Membership Dues | Offerings | From Labor | "Memorials" | Voucher Receipts | Other Sources | Administrative Fund | Total Receipts for Year | Old Balance from Last Year | GRAND TOTAL |
| Active Ada Chapel Adniston, First Anniston, Norwood Bessemer Birmingham, First Brent Cordova East Lake Ensley Fairview Greensboro Harpersville Jasper | 64 13 17 9 | 8 1 1 40 | 4 67 6 12 37 | 14 1 14 10 | 2 14 19 10 2 15 13 23 24 8 25 7 | 6 15 12 7 36 6 10 12 9 | 90 80 60 100 65 | 8.00 25.00 9.00 8.00 10.00 15.00 17.00 15.00 12.00 58.00 5.00 | 89.56 176.90 5.50 665.11 107.48 150.71 429.20 43.03 392.50 40.21 61.00 | 125.00 195.42 144.43 | 25.00 | 110.00 4.00 75.00 | 15.00 | 2.00 5.50 3.00 4.50 | 162.14 1,426.79 293.98 329.33 15.50 879.11 181.48 242.42 539.20 58.03 455.00 182.19 91.00 | 3.22 4.61 8.47 6.75 30.00 20.00 | 15.50 887.58 181.48 249.17 569.20 58.03 475.00 182.19 91.00 |
| Jasper Mentone Montgomery Mt. Zion Nixon Chapel Pell City Selma Springdale Stanton Talladega, First Tallageda, North Street Tuscaloosa Wesley Chapel West Blocton TOTALS | 13 18 12 9 | 7 4 15 16 13 51 15 214 | 5 8 3 5 2 2 1 10 193 | 4 2 52 | 16 9 6 3 19 12 23 21 4 14 23 6 40 359 | 9 10 19 13 6 8 52 25 40 | 100 85 85 100 90 50 100 85 | 28.00 8.00 12.00 14.00 23.00 11.00 10.00 50.00 40.00 8.00 | 12.00 85.10 26.96 44.00 146.00 388.77 212.28 145.00 76.67 341.12 24.37 1,458.84 30.00 220.60 | 3.00 12.00 3.00 129.53 287.80 185.00 20.00 | 25.00 | 28.00 217.00 | 8.00 3.73 37.50 4.75 91.15 220.13 | 4.50 | 12.00 181.35 46.96 66.00 170.23 439.77 230.78 285.53 86.67 691.42 251.87 1,631.84 42.75 9,327.59 | - 1 | 46.96 66.00 170.23 439.77 247.68 285.53 91.67 699.42 |

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| NAME OF SOCIETY Wissions | Foreign Missions | Hepzibah Cash | Hepzibah Provisions | Education Cash | Local Church Work | Mémbership Dues | Other Objects | Conference Project Guest Cottage | Administrative Fund Total Disbursements | New Balance On Hand GRAND TOTAL |
| Active 35.77 Ada Chapel 14.22 Anniston, First 49.23 Anniston, Norwood 18.00 Bessemer 5.22 Birmingham, First 48.33 Brent 48.33 Cordova 140.33 East Lake 140.33 East Lake 140.33 Ensley 25.00 Fairview 25.00 Greensboro 13.77 Jasper 31.07 Montgomery 25.00 Montgomery 4.00 Montgomery 4.00 Nixon Chapel 330.57 Pell City 194.77 Selma 42.57 Springdale 14.56 Talladega, First 101.55 Talladega, North Street 50.55 Tuscaloosa 24.25 West Blocton 4.50 | 14.250 24.95 24.95 24.95 243.46 92.20 85.13 79.36 44.50 13.75 2.00 43.00 43.00 180.76 43.00 180.76 180.76 180.76 180.76 | 5.00 10.00 10.00 3.00 2.00 12.50 5.00 | 3.00 14.35 17.35 | Ì | 35.79 1,360.74 58.32 251.16 9.50 96.61 186.89 6.09 134.00 154.20 15.00 25.00 14.67 287.30 66.58 1,074.28 196.45 3,988.08 | 4.00 12.50 4.00 52.00 7.50 6.00 29.00 5.00 4.00 6.00 7.00 14.00 6.00 7.00 11.50 8.00 5.50 5.50 5.50 5.50 5.50 5.50 5 | 27.42 275.50 5.47 40.00 108.28 46.00 82.24 38.96 12.50 9.30 124.35 129.53 10.00 123.13 165.87 1.80 1.129.70 | 10.00 10.00 25.00 37.00 15.00 25.00 29.00 12.00 15.00 8.00 15.00 37.70 25.00 37.70 20.00 12.00 37.50 30.00 37.50 | 2.00 1,413.79 2.25 223.22 313.11 15.50 877.98 173.97 5.50 224.99 4.50 459.28 164.20 12.00 5.25 186.55 91.67 2.50 1,664.66 12.50 1,664.66 12.50 1,664.66 42.75 4.50 23.50 1,664.66 | 91.00 12.00 186.85 46.96 66.00 3.73 170.23 439.77 18.33 247.68 285.53 91.67 21.77 699.42 12.51 258.72 27.19[1,691.85 |

