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Table of Assessments, 1919-20

| District | Scale | Conf. Work | $\begin{gathered} \text { General } \\ \text { Work } \end{gathered}$ | Totals |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Browrwood ... | . 0670 | \$ 5,393 | \$ 4,590 | \$ 9,983 |
| Cisco ............... | . 0735 | 5,917 | 5,035 | 10,952 |
| Cleburne | . 0780 | 6,279 | 5,344 | 11,623 |
| Corsicana | . 1006 | 8,098 | 6,892 | 14,990 |
| Dublin | . 0740 | 5,957 | 5,070 | 11,027 |
| Fort Worth .... | . 1300 | 10,465 | 8,906 | 19,371 |
| Gatesville ....... | . 0720 | 5,796 | 4,933 | 10,729 |
| Georgetown .-.. | . 0975 | 7,849 | 6,680 | 14,529 |
| Waco ........ | .1195 | 9,620 | 8,187 | 17,807 |
| Waxahachie .. | . 1106 | 8,903 | 7,577 | 16,480 |
| Weatherford ... | . 0773 | 6,223 | 5,296 | 11,519 |
| Total...........\| | 1.000 | \$80,500 | \$68,510 | \$149,010 |

## Standing Rules

1. The District Steward, the Recording Steward and the Lay Leaders of each charge are ex officio members of the District Conference. Besides these, each charge is entitled to four delegates.
2. The Presiding Elders are a standing committee to nominate all the boards and regular standing committees at each session of the Conference.
3. The Presiding Elders are required by Conference resolutions to send to the Secretary of the Conference, immediately after the meeting of their respective boards of District Stewards, a copy of the assessments made on each charge, and these assessment's are to be recorded by the Secretary as the official assessment against the several charges of the Conference.
4. The Conference shall elect a Statistical Secretary for the ensuing year, who shall name the several district editors, after consultation with the Presiding Elders, said District Editors to be Assistant Statistical Secretaries, whose duty it shall be to collect the statistical reports from the preachers in charge within the several districts and see they are properly edited and turned over to the Statistical Secretary, during the first day of the Conference session.
5. The Chairman of Committee on Admissions shall make written report to be filed with the Secretary of the Conference, concerning each one admitted into the Conference. This report shall embrace: Full name, name of parents; date and place of birth, conversion and license to preach; date of marriage; name of wife, and such other facts of his life as may be deemed important.
6. The appointment of any member of the Conference to the presiding eldership shall automatically vacate his membership on any of the quadrennial Boards or Examining Committees to take effect at the opening of the ensuing session.
7. The Conference Commission on Finance shall not be authorized to offer to the Annual Conference any new or special assessments to be levied upon the churches, unless such new and special assessments shall comply with the following requirements: First, it must be for an object or enterprise either owned by the M. E. Church, South, or one over which this Conference has full and sole control. Second, it must provide for the perfect execution of the funds so intrusted to the Conference and for a report at the next Annual Conference showing in detail that the trust had been executed and how.
8. All papers, resolutions, obituaries and reports, except the statistical reports, coming before the Conference, must be typewritten in triplicate before reaching the Secretary's desk, the original copy to be retained by the Secretary in the archives, one duplicate to be furnished the editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, and one duplicate to be furnished the editor of the Central Texas Conference Journal.

## Conference Roll

| Name- | Postoffice- | Appointment-- |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adams, J. F. | Rogers | Rogers. |
| Alstadt, Geo. E. | Graford | Graford. |
| Alsup, B. F | .Thornton | Thornton. |
| $\dagger$ Anderson, W. E. | May | May. |
| Andrews, W. B. | .Cleburne | Main Street. |
| Armstrong, J. M. | .Eddy | Eddy and Mooreville. |
| Armstrong, T. S. | Mart | Mart. |
| Armstrong, R. C. | Fort Worth. | State Sec'y Sunday League. |
| Ashburn, S. A | Alvarado ... | Alvarado. |
| Bailey, R. O.. |  | Supernumerary. |
| Bailey, W. G | .Newcastle | Newcastle. |
| $\dagger$ Baird, J. V. | Waco | Y. M. C. A. |
| Baldridge, J. H. | Winters | Winters. |
| Barcus, John M. | Fort Worth. | Central. |
| Barcus, T. S... | Brownwood | Presiding Eldèr. |
| Bell, A. C..... | Fort Worth | Weatherford Street. |
| $\dagger$ Bell, C. F | Penelope | Penelope. |
| Bergin, J. W. | Waco .... | Presiding Elder. |
| Berry, J. B. | Gatesville | Presiding Elder. |
| Bickley, C. A | Weatherford | Presiding Elder. |
| Bishop, C. M. | Georgetown | President S. W. U. |
| Bishop, Horace |  | Superannuate. |
| Bloodworth, J. T | Polytechnic | Conference Evangelist. |
| Boaz, H. A... | Louisville, Ky | Secretary Church Ex. Board. |
| Bond, J. M | Fort Worth. | Gjenwood. |
| Boon, E. F........ | 414 W. 3rd St. Fort Worth... |  |
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| Booth, C. H | Corsicana . | First Church. |
| Boulware, W. T | Trost, R. F. D | Emmett. |
| Bowden, W. M | Fort Worth. | Conference Evangelist. |
| Bowman, H. C. | Riverside, Fort | Riverside. |
| Bowman, J. Hall | Meridian .-..... | Meridian and Pres. of College |
| Bowman, T. E. | . Tr raham | Graham. |
| Braswell, J. H | Hico .-. | Hico. |
| Bridges, E. W | Valley Mills. | Valley Mills. |
| Brockett, C. T | Coryell .... | Coryell. |
| Bowles, J. S... | Italy .. | Italy. |
| Brown, R. F. | Waco | S. S. Field Secretary. |
| $\dagger$ Broxton, Preston | Peoria | Peoria. |
| Bryan, Gid J. | Fort Worth. | Missouri Avenue. |
| Burton, T. H. | Olney | Olney. |
| Cantrell, P. E. | Corsicana | Corsicana Circuit. |
| Campbell, James | Weatherford | Superannuate. |
| * Canafax, J. J.. | Rising Star. | Superannuate. |
| Capps, R. T. | Corbon | Corbon. |
| Carraway, A. E | Dawson | Dawson. |
| *Carter, J. C. | Carlton | Superannuate. |
| Cartwright, C. L | Waxahachie | Waxahachie. |
| Chennoweth, E. B | Briphton, Mo | Superannuate. |
| Chisholm, D. A. | Gustine | Gustine. |
| Chunn, M. M. | Tolar | Tclar. |
| Clark, H. B... | Walnut Spring | Morgan and Walnut. |
| Clark, J. F | Tennedale ... | Kennedale. |
| * Clark, L. A. | Whitt . | Supernumerary. |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Clark, M. W | Corsicana | Eleventh Avenue. |
| Clarke, W. A | Bronte | Bronte. |
| Cole, W. H | West | West. |
| Collie, D. L | Polytechnic | Agent Superannuate Homes. |
| Connell, W. L | Oglesby .... | Oglesby. |
| Council, M. D... | Waxahachie, R | Bethel. |
| Cox, E. V. | Polytechnic .. | Financial Agent T. W. C. |
| Crawford, J. E | Waco ..... | Missionary Commissioner. |
| Crabtree, Elmer | Wortham | Wortham and Richland. |
| Creed, J. J. | McGregor | McGregor. |
| Crosby, R. A. | Cleburne | Anglin Street. |
| Crow, B. S.... | Munger | Munger. |
| Culver, F. P. | Fort Worth | First Church. |
| Curry, J. B. | Ballinger | Ballinger. |
| Curry, W. N. | Granbury | Granbury. |
| Calloway, B. M | Chatfield. | Chatfield. |
| Culbertson, A. | Polytechnic | Supernumerary. |
| Daniel, C. W. | Burleson | Burleson. |
| Dickinson, | Polytechnic | Superannuate. |
| Diltz, C. B. | Hutto | Hutto and Round Rock. |
| *Dobbs, Hoyt M | S. M. U., Dal | Dean Theology School. |
| $\dagger$ Doss, W. H... | Valley Mills.. | Superannuate. |
| Dow, Victor D | Cross Cut. | Cross Cut. |
| Dozier, J. A. | Polytechnic | Conference Evangelist. |
| Ellis, T. D. | Aledo ...... | Aledo. |
| * Ellis, D. C. | Italy | Superannuate. |
| * Ellis, T. W | Polytechnic | Supernumerary. |
| Evans, B. A | Upland, Cal | Superannuate. |
| Evans, C. A | .Evans Ave., F | Superannuate. |
| *Fee, Z. R. | S. M. U., Dall | Student. |
| Felder, L. L | Fort Worth. | Stanford Memorial. |
| *Field, C. S. | Polytechnic | Supernumerary. |
| Fort, J. W. | Hillsboro .. | First Church. |
| Francis, Henry | Jonesboro | Jonesboro. |
| Furgerson, J. T. | Salado | Saládo and Jarrell. |
| Gallegher, C. E. | .Barnesville | Barnesville. |
| *Gardner, N. E. | Zephyr | Superannuate. |
| Gaskins, W. D. | Bruceville | Bruceville and Rosenthal. |
| Gates, P. H. | Georgetown | Student S. W. U. |
| * Gore, J. 0 | Cisco | Superannuate. |
| *Gilleland, W. A | Georgetown | Superannuate. |
| Gilmore, S. P. | Kirk . | Kirk and Prairie Hill. |
| Goodrich, R. E | Waco | Austin Avenue. |
| Gwaltney, W. G | Grandview, R. | Green Briar and Watts. |
| Gray, W. T | Polytechnic | Commissioner Orphanage. |
| Griffith, W. | De Leon. | De Leon Circuit. |
| Groseclose, J, H | Temple | First Church. |
| Hall, A. W | Georgetown | Georgetown. |
| Hall, J. R. B. | Polytechnic | Superannuate. |
| *Harlson, Jerome | Jacksonville | Superannuate. |
| Harrell, W. E. | Bunyon | Bunyon. |
| *Harris, I. F. | Waxahachie | Superannuate. |
| Harris, W. H | Abbott | Abbott and Vaughan. |
| Hawk, E. B... | Polytechnic | Polytechnic. |
| Haynes, A. C | Kirvin | Kirvin. |
| Hawkins, W. E., Jr | Fort Worth | Conference Evangelist. |
| Hays, J. M | Azle | Azle. |
| Head, J. W. | Malone | Malone. |



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| Morphis, M. M | Waco | Superannuate. |
| Morphis, W. J. | Straw | Strawn. |
| Morris, John R. | North Fort Wo | Boulevard. |
| Morton, C. N.. | Blooming Grov | Blooming Grove. |
| *Morton, O. A | Waxahachie | Waxahachie Circuit. |
| Moss, W. W | Dublin | Dublin. |
| Munger, H. L | Coleman | Coleman. |
| Mussett, J. P. | Polytechnic :- | Superannuate. |
| Nation, R. W | Temple | First Church. |
| *Neil, W. A | Holland | Holland and Bell Plains. |
| Nelms, W. L | Cleburne | Presiding Elder. |
| Neal, J. M | Midlothian | Midlothian. |
| Neal, T. Edgar | Fort Worth | Hemphill Heights. |
| Nelson, John R | Weatherford | First Church. |
| Nevill, S. P. | Waco ...... | Clay Street. |
| Nichols, H. A | Gustine | Gustine. |
| Noble, W | Weatherford | Superannuate. |
| Ogle, T | Thurber | Thurber. |
| Oliver, J. L | Aquilla | Aquilla. |
| *Oswalt, C. V. | Fort Worth, R. | Superannuate. |
| †Odom, J. D | . 5552 Rieger Av Dallas | Supt. Orphans' Home Society. |
| Odom, O. O. | Mansfield ... | Mansfield. |
| Pattison, J. W | Blanket | Blanket. |
| Patterson, E. R | Waco | Elm Street. |
| Patterson, J. Fr | Springtown | Springtown. |
| Peeples, N. J. | Corsicana ... | Supernumerary. |
| ${ }^{*}$ Pollard, J. G | San Antonio | Superannuate. |
| Porter, A D... | Corsicana ... | Presiding Elder. |
| Foteet, Horace | Copperas Cove | Copperas Cove. |
| Ramsey, J. D.. | Cleburne ...- | Brazos Avenue. |
| *Rape, J. | Weatherford | Superannuate. |
| Ray, F. A | Foreston ...... | Foreston and Nash. |
| Read, E. A. | Mt. Calm.... | Mt. Calm. |
| *Reese, R. L |  | Superannuate. |
| Rentfro, J. N. | Waco | Fifth Street. |
| Riley, P. E. | Belton | Belton. |
| Riley, P. M | Glen Rose | Superannuate. |
| *Rowland, | Polytechnic | Superannuate. |
| Rucker, S. J | Ennis ........ | Ennis. |
| $\dagger$ Sawyer, L. B. | Wayland | Wayland and Leeray. |
| Sawyer, S. B. | Bardwell ... | Bardwell and Boyce. |
| Scarlett, E. N. | Millsap .- | Millsap. |
| Sensabaugh, 0. | Cisco ..... | Presiding Elder. |
| Sherrell, U. S. | Rising Star. | Rising Star Circuit. |
| $\dagger$ Shrader, H. P | Corsicana | Superannuate. |
| Shuler, J. W. W | Gatesville | Gatesville. |
| Shutt, C. G. | .Britton | Britton. |
| Siceloff, J. A | Bartlett | Bartlett. |
| Simpson, C. E. | Weatherford | Couts Memorial. |
| Simpson, W. K | Robert Lee. | Superannuate. |
| Smith, C. Q. | Fort Worth | Mulkey Memorial. |
| Smith, A. C | Fort Worth. | Highland Park. |
| Smith, E. A | Itasca | Itasca. |
| Smith, M. M. | China Springs | China Springs. |
| *Smoot, J. D.. | Rising Star..... | Supernumerary. |
| $\dagger$ Snoddy, B. A | Graham | Superannuate. |
| Sorrells, T. L. | Bosqueville | Bosqueville and Speegleville. |



## Undergraduates

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## Lay Delegates

## Brownwood District

*A. K. Doss, Ballinger.
Mrs. Sam G. Thompson, Brownwood.
*J. T. Turner, Santa Anna.
J. W. Colson, Coleman.
*Roy Marcum, Blanket.
Mrs. O. W. Willoughby, Bronte.
Rev. C. H. Puckett, Coleman.
*J. M. Scaggs, Winters.
Cisco District.
J. H. Garner, Cisco.
*A. F. Willis, Cross Cut.
S. H. Nance, Rising Star.
${ }^{*}$ Rev. W. A. Tate, Carbon.
G. L. Morris, Sipe Springs.
$\dagger \mathrm{J} . \mathrm{D}$. Boggs, Rising Star, Route 2.
*J. T. Triplett, May.
$\dagger$ James Irby, Rising Star.
Cleburne District.
*A. Boulware, Cleburne.
J. B. Wilson, Granbury.
*W. T. Bradbury, Cleburne.
*T. W. Hines, Venus.
$\dagger$ A. G. Jones.
*W. R. Walker, Cleburne.
*J. S. Hallman.
$\dagger$ M. B. Winston, Walnut Springs.
Corsicana District.
$\dagger$ J. H. Farmer, Dawson.
*J. R. Collins, Emhouse.
$\dagger$ J. H. Wooley, Corsicana.
*J. S. Smith, Mexia.
$\dagger$ W. A. Tarver, Corsicana.
S.W. South, Rice.
*T. Elmo Longbotham, Wortham.
$\dagger$ R. M. McMullin, Chatfield.
Dublin District
J. E. Hickman, Dublin.

Rev. U. J. Morton, Dublin.
R. P. Campbell, Tolar.