ANNUAL W. Y. P. S. STATISTICAL REPORT OF ALABAMA CONFERENCE

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| NAME OF SOCIETY | Active Members | Associate Members | Wesleyan Youth Efficiency Standard Rating | Conference Dues | General Dues | Church Extension | Education _ | Foreign Missions | Home Missions | Local Work | Other Items | Missionary Salary | Total Receipts Plus Balance | Total Disbursements | Cash On Hand |
| Ada Chapel Anniston, First Anniston, Norwood Birmingham, First Brent | 12 15 | 12 5 | 18IC 20 B | 3.75 5.00 | 9.00 15.00 | 7.50 10.00 | 5.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 80.00 319.20 | 52.00 2.05 | 10.00 | 164.25 408.25 | 162.25 406.25 | 2.00 .00 |
| East Lake Fairview Greensboro | 19 5 13 16 | 8 | 15 B 10 6 C 30 | 9.00 8.25 4.75 4.50 5.25 4.00 | 30.00 25.00 19.00 5.00 13.00 | 18.00 16.50 9.50 5.00 10.50 2.00 | 1.75 | 6.59 2.55 15.00 | 4.95 5.40 5.00 | 181.01 320.18 25.00 457.30 86.89 18.52 | 3.60 7.58 9.70 1.00 27.94 | 50.00 12.89 | 102.59 514.71 171.81 28.27 | 241.61 440.80 75.90 505.69 143.58 25.92 | .00 .00 26.69 9.02 28.23 2.35 |
| Jasper Mentone Mt. Ivah Nixon Chapel Pell City Selma | 20 2 12 15 | 32 19 7 | 10 C 15 B 0 9 | 2.05 5.75 .58 7.75 4.75 | 5.00 13.00 2.00 12.00 17.00 | 3.00 3.50 .50 15.50 8.10 | 1.50 4.50 | 20.00 23.91 | | 80.12 19.98 13.40 25.00 50.00 | 11.45 5.75 2.00 25.85 32.91 | 20.00 12.68 | 126.º5 91.02 18.48 160.44 159.64 | 102 37 89.48 18.48 98.78 143.07 | 24.58 1.54 .00 61.66 16.57 |
| Springdale Stanton Talladega, First Talladega, North Street Tuscaloosa | 12 11 9 | 23 9 | 7 1 9 C | 3.00 11.95 2.25 6.25 | 12.00 12.00 12.00 9.00 18.00 | 3.00 6.00 17.00 4.50 12.50 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 3.00 | 222.62 2.00 82.86 | 1.20 1.20 11.90 | | 284.04 75.37 263.57 43.13 145.80 | 259.39 33.20 263.57 29.65 142.61 | 24.65 42.17 .00 13.48 3.19 |
| West Blocton TOTALS | 5 | Ŕ | | 1.25 96.08 | 5.00 234.00 | 2.50 155.10 | 89.75 | 97.05 | 43.35 | 2,171.27 | .50 198.53 | | 9.75 3,448.48 | 9.25 | .50 256.63 |