Mrs. M. W. Campbell, Tolar.
*Miss Ida Holt, Bluffdale.
*R. E. Huling, Gustine.
*J. A. Jones, Comanche.
*E. M. Stone, Proctor.
Fort Worth District.
Mrs. J. D. Cooper, Arlington.
*E. J. White, Fort Worth.
*A. A. Warren, Fort Worth.
*Dr. J. A. Hammack, Kennedale.
$\dagger$ F. B. Poteet, Fort Worth, Stop 3.
Mrs. W. H. Matthews, Polytechnic.
D. M. Alexander, Fort Worth.
$\dagger$ C. F. Webb, Polytechnic.

* Absent. † Appeared after roll call

Gatesville District
$\dagger$ H. Y. Price, Evant.
James M. Robertson, Meridian.
*Sam Amsler, McGregor.
J. A. G. Weaver, Ames.
O. B. Beard, Gatesville.
I. Lanes, Valley Mills.
*J. S. Cook, Turnersville, R. 2.
$\dagger$ Rev. J. W. Bowden, Meridian.
Georgetown District
F. F. Downs, Temple.
: . Sam Galloway, Temple.
R. O. Culp, Temple.

Mrs. B. T. Stribbling, Temple.
$\dagger$ J. S. Fox, Granger.
*Oscar Lusk, Belton.
J. D. Seiders, Taylor.
R. F. Young, Georgetown.

Hillshoro District
$\dagger$ Mrs. A. W. Jowers, Coolidge.
$\dagger$ W. A. Putman, Hubbard.
W. R. Lang, Hillsboro.

Mrs. W. T. Sims, Hillsboro.
B. A. Turk, Hillsboro.

Mrs. E. B. Walker, Whitney.
J. M. Rogers, Covington.
$\dagger$ Mrs. J. Will Davis, Bynum.
Waco District.
W. B. Stanford, Lorena.
T. B. Stanford, Lorena.
W. J. Barcus, Waco.
*A. E. Aikmann, Mart.
*E. Cannon, China Springs.
A. J. Kincannon, Eddy.
G. E. Kincannon, Bruceville.
G. W. Barcus, Waco.

Waxahachie District
*J. Lee Penn, Waxahachie.
J. A. McDaniel, Ferris.
*T. G. Curry, Mansfield.
*G. H. Griffin, Milford.
W. W. Major, Midlothian.
D. W. Curry, Waxahachie, R. 3.
$\dagger$ J. R. Winfrey, Ennis.
*I. R. Allen, Ennis.
Weatherford District.
T. F. Temple, Weatherford.
$\dagger$ A. L. Howard, Mineral Wells.
*Lester Smith, Aledo.
*Mrs John Brazleton, Weatherford.
*W. C. Harrell, Newcastle.
*T. C. Wadley, Graham.
*W. A. Strain, Milsap.

## Local Preachers

| Brownwood District |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| W B. Cross, Brownwood (L. E.) | T. A. Rape, Ballinger (L. D.) |
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| J. P. Beaty, Zephyr (L .D.) | C. S. Reese, Winchell (L. P. |
| R. W. Shelton, Zephyr (L. D.) | Roy Crawford, Winters (L. P. |
| J. G. Reagor, Bangs (L. D.) | P. S. Connell, Winters (L. P.) |
| W. B. Starling, Blanket (L. D.) | Claud Quirl, Zephyr (L. P.) |
| G. W. Pipes, Coleman (L. D.) |  |
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| H. M. Courtney, Gorman (L. E.) | J. C. Watkins, Rising Star (L. E.) |
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| W. A. Tate, Carbon (L. P.) | (L. P.) |
| J. I. Payte, Carbon (L. P.) | T. A. West, May (L. D.) |
| C. C. Chaney, Gorman (L. P.) | J. W. Culwell, Rising Star (L. P.) |
| W. J. Tickner, Cisco (L. D.) | J. T. Gardner, Cisco (L. P:) |
| J. W. Boatman, Cisco (L. D.) | J. T. Barber, S. M. U. (L. P.) |
| S. F. Jones, Cross Cut (L. P.) | C. Y. Butler, Eastland (L. P.) |
| W. H. Whitworth, Cisco (L. P.) | W. C. Grant, Strawn (L. D.) |
| T. M. Price, Eolian (L. E.) | R. J. Hodges, Wayland (L. D.) |
| I. W. Duncan, Santo (L. D.) | Charley --, Rising Star (L. P.) |
| Ernest Roper, Meridian (L. P.) | M. J. Glenn, May (L. P.) |
| W. L. Boyd, Sabano (L. P.) | I. N. Anderson, Rising Star (L. D.) |
| C. M. Barrack, Rising Star, R. 1. <br> (L. E.) | C. E. Peeples, Meridian (L. P.) |
| Cleburne District |  |
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| M. C. Chaffee, Rio Vista | D. S. Montgomery, Walnut Springs |
| Calvin Davis, Granbury, R. 3 | J. F. Owens, Burleson |
|  | E. N. Parish, Cleburne (L. D.) |
| (L. D.) | J. H.' Rigby, Grandview |
| Wm. Riley, Lillian. | W. C. Hollingsworth, Walnut Springs |
| J. L. Smith, Glen Rose (L. E.) | (L. D.) |
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## Conference Journal

The Central Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in its fifty-fourth session (being the tenth session since the division in 1910), convened in the Austin Avenue Methodist Church, Waco, Texas, at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 12th day of November, 1919, with Bishop William Newman Ainsworth in the chair.

The Bishop read Hymn 553, "All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord," which after singing, the Conference joined in repeating the Apostles' Creed.

After leading in a fervent prayer, the Bishop read the fifth chapter of the prophecy of Amos, making timely comments in his opening address.

The Secretary of the previous session called the roll, and 186 clerical and 20 lay delegates answered to their names. (See Roll.)
A. D. Porter was elected Secretary, and on his nomination, R. W. Nation and R. A. Crosby were elected assistants.
W. J. Mayhew was elected Statistical Secretary, and on his nomination the following were elected as his assistants: F. O. Waddill, J. M. Bond, H. B. Landrum, C. O. Hightower and B. B. Byus.

The following alternates were seated: Brownwood District, Mrs. H. L. Munger, in place of Roy Marcum; Corsicana District, I. R. Darwood, in place of J. H. Wooley; Fort Worth District, M. L. Williams, in place of E. J. White.

Numerous communications were referred to their respective boards and committees.

Hon. G. W. Barcus addressed the Conference, extending words of welcome in behalf of the City of Waco, to which Bishop Ainsworth fittingly responded.

On motion of J. W. Bergin, the hours for meeting and adjourning were fixed at 9:00 a. m. and 12:00 m., respectively. And on motion of R. E. Goodrich, the main auditorium of the church was fixed as the bar of the Conference.
J. H. Steward read the Presiding Elder's nominations for the Standing Committees, which were elected. (See Standing Committees.)

The Committee on Conference Relations, the Committee on Admissions and the Committee on Memoirs were elected for the remainder of the quadrennium. (See Committees.)
R. E. Goodrich made important announcements concerning meeting . places for the boards and committees.
C. H. Booth stated that the Conference Treasurer was at work at the Central Texas Exchange National Bank.

Rev. A. E. Yeager of the Erie Conference of the M. E. Church, representing the World Outlook and the Missionary Voice, addressed the Conference.
J. B. Berry resigned as Auditor and on his nomination, E. W. Bridges was elected his successor.

Question 17., "Are all the preachors blameless in their life and official administration?"

The names of the following were called and their characters passed: Sam G. Thompson, S. J. Vaughan, W. L. Neims, A. D. Porter, E. P. Wil-

fiams, W. H. Matthews, J. B. Berry, C. R. Wright, J. W. Fort, J. W. Bergin, J. H. Stewart and C. A. Bickley.

Question 15. was called. "What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been elected elders?"

Traveling preachers: Mark Leo Boon, Lucius Pat Leach, and Jerry Lee Oliver. Their names were called, their character passed and they were elected elders.

Th name of Geo. E. Alstadt was called and his character passed, being an elder, having passed the committee.

Local preachers: None.
Question No. 17 was resumed: "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?"

The names of the following were called, their character passed, and they were referred to the Committee for the Superannuate Relation. (See Question No. 17 of the Condensed Minutes.)

The names of the following were called, their character passed, and they were referred to the Committee for the Supernumerary Relation: T. W. Ellis, A. P. Lipscomb, R. J. Tooley, E. F. Hudgens, J. O. Gore, R. O. Bailey, J. D. Smoot, N. J. Peeples, B. E. Kimbrow, L. A. Clark, W. J. Whitley.

The name of G. W. Harris was called and was referred to the Committee on Memoirs, he having died during the year.

Rev. A. J. Weeks, editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, was introduced and represented that great Conference organ.

The names of Franklin Moore and C. E. Statham were called and their characters passed.

Dr, Luther E. Todd, Secretary of the Board of Finance, was introduced to the Conference, and delivered a telling address in behalf of the superannuates.

On motion of F. P. Culver, it was ordered that when the Conference adjourn it be to meet at $3: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., to hear the representatives of the Centenary Conservation Program.

The following visitors were introduced: Mr. H. D. Mouzon, Commissionr of S. M. U.; Rev. J. C. Wilson and G. F. Harris, of the West Texas Conference; John N. Rentfro, transfer from the West Texas Conference; Dr. J. J. Stowe, representing the Centenary Commission; Rev. R. A. Burroughs of the Texas Conference, Rev. H. E. Stout President of Texas Woman's College.

After sundry announcements, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by R. C. Armstrong.

## FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Conference was called to order at 3:30 p. m., Dr. F. P. Culver in the chair by appointment of Bishop Ainsworth.
J. P. Mussett led in prayer. The Conference joined in singing Hymn No. 461, "How Firm a Foundation."

The purpose of the meeting was announced by the chair, and G. W. Barcus, Conference Centenary Campaign Director, outlined the work done by the Central Texas Conference in the Centenary Campaign.

On motion of J. W. W. Shuler, the Conference expressed, by a rising
vote, its thanks to Judge Barcus for the splendid way in which he had directed the Centenary Campaign.

Dr. J. J. Stowe, a member of, and a representative of the Centenary Commission, spoke of the work done by the church at large, and outlined the plan for the collection of the subscriptions.
J. E. Crawford reported the amount collected, the number of intercessors and the number of tithers.

Dr. H. A. Boaz, Secretary of the General Board of Church Extension, spoke to the conference on the "Life Service" portion of the Standard Plan of Conservation.

It was announced that the evening service would be given over to the Centenary work, and that Dr. Stowe and Dr. Boaz would speak.

On motion of J. W. W. Shuler, the Conference adjourned, and H. B. Henry pronounced the benediction.

## THURSDAY-SECOND DAY

MORNING SESSION
The Conference convened at $9: 00 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$., Bishop W. N. Ainsworth in the chair, and after singing Hymn No. 493, Dr. Horace Bishop led in prayer. The Bishop read as a Scripture iesson a portion of the sixteenth chapter of the Gospel by Matthew and a part of the twelfth chaper of the Gospel of John, delivering a strong address based upon these great passages.

The minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions were read and approved.

The roll of absentees was called and several answered present. (See Roll.)
J. B. Ingle was seated as an alternate in the place of G. H. Griffin, from the Waxahachie District, and Coke Odom, from the same district, was seated in place of J. Lee Penn.

Under Question 17, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration,', the names of the preachers in the Brownwood, Cisco, Cleburne and Corsicana Districts were called one by one and their character passed. (See Roll.)

The charges represented by the preachers of these four districts were reported in a unique and very interesting manner, as suggested by the Bishop, the reports covering four points, namely: The number received by profession of faith, the percentage of salaries, the percentage on benevolences and the amount pledged on Centenary without credit.

The name of J. B. Dodson was called and referred to the Committee on Memoirs, he having died during the year.

The name of E. W. Hancock was called and was referred to the same committee to receive due notice, he not being in full connection.

Question 1 was called: "Who are admitted on trial?" and was answered as follows: Coming properly recommended, James Robert Williamson, from the Cisco District; Osce Ola Moore, for the Georgetown District (admitted by a two-thirds vote of the Conference); Porter Thomas Stanford, from the Waco District; James Cooper Mann, from the Waxahachic District; Finnis Lee Willshire, from the Waxahachie District; Pierce Solan Connell, from the Brownwood District; Charles Henry Puckett, from the Brownwood District. All these, having been before the Committee on Examination, and passing creditable examinations, were admitted to trial.

Question No. 2. "Who remain on trial ?". The following names were
called, their characters passed, and they were admitted to the class of the second year. (See Question 2, in the Condensed Minutes.)

The names of the following were called, their characters passed and they remained in the class of the first year, they not having been before the committee: Ira T. Huckakee and Ralph Eugene Nollner.

Question 15. "What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been elected deacons?"

Traveling preachers: The rames of the following were called, their characters passed and they were elected to deacon's orders and advanced to the class of the third year, having passed the committee: Aubrey C. Haynes, Otis Olin Odom, Harry Burnton Thompson, John Tucker Furgerson, John A. Walkup, Walter Everett Harrell, Prince Edward Cantrell, Ernest Cloe Lambert.

Local preachers: Pierce Solan Connell, coming properly recommended from the Waxahachie District.

The names of the following were called, their characters passed, and they were advanced to the class of the third year, being already deacons: Umphrey Lee, Paul F. Brumbeloe, Henry Ibser and Geo. E. Alstadt.

The names of the following were called, their characters passed, and they remained in the class of the second year, not having been before the committe: Robert Lee Butler, William B. Morton, W. J. Whitley, J. L. Chunn.

Question 3. "Who are discontinued?" Earl F. Hewitt, after the passage of his character, at his own request, was discontinued.

Question 5. "Who are readmitted?" was answered: "No one."
Question 12. "Who are the deacons of one year?" The names. of the following were called, their character passed, and they were advanced to the class of the fourth year, having passed the committee: Willim Edward Anderson, Edgar Newton Scarlett, Donald A. Chisholm, H. A. Nichols, Cluster Q. Smith, Victor D. Dow, William Hugh Cole (an elder), W. L. Connell and George E. Alstadt (an elder).

The names of the following were called, their characters passed, and they remained in the class of the third year, not having been before the committee: Albert Richard Lundy, Edgar Alfred Read, S. P. Gilmore and J. C. Mayhew.

Question 7. "Who are received from other churches?" Shelby R. Renfro, a traveling elder from the Methodist Protestant Church, was received, and he immediately asked for an honorable location, which was granted him.
"Who are received from other churches as local preachers?" was answered: "No one."

The Bishop announced that at the opening of the tomorrow morning session of the Conference, the class for admission would be received into full connection.

Bishop Ainsworth addressed the Conference, representing the movement to build to the memory of Bishop Francis Asbury a monument, in the City of Washington, D. C., on a plot of ground donated by the city for that purpose. A collection for the same was taken, amounting to $\$ 411.50$.

Inquiry was made: "Who are located this year?" and the names of the following were called, their character passed, and they were granted honorable location at their own request: C. C. Hightower, George Smallwood and F. L. Meadow.

The Bishop presented to the Conference to be voted on, the following constitutional question, as ordered by the last General Conference: Shall the Twenty-third Article of Religion in the Discipline in Foreign Lands read:
"XXIII. Of the Duty of Christians to the Civil Authorities. "It is the duty of all Christians, and especially all Christian ministers, to observe and obey the laws and commands of the Government or supreme authority of the country of which they are citizens or subjects, or in which they reside, and to use all laudable means to encourage and cnjoin obedience to the powers that be."

The question of the change in the XXIII Article of Religion in the Discipline of all our Churches in Foreign Lands was submitted to the Central Texas Annual Conference in its session in Waco, Texas, on the 13 th day of November, A. D. 1919.

Two hundred and twenty-one members of the Conference were present and voting. Two hundred and twenty-one members voted in favor of the change, and no one voted in opposition.
(Signed) WM. N. AINSWORTH, Bishop. A. D. PORTER, Secretary.

On motion of F. P. Culver, the Conference reconsidered its action of yesterday in the appointment of the Committee on Memoirs, whereupon the committee of the previous year was confirmed for the remainder of the quadrennium.