APPORTIONMENT FOR CONFERENCE BUDGET - 1954

| NAME OF CHURCH Comparison | | 1 | | |
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| Active Ada Chapel 90.00 Anniston, First 115.00 Anniston, Norwood 25.00 Bessemer 215.00 Birmingham 125.00 Brent 125.00 Cordova 70.00 Cordova 70.00 East Lake 35.00 Ensley 90.00 Fairview 90.00 Friendship 25.00 Golden Grove 35.00 Greensboro 35.00 Harpersville 35.00 Harpersville 90.00 Mentone 95.00 Mentone 95.00 Montgomery 25.00 Mt. Carmel 25.00 Mt. Zion 80.00 Nixon Chapel 80.00 Nixon Chapel 80.00 Stanton 90.00 Stanton 110.00 Springdale 90.00 Stanton 150.00 | Conference Work | Conference Missions | Conference Sunday School Work | Total |
| Talladega, First 115.001 Talladega, North Street 215.001 Tuscaloosa 90.001 Wayeross Charge 35.001 Wesley Chapel 50.001 West Blocton 50.001 Merrymon Memorial Mission 2.536.001 | 37.50 78.00 87.00 31.50 15.00 142.50 93.00 63.00 49.50 24.00 60.00 30.00 0 22.50 70.50 14.50 16.50 70.50 24.00 12.00 40.50 40.50 11.00 40.50 11.00 10.00 10. | 9.00 11.00 47.00 16.00 27.00 28.00 90.00 34.00 25.00 125.00 125.00 19.00 19.00 29.00 | 2.65 5.65 | 315.45 85.20 |

APPORTIONMENT FOR CONNECTIONAL BUDGET — 1954

| NAME OF CHARGE | Australia | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Education | Orphanage | Connectional Sunday School Work | General Conference Expense | Administration Expense | Pension Plan | Total |
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| Active Ada Chapel Anniston, First Anniston, Norwood Bessemer Birmingham Brent Cordova East Lake Ensley Fairview Friendship Golden Grove Greensboro Harpersville Jasper Mentone Montgomery Mt. Carmel Mt. Zion Nixon Chapel Pell City Pletcher Springdale Stanton Talladega, First Talladega, North Street Tuscaloosa Waycroosa Chapel West Blocton Merrymon Memorial Mission | 6.25 13.00 14.50 14.50 23.75 15.50 10.50 1 | 31,25 65,00 72,50 26,25 22,25 22,25 21,875 20,00 50,00 25,00 11,25 20,00 11,25 20,00 11,25 20,00 11,25 20,00 11,25 20,00 11,25 20,00 11,25 20,00 11,25 20,00 11,25 20,00 11,25 20,00 11,25 20,00 11,25 20,00 11,25 20,00 11,25 20,00 11,25 20,00 | 50.00 104.00 116.00 42.00 20.00 190.00 124.00 84.00 84.00 40.00 18 | 50.00 104.00 116.00 120.00 124.00 84.00 65.00 32.00 40.00 18.00 20.00 18.00 54.00 18 | 13.00 14.11 5.250 23.75 15.50 10.50 10.50 10.00 5.00 10.00 5.00 10 | 5.30 11.00 7.00 11.30 13.60 11.00 9.60 8.60 5.7.30 2.30 7.70 4.50 5.50 4.60 3.10 14.70 6.70 14.70 1 | 3.75 7.80 3.150 14.25 9.30 6.00 3.00 2.25 1.35 1.35 1.35 1.35 1.35 1.35 1.35 1.3 | 10.00 22.32 8.40 38.00 24.80 16.80 16.80 16.80 11.20 3.60 4 40 3.20 10.80 11.20 12.60 10.8 | 37.50 78.00 87.00 31.50 15.00 142.50 93.00 49.50 60.00 30.00 13.50 12.50 24.00 12.00 12.50 40.50 | 200.30 416.60 463.70 170.80 92.90 92.90 754.60 494.60 337.20 266.00 158.30 124.70 74.70 74.70 74.70 71.70 373.10 225.10 71.40 238.90 259.30 259.30 259.30 259.30 259.30 259.30 259.30 259.30 259.30 259.30 259.30 259.30 |
| TOTALS | 295.50 1 | ,477.50 2 | 364.00 2 | ,364.00 | 295.50 | 270.20 | 177.30 | 472.80 | 1, 773.00 8 | ,489.80 |