The Bishop called Question 25 . "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?" F. P. Culver placed Fort Worth in nomination and Thomas S. Barcus nominated Weatherford. The vote was taken, selecting Fort Worth by a vote of 123 to 109 .

Rev. James Upchurch, Superintendent of the Baraca Rescue Home, located at Arlington, Texas, was introduced to the Conference, speaking briefly of his work. Mrs. Upchurch and three representative girls of the institution sang a beautiful and touching song.:

Dr. Stonewall Anderson, General Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced and made a short speech.

Rev. Atticus Webb, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, spoke of the work of that organization.

After sundry announcements, the doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by E. F. Boon.

## FRIDAY-THIRD DAY

MORNING SESSION
Conference convened at 9:00 o'clock, with Bishop W. N. Ainsworth presiding. After singing Hymn 217, "More Love to Thee, O Christ," S. J. Rucker led in prayer, preceded by reading responsively the 103d Psalm.

The minutes of the Second Day were read and approved.
Bishop H. M. DuBose was introduced to the Conference, and it was announced that he would address the Conference at 11:30 o'clock.

Question No. 17 was taken up. "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The names of the preachers in the Dublin, Fiort Worth, Gatesville, Georgetown, Hillsboro and Waco Districts were called one by one, and their characters passed. The reports being made as on the previous day's session. (See Conference Roll for list of names.)


The name of W. H. Doss was called, his character passed, and he was referred to the Committee for the Superamiuate Relation.

Aubrey C. Haynes, Henry Ibser, John A. Walkup, John Tucker Furgerson, Ernest Cole Lambert, Walter E. Harrell, Prince Edward Cantrell, Paul F. Brumbeloe, Harry Burnton Thompson and Umphrey Lee, having passed the committee, were called to the chancel, and after the Bishop's address, they giving satisfactory answers to the disciplinary questions, were admitted inte full connection by a unanimous vote of the Conference, thus answering Question 4.
J. M. Barcus offered a resolution concerning the semi-centennial address of Dr. Horace Bishop, which was adopted. (See resolution.)

The Bishop appointed the following committee to supervise the publication of the above-mentioned address: John R. Nelson, John R. Morris and John M. Barcus.

The presence of Hon. W. A. Tarver and Mr. J. H. Wooley, delegates from the Corsicana District, was noted.

A paper was presented by W. Erskine Williams, concerning a proposition to convey to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, certain property known as the Harris Sanitarium, situated in the city of Fort Worth. The paper was referred to the Committee on Lay Activities. (See written proposition.)
H. A. Boaz, Secretary of the General Board of Church Extension, represented to the Conference the work of the Board.

Mrs. Culbertson, Superintendent of the San Antonio Rescue Home, was introduced to the Conference and made an interesting report of that institution.

The order of the day having arrived for the address of Bishop Du Bose, he represented the work and spoke of the plans of our Church in California and the Northwest. At the close of the address a collection was taken for the erection of a Mission Evangelist Tabernacle in San Francisco. The sum in cash amounting to $\$ 331.65$, the unpaid subscription being $\$ 171$.

On motion of F. P. Culver the time was extended.
A resolution was offered by H. A. Boaz and others, providing for an increased assessment for the superannuate preachers of the Central Texas Conference. The resolution was referred to the Conference Board of Finance. (See resolution.)
A. T. Culbertson was announced as a transfer from the Northwest Texas Conference, and he was referred to the Committee for the Supernumerary Relation.

After sundry announcements, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop DuBose.

## SATURDAY—FOURTH DAY

MORNING SESSION
Bishop Ainsworth called the Conference to order at 9:00 o'clock. Hymn No. 2, "Come, Thou Almighty King," was sung. Psalm 90 was read alternately. M. S. Hotchkiss led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous day's session was read and approved with one slight correction.

The presence of O. O. Odom, a preacher, and Rev. J. W. Bowden, a lay delegate from the Gatesville District, was noted.

Question 17 was resumed: "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" and the characters of the preachers of the Waxahachie and Weatherford Districts were passed, their names having been called one by one. (See Conference Roll.)

The nameof S. C. Baird was called and was referred to the Committee on Memoirs, he having died during the year.

The name of W. H. Vaughan was called, his character passed and he was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the Supernumerary Relation.

Horace Bishop read greetings from Rev. G. S. Wyatt of the Northwest Texas Conference, a former member of this Conference.

The name of P. M. Riley was referred to the Committee for the Superannute Relation.
J. D. Young was granted an honorable location at his own request.

The name of P. E. Lancaster was called, his character passed and he was advanced to the class of the second year.

Question 0.6. "Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?" John N. Rentfroe, an elder from the West Texas Conference; L. N. Stuckey and W. A. Stuckey, elders from the North Texas Conference; R. B. Wilks and A. F. Watkins, elders from the North Texas Conference; A. T. Culbertson, A. W. Hall and J. Leggett, elders from the Northwest Texas Conference; J. A. Siceloff, an elder fro:n the West Texas Conference; B. M. Calloway, elder from the Texas Conference; H. E. Stout, elder from the Missouri Conference; H. E. Lightfoot, from the North Texas Conference, in the class of the second year; U. S. Sherrell, from the Texas Conference, in the class of the first year.

Question 10. "Who are transferred to other Conferences?" The Bishop announced the following: A. R. Lundy, K. P. Barton, B. B. Byus, to the West Texas Conference; G. F. Winfield, to the North Texas Conference; Franklin Moore, to the East Oklahoma Conference; J. N. McCain, to the Texas Conference; C. L. Browning, R. S. Watkins, Raymond Vanzandt, J. W. Hawkins, to the Northwest-Texas Conference, and C. V. Williams, to the New Mexico Conference.

Report No. 1 of the Commission on Finance was read by S. J. Rucker. F. P. Culver moved to amend by substituting " $\$ 24,000$ " in place of " $\$ 22,000$ " for the Board of Missions.

Several members of the Conference engaged in discussion. On motion of R. C. Armstrong, the previous question was ordered. The vote was taken and the amendment was lost.
F. F. Downs offered an amendment to increase the appropriation to the Board of Education from $\$ 30,000$ to $\$ 33,750$.

After some discassion, D. L. Collie moved the previous question, which was ordered. The amendment was lost. The report was adopted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Conference Relations was read by J. A. Whitehurst and was adopted. (See Questions 18 and 19 of Condensed Minutes.)

The report on Sabbath Observance was read by R. C. Armstrong.
S. B. Sawyer moved to amend by inserting there be no more quarterly Conferences held on Sunday.

On motion of W. H. Mattheiws, the motion to amend was laid on the table. The report was adcpted. (See reports.)

The special committee on publication of Dr. Bishop's address reported as to cost of same and a collection was taken asking for the $\$ 125$ necessary.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Lay Activities was read and adopted. (See report.)

Reports Nos. 2 and 3 of the Board of Lay Activities were read and adopted separately. (See reports.)
T. E. Bowman read the report of the Sunday School Board. Emmett Hightower spoke to the report. The report was adopted.
T. S. Barcus and others offered a resolution to discontinue the use of the Revised Version and to print the text of the Sunday School lessons in the Authorized Version only. The resolution was adopted.
W. B. Wilson read the report of the Epworth League Board, which was adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Conference Board of Finance was read by J. M. Robertson, and was adopted. (See report.)

The name of C. S. Field was referred to the Committee for the Supernumerary Relation.

Otis Olin Odom, having been detained by illness from attending the previous sessions of the Conference, being now present he was called to the bar of the Conference, and having been duly recommended, and giving satisfactory answers to the disciplinary questions, was-received into full connection by a unanimous vote.
A. D. Porter nominated J. M. Bond, editor of the Conference Journal, in place of G. F. Winfield, transferred. He was elected for the remainder of the quadrennium.

The report of the Board of Church Extension was read by E. B. Hawk and was adopted. (See report.)
S. J. Rucker read Report No. 2 of the Commission on Finance, and it was received and filed for record. (See report.)
A. D. Porter read the report of the Conference Treasurer, which was received and placed on record. (See report.)

Report No. 2 of the Conference Board of Finance was read, granting C. S. Field a supernumerary relation. The report was adopted.

The Bishop called the statistical questions Nos. 14, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, and the Statistical Secretary answered. (See Condensed Minutes.)
W. Erskine Williams was elected Conference Lay Leader, answering Question 34.

After a statement from the chair, it was ordered that when the Conference adjourned it be to meet at 3:00 o'clock p. m. The Bishop appointed Dr. Horace Bishop to preside.
T. S. Barcus, J. H. Stewart and C. A. Bickley offered a substitute for Standing Rule No. 4, which was adopted. (See Standing Rules.)

On motion of John M. Barcus, the hour for the Memorial Session was fixed for 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and the Bishop appointed J. M. Barcus to preside.

The Secretary of the Conference stated that there was a surplus of $\$ 50$ in the Asbury Memorial Fund collection. The Conference ordered that this surplus be used to defray certain incidental expenses of the Secretary and the Secretary of the Bishop's Cabinet, the remainder to be given to the Conference Board of Finance for the superannuates.

Various announcements were made. Bishop Ainsworth called for ""Mother Barcus"" and in beautiful and very fitting words introduced her to the Conference.

Miss Black, a deaconess, in charge of the Rebecca Sparks Inn; Miss Graham of Korea, Dr. J. H. McClain of the North Texas Conference, and L. P. Smith of the North Texas Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

After singing the doxology, Bishop DuBose pronounced the benediction and the Conference stood adjourned.

## SATURDAY—FOURTH DAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Conference was called to order at 3:00 o'clock. Horace Bishop in the chair by appointment of Bishop Ainsworth.

The Conference sang "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," and Dr. J. H. McClain led in prayer.
W. J. Mayhew was elected Statistical Secretary for the ensuing year, in compliance with the new Standing Rule No, 4.

The report of the Board of Missions was read by Alonzo Monk, Jr., and was adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Trustees of the Superannuate Homes was read by W. B. Andrews. It was spoken to by D. L. Collie, and was adopted. (See report.)

The Conference gave D. L. Collie, the Agent for Superannuate Homes, the privilege of securing specials for the support of individual superannuates.

The report of the Committee on Temperance and Social Service was read by J. R. Nelson.
O. F. Sensabaugh moved to amend that part of the report which referred to the San Antonio Rescue Home to read as follows: "So as not incur any indebtedness except by the consent of the patronizing Conferences."

The amendment was adopted, and the report as amended was adopted. (See report.)

John R. Nelson read his report on War Work Commission, which was approved.

The folowing were elected on the Joint Board of Trustees for the San Antonio Rescue Home: J. H. Groseclose, R. O. Culp, John R. Nelson, E: D. Jennings and Dr. S. C. Gage.

The report of the Board of Christian Literature was read by H. C. Bowman.
J. W. W. Shuler moved to amend by striking out the phrase "other denominations." The amendment prevailed. The report as amended was adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Board of Education was read by Judge Tom L. McCullough.
G. W. Barcus moved to amend by striking out that part of the report referring to Meridian College as a Conference School.
J. W. Bergin, Thomas S. Barcus, J. W. Fort, C. H. Booth, J. Hall Bowman and others spoke to the amendment.

The previous question was ordered, on motion of J. W. W. Shuler. The amendment was lost.
T. S. Barcus offered an amendment scaling the appropriations from $\$ 1,774$ to $\$ 1,000$, and for Weatherford College from $\$ 1,329$. to $\$ 500$.

On motion of Emmett Hightower, the amendment was laid on the table. The report was adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. J. Will Davis, from Hillsboro District, was seated.
The report of the Committee on District Conference Records was read by Seba Kirkpatrick, and was adopted. (See report.)
A. D. Porter read the report of the Committee on Methodist Orphanage, and it was adopted. (See report.)

A resolution favoring the attitude of the Committee on the Army and Navy Chaplains from the Council of Federated Churches, urging the adoption of the Capper bill, was offered by A. D. Porter and was adopted. (See resolution.)

The report of the Spiritual State of the Church was read by Mrs. B. T. Stribbling, and was adopted. (See report.)
M. A. Turner was elected to a place on the Committee of the Second Year, to fill the vacancy made by the transfer of C. L. Browning.

The report of the Conference Auditor was read by E. W. Bridges, and was received and filed for record.

On motion, the Secretary and Editor of the Conference Journal were authorized to curtail reports, eliminating all extraneous matter before being printed in the Journal.

The Secretary was authorized to make certain corrections in the names of evangelists, asked for in the report of the Board of Missions.

The Conference adjourned, with the benediction pronounced by A. D. Porter.

## SUNDAY-AFTERNOON MEMORIAL SESSION

Conference convened pursuant to adjournment, in memorial session, at 3:00 o'clock, with J. M. Barcus in the chair, by the Bishop's appointment.
J. H. Stewart announced Hymn 628, "My Heavenly Home Is Bright and Fair." The Conference joined in singing.
J. P. Mussett led in prayer. J. H. Stewart read a portion of the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel of John. The Conference sang "There's a Land That Is Fairer Than Day."

The minutes of the previous morning and afternoon sessions were read and approved.

John M. Barcus read appropriate introductory remarks. The chairman called Question 11, "What traveling preachers have died during the year?"

The committee reported the names of J. B. Dobson, S. C. Baird, G. W. Harris, and also E. W. Hañcock, in the class of the first year.
J. H. Stewart read the obituary of 0 . B. Turner, who, though having died last year, did not have opportunity to write fitting memoir. And so, in compliance with the order of the Conference of one year ago, the obituary was read at this session.

The memoir of J. B. Dobson was read by E. P. Williams. The memoir of G. W. Harris was read by Warner Moore. The memoir of E. W. Hancock was read by S. J. Vaughan. The memoir of S. C. Baird was read by J. W. Pattison.

A tribute to the memory of Mrs. E. B. Hawk was read by W. H. Matthews, and a like tribute to Mrs. R. H. Heiser was read by E. F. Boon.

The obituary of Mrs. Marion Mills was read by C. V. Bailey, and one to the memory of Mrs. J. M. Marshall was read by Guy H. Willson.

Dr. Horace Bishop prepared a suitable notice to the memory of Bishop E. E. Hoss and Bishop J. H. McCoy.
E. F. Boon moved to adopt the report. Oral tributes were paid by Walter Griffith to O. B. Turner, John R. Nelson to G. W. Harris and to Mrs. E. B. Hawk. D. L. Collie spoke to the memory of Mrs. E. B. Hawk.

The report was adopted. Answering the Condensed Minute question No. 11.
A. D. Porter moved that when the Conference adjourn it be to meet immediately following the religious services at the Baptist Church at 7:00 o'clock. The motion was adopted.

The Conference adjourned following the baptism, by Bishop Ainsworth, of the infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Hester.

## SUNDAY EVENING SESSION

The Conference convened immediately following a sermon preached by Bishop H. M. DuBose.
J. W. Holt read the report of the Bible Board, and it was adopted. John M. Barcus read suitable resolutions of thanks to the pastors, churches and people of Waco, to the newspapers and to the members of the First Baptist Church for the use of their great auditorium for the closing session. The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

Bishop Ainsworth read the list of transfers. (See note following Appointments.)

The Bishop filed with the Secretary the following certificates of ordination:
"This is to certify that I, Wm. N. Ainsworth, one of the Bishops of the M. E. Church, South, ordained Edgar Alfred Read, a deacon, in Waco, Texas, January 26th, 1919, assisted by certain elders present.
(Signed) WM. N. AINSWORTH."
"I, William N. Ainsworth, one of the Bishops of the M. E. Church, South, hereby certify that I ordained Joseph T. McKeown, elder at Corsicana, Texas, on January 24th, 1919, assisted by certain elders present.
(Signed) WM. N. AINSTWORTH."
"I, William N. Ainsworth, one of the Bishops of the M. E. Church, South, hereby certify that I ordained Pascal W. Laynes, elder, at Cisco, Texas, on March 7th, 1919, assisted by certain elders present.
(Signed) WM. N. AINSWORTH."
A. D. Porter moved that with the reading of the minutes and the answering of Question 36, that the Conference adjourn sine die. The motion prevailed.

Bishop Ainsworth, after a brief address, . called Question 36, "Where are the preachers stationed this year?" and answered it by reading the appointments. (See Appointments.)

## Appointments

## Numerals indicate year; Roman figures indicate class.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT
Presiding Elder, T. S. Barcus (1).


CISCO DISTRICT
Presiding Elder, O. F. Sensabaugh (1).
Breckenridge ........................................... E. Lindsay (1).
Caddo ............................................................. be supplied.
Cisco ....................................................... N. Capps (1). Stuckey (2), J. O. Gore, sup'r.
Cisco City Mission.................................... L. Chunn, II. (1).
Cross Cut
Desdemona and Jakehamon.....................M. A. Turner (1).
Eastland ......................................................... A. Langston (1).
Eolian and Parks Field....................................... M. Watkins, supply (1).
Gorman ............................................................... B. Hooper (2).
Gorman Circuit
E. R. Brown (1).

Olden ............................................................ W. Layne (1).
Ranger -................................................................................ (1).
Ranger City Mission............................................ E. Wilkins (i).
Rising Star........................................... O. Sory (2), J. D. Smoot, sup'r.
Rising Star Circuit....................................... S. Sherrill (1).
Scranton -................................................................... Bherton, II. (3).
Sipe Springs............................................... L. Boone (1).
Strawn ..................................................W. J. Morphis (3)
Thurber ...................................................................... Olge (1).
Wayland and Leeray.
L. B. Sawyers (1).

Field Secretary Church Extension Board-S. J. Vaughan (1).
Director Methodist Bible Chair in State University-Umphrey Lee III. (1).
Evangelist for Cisco, Weatherford and Dublin Districts-D. A. McGuire (1):
Students in Southern Methodist University-Z. R. Fee and Robert Butler (1).

## CLEBURNE DISTRICT

Presiding Elder, W. L. Nelms (4).


## CORSICANA DISTRICT

## Presiding Elder, A. D. Porter (3).



DUBLIN DISTRICT

| Presiding Elder, E. P. Williams (3) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Bunyan .............................................W. E. Harrell, II (1). |  |
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| Comanche Circuit |  |
| De Leon. $\qquad$ W. B. Vaughn (2). |  |
| De Leon Circuit Walter Griffith (1). |  |
|  | T. Winss (1) |
| Duffau ............................................E. C. Lambert, İI (2) | Gustine ...-.........................................-D. A. Chisholm, IV. (2). |
| Hico |  |
| Iredell <br> T. L. Stinson, supply (1). H. A. Nichols, IV. (3). |  |
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| Stephenville |  |
| Stephenville |  |
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FORT WORTH DISTRICT
Presiding Elder, W. H. Matthews (3)
Arlington .................................................onzo Monk, Jr. (2)
Fort Worth-

Diamond Hill........................................................... Irwid Irwin (2).
First Church.................................................................................. (3).
Glenwood (1).
Hemphill Heights
T. Edgar Neal (2).

Highland Park
A. C. Smith.
Gid J. Bryan (1).

Missouri Avenue
Mulkey Memorial
C. Q. Smith, IV. (1).

Polytechnic
E. B. Hawk (4), A. T. Culbertson and T. W. Ellis, sup

Riverside ............................................... C. Bowman (2).
Sagamore and Sycamore - E. E. White (2).

City Mission
Euless
T. G. White (1).

Grapevine To be supplied.
Handley
..C. W. Irwin (1).
Haslett W. T. Jones (3).

Kennedale A. F. Watkins (1). J. F. Clark (1).

Mansfield O. O. Odom, III. (1).

Bohemian Mission Henry Ibser, III. (2).
Secretary Church Extension Board-H. A. Boaz (2).
Superintendent Intermediate Senior Sunday School Work-E. R. Stanford.
Dean Southern Methodist University, School of Theology-Hoyt M. Dobbs.
President Texas Woman's College-H. E. Stout.
Commisioner Texas Woman's College-E. V. Cox.
Field Superintendent Methodist Orphanage-W. T. Gray.
Agent Superannuate Homes-D. L. Collie.
State Secretary Sunday League of America-R. C. Armstrong.
State Superintendent Anti-Saloon League-Atticus Webb.
Assistant Secretary Epworth League Board-R. E. Nollner.
Conference Evangelists-W. E. Hawkins, Jr., M. W. Bowden, J. A. Dozier, J. T. Bloodworth.

Student Southern Methodist University-L. B. Craven III. (1).

## GATESVILLE DISTRICT

Presiding Elder, J. B. Berry (2).


## GEORGETOWN DISTRICT

Presiding Elder, C. R. Wright (2).


## WACO DISTRICT

## Presiding Elder, J. W. Bergin (2).



WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT
Presiding Elder, J. H. Stewart (2).


WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT—Continued.


WEATHERFORD DISTRICT
Presiding Elder, C. A. Bickley (2).

| Aledo ..................................................T. D. Ellis (1). |  |
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|  | M. Hays (1). |
| Eliasville .........................................W. T. Veatch |  |
| Gordon and Mingus......................................... <br> Graford $\qquad$ George E. Alstadt (1). |  |
|  |  |
| Graham | T. E. Bowman (2), |
| A. A. Lipscomb, sup'r. |  |
|  |  |
| Loving .................................... C. E. Statham |  |
| Milisap Woul................................Edgar N. Scarlett, 1V. (1) |  |
| Mineral Wel | J. A. Whitehurst (2). |
| Newcastle ...........................................W. G. Bailey (3) |  |
| Olney ...............................................T. H. Burton (1). |  |
| Olney Mission................. .....................E. A. Cox, supply (1). |  |
| Palo Pinto............................................. L. Willshire (1) |  |
| Springtown ......................................J. Fred Patterson (3) |  |
| Weatherford- |  |
| First Church..............-...................John R. Nelson ( |  |
|  |  |
| Cout's Memorial ............................C. E. Simpson, (2). |  |
| Weatherford Circuit...........................J. W. Leggett (1). |  |
| Whitt ................................................. Bennett, supply (2). |  |
| Railroad Y. M. | T. Huckabee (2) |

TRANSFERRED
A. R. Lundy to West Texas Conference.
K. P. Barton to West Texas Conference.
B. B. Byus to West Texas Conference.
G. F. Winfield to North Texas Conference.

Franklin Moore to East Oklahoma Conference.
J. N. McCain to Texas Conference.
C. L. Browning to Northwest Texas Conference.
R. S. Watkins to Northwest Texas Conference.
J. W. Hawkins to Northwest Texas Conference.
R. Vanzant to Northwest Texas Conference.
C. V. Williams to New Mexico Conference.

## Condensed Minutes

Of the Fifty-Fourth Session of the Central Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Waco, Texas, beginning 9:00 a. m., November 12th, 1919; ending November 16th, 1919.

Bishop W. N. Ainsworth, President.
A. D. Porter, Secretary. Postofice of Secretary, Corsicana, Texas.

## I-PROBATIONERS

1. Who are admitted on trial? James Robert Williamson, Osce Ola Moore, Porter Thomas Stanford, Jas. Cooper Mann, Finnis Lee Willshire, Pierce Solon Connell, Charles Henry Puckett.
2. Who remain on trial? Marvin F. Bell, L. Bowman Craven, Joseph W. Shepherd, Robert Taylor Wallace, Marsh Boiles, William Tell Veatch, Walter William Ward, Arthur W. Franklin, David Irvin, Robert Lee Butler, William B. Morton, J. L. Chunn.
3. Who are discontinued? Earl F. Hewitt, at his own request.

## II-CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP

4. Who are admitted into full connection? Aubrey C. Haynes, Henry Ibser, Jno. A. Walkup, Jno. Tucker Furgerson, Ernest Cloe Lambert, Walter E. Harrell, Prince Edward Cantrell, Paul F. Brumbeloe, Henry Burnton Thompson, Umphrey Lee.
5. Who are readmitted? No one.
6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? J. N. Rentfro, L. N. Stuckey, W. A. Stuckey, R. B. Wilks, J. A. Siceloff, A. F. Watkins, E. H. Lightfoot, A. T. Culbertson, B. M. Calloway, U. S. Sherrell, A. W. Hall, H. E. Stout, J. W. Leggett.
7. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? Shelby H. Renfro, an elder from the Methodist Protestant Church.
8. Who are located this year? C. C. Hightower, Geo. Smallwood, J. D. Young, F. L. Meadow, Shelby H. Renfro, at their request.
9. Who have withdrawn or been expelled? No one.
10. Who are transferred to other Conferences? A. R. Lundy, K. P. Barton, G. F. Winfield, Franklin More, B. B. Byus, J. N. McClain, C. L. Browning, R. S. Watkins, R. Vanzant, J. W. Hawkins, C. V. Williams.
11. What preachers have died during the past year? J. B. Dodson, S. C, Baird, G. W. Harris and E. W. Hancock, a preacher on trial.

> III-ORDERS
12. Who are the deacons of one year? William Edward Anderson, Edgar Newton Scarlett, Donald A. Chishoim, H. A. Nichols, Cluster Q. Smith, Victor D. Dow W. L. Connell.
13. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been elected deacons? Traveling preachers: Aubrey C. Haynes, Otis Olin Odom, Henry Burnton Thompson, Jno. Tucker Furgerson, Jno. A. Walkup, Walter Everett Harrell, Prince Edward Cantrell, Ernest Cloe Lambert. Local preachers: Pierce Solon Connell.
14. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been ordained deacons? Traveling preachers: Aubrey C. Haynes, Otis Olin Odon, Henry Burnton Thompson, Jno. Tucker Furgerson, Jno. A. Walkup,

Walter Everett Harrell, Prince Edward Cantrell, Ernest Cloe Lambert. Local preachers: Pierce Solon Connell.
15. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been elected elders? Traveling preachers: Mark Leo Boon, Jerry Lee Oliver, Lucius Pat Leach. Local preachers: None.
16. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been ordained elders? Traveling preachers: Mark Leo Boon, Jerry Lee Oliver, Lucius Pat Leach. Local preachers: W. R. Witherspoon.

## IV-CONFERENCE RELATIONS

17. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Yes. The names of all the preachers were called one by one and their characters passed.
18. Who are supernumerary? T. W. Ellis, A. P. Lipscomb, R. J. Tooley, E. F. Hudgens, J. O. Gore, R. O. Bailey, J. D. Smoot, N. J. Peeples, B. E. Kimbrow, L. A. Clark, W. J. Whitley.
19. Who are superannuated? W W. Noble, H. P. Shrader, F. M. Winburn, D. C. Stark, J. J. Canafax, J. G. Pollard, D. C. Ellis, Jerome Harleson, W. V. Jones, J. M. McCarter, V. J. Millis, C. V. Oswalt, C. A. Evans, J. J. Rape, E. M. Sweet, W. K. Simpson, E. F. Boon, J. C. Carter, E. B. Chenoweth, C. E. Gallagher, I. F. Harris, W. J. Lemons, F. L. McGehee, J. P. Mussett, A. C. Lackey, N. E. Gardner, J. E. Walker, B. A. Snoddy, J. C. Mayhew, James Campbell, B. A. Evans, W. H. Crawford, C. W. McCune, J. R. B. Hall, W. A. Gilleland, H. B. Henry, Abe Long, E. J. Maxwell, C. Rowland, J. W. Dickenson, M. M. Morphis, R. L. Reese, H, Bishop, W. H. Doss, P. M. Riley.

## V—STATISTICS

20. What is the number of districts, of pastoral charges, and of Churches in this Conference? Districts, 12; pastoral charges, 221; churches, 559.
21. How many have been licensed to preach, and what is the number of local preachers and members? Licensed, 17; local prachers, 215; members, 79,702.
22. How many adults and how many infants have been baptized during the year? Adults, 2,055 ; infants, 709 .
23. What is the number Leagues and of Epworth League members? Epworth Leagues, 95; Epworth League members, 3,085 .
24. What is the number of Sunday Schools, of Sunday School officers and teachers, and of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the year? Sunday Schools, 466; officers and teachers, 4,828; scholars enrolled, $60,403$.
25. What is the number of Woman's Missionary Societies, and what is the number of members of the same? Societies, 196; members 5,793 .
26. What are the educational statistics? Institutions, 4; teachers, 78; students, 1,322 ; value property, $\$ 1,077,665$; endowment, $\$ 230,000$.

## VI-FINANCES

27. What has been contributed for the following causes? Conference work, $\$ 66,461$; general work, $\$ 62,023$; by the Woman's Missionary Society, \$91,733.
28. What has been contributed for the support of the ministry? Presiding Elders, $\$ 43,854$; preachers in charge, $\$ 274,561$.
29. What is the grand total contributed for all purposes from all sources in this Conference this year? $\$ 1,147,792$.

## VII-CHURCH PROPERTY

30. What is the number of houses of worship, their value, and the amount of indebtedness thereon? Houses of worship, 501 ; value, $\$ 2,677,650$;
indebtedness, $\$ 130,501$.
31. What is the number of parsonages, their value, and the amount of indebtedness thereon? District parsonages, 12 ; their value $\$ 85,000$; indebtedness, $\$ 7,300$; parsonages belonging to pastoral charges, 212 ; their value $\$ 608,600$; indebtedness, $\$ 20,529$.
32. What amount of insurance is carried on Church property, and what amount has been paid out in premiums? Insurance carried, $\$ 1,581,550$; premiums paid, $\$ 9,208$.
33. How many churches and parsonages have been damaged or destroyed during the year, what is the amount of damage, and what has been collected thereon? Churches and parsonages damaged; 6; amount of damages, $\$ 9,981$; collected, $\$ 4,121$.

## VIII-MISCELLANEOUS

34. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report of the Board on Lay Activities? W. Erskine Williams. (See Reports.)
35. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Fort Worth, Texas.
36. Where are the preachers stationcd this year? (See Appointments.)

## Report of Committee on Memoirs

"Weep not for a brother deceased; Our loss is his infinite gain."

We pause today, as a part of God's militant host, to call the roll of our fallen comrades and to plant a sprig of acaccia over their graves. We are forcefully reminded by these annual memorial services of the truth so beautifully expressed by General Albert Pike:
"Life's shores are shifting, every year,
And we are seaward drifting, every year:
Old faces, changing, fret us;
There are fewer to regret us,
Every year.
But the truer life draws nigher, every year,
And it's morning star climbs higher, every year;
Earth's hold on us grows slighter,
And the heavy burdens lighter
And the dawn immortal brighter,
Every year."
We sorrow today, not as those who have no hope. The biography of our departed brethren did not end when the minister stood over their graves and said, "Earth to earth, dust to dust, ashes to ashes." Like Paul, each of them could say: "For me, to live is Christ, to die is gain." The history of the world is always from death to life. The corn of wheat dies and from it springs the stalk laden with new life; the egg falls into decay, and from its ruins a new bird comes into life. So with man: the outward man, the body, perishes, but the inward man is renewed day by day, and the day comes when the inward man has outgrown its earthly house, and mortality must put on immortality, and so the earthly house falls into ruins and the immortal soul departs to enter the house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens. So we think of our brothers today, not as lost, but simply gone on before. They outstrippad us in the race of life and got home a little ahead of us. Their day's work was done, while we were left to toil anothr day; to them the crowning day has come, while for each of us there is another cross to bear. They are our brothers still. It takes those on earth and in heaven to constitute the "whole family." "Part of the host have crossed the flood and part are crossing now. And we are to the margin come, and we expect to die-
"Singing Glory, Glory."
The roll of our dead this year includes three traveling elders, one preacher on trial, and three preachers' wives, as follows: George W. Harris, Samuel C. Baird, Joseph B. Dodson, Elisha Wesley Hancock, Mrs. E. B. Hawk, Mrs. Richard Heizer, Mrs. Sarah Anna Mills and Mrs. J. M. Marshall. We mention also two of our chief pastors who have passed away-Bishop E. E. Hoss and Bishop J. H. McCoy.

Tributes to these will be read by those by whom they were prepared, and these will constitute a part of our report. We include also a tribute to the memory of O. B. Turner, whose memoir could not be secured for our last session.