STATISTICAL REPORT — ITEMS I AND II — PASTOR'S LABORS AND PERIODICALS

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| NAME OF CHARGE | Time Employed - Months | Appointments | No. Church Societies | Wesleyans Taken | Missionarys Taken | Youths Taken | S. S. Banners | Junior Class Paper | Children's Friend | Teacher's Quarterly | Senior Quarterly | Intermediate Quarterly | Junior Quarterly | Primary Quarterly | Lesson Leaflets | Little Folks Cards | Bible Lesson Chart | Ppuils Lesson Stories | Bible Lesson Stories Home Dept. |
| Active Ada Chapel Anniston, First Anniston, Norwood Bessemer Birmingham Brent Cordova East Lake Ensley Fairview Friendship Golden Grove Greensboro Harpersville Jasper Mentone Montgomery Mt. Zarmel Mt. Zion Nixon Chapel Pell City Pletcher Selma Springdale Stanton Talladega, North Street Tuscaloosa Waycross Charge Wesley Chapel West Blocton Merrymon Memorial Mission TOTALS | 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 1 | | 111111111111111111111111111111111111111 | 23 31 61 10 13 8 16 32 35 22 0 0 1 1 32 20 7 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | 8 15 12 4 0 36 10 12 9 21 0 0 0 4 4 5 10 10 10 6 8 5 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 | 18 16 10 17 15 15 10 6 2 2 30 0 0 0 0 0 0 15 15 10 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 0 25 25 25 25 25 25 26 26 | 00 13 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 31 31 64 00 31 51 51 77 10 71 11 51 51 | 36 40 75 12 118 30 20 0 0 20 20 20 20 0 12 20 0 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 | 0 188 250 66 200 155 155 00 00 200 100 148 00 00 155 200 133 400 355 121 151 400 140 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 15 | 15i 20i 45i 35i 10i 18i 12i 20i 0 0 0 0 20i 16i 20i 10i 10i 10i 10i 10i 10i 10i 10i 10i 1 | 0 0 0 0 0 155 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 0 30 35 10 12 50 8 48 48 0 0 0 15 40 10 0 0 0 12 20 0 0 0 12 30 10 12 20 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 12 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | 0 16 0 0 0 0 12 12 15 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 |

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| | Received | Expelled | Discontinued | Died | Granted Let | Total Membe Number Rep | 1 1 | Gain | Loss Members Under | 1 22 | Baptized | Local Preachers | Vo. Family Altars | bership | Card Call Subscribers |
| Active Ada Chapel Adniston, First Anniston, Norwood Bessemer Birmingham Brent Cordova East Lake Ensley Fairview Friendship Golden Grove Greensboro Harpersville Jasper Mentone Montgomery Mt. Carmel Mt. Zion Nixon Chapel Pell City Pletcher Selma Springdale Stanton Talladega, First Talladega, North Street Tuscaloosa Wayeross Charge West Blocton Merrymon Memorial Mission TOTALS | 00 22 5 5 5 6 4 4 4 6 6 6 4 4 6 6 4 4 6 6 4 6 6 4 6 | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 | | 20 11 0 3 15 4 4 6 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 2 2 2 5 5 5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 | 01 | 2 0 0 1 14 5 8 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 11 | 1 | | 0 0 8 8 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 | 25 30 25 317 7 25 31 224 15 28 0 0 0 9 26 35 4 0 120 51 27 28 0 18 27 28 0 18 17 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 | 23600400101000001201010001013000 |

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| NAME OF CHARGE | Number of Sunday Schools | Nuumber of Officers and Teachers | No. of Scholars In Main School | Total in Main School | rage | No. or Scholars in Home M Department | No. on Cradle Roll Total Number in Sunday School | Scholars Converted | Schoalrs Joining Church | end de | Number of Organized Classes | | nt in Vacat | | Societies No. of Members |
| Active Ada Chapel Anniston, First Anniston, Norwood Bessemer Birmingham Brent Cordova East Lake Ensley Fairview Friendship Golden Grove Greensboro Harpersville Jasper Mentone Montgomery Mt. Carmel Mt. Zion Nixon Chapel Pell City Pletcher Selma Springdale Stanton Talladega, First Tuscaloosa Wayerosa Charge West Blocton Merrymon Memorial Mission | | 10 6 6 6 7 7 12 10 10 10 11 10 10 | 1199 888 488 488 633 118 105 125 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 2 | 88 49 147 109 256 109 54 68 | i j | 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 0 | 10 127 0 88 0 49 16 163 0 109 40 306 0 109 0 54 0 68 | 1 0 0 0 4 4 3 0 6 6 0 0 0 6 0 0 2 0 6 0 0 2 0 8 6 4 2 5 5 0 0 1 0 0 6 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 352770002042242102 | 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | 2 0 0 0 9 0 6 | 65 0 0 0 0 20 | 25 29 | 00 00 45 00 40 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | 01 |
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STATISTICAL REPORT (CONTINUED) — ITEM V — CHURCH PROPERTY