## REV. O. B. TURNER

Orlando Birtram Turner, eldest son of J. W. Turner and wife, was born in Burnet County, near Lampasas, June 5, 1874. He moved to Hill County when four months old and lived in Hill County until he entered the ministry. He was converted at Midway when elev n years old, and joined the church a few years later at Itasca, in a meeting held by Abe Mulkey. He felt called to preach when about sixteen years old, but did not yield until he was about thirty years of age. He was married in Hill County, July 25, 1901, to Miss Lora Grinstead, who, with their four children, two boys and two girls, survive him, living near Salado, Bell County, Texas.

He was granted license to preach in the spring of 1907, and, much to his surprise, was appointed as supply on the Alma Circuit that fall. The next year he served as supply on the Mexia Circuit. In November, 1909, he joined the Central Texas Conference on trial, and was returned to the Mexia Circuit. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Atkins, November 12, 1911, and elder by the same Bishop, November 9, 1913. He served the following appointments: Alma, 1908; Mexia Circuit, 1909-12; Kirk, 1913-15; Thornton, 1916-17; Salado, 1918.

He died of influenza, October 18, 1918, at Salado, Texas, and his remains were carried to Hillsboro and laid to rest Sunday, October 20th. Services were conducted by Rev. John M. Barcus, assisted by Revs. J. H. Stewart, P. E. Kiley, Walter Griffith and R. O. Sory. He leaves a wife, four children and an aged father and mother, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Katy, Mrs. Jessie Lanie, Young County; Paschal Turner, Cleburne, Texas; Mrs. Wash Turner, Collin County; Tom and Abe Turner, Hill County. A sister, Mrs. Daisy Grinstead, preceded him to the glory world some few years ago.

We cannot commend him in more fitting words than is done by some of his friends. We quote the following from Judge R. T. Burns:
"Thus briefly the story of a worthy, noble and useful life is told. Many characteristics that make for genuine nobility and Christian manhood were deeply seated in his nature. His devotion to his home was unbounding, as it should be, and is with every man who has correct ideals of life. He was devoted to his friends, and always had a cheerful word for all. This writer knew the subject of this sketch for a number of years. He was my neighbor. He had one of the most sunny dispositions that man ever possessed. He made those about him happy and drove gloom from the faces of those that were in sorrow. He was fearless as a lion when principle was involved, and he was as gentle as a woman, and anyone could approach him at any time, and he was ready to lend a hand to those who needed his help."

Extract from the Hillsboro Mirror: "Deceased was one of those simple, plain characters who sought no large honors for himself, but wanted his Saviour's glory. Because of his simplicity, he was able to do a large work to his , fellow-man, and no personal glory will be felt through the ages to come."

Words from Rev. D. M. West, pastor of the Baptist Church at Jarrett: "He was a devout Christian. He was devoted to the church of which he was a member, and in which he had become a capable and trusted leader. He always commanded the esteem and love of his brother preachers and the confidence and respect of all who knew him.
"In his going, his family has lost one who loved them more than he did his own life, and he has bequeathed to them a legacy worth more than the gold of Ophir or the cattle upon a thousand hills. His wife mourns for a companion who was all that the word husband means; the children have lost a father whose fondest dreauns and hopes in this life were for them; his friends have given up one who was true; the country has lost a patriotic citizen, and the Church has given up a capable and worthy leader.":

## JOSEPH BIRCHFIELD DODSON

Joseph Birchfield Dodson was born at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, November 11, 1856. His parents were Rev. N. C. and Julia Ann Dodson. His father was a prominent minister in that part of the State, and to his influence and his mother's tender love and teaching, Brother Dodson attributed much of his success. He was one of ten children, but only three brothers are now living. They are Rev. K. W. Dodson, of Minden, Louisiana; Rev. F. E. Dodson, of Cabot, Arkansas, and Rev. L. H. Dodson, of Duvall's Bluff, Arkansas. There were three older half-brothers, one of whom was a preacher. In early manhood, Brother Dodson married Miss Nancy Jane Baker. One son and four daughters of this marriage survive him. They are: J. L. Dodson and Mrs. James Lease, of Rush Springs, Oklahoma; Mrs. Mattie Golden and Mrs. Ruel Newkirk, of Duval's Bluff, Arkansas, and Mrs. John Bishop, of Clarendon, Arkansas. Brother Dodson was converted at the age of eighteen, was licensed to preach at nineteen, was ordained deacon by Bishop John Granbury, December 16, 1883, and worked as a teacher and local preacher until after the death of his wife. At the age of thirty-six he joined the St. 耳ouis Conference and was ordained elder by Bishop Charles Galloway October 2, 1892, at Kirkwood, Missouri. In 1891 he married Miss Olivia Vineyard, of Belgrade, Missouri. To this marriage were born two sons, C. F. Dodson, of Thurber, Texas, and O. L. Dodson, of Sweetwater, Texas. This marriage was of short duration, the wife dying suddenly while he was away filling an appointment. On May 21, 1898, Brother Dodson was married to Miss Amy Lee Vinyard, of Belgrade, Missouri, who walked close by his side for twenty-one years. To this marriage there were no children, but she accepted the responsibility of mother to the two baby boys who were already so near and dear to her. After traveling in the St. Louis Conference for twelve years, Brother Dodson transferred to the North Texas Conference, and was stationed at Sherman. After two years in that Conference, he transferred to the Northwest Texas Conference, where he served Hale Center, Snyder and Sweetwater. He was then sent to Groesbeck the year the Conference was divided, and that left him in the Central Texas Conference, where he remained until his death, which occurred at a sanitarium in Dallas, July 22, 1919. In the long months of his illness his sweetness of disposition and character was shown in the patience, bravery and cheerfulness with which he bore so much suffering. During the last day of his life his interest and anxiety were for his family. In talking to his devoted wife, he said: "I hope the people will be good to you." He then requested that his body should be carried back to Thurber, saying that a little slab in the cemetery there might remind the people of the work he had tried to do. When told in January an operation was necessary, he requested that it might be postponed until his son, Clifton, who was in France, could return. A few weeks after Clifton's return, he accompanied his father and mother to Dallas, and was present when his father passed away. Someone who knew Brother Dodson intimately has said of him: No nore consistent, heavenly-minded Christian has ever followed his Lord through the trials and tribulations of a long life. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. J. Vaughan, his Presiding Elder, assisted by Rev. S. P. Gilmore. The funcral was largely attended, showing the high esteem in which he was held by the citizens of Thurber. After the services at the church, the Masonic Lodge, of which Brother Dodson was an honored member, took charge of the remains and his body was laid to rest according to the rites of that ancient and honorable order. The courtesies shown Brother Dodson by the Masonic Lodge during his illness were highly appreciated. This writer was intimately acquainted with Brother Dodson for several years. He was one of the best men he has ever known. He seemed to be absolutely sincere. Brother Dodson was an able preacher, a successful pastor, a faithful friend, a kind father and a devoted husband. This writer
counted him as one of his special friends, and felt especially grieved at his going away. May a gracious Heavenly Father comfort and guide his faithful and devoted companion. May his two noble sons emulate the example of the father, who felt so much interest in them, and may the whole family, after all the joys and sorrows of life are over, be reunited in the eternal home where there are no more separations and heartbreaks.
E. P. WILLIAMS.

## REV. G. W. HARRIS

On Monday, February 16, 1919, Rev. G. W. Harris, an honored superannuate of the Central Texas Conference, died at his home near Bangs, Texas. On Wednesday afternoon his body was laid to rest in Bangs Cemetery, with Woodman honors, after services held in the Bangs Methodist Church. The services were conducted by Rev. S. G. Thompson, Presiding Elder of the Brownwood District; W. B. Vaughn, preacher in charge, De Leon, and Warner Moore, preacher in charge, Bangs, each of whom paid a sincere tribute to the memory of the deceased, especially based on personal knowledge of his loving, self-effacing nature. Brother Harris was born in Lumpkin County, Georgia, in 1852, the son of Rev. George and Margaret Tyler Harris, moving to Texas while still a boy. He was converted under the ministry of W. T. Melugin, in 1871, and immediately joined the M. E. Church, South. In 1882 Brother Harris was licensed to preach under Thomas Stanford, Presiding Elder, and remained in the local ranks for several years.

In 1889 Brother Harris supplied Clifton Mission, and at the next session of Conference was admitted to the Northwest Texas Conference on trial, and at the same session ordained deacon. Also he was returned to Clifton.

The other works served by our brother were, in order, as follows: Dripping Mission, 1891; Valley Mills, 1892-4; Rodgers Circuit, 1894-8; Moffat Circuit, 1899; Bertram Circuit, 1899 to 1903 . While serving this charge, it was placed in the West Texas Conference and appointed to Childress Circuit. In 1904 he was sent to Bangs, remaining here four years. In 1908 he was sent to Indian Creek, and from there, in 1910, was superannuated. After superannuation, Brother Harris and his wife purchased a home near here, where he resided until his death.

In 1872, Brother Harris was united in marriage with Miss Maggie Ulmer, who bore him eight children, four of whom survive their parents-Herman Harris, of Bangs; Mrs. Rose Griffin, of Houston; Mrs. Mamie Newberry, of Childress, and Mrs. Opal Winborne, of Childress, while one son, George, lived to maturity and is survived by a son, Jesse Harris, of Rodgers. In 1902 Sister Maggie Harris fell asleep in Jesus, a faithful wife, loving mother and true Christian.

On December 11, 1904, Brother Harris was married to Miss Mary Clements, who, with two children, Georgia and Edwin, survives him.

Brother Harris needs no greater eulogy than the simple recital of the results of his labors for the Master and the Church of his love. Between 1,600 and 1,700 conversions sealed his ministry, over 1,400 people were received by him into the Methodist Church, and as an additional crown fifteen young men heard and heeded the call to the ministry under his leadership, while in material things, six churches and one parsonage were built, together with the overhauling of four churches, the fruit of his labor.

As a man he was loved and honored; as a preacher he was indeed a prophet of the Highest, and as his successor, living amongst the people he loved and served, $I$ am constrained to voice the sympathy of Bangs Church and Community to the bereaved wife and children who survive him.

WARNER MOORE.

## REV. S. C. BAIRD

Rev. Samuel C. Baird, son of C. J. L. Baird and Matilda Baird, was born February 12, 1861, in Wilson County Tennessee. When a small boy he came to Texas with his father and settled near Waco. In 1878 he was soundly converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Stanford's Chapel, under the ministry of Rev. W. T. Melugin. He returned to his native State, and was admitted on trial in the Tennessee Conference at Fayetteville, Tennèssee, October 17, 1888, Bishop John C. Keener presiding. For sixteen years he was a faithful and efficient pastor in this Conference. When this Conference was divided, he fell into the Central Texas Conference. Here he labored faithfully until released by death. He was married to Miss Mattie Stowe, of Lebanon, Tennessee, October 16, 1884. Two children were born to them-Claudine, now Mrs. Elbert McElroy, of Mart Texas, and Frazier F., of Winthrop, Arkansas. His faithful wife lives to mourn her irreparable loss. He belonged to a prominent Methodist family in Middle Tennessee, all of whom have passed away, except a brother, J. V. Baird, of Waco, and a sister, Mrs. Sallie Tracy, of Lagoona, Texas. It was the pleasure of the writer to know Brother Baird intimately through most of his ministerial life. A cleaner man I never knew. He went uncomplainincly to the work assigned him and labored faithfully. He never received what may be called a living salary, yet he managed to live free of debt, educate his children and lay by something against the day of his superannuation. His health had been impaired for several years. He debated often with himself as to whether he should retire and seek a restoration of health or labor on, and "cease at once to work and live." He loved the work of a Methodist preacher, and did not know how to quit. He had a very moderate estimate of the value of his service to the Church. In 1916 he wrote: "There is nothing in my life worthy of especial mention. Two new churches and two new parsonages. divers repairings and debt-paying have made up the round of my life. Under my ministry there have been about 900 conversions and nearly as many received into the Church." At the last session of his Conference he was appointed to Bethel charge, in the Waxahachie District. This was perhaps the most desirable appointment he ever received. Immediately he adiusted himself to the tasks before him, but in two short months his health broke down and it became necessary for him to submit himself to a dangerous surgical operation. He was taken to the Bantist Sanitarium at Dallas. Here on March 4, 1919, his noble spirit went home to God who gave it. "Well done. good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

W. H. DOSS, Valley Mills, Texas:

## MRS. DORA HAWK

Mrs. Dora Hawk, the daughter of J. M. Patterson and wife, the wife of Rev. E. R. Hawk and the mother of Pat and Blake Hawk, was born at Bethel, Ellis County, Texas, November 13, 1886. She was reared in Waxahachie and vicinity, and was educated in Waxahachie public schools and Trinity University. She became a Christian early in life, and when just reaching early womanhood she definitely consecrated her life to Christ and his service. She became a most useful and influential worker in her home Church, and many were led to Christ by her earnest efforts. She was an active worker in the Epworth League, and was prominent in the State Epworth League organization and in its summer work at Corpus Christi. She was married to E. B. Hawk of the Central Texas Conference on April 9, 1912. She was admirably qualified by nature and by grace for the wife of $\rho n$ itinerant preacher. She entered heartily into all the work as the pastor's wife, and was indeed a helpmeet to her husband. But it was in
her home with her husband and children that she manifested those qualities of soul and excellencies of character that proclaimed her a truly great woman. With a deep devotion for her husband, she sought to make for him a home where he could find quiet and rest and an atmosphere in which to live that would strengthen him and send him forth buoyant and strong to meet life's obligation as a minister and pastor. "The heart of her husband did safely trust in her, and she did him good, and not evil, all the days of her life." As a mother she gloried in motherhood and met with joy and gladness its duties and responsibilities. She studied child nature and how to train and assist the unfolding lives of her children. She was making remarkable success with her boys, Pat and Blake, who are, respectively, five and two years old. Under the direction of her mother love and her skilled hand, they are from every viewpoint remarkable children. Sister Hawk was a woman beautiful in face and form, and many personal charms. Hopeful, cheerful, life was full of joy and the future radiant with hope. She carried this spirit with her everywhere. It is no wonder, therefore, that she had many friends everywhere she went. It was the writer's privilege to know Sister Hawk well, having often, as Presiding Elder and friend, been entertained in her home, and it is no fulsome praise to say that she was really a great woman. A woman with a true woman's heart, who sought by the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to fill to the fullest measure her mission in the world. Her death came as a great shock to her loved ones, and to her large circle of friends. She had been sick of influenza for several days, but was not considered at all dangerously ill, but Sunday morning, December 8, 1918, it was found that pneumonia had developed, and at about $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. the same day she passed away. We cannot understand why she was called away. We can only put our hands in God's hands and trust him. We are sure that God loves us, and that he knows what is best for all his children. We are sure that Sister Hawk is safe in the home prepared for her by him who loved her and redeemed her with His own previous blood. We bow in humble submission with the bereaved loved ones. May God's blessings abide upon them until that glad day of reunion in the home where all tears are wiped from our eyes.
W. H.. MATtHEWS.

## MRS. HENRIETTA HEIZER

Mrs. Henrietta Heizer (nee Martin), wife of Rev. R. H. Heizer, was born in the State of Colorado, October 28, 1882, and died in the Methodist parsonage at Kopperl, Texas, December 17, 1918. October 11, 1899, she was married to Rev. R. H. Heizer at Alamogordo, New Mexico, where she was then living and a member of Rev. R. H. Heizer's church. To this union were born five children, a girl and four boys. The girl, a baby of seven months old, was drowned in the Penasco River, in New Mexico, in 1900. The four boys, husband and aged father and mother are left to mourn her death. Etta, as we called her, was a quiet, unassuming Christian. She was a busy worker in the Woman's Missionary Society and Sunday School, and it was wonderful how she did so much and cared for her large family; how she managed to feed and clothe her boys on the short salary of her husband can only be understood by a Methodist preacher's wife. Let me say to her aged parents, husband and children: You may sorrow not as those who have no hope; she was a good woman, loving wife, kind, affectionate mother, and while you shall sorely miss her, yet you know where to find her, and if we are faithful to God we shall meet her in the sweet by and by.
H. S. HEIZER.

## MRS. SARAH ANN MILLS

Sister Sarah Ann Mills, after a protracted illness, quietly fell asleep in the triumph of a Christian faith, July 24, 1919, at her home in Copperas Cove, Texas. She was the widow of Rev. Marion Mills, who died here about ten years ago. Her birthplace was Collin County, Texas, December 9,1855 , making her earthly life not quite sixty-five years. She was happily united in marriage to Brother Mills in McLennan County, November 7, 1868, her maiden name having been Herring. Under the ministry of Rev. W. T. Melugin, she was converted and joined the Methodist Church, July 1, 1871. They entered the Northwest Texas Conference in the autumn of 1875 and traveled for twenty-four consecutive years, her husband not missing a session of the Annual Conferences during that time. When we consider the laborious charges they were sent to serve, the many hardships endured and the rearing of a large family, her life was truly eventful. We held her funeral here from the church she loved so well, applying the Scripture descriptive of a Christian woman, Prov. 31, beginning at verse 20. She had a part ministering to the poor, the sick, the sorrowful. They comforted the troubled, heard and sympathized with those in grief, stretching forth their hands with the gospel of hope and good cheer, making poor and needy sinners rich unto salvation. Trustfully she stood by her husband in his lifework, with a purpose of character beautiful to others, and she has passed on to rejoice through all time, where friends shall meet again. Her eight splendid children, three sons and five daughters, will bless her menory and cherish her personality while days lengthen and years roll by. While their hearts are filled with grief they have a rich legacy in her exemplary life. And may the grace and love of God in which she confided, comfort and sustain those left behind.

Her pastor,
C. V. BAILEY.

## MRS. JETTIE MARSHALL

Mrs. Jettie Marshall, daughter of R. J. and Sophie E. Reasonover, was born at Boyce, Texas, February 3, 1887. Of a quiet, deeply sincere nature from childhood, her heart was a suitable seed bed for the Gospel. When she was eleven years old she was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

She was married to Joseph M. Marshall, July 10, 1907. To this union four children were born-Verna, Erma, Sterling and Hattie.

When God called her husband to the ministry, she bended her every effort to help him prepare for the holy task. She was an ideal preacher's wife-patient, sincere, religious and true. When her husband decided in 1918 to present himself for admission into the Conference, she began gladly to look forward to the time when she could enter that relation with him.

But, alas, we cannot foresee the providence of God. Early in the fall Mrs. Marshall was stricken down by influenza and lingered for days in a critical condition. The writer was in her home during those dark days, and can say that she bore her suffering with a great fortitude, and with the spirit of a richly endowed child of God.

She was finally carried from her home at Venus to the St. Joseph Sanitarium, at Fort Worth. Here, surrounded by sorrowing husband and children, she, on November 26, slipped the leash of mortality. Her death was beautiful. She called her children to her, and with the light of God's glory shining on her face, told them that mother was going away to see God and admonished them to follow after her. She took tender leave of the faithful husband and relatives. Her body was interred in the Waxahachic Cemetery; her spirit lives in the presence of God. Her pastor,
G. H. WILSON.

## WESLEY ELISHA HANCOCK

Wesley Elisha Hancock was born in Talapoosa County, Alabana, November 5, 1894. He was the only and much-loved son of Brother and Sister $\kappa$. J. Hancock of Gorman, Texas. Having been reared i,y these Christian parents, it was but to be expected that in early life his heart should be given over to Jesus. When about eight years of age he was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. When nineteen years of age he felt the call to the holy ministry, and consecrated his life to it. He was licensed to preach by Rev. E. P. Willians, Presiding Elder. He was admitted on trial in the Central Texas Conference, at Mineral Wells, November 21, 1918. Prior to this he had supplied Staff charge one and a half years wish great acceptability and success.

At the Conference at Mineral Wells he was sent by Bishop Ainsworth to Caddo charge. On his way home he was happy, and talked with great enthusiasm of the difficult work that lay before him, and planned with his Presiding Elder to give his very best for the year.

Before reaching his work he fell a victim of influenza. He died at the home of his devoted father and mother, at Gorman, December 9, 1918. For one so young, he was a thoughtful Gospel preacher and a fine pastor. I think I have not known a young man more loved than was Brother Hancock by the people he served. He gave promise of great usefulness to the Church. It was a grief to his friends and this writer to give him up, but God doeth all things well, and we say the will of the Lord be done. We will not murmur, but wait in the happy beyond to understand why this noble, promising young man should be taken from us. He leaves to mourn his loss, besides his father and mother, three sisters-Mrs. Lillie J. Stephens, Jennie and Era. He was laid to rest in the Gorman Cemetery by Rev. R. B. Hooper, pastor.

## S. J. VAUGHAN.

BISHOPS HOSS AND McCOY
Since our last annual Conference two of our chief pastors have passed away. Bishop E. E. Hoss and Bishop Jas. H. McCoy. In the death of Bishop Hoss, the Church has lost one of its brightest ornaments, its greatest editor and one of its best Bishops. The date of place of his birth, his conversion and joining the Church, his admission into the Annual Conference and his election to the several offices which he worthily filled have been so widely published that it is not necessary to repeat them here. It is only necessary for us to say that our own Conference feels a sense of irreparable loss in his death. His brief residence in Texas, his wise administration, his brotherly kindness, his fair and just spirit endeared him to all Texas Methodists.

Noble, chivalrous, magnanimous, versatile, profound, eloquent, manysided, he impressed his personality upon us as few have done. His great defense of the rights of the Church in the Vanderbilt case marked him as the most redoubtable champion of civil and religious liberty that our Nation has known.

The Church has also suffered a great loss in the death of (perhaps) the best beloved of our Bishops, James McCoy.

He presided over this Conference during the last quadrennium. He came as near to giving universal satisfaction as any Bishop we have ever had. The preachers loved and honored and trusted him above most, and feel a personal bereavement in his death. There is no estimating the worth of a Bishop who is great in the pulpit, the chair, the cabinet and in the homes and social circles. Few have surpassed Bishop McCoy in these things. To us his death seems premature and untimely, but we do not know. The Church of God moves on. The gates of the grave do not prevail against it. HORACE BISHOP,

For the Committee.


## BISHOP JAMES HENRY McCOY

How deep the hurt, how keen the pain, That he is gone away,
And never shall we hear again,
His noble, calm voice say:
"Conference come to order, please.
Now, brethren, let us sing-
Before we bow upon our knees
'Children of the Heavenly King., "
Or, may be 'twas the "Conference Hym""
He read with such fine grace;
While hearts were filling to the brim, To "see each other's face."

How gentle, yet how firm was he, Toward all who might depend.
What strong reserve, and yet how free! Our Bishop, brother, friend
A. D. PORTER.

Corsicana, Texas, March 28, 1919.


## Reports of Boards

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

Your Board of Missions rejoices with the entire Church in the magnificent success of the Centenary, for which we give God all the glory.

The period of conservation is upon us. We urge the cultivation of stewardship, of life service and of intercession.

The interest in a church-wide revival is increasing. The Home Department of the Board of Missions and the Centenary Commission are putting all of the forces at their disposal in the hands of the Church, in an effort to bring about a great revival. The Church is everywhere responding.

An adequate plan for conserving the financial results of the Centenary has been given to the Church, a close observance of which is urged by your Board.

The Centenary promises much assistance to your Board in caring for its work in the needy places. Even last year, the prospects of the Centenary caused the Home Department to furnish $\$ 7,800$ for the relief of the drouthstricken parts of our Conference. When the commission shall have remitted to your board the 10 per cent of the amount contributed by this Conference we shall then be able to meet in a larger degree the insistent calls made upon your Board.

At the suggestion of the Centenary Commission, your Board has undertaken the following policies:

1. To classify all of the mission charges into $A, B, C$ classes, according to the prospect of the time such charges will require to become self-sustaining.
2. To fix the minimum salary of a married preacher at $\$ 1,000$; that of a single preacher at $\$ 600$.
3. To create a reserve fund by setting aside 25 per cent of each year's: receipts from the Centenary, until a sufficient fund has been acquired to defray all of the expenses of the budget of your Board for each ensuing year.
4. To aid all of the pastors on the missions to make themselves and their work more efficient through the help of the Conference Missionary Secretary and Conference Evangelists.

To the attainment of these goals we request the prayerful and accurate co-operation of the entire Conference.

The receipts on our assessment of $\$ 24,000$ for Conference Missions were $\$ 20,000$, of which $\$ 355$ were Conference Missions. Specials.

Your General Board reports progress on all lines, including the woman's work. Along financial lines the balance has been safely shifted from the debit to the credit side of the ledger.

We recommend the following as Conference Evangelists: D. A. McGuire, W. E. Hawkins, Jr.; W. J. Hearon.

Your Board requests their appointment for this work.
J. E. Crawford was elected Conference Missionary Secretary, and his appointment to this work is requested.

We recommend the following:
Traveling Evangelists-I. E. Hightower, W. M. Bowden, C. V. Williams, J. T. Bloodworth, J, A. Donier.

Your Board requests their appointment to this work.
Local Evangelists-A. P. Lowry, T. N. Lowry, J. W. Bowden.
Gid J. Bryan has been elected to fill the vacancy upon your Board caused by C. A. Bickley being appointed Presiding Elder.

The assessments for 1920, which are the same for last year, follow:
Foreign Missions
$\$ 24,321.05$
Home Missions
7,878.65
Conference Missions ................................................................................................................................

The following appropriations for the ensuing year have been made: BROWNWOOD DISTRICT



## REPORT OF MİSSIONARY SECRETARY J. E. CRAWFORD

## In Retrospect

The year has been so full of labors that, for the sake of brevity, your Secretary would touch only the high points in our Conference record.

The League of Prayer
To the great League of Prayer that has been formed we have made the largest contribution of any Conference in our Church, According to the figures on exhibit at Columbus only one Conference in America had enrolled more intercessors than the Central Texas. In this connection it is fitting to state that to one of the most faithful and efficient members of the Board belongs the honor of having secured the highest percentage of members enrolled-Kev. M. S. Hotchkiss of Mart. The Dublin District is the banner district on intercession.

The League of Tithers
In the enlistment of members in the League of Tithers our Conference ranks first also. The Waco District is the first and only district so far in Southern Methodism to report 20 per cent of its members enrolled as tithers. Polytechnic Church, Fort Worth, has 300 tithers, which is the largest enrollment of any church in the Conference.

## The Winancial Drive

In the financial drive; on a quota of $\$ 1,345,431.40$, we have raised in pledges $\$ 1,412,346$, and with credits $\$ 1,888,360$. Of this amount $\$ 186,522$ has been reported as collected on the first year's payment. The Waxahachie

District reports over 23 per cent of its subscriptions already in hand. Midlothian and Eolian Circuit have each paid about 50 per cent of their pledges.

## Specials

At the Conservation Conference at Dallas, September 17-18, the Secretary was given a list of Specials for assignment in the Central Texas Conference. By action of the Presiding Elders the Conference list was subdivided among the districts. The Fort Worth, Gatesville and Dublin Districts have each, with one or two exceptions, provided for their allotment of Specials. The Waxahachie, Corsicana and Waco Districts have made splendid progress in the campaign.

## In Prospect

We are called by the exigencies of the hour and the fair beginning we have made, to set ourselves to the greater task ahead with larger faith and deeper consecration.

Mobilize and Increase Prayer Forces
The prayer forces already enlisted should be mobilized in the interest of a great church-wide and nation-wide revival. One-third more of our people have signed up to pay than have signed up to pray. This ought not so to be. We cannot afford to be less diligent in our concern for souls than in the campaign for funds. The call for more recruits in the intercession army should be sounded cut with evangelism as the immediate and paramount objective.

## The Fumily Altar

We need a revival in the homes of our people. The fires on the family altars should be rekindled and new altars erected. The suggestion from the Department of Spiritual Resources that we secure thirty-nine hundred family altars as our part of the onc hundred thousand for the whole Church should be adopted merely as a minimum.

## Stewardship and Evangelism

The first milestone on the road of Christian stewardship, which is 20 per cent of the members enlisted as tithing stewards, has not yet been. reached. We are just a little over halfway as a Conference. Stewardship is elemental in thoroughgoing evangelism. It is one of the conditions of a scriptural revival.

March 7-14 Date of Stewardship Drive
Realizing the difficulties in the wayof getting ready for the Stewardship Drive by December 7, the Presiding Elders have unanimously recommended March 7-14 as the date for this drive. Dr. J. J. Stowe, the executive head of the Stewardship Department, has an this date for our Conference.

Conference Stewardship Director
Prof. E. D. Jennings of Polytechnic has been selected by the Conference Centenary Cabinet as Stewardship Director for the drive.

## Education Through Specials

Missions is a science. We should be interested in all phases of Christian work abroad just as we are at home. The placing of the various Specials allotted to us for assignment is bringing our people face to face with every aspect of the missionary work. This program of education and vitalization must be fostered and carried forward with discretion.

Collect Centenary pledges at once and report to W. H. McCullough, Waco, Texas.

The imperative and immediate task before us, and that which concerns
this Board and our Conference in the most direct way, is the collection of the rest of the Centenary pledges which are due this year. Money paid in January 1 and after will not help us next year. Our 10 per cent of that will not be available until 1921. The amount we have for use in 1920 depends on the amount collected and reported to Nashville by January 1.

One-Fifth Centenary Money as Christmas Present for Christ
As it will take about a week after the money has been collected for it to be reported to the Conference Centenary Treasurr, Mr. W. H. McCullough, Central Exchange National Bank, Waco, Texas, and transmitted by him to the General Centenary Treasurer, Colonel Jno. E. Edgerton, Nashville, Tenn., your Secretary would recommend that all subscriptions due this year, and those on which advance payments can be secured, be collected by December 25th. Let us as a Conference bring to our Lord at least one-fifth of our Centenary money not as a New Year's gift, but as a Christmas present.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT

| Charge- | -Tithers--- |  | ---Intercessors---- |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Number | Centenary | Number |
|  | Quota | Secured | Standard | Enrolled |
| Ballinger | .... 65 | 14 | 72 | 65 |
| Bangs | 35 | 9 | 67 | 160 |
| Blanket | 25 | 23 | 63 | 56 |
| Bronte and Robert Lee. | 40 | 43 | 98 | 78 |
| Brownwood | 150 | 204 | 190 | 222 |
| Coleman | 125 | 45 | 136 | 104 |
| Indian Creek and Zephyr. | 35 | 37 | 103 | 137 |
| Norton and Wingate. | 44 | 68 | 115 | 107 |
| Novice | 20 | 32 | 32 | 80 |
| Rockwood | 30 | 7 | 44 | 65 |
| Santa Anna | 50 | 10 | 73 | 74 |
| Talpa | 36 | 16 | 55 | 30 |
| Valera | 35 | 8 | 40 | 40 |
| Winchell | 24 | 1 | 48 | 30 |
| Winters | 60 | 6 | 77 | 85 |
|  | 774 | 523 | 1213 | 1333 |
| CISCO DISTRICT |  |  |  |  |
| Breckenridge | 42 | 35 | 77 | 100 |
| Caddo .......... | 28 | 7 | 40 | 32 |
| Carbon | 38 | 41 | 107 | 86 |
| Cisco | 63 | 37 | 109 | 100 |
| Cisco Mission | 14 | 9 | 52 | 57 |
| Cross Cut | 28 | 36 | 59 | 107 |
| Desdemona | 26 | 20 | 60 | 60 |
| Eastland | 52 | 4 | 58 | 101 |
| Eolian | 28 | 21 | 80 | 40 |
| Gordon | 28 | 8 | 71 | 30 |
| Gorman | 46 | 44 | 52 | 108 |
| May | 28 | 12 | 73 | 47 |
| Pioneer | 18 | 13. | 25 | 3.3 |
| Ranger | 63 | 28 | 69 | 73 |
| Rising Star. | 46 | 27 | 54 | 113 |
| Scranton. | 35 | 35 | 65 | 185 |
| Sipe Springs. | 25 | 24 | 40 | 200 |
| Staff | 21. | 16 | 38 | 39 |