| NAME OF CHARGE | No. of Church Buildings | Value of Buiuldings | Amount of Indebtedness | Amount of Insurance | No. of Parsonages | Value of Parsonages | Amount of Indebtedness | Amount of Insurance | Cash or Other Values on Hand |
|---|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Active Ada Chapel Anniston, First Anniston, Norwood Bessemer | 1 1 1 | 3,000.00 8,000.00 10,000.00 8,000.00 3,500.00 | 4,833.00 | 2.000.00 | 1 1 0 0 | 2,000.00 2,000.00 5,000.00 | 0 | 2,000.00 0 | 100.00 1,600.00 1,000.00 1,086.00 |
| Birmingham Brent Cordova | 1 | 100,000.00 20,000.00 | 14,362.74 0 | 2.500.00 | 1 | 6,500.00 3,500.00 | 0 | 6,000.00 1,500.00 | 3,500.00 300.00 0 |
| East Lake Ensley Fairview | 1 1 | 8,500.00 10,000.00 4,000.00 6,000.00 | 1,000.00 0 0 | 4,000.00 5,000.00 4,000.00 0 | 0 1 1 1 | 7,500.00 7,500.00 4,000.00 | 1,976.09 6,852.82 | 6,000.00 7,000.00 | 260.00 1,636.18 195.20 0 |
| Golden Grove Greensboro Harpersville | 1 1 1 | 1,200.00 1,000.00 8,000.00 1,500.00 | 0 0 3,360.00 | 0 0 5,000.00 | 0 0 1 | 0 0 2,750.00 2,000.00 | 0 2,630.00 | 2,000.00 | 24.45 0 176.59 141.14 |
| Jasper Mentone Montgomery Mt. Carmel | 1 | 2,000.00 2,500.00 8,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 1,000.00 10,000.00 | 1 1 0 | 2,000.00 3,000.00 | 0 | 2,500.00 | 22.05 169.07 200.00 |
| Mt. Zion Nixon Chapel Pell City Pletcher | 1 | 4,000.00 3,500.00 4,000.00 16,000.00 | 0 0 0 | 7,000.00 | 1 1 | 2,000.00 3,000.00 5,000.00 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 2,500 .00 | 22.74 168.15 1,027.47 1,800.00 |
| Selma Springdale Stanton | 1 1 1 1 | 1,400.00 7,500.00 10,000.00 2,000.00 | 0 0 0 0 178.00 | 6,000.00 0 0 | 0 1 1 | 5,000.00 5,000.00 5,000.00 3,200.00 | 796.34 796.34 0 | 4,000.001 01 | 0 0 0 15.17 |
| Talladega, First Talladega, North Street Tuscaloosa Waycross Charge | 11 | 45,000.00 6,000.00 00,000.00 | 7,500.00 0 18,932.96 | 23,000.00 5,000.00 15,000.00 | 1 1 1 | 3,500.00 5,000.00 6,400.00 | 0) 0) | 3,000.00 3,000.00 3,500.00 | 750.00 0 10,327.21 |
| West Blocton Merrymon Memorial Mission | 1 | 7,000.00 1,200.00 3,000.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 1 | 2,500.00 0 2,000.00 | 0 | 1,200.00 01 01 | 695.60 100.29 0 |
| TOTALS | 34 4 | 15,800.00 | 53,166.70 | 164,500.00 | 23 | 90,350.00 | 12,255.25 | 44,200.00 | 25,321.31 |

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| Active | 1.040.00 | 120.00 | 10.00 | 75.00 | 1,245.00 | 80.00 | 52.42 | 200.00 | Ōĺ | Ŏ | 25.27 | 357.69 |
| | 2.110.08 | 150.00 | Ŏ | 400.00 | 2,660.08 | 201.00 | 119.03 | 1,867.25 | . 0 | Oi. | | 2,287.28 |
| Ada Chapel | 2,650.00 | 420.00 | 10.00 | 200,00 | 3.280.00 | 288.00 | 275.00 | 0 | 32.39 | 0 | | 1,129.39 |
| Anniston, First | 2,000.00 | 120.00 | 0 | 86.00 | | 95 201 | 70.18 | 1.202.47 | . 0[| 1,607.54 | 229.94 | 3,195.33 |
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| Bessemer | | F00 001 | 15.00 | 300,001 | 4.225.00 | 416.00 | 538.99 | 2,506.00 | 344.88 | 1,323,44 | 2.074.49 | 7.203.80 |
| Birmingham | 3,380.00 | 530.00 | 19.00 | 300.00 | | 392.00 | 346.14 | 76.60 | 131.97 | 1.025.00 | 332.36 | 2.304.07 |
| Brent | 2,340.00 | 180.00 | 10.00 | | | 271.55 | 155.21 | 70.00 | 101.0 | 1,020.00 | 486.83 | 913.59 |
| Cordova | 3,090.00 | 336.00 | 10.00 | 148.00 | | | | χ | 156.64 | 776.48 | 502.65 | 1.905.27 |
| Fast Lake | 2,105.00 | 1,114.00 | 0 | 557.99 | | 306.50 | 163.70 | 0 806 00 | 264.03 | 110.30 | 251.74 | |
| Ensley | 640.00 | 112.50 | 20.00 | 50.00 | | | 88.02 | 2,786.33 | 204.03 | χi | | 3,390.12 |
| Fairview | 2.000.00 | 130.00 | 5.00 | 250.00 | 2,385.00 | 10.00 | 135.64 | 291.47 | Ų! | ٧ | 215.19 | 654.30 |
| Friendship | 165.15 | 0 | 01 | 0 | 165.15 | 0} | 45.98 | . 0 | Q Q | Ų | 15.60 | 61.56 |
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| | 889.56 | Ō | Ó | 365.00 | 1.254.56 | 110.00 | 91.92 | 0 | 18.91 | 870.00 | 34.09 | 1,124.92 |
| | 250.00 | l ñi | Ōİ | 8.00 | | 74.20 | 68.30 | 0 | 01 | 0 | . 0 | 139.50 |
| Harpersville | 636.11 | 180.00 | Ň. | 131,20 | | 30.50 | 69.00 | 01 | 19.72 | Ö | 124.52 | 243.74 |
| Jasper | 700.00 | 140.00 | · ŏi | 232.00 | | 92.90 | 160.17 | oi | 273.82 | 0 | 185.09 | 711.98 |
| Mentone | | 240.00 | . ŏi | 114.28 | | 80.00 | 84.89 | Ō | 186.45 | 1.000.00 | 327.22 | 1,678.56 |
| Montgomery | 1,820.00 158.55 | 240.00 | | 0 | | 97.88 | 34.74 | Ŏ | 0 | n, | 21.26 | 153.88 |
| Mt. Carmel | | 100.00 | O! | | 1,318.26 | 66.00 | 110.94 | 475.00 | Ŏĺ | ň | 61.07 | 713.01 |
| Mt. Zion | 1,048.26 | 120.00 | χį | | | 180.00 | 224.42 | 715.00 | 472.06 | ň | 219.09 | 1.095.57 |
| Nixon Chapel | 1,560.00 | 120.00 | Ν | 314.33 | | 355.00 | 257.03 | Ŏ | 83.29 | | 498.40 | 1.193.72 |
| Pell City | 3,120.00 | 480.00 | ŎĮ. | 216.00 | | 355.00 | 86.35 | X | 00.23 | X | 112.65 | 199.00 |
| Pletcher | 300.00 | [[0] | _ 0 | 0 | 300.00 | 405.00 | | , N | eso EN | 205 20 | | |
| Selma | 3,340.16 | 540.00 | 5.00 | | 3,985.16 | 405.00 | 656.85 | 0 | 658.50 | 305.32 | | 2,390.97 |
| Springdale | 1,275.00 | 300.00 | 10.00 | | 1,715.16 | 50.00 | 151.14 | Į Q | | 50.00 | 121 23 | 322 37 |
| Stanton | | 180.00 | 0 | 111.00 | | 272.29 | 162.76 | | .65 | 59.00 | 68.05 | 562.75 |
| | | 420.00 | 3.00 | 250.00 | 3,273.00 | 248.55 | 546.86 | | 129.50 | 1,927.00 | | 10,449.24 |
| Talladega, First Talladega, North Street | | 540.00 | Oi. | 320.00 | | 150.00 | 281.66 | 0 | 66.58 | o | | |
| | | 480.00 | 8.00 | 127.77 | 3.735.77 | 100.00 | 482.30 | 42,331.15 | 01 | 0 | | 43,462.61 |
| Tuscaloosa | 1.179.88 | | 11.00 | 84 00 | | 288.581 | 131.46 | | 0 | 0 | 129.80 | 669.96 |
| Waycross Charge | 614.00 | 120.00 | 11.00 | 9.60 | | 171.64 | 89.64 | | Ŏ | Õ | 38 83 | 300.11 |
| Wesley Chapel | 673.80 | 180.00 | ŏ | 325.00 | | 341.88 | 375.53 | | 45.00 | ŏ | 107.70 | 870.11 |
| West Pleaten | 013.80 | 190.00 | , VI, | J20.00 | 1,110.00 | 0.21.00 | 0.0.00 | ٠ , | 1 20.00 | , , | \ ~~···•\ | 0.0.11 |
| Merrymon Memorial Mission | | | 100 001 | C 055 00 | CO E40 E7 | E 041 07 | 6 19E 00 | E0 625 E6 | 2 224 20 | 8 803 70 | 8,923.70 | 01 669 44 |
| TOTALS | 48,248.74 | 7,137.50 | 107.00 | 5,055.33 | 60,548.57 | 5,241.27 | 0,120.80 | 00,000,00 | 2,004.08 | 0,050.10 | 0,860.10 | 01,004.40 |
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STATISTICAL TABLE (CONTINUED) — ITEM VIII — CONTRIBUTED FOR BUDGET