## CISCO DISTRICT (Continued)

|  | CISCO DISTRICT (Continued) |  | ---Intercessors-- - |  |
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|  | - | ers---- |  |  |
|  |  | Number | Centenary | Number |
| Charge- | Quota | Secured | Standard | Enrolled |
| Strawn | 49 | 59 | 52 | 72 |
| Thurber | 9 | 5 | 23 | 10 |
| Wayland | 18 | 12 | 56 | 18 |
|  | 705 | 493 | 1260 | 1613 |

CLEBURNE DISTRICT


| Barry | 30 | 10 | 59 | 21 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Blooming Grove. | 52 | 66 | 98 | 91 |
| Chatfield | 50 | 36 | 93 | 103 |
| Corsicana First Church. | 150 | 212 | 277 | 235 |
| Corsicana Eleventh Avenue | 52 | 125 | 97 | 125 |
| Corsicana Circuit | 58 | 10 | 107 | 85 |
| Dawson | 46 | 61 | 87 | 78 |
| Emhouse | 25 | 56 | 50 | 26 |
| Emmett | 52 | 17 | 94 | 75 |
| Frost | 46 | 19 | 86 | 50 |
| Groesbeck | 51 | 57 | 94 | 138 |
| Harmony | 30 | 60 | 58 | 64 |
| Kerens . | 30 | 36 | 56 | 30 |
| Kerens Mission | 20 | 15 | 45 | 36 |
| Kirvin | 16 | 17 | 86 | 87 |
| Mexia | 56 | 112 | 106 | 80 |
| Mexia Mission | 47 | 47 | 88 | 63 |
| Purdon | 38 | 17 | 71 | 80 |
| Rice | 36 | 51 | 75 | 150 |
| Thornton | 44 | 24 | 83 | 63 |
| Wortham | 60 | 17 | 110 | 79 |
|  | 930 | 1065 | 1820 | 1759 |

FORT WORTH DISTRICT

| Charge- | ---Tithers-- |  | -Interces |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Quota | Number Secured | Centenary Standard | Number |
| Arlington | 75 | 80 | 138 | 150 |
| Boulevard | 80 | 70 | 142 | 160 |
| Brooklyn Heights | 8 | 37 | 16 | 95 |
| Central | 138 | 140 | 244 | 250 |
| Diamond Hill. | 72 |  | 127 |  |
| First Church | 235 | 93 | 418 | 300 |
| Glenwood | 50 | 36 | 88 | 85 |
| Hemphill Heights | 40 | 40 | 73 | 60 |
| Highland Park | 26 | 79 | 49 | 78 |
| Missouri Avenue. | 100 | 60 | 181 | 120 |
| Mulkey Memorial | 109 | 92 | 194 | 93 |
| Polytechnic | 170 | 305 | 301 | 438 |
| Riverside | 70 | 38 | 105 | 66 |
| Standford Memorial | 50 | 137 | 88 | 130 |
| Sagamore and Sycamore. | 28 | 47 | 51 | 74 |
| Weatherford Street. | 50 | 76 | 89 | 109 |
| Euless and Winters. | 62 | 34 | 113 | 62 |
| Grapevine | 50 | 52 | 89 | 86 |
| Handley | 25 | 22 | 46 | 52 |
| Haslett | 26 | 26 | 48 | 59 |
| Kennedale | 44 | 51 | 80 | 91 |
|  | 1508 | 1575 | 2480 | 2558 |
| DUBLIN DISTRICT |  |  |  |  |
| Bluffdale | 45 | 58 | 79 | 110 |
| Bunyan .... | 70 | 66 | 121 | 120 |
| Carlton | 60 | 65 | 96 | 187 |
| Comanche. | 60 | 61 | 98 | 181 |
| Comanche Circuit | 70 | 98 | 118 | 162 |
| De Leon........... | 40 | 81 | 63 | 156 |
| De Leon Circuit | 70 | 16 | 116 | 64 |
| Dublin . | 80 | 84 | 126 | 214 |
| Duffau | 45 | 41 | 85 | 150 |
| Gustine | 45 | 48 | 78 | 95 |
| Hico | 60 | 27 | 102 | 165 |
| Huckaby | 40 | 25 | 73 | 55 |
| Iredell | 40 | 46 | 56 | 95 |
| Proctor | 40 | 30 | 63 | 50 |
| Stephenville | 65 | 76 | 104 | 271 |
| Stephenville Mission. | 25 | 3 | 44 | 9 |
| Tolar ............................................... | 65 | 78 | 104 | 155 |
|  | 920 | 903 | 1526 | 2239 |

GATESVILLE DISTRICT

| Clifton | 34 | 31 | 56 | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Copperas Cove.................................. | 41 | 43 | 66 | 87 |
| Coryell | 47 | 49 | 75 | 154 |
| Crawford | 45 | 56 | 72 | 177 |
| Evant | 34 | 55 | 56 | 77 |


| GATESVILLE DISTRICT (Continued) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | _--Tithers--- |  | -Intercessors--- |  |
|  |  | Number | Centenary | Number |
| Charge- | Quota | Secured | Standard | Enrolled |
| Fairy ........ | .. 44 | 36 | 70 |  |
| Gatesville | 73 | 77 | 118 | 170 |
| Gatesville Circuit | 63 | 104 | 101 | 153 |
| Hamilton | 42 | 46 | 67 | 97 |
| Hamilton Circuit. | 65 | 46 | 104 | 110 |
| Jonesboro | 43 | 70 | 70 | 97 |
| Killeen | 43 | 73 | 69 | 136 |
| McGregor | 68 | 75 | 107 | 131 |
| Meridian | 66 | 66 | 90 | 105 |
| Meridian Mission | 31 | 23 | 50 | 50 |
| Moody | 66 | 66 | 105 | 105 |
| Nolanville | 28 | 27 | 45 | 57 |
| Oglesby | 46 | 4.9 | 73 | 44 |
| Turnersville | 62 | 75 | 95 | 152 |
| Valley Mills. | 37 | 61 | 59 | 103 |
|  | 978 | 1128 | 1548. | 1980 |
| GEORGETOWN DISTRICT |  |  |  |  |
| Bartlett | 50 | 109 | 94 | 150 |
| Belton | 82 | 85 | 156 | 185 |
| Florence | 37 | 58 | 71 | 83 |
| Georgetown | 118 | 28 | 221 | 185 |
| Granger | 37 | 17 | 70 | 116 |
| Holland and Bell Plains. | 46 | 51 | 85 | 101 |
| Hutton | 36 | 27 | 67 | 56 |
| Midway | 50 | 35 | 93 | 90 |
| Oenaville | 31 | 27 | 58 | 28 |
| Rogers | 40 | 15 | 78 | 85 |
| Salado and Jarrell. | 73 |  | 136 |  |
| Taylor | 80 | 50 | 145 | 100 |
| Temple First Church. | 156 | 82 | 292 | 225 |
| Temple Seventh Street | 82 | 57 | 153 | 100 |
| Thrall and Lawrence Chapel. | 24 | 8 | 45 | 51 |
| Troy and Pendleton.............. | . 24 | 56 | 102 | 100 |
| Weir | 7 | .-.... | 14 | ...... |
|  | 1002 | 760 | 1880 | 1658 |
| HILLSBORO DISTRICT |  |  |  |  |
| Abbott | 65 | 67 | 95 | 165 |
| Big Hill and Ben Hur. | 41 | 20 | 62 | 40 |
| Brandon and Mertens. | 55 | 19 | 81 | 31 |
| Bynum |  | 18 | 48 | 62 |
| Coolidge | 40 | 52 | 58 | 56 |
| Covington | 57 | 25 | 83 | 12 |
| Gillsboro First Church. | . 137 | 100 | 200 | 125 |
| Hillsboro Line Street Church. | 23 | 76 | 35 | 29 |
| Hubbard | 75 | 7 | 108 | 31 |
| Irene | .. 35 | 7 | 52 | 115 |
| Itasca | 65 | 23 | 95 | 60 |
| Kirk and Prairie Hill | - 70 | 40 | 103 | 60 |
| Malone .... | 48 | 34 | 73 | 65 |

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT (Continued)


WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT

| Bardwell | 58 | 10 | 104 | 50 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bethel | 27 | 34 | 48 | 65 |
| Bristol | 49 | 18 | 85 | 59 |
| Britton | 24 | 29 | 41 | 49 |
| Ennis | 96 | 100 | 174 | 165 |
| Ferris | 49 | 57 | 85 | 107 |
| Forreston | 49 | 9 | 83 | 100 |
| Italy | 44 | 44 | 76 | 89 |
| Mansfield | 40 | 8 | 71 | 150 |
| Midlothian | 70 | 50 | 130 | 169 |
| Maypearl | 94 | 11 | 165 | 75 |
| Milford .. | 62 | 21 | 100 | 51 |
| Palmer | 47 | 62 | 82 | 100 |
| Red Oak | 62 | 13 | 113 | 100 |
| Waxahachie | 105 | 171 | 292 | 282 |
| Waxahachie Circuit | 48 | 7 | 84 | 50 |
| Webb | 8 | 8 | 13 | 16 |
|  | 932 | 652 | 1746 | 1677 |

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT

| - | Tithers-- |  | ---Intercessors--- |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Number | Centenary | Number |
| Charge- | Quota | Secured | Standard | Enrolled |
| Aledo ........ | -- 38 | 63 | 75 | 91 |
| Azle | .. 45 | 60 | 80 | 133 |
| Eliasville | 32 | 22 | 62 | 50 |
| Graford | - 47 | 34 | 89 | 61 |
| Graham | 80 | 31 | 104 | 81 |
| Graham Mission | 30 | - 34 | - 49 | 45 |
| Loving ....... | 40 | 15 | 83 | 100 |
| Millsap | 45 | 5 | 92 | 58 |
| Mineral Wells | 160 | 163 | 264 | 236 |
| Newcastle | 50 | 37 | 73 | 34 |
| Olney | 52 | 37 | 89 | 75 |
| Olney Mission | 25 | 17 | 47 | 64 |
| Palo Pinto | 33 | 27 | 68 | 51 |
| Springtown | 53 | 50 | 95 | 97 |
| Weatherford First Church. | 130 | 60 | 152 | 132 |
| Weatherford, Couts Memorial | .. 45 | 50 | 84 | 78 |
| Weaterford Circuit................. | -. 40 | 64 | 145 | 42 |
| Whitt | 35 | 14 | 104 | 62 |
| Ben Brook and Bethel. | .... ...... | 6 | ...... | 7 |
|  | 980 | 789 | 1755 | 1487 |

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

We, your Board of Education, respectfully submit the following report:
We have had before us communications from the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference Board of Education, and the Boards of Trustees of Southern Methodist University, Southwestern University, Texas Woman's College, Meridian Junior College, Weatherford College, and Wesley Bible Chair. All of these interests also had representatives before us.

We are glad to note that progress is being made in the formulation of plans for the church-wide educational campaign, to properly finance our educational institutions. This campaign begins next May, and this Board recommends that we give it the same hearty support that was given the Centenary Campaign. Dr. Stonewall Anderson appeared before the Board and outlined the plan of campaign.

Rev. George Winfield appeared before the Board in the interest of the appointment of a committee to meet with other cominittees of the other Conferences of Texas, to study the matter of a closer organization of the educational institutions of the State. Realizing the need of a better method of making assessments for the educational institutions, we recommend that J. L. Holbert and F. P. Culver be appointed to meet with similar committees from other Texas Conferences, and to make such recommendations to this Board at the next session of the Annual Conference as they deem wise, concerning the assessments, and further unification of our system of education in Texas.

This conference is entitled to two representatives to the Methodist Educational Association, and the Board elects T. L. McCullough and C. H. Booth to these positions.

## Southern Methodist University

Many students of the University entered active war work, and attendance in the School of Theology was necessarily smaller than usual. The
outlook for this year in that school is very hopeful. The religious activities of the students are greatly encouraged by a $\$ 10,000$ foundation given by W. W. Fondren, of Houston, to defray expenses of lectures to be given annually by noted men and women of the country.

Good attendance was reported at the Preachers' Summer Assembly and the Western Training School for Sunday School Teachers.

The total enrollment in all schocls last year was flattering, and will be greatly increased this year. The school is badly crowded in every way.

## Southwestern University

Southwestern University had last year thirty members on her faculty and enrolled 709 students. At the present time the school is full. The Summer School of Theology had a satisfactory attendance. The Church has a magnificent plant here, and despite war and drouth conditions are improving in most every way. The freshman class is the largest in the history of the institution.

Texas Woman's College
Texas Woman's College enrolled last year 485 students and to date this year has enrolled 442. It has thirty-four teachers. Its total assets amount to nearly $\$ 500,000$, with an indebtedness of about $\$ 100,000$. The school has constantly increased in attendance since its foundation in 1914 as a woman's college, and promises to have one of its most successful sessions this year.

We recommend the appointment of E. V. Cox, Commissioner of T. W. C.

## Meridian Junior College

Meridian Junior College has enrolled to date 179 students. It has a strong faculty, meeting all requirements for the Class A`junior college, and its students now enter other colleges and universities with full standing. They also receive a teacher's first grade certificate uron completion of four full courses in the college department, and one full course in education.

The Board had before it a request from the trustees of this institution, asking that the Central Texas Conference accept full ownership of the school. Your Board respectfully recommends that in the interest of the Church and the school, that this be done. And, in the event this recommendation is adopted, we nominate the following trustees: J. M. Robertson, T. H. Cooper, C. W. Tidwell, Levi A. Dunlap, J. C. Turner, S. W. Gill, C. J. Lewis, H. L. Munger, J. W. Goulson, S. J. Vaughn, Elisha Roper, W. L. Nelms, Jno. M. Neal, J. C. Green, J. R. Jackson, E. P. Williams, W. M. Wright, W. Erskine Williams, J. B. Berry, W. S. Rowland, J. W. Lang, W. J. Barcus, E. S. Graham, W. W. Major, James Herrick.

## Wesley Bible Chair

The Wesley Bible Chair, at Austin, began its work this fall with a splendid enrollment. Rev. Umphrey Lee, of this Conference, was appointed to take charge as Director, and is getting the work in good condition. The University of Texas now gives credit to the work in Bible, and a student may offer from this Department for the Bachelor's dezwre in the University of Texas.

Weatherford College
Weatherford College enrolled, during the first month of this session seventy-three students. By the close of last year's session it had enrolled 102. During the summer twenty-five students were enrolled. The school offers instruction in high school, commercial and fine arts courses, with a faculty of four teachers in the high school, two in the commercial department, and one in fine arts. The school received during the year $\$ 4,663.96$, and expended all on salaries and running expenses. It has a debt of a $\$ 5,000$ note, and accrued interest at 8 per cent for five years. The assets of the school total $\$ 52,665$.

## Nomination of Trustees

We nominate the following for your election:
Trustee Southwestern University--John H. Griffith.
Trustees Texas Woman's College-Four years: Ocie Speer, C. H. Booth, H. A. Boaz. Three years: P. G. Dedmon, W. H. Matthews. Two years: Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Dr. Frank Boyd. One year: I. H. Burney and Ben J. Tiller.

Trustees Weatherford College--E. Hightower, L. A. Webb, C. A. Bickley, George C. Paston, H. F. Leach, P. R. Simmons, E. A. Camp, R. W. Davis, C. S. Davis, J. P. Bolles.

Conference Secretary of Education-Cullom H. Booth.
Religious Education Commission-C. M. Bishop, W. S. Rowland.
We request the Bishop to make the following appointments:
H. M. Dobbs, Dean of Southern Methodist University.
C. M. Bishop, President Southwestern University.
H. E. Stout, President of Texas Woman's College.
J. Hall Bowman, Co-President of Meridian Junior College.