| NAME OF CHARGE | Australia | Foreign Missions | Home Mission | Education | Orphanage | General Sunday School Work | General Confere Expense Fund | Administration Expense | Superannuate Pension Fund | Total General Budget |
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| Active Ada Chapel Anniston, First Anniston, Norwood Bessemer Birmingham Brent Cordova East Lake Ensley Fairview Friendship Golden Grove Greensboro Harpersville Jasper Mentone Montgomery Mt. Carmel Mt. Zion Nixon Chapel Pell City Pletcher Selma Springdale Stanton Talladega, First Talladega, First Talladega, North Street Tuscaloosa Waycross Charge Westey Chapel West Blocton Menrymon Memorial Mission TOTALS | 6.75 13.00 0 4.00 2.75 28.00 16.75 0 10.00 0 0 0 0 0 8.50 0 23.25 6.75 17.75 30.00 4.75 0 0 4.75 | 56.87 104.02 40.95 22.00 239.32 135.25 103.00 104.69 39.94 41.00 16.00 108.34 16.00 67.10 67.10 67.10 67.10 12.00 68.00 57.75 106.74 143.00 240.00 28.24 48.00 38.00 38.00 38.00 | 35.75 65.03 79.25 25.00 13.75 136.25 83.75 32.65 65.36 3.00 0 0 0 0 52.50 10.00 4.75 0 26.50 42.75 42.75 42.75 42.75 88.75 150.00 50.86 63.36 42.75 42.75 88.75 150.00 50.86 83.75 8 | 54.00 104.00 107.25 30.00 22.00 218.00 135.75 125.23 70.00 0 80.00 4.00 0 0 16.00 188.50 12.00 68.00 12.00 68.00 12.00 123.60 142.00 123.60 142.00 10.73 80.00 10.73 10.00 10.75 10.00 10. | 5.75 20.00 25.20 13.30 2.75 42.47 19.00 10.00 5.50 0 0 0 5.50 2.00 2.00 2.00 0 0 5.50 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 5.00 11.00 0 0 5.00 18.90 9.70 7.90 0 9.10 2.50 0 0 1.70 14.80 2.10 11.50 8.00 19.00 10.00 | 4.05 7.80 0 2.40 1.65 16.35 10.05 5.00 0 0 0 0 0 0 2.33 5.120 0 3.00 1.20 1.20 1.20 1.20 1.20 1.20 1.20 1 | 10.80 20.80 0 6.40 4.40 43.60 26.80 20.00 0 16.00 5.50 0 0 0 7.00 11.20 3.20 3.20 11.20 3.20 11.20 3.20 11.20 3.20 11.20 3.20 0 7.00 11.20 | 40.50 78.00 0 24.00 16.50 16.50 16.50 99.50 65.00 0 0 0 0 10.00 12.00 12.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 12.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 139.50 9.00 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 | 219.47 423.65 335.95 146.05 90.80 906.39 536.55 371.88 333.55 42.94 41.00 0 28.38 2° 4 64.90 0 188.78 229.10 26.55 240.44 127.87 157.60 167.60 |

| STATISTICAL REPORT (CONTINUED) | - ITEMS | ATTT | α <u>"</u> | CONTRIBUTED | 1.011 | 10201 |
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| AND CONTRIBUTED FOR TOTALS | | | | | | |
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| NAME OF CHARGE | President's Salary | Conference Work | Conference Missions | Conference Sunday School | Total for Conference Budget | Total for Budget | Total Budget Assigned | Total for Benevolences | Total for Burposes |
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| Active Ada Chapel Anniston, First Anniston, Norwood Bessemer Birmingham Brent Cordova East Lake Ensley Fairview Friendship Golden Grove Greensboro Harpersville Jasper Mentone Montgomery Mt. Carmel Mt. Zion Nixon Chapel Pell City Pletcher Selma Springdale Stanton Talladega, First Talladega, North Street Tuscalooss Waycross Charge Westle West Blocton | 60.00 90.00 90.00 25.00 215.00 125.00 70.00 85.00 90.00 26.40 7.55 35.00 95.00 25.00 25.00 215.00 | 33.75 65.00 70.25 20.00 13.75 136.25 83.75 30.00 50.00 25.00 0 0 26.25 42.50 10.00 35.00 35.00 25.00 35.00 10.00 35.00 37.75 83.75 83.75 | 27.00 52.00 16.00 11.00 10.90 10.90 83.50 20.50 50.50 21.00 34.00 20.00 21.00 34.00 22.00 24.00 93.00 93.00 14.00 27.00 71.00 125.00 10.00 19.00 | 2.50 5.20 7.50 9.45 4.85 1.25 0 0 4.55 1.25 0 3.40 7.40 7.40 1.25 4.05 2.75 4.05 2.75 4.05 2.75 4.05 2.75 4.05 2.75 4.05 2.75 4.05 2.75 4.05 2.75 4.05 2.75 4.0 | 123.259.751 61.0259.751 63.025 469.701 297.101 122.501 155.955 72.65 75.65 70.00 194.25 431.65 431.65 132.88 35.00 192.25 132.88 502.20 105.95 80.45 | 253.32 234.05 | 338.35 711.25 189.15 154.05 1338.80 811.90 587.50 0 595.5 227.50 0 278.80 152.45 265.85 439.70 109.15 100.65 366.50 1,171.85 100.65 468.95 373.50 359.60 1,457.60 948.25 234.05 | 134.00 287.55 56.00 37.50 655.00 81.10 145.27 556.29 15.09 209.50 6.00 225.92 42.00 33.09 157.24 4.00 17.55 160.04 1,111.45 225.00 132.25 59.67 49.70 1,287.74 74.88 30.49 207.75 | 5,712,24 5,272,24 5,272,24 5,272,24 5,738,82 5,137,24 6,738,75 4,270,65 3,774,95 335,71 2,412,95 515,50 2,412,95 515,50 2,412,95 516,54 2,444,66 3,965,99 312,43 2,307,60 3,616,44 7,421,39 7,070,33 2,280,14 2,876,76 15,222,731 |
| Merrymon Memorial Mission TOTALS | 2,300.63 | 1,199.75 | 1,003.50 | 103.85 | 4,607.73 | 12,900.16 | 13,423.85 | 6,664.44 | 171,665.63 |