Umphrey Lee, Director of Wesley Bible Chair.
Believing that the future of our Church depends in a large measure upon the leaders developed in our schools, and at the same time that our schools are threatened with a great loss of efficiency by not being able to hold their best teachers because of poor salaries now offered;

We hereby express our sincere conviction that this Conference is giving too small a proportion of its money to education. But with the amount allowed, we recommend that the following assessments be made for the cause of education:
Southern Methodist University $\quad$ _................................................................... 8,207
Southwestern University ............................................................................ 9, 916
Texas Woman's College ....................................................................................................................... 7.984
Meridian College ............................................................................................................. 1,74
Weatherford College...................................................................................... 1,329
Wesley Bible Chair.......................................................................................................................... $1,-180$
Summer School of Theology, S. M. U..........-_-........................... 250
Summer School of Theology, Southwestern University........................... 250
Total ................................................................................................ $\$ 30,000$
The General Conference Board of Education sends the following assessment:
General Education........................................................................................... $\$ 3,768$
Theological Education...................................................................................................................................... 3, 3 , 083

Total ................................................................................................. $\$ 9,077$
Respectfully submitted,
TOM L. McCULLOUGH, Vice President. E. D. JENNINGS, Secretary.

BOARD OF EDUCATION-REPORT OF TREASURER
Amount received on assessments
$\$ 26,756.33$
This sum has been paid out as follows:
Southern Methodist University.... ................................................................ 7,708.70


Meridian College........................................................................................................
Weatherford College-.................................................................................... 881.00
Wesley Bible Chair-........................................................................................................................... 352.40

| Expenses of J. W. Bergin, delegate to meeting of Education Association of M. E. Church, South | 41.50 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Expenses of Tom L. McCullough, delegate to meeting of Educattional Association of M. E. Church, South | 41.50 |
| Summer School of Theology of Southwestern University. | 250.0 |
| Preachers' Assembly of Southern Methodist University | 150.00 |
| $\underset{\text { Printing Minutes .................. }}{ }$ | 59.00 |
| xpenses of | 15.00 |

## EDUUCATIONAL STATISTICS

Value of

|  | Value of |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Teachers | Students | Property | Endowment |
| Southwestern University | 30 | 585 | \$500,000 | \$230,000 |
| Meridian College.......... | 30 11 | 485 179 | 400,000 125,000 |  |
| Weatherford College. | 7 | 73 | 152,665 |  |

## REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

This has been a year of great activity and progress along many lines. The Sunday School is trying to keep abreast of these stirring and wonderful times. We are glad to report that about three hundred and fifty of the Sunday Schools of this Conference have accepted the five-cent Centenary allotment. We wish all our schools could see their way clear to accept this assessment.

We are glad to report that the policies of the General Board have been carried out in part at least in the matter of district organization. We hope these plans will be perfected more and more during the year. We wish to emphasize the need for Teacher Training Classes, Wesley Bible Classes and Missionary Instruction in our schools.

The time beginning November 1 and extending to January 4, 1920, has been set apart for a great Sunday School Membership Campaign. The aim of this campaign is threefold:

1. To recover those who have been lost to the Sunday School during the war.
2. To secure new members.
3. To relate plans for Sunday School enrollment very definitely as a part of the Campaign of Evangelism.

Untold possibilities lie here for the Sunday School in the matter of cultivating the field and getting the people ready for the Special Evangelistic Campaign to be carried on throughout the entire Church. We urge our Sunday School forces to enter heartily into this membership campaign.

Because of many interferences, there has been a great falling off in "Sunday School Day" exercises and offerings. The Board has materially felt this. The Board cannot carry out its policies unless money is provided for its support. The "Sunday School Day" offering is one of the means for realizing this money. We therefore urge our pastors and superintendents to observe the day according to the directions of the discipline in every Church in the Conference.

The Board unanimously expressed its appreciation and approval of the faithful and efficient work of Rev. R. F. Brown, Conference Field Secretary, and his wife, Mrs. R. F. Brown, Conference Superintendent of Elementary Departments. We request the Bishop to appoint Brother Brown to the position of Conference Field Secretary for another year.

We are particularly pleased that the responsible position of Associate Editor of Sunday School Literature has been filled by our own Rev. E. Hightower, D. D., President of the Central Texas Sunday School Board. We rejoice also that another of cur Central Texas Conference brethren,

Rev. E. R. Stanford, has been elected to the position in the Genral Sunday School Board of Superintendent of the Intermediate and Senior Departments. We request the Bishop to appoint these brethren to these positions, rspectively:

Recognizing the need for a Confererce Standard Training School within the bounds of the Conference, the Board authorized Rey. R. F. Brown to take the matter in hand and arrange fora standard training school at some place and time during the year.

The Board elected Mr. Curtis Knighten of Ennis to fill the place on the Board made vacant by the removal of Mr. W. A. Crow from the bounds of the Conference.

The Sunday School Evangelistic Committee was elected as follows:
Rev. E. Hightower, Rev. R. F. Brown, Mrs. R. F. Brown, W. S. Rowland and Rev. T. E. Bowman.

## REPORT OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

Your Epworth League Board has had before it the President of the Central Texas Conference League, Mr. Oscar McIntosh, who gives us a $\mathrm{r} \in$ port of the work during the year, and the report under his splendid work has some very gratifying things accomplished through the activities of our young people, although handicapped for lack of efficient leadership and funds necessary to meet the urgent demands of needs among our several district and pastoral charges.

The Assistant Secretary of the General Epworth League Board also brings an encouraging report of the work being done by the Leaguers over the entire Church.

We call the attention of the Conference especially to an interest that will meet with hearty approval of all our pastors-that is, the plan for an Evangelistic Campaign in the Epworth League of our entire Church.

The Epworth League has always been one of the agencies for the winning and saving of young men and women for Christ. In the Fellow-Workers' Covenant Campaigns many young men and women have been brought into the Kingdom. Through the various departmets of the Epworth League work has been given these new converts for their spiritual development. Now that the Church is looking forward to a great revival, the Epworth League seeks to have a part in reaching the unsaved young men and women and to offer itself as a means of conserving the results.

To this end, the following plan submitted by the General Epworth League Board has been adopted by the Ad Interim Committee of the Centenary and the Joint Committee on Evangelism:

## In the Conference

The President of the Conference Epworth League shall appoint a Superintendent of Evangelism for the Conference Epworth League. This superintendnt shall co-operate with the Annual Conference Committee on Evangelism.

The Superintendent of Evangelism shall:

1. Make a survey of the young people's work in the Conference, this survey to be made through the District Secretaries and the Chapter.
2. Make monthly reports to the Central Office of the Epworth League, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
3. Through the pastors of churches where there are no Epworth Leagues, perfect organizations for the spiritual development of the new converts.

## In the District

The District Secretary, who is a member of the District Committee on Evangelism, shall co-operate with the committee in all its plans.

The District Secretary shall, through the Chapter Presidents, make a survey of all the chapters in his district. He shall submit a report of the survey to the Conference Epworth League Superintendent of Evangelism. Forms for making this report will be furnished the District Secretaries.

The District Secretary shall, through the pastor, make a survey of the churches where there are no Enworth Leagues, and shall submit a rept of this survey to the Conference Epworth League Superintendent of Evanglism. Forms for making this report will be furnished by the Central Office.

## The Local Chapter

The President of the Epworth League, who is a member of the Local Church Evangelistic Committee, shall co-operate with this committee in all itswork.

He shall appoint as his assistant the Superintendent of the First Department.

He shall appoint a Committee on Evangelism in the League.
The Committee on Evangelism in the League shall co-operate with the Local Church Evangelistic Committee in making the survey of the church as called for in the standard plan for the conservation period.

The Epworth League Committee on Evangelism shall make a survey for the Epworth League and report to the District Secretary. Cards for the making of this survey will be furnished by the Central Office.

The Epworth League Committee on Evangelism shall have charge of the Annual Centenary Program, the fourth Sunday in January. Reports of the meeting shall be made to the District Secretary.

The Epworth League Committee on Evangelism should offer its services to the pastor. The committee should hold, under the direction of the pastor:

Group prayer meetings.
Gospel meetings in jails, hospitals, county houses, etc.
Personal workers' groups for study, prayer and personal evangelism.
Street meetings.
We recommend that time be given the representatives of the Epworth League Board in each District Conference.

We recommend that the Commission on Finance appropriate $\$ 500$ for the work of your Board, the Summer Conference and Epworth League Extension work.

We urge the co-operation of the pastors in State League work in whatsoever plans may be made at a State assembly.

We recommend that Ralph E. Nollner be appointed by the Bishop presiding over this Conference as Assistant Secretary of the General Epworth League Board.

## H. L. MUNGER. President. <br> W. B. WILSON, Secretary.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF FINANCE

We have for Conference claimants the following amounts:
To balance on hand, November 1, 1919............................................. \$ 3,333.55
To collections during this session........................................................ 11,813.96
To donation from Dr. E. W. Kimble, through Rev. D. L. Collie -...... $\quad 540.00$
To donation from L. Blaylock........................................................... $\quad 84.85$
To amount from Publishing House..................................................................... 640.00
T'o amount special through Rev. J. R. Nelson.................................... 250.00
Toamount special through Rev. W. B. Andrews........................................... 50.0

Grand total..................................................................................... \$16,905.03
After most prayerful consideration, we have disbursed the forcgoing sum as follows:


The expense of the Conference Treasurer during the year has been $\$ 64$, and this amount we have apportioned to the different Boards as follows:
Board of Finance
$\$ 15.00$
Board of Education ............................................................................................................. 15.00
Board of Missions:........................................................................................................... 18.00
Board of Church Extension................................................................................. 10.00
Sunday School Board............................................................................................. 6.00
We recommend that the Board of Missions be assessed $\$ 159.00$, Board of Education $\$ 159.00$, Board of Church Extension $\$ 120.00$, Sunday School
Board \$75.00, and Board American Bible Söciety $\$ 31.00$ for printing theConference Journal.
We estimate the amaunt necessary for Conference claimants the comingyear at $\$ 25,000$.
Respectfully submitted,
C. N. MORTON, Chairman.
J. M. ROBERTSON, Secretary-Treasurer.
BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION
Your Board has considered fifteen applications for loans and donationsten for churches and five for parsonages. There were placed at its disposal the following funds:
From Conference Treasurer. .....  $\$ 11,672.50$
Loan fund from the General Board. ..... 1,710.00
Total ..... $\$ 13,382.50$
Appropriated to the General Board ..... 5,836.25
Donations-to Churches-
$\$ 300.00$
Weland
300.00
Ireland ..... 300.00
Granbury
150.00
150.00
Holland
250.00
250.00
Lakeview ..... 500.00
Euless ..... 500.00
Highland Park ..... 500.00
Hemphill Heights ..... 1,000.00
Totai .....  $\$ 3,800.00$
Loans to Churches-
Ireland ..... \$ 300.00
Holland ..... 750.00
Euless ..... 500.00
Total ..... $\$ 1,550.00$
Donations to parsonages -
Gorman Circuit ..... $\$ 500.00$
Osceola ..... 400.00
May ..... 200.00
Total ..... $\$ 1,100.00$
Donation to C. M. E. Board of Church Extension. .....  $\$ 150.00$
Conference Journal ..... 120.00
Teller's expenses. ..... 10.00
Reserve with General Board ..... 866.25dent, to fill the vacancies made by the resignations of K. P. Barton andEugene B. Hawk.
There were only three applications for loans, and your Board urges the Conference to see, when at all wise, that loans be sought rather than donations.
Your Board has elected Rev. S. J. Vaughan Field Secretary.
J. J. CREED, President.
EUGENE B. HAWK, Secretary.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Whether a thinking or not, this is evidently a reading age. From the richest to the poorest, the city dweller to the remotest rural sections, a flood of literature of some sort is finding its way to the people of this age. The press is today, perhaps, more powerful than the platform or the pulpit in the molding of public sentiment. The propagandists of all sorts-whether good or bad, innocent or vicious-recognize this fact, and are using the press as a destructive or constractive agent in their work. The Church is not fully awake to the peril on the one hand or the opportunity on the other of this powerful agency for good orevil. Secular publications are flooding the country, character is being made or unmade by their influence.

Are our publishing agencies meeting the needs of our Church at this point? Quite a number of our periodicals are being published at a loss to the Church. This means that they are not being read by our own members. According to our present system, not even all the official members are reading our Conference organ, to say nothing about our books and other periodicals necessary to the making of a great membership in the Church. Therefore, we make the following recommendations:

1. That each pastor keep this important question of Christian literature constantly before his people. Let the pastor himself read and know the best books and let him bring them to the attention of his membership.
2. As a weekly reminder of his Church obligation, we do not believe that a better investment could be made for the local church than the inclusion of the Texas Christian Advocate in the annual budget of our local church expenses.
3. We believe that great good may be done by the judicious distribution of approved tracts. Many such are being distributed by other than orthodox Christian agencies, which seek to proselyte our people. These influences should be counteracted by doctrinal tracts, refuting popular crrors, tracts on Christian experience and inspiration. We would suggest the publication of such tracts, furnished to the pastors and people gratis or at the smallest price possible. Such expenditure would bring large dividends.
4. We suggest that a Sabbath Reading Course be prepared by the Church, and as far as possible, placed in every home of our constituency. This course to be superyised by appointed leaders who are made responsible for its success.
5. We heartily commend our own literature, both local and general, Methodist books, papers, periodicals and tracts, we believe are the best for our people, and for any others who may be induced to read them.
6. We commend the efforts of our several editors to give to the Church the very best Christian literature capable of being produced by the means at their hands. To bring to the Church the largest circulation of the best literature, it may be the plan of centralization upon one or a few periodicals will help the situation. It appears that such a plan would be worthy of a trial, or at least an earnest consideration. Respectfully submitted,
H. C. BOWMAN, Chairman.
C. L. BROWNING, Secretary.

## REPORT OF AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY BOARD

The American Bible Society reports for the year 1918 reveals a remarkable record of Bible distribution, as well as a world need for Scriptures hitherto unparalleled. We outline these facts very briefly.

War Service
First, we mention the Society's war work. More than a million Testaments bound in khakj were given free to the soldiers and sailors of the

United States. The distribution was made chiefly through Army Chaplains, the Y. M. C. A. and Salvation Army. In addition to this liberal donation, the Society furnished large quantities of Army Scriptures at cost, and under cost, which brought the total volumes distributed during the whole period of the war to more than $6,000,000$. This includes Scriptures in foreign languages. It is interesting to note that the largest demand for Bibles just now is in China.

The annual circulation of Scriptures through all agencies in the world now reaches a total of more than $32,000,000$. This means a Bible is issued for every tick of the clock, and yet there are $500,000,000$ people without any portion of God's word.

## Reconstruction

The American Bible Society announces urgent appeals from all parts of the world for the Scriptures. One of the interesting features of the Society's plan is the contemplated work in France, Russia, Belgium, CzechoSlovakia, Poland and other European countries which have been devastated by the war. Twenty-five thousand Bibles are now being sent to France.

Your Board has reasonto believe that theer was nevera time when so great an interest was manifested in the reading of the Scriptures.

We urge that every pastor preach a sermon on the Bible November 30th, or as near that date as possible. This is Universal Bible Sunday, and will be observed by all Protestant denominations throughout the United States.

> Respectfally submitted,

JNO. W. HOLT, President,
M. A. TURNER, Secretary.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICE

We have had before us a communication from the Commission on Temperance and Social Service of the M. E. Church, South. This general commission has organized, with Bishop James Cannon, Jr., as Chairman; Dir. Daniel Morton, Secretary, with headquarters in the Bliss Building, Washington, D. C.

Under its direction, a Conference for Social Service Workers was held at Junaluska, North Carolina, last August, and a similar conference is to be held in the summer of 1920 . Annual conferences are urged to send delegates, especially Chairmen and Secretaries of Boards on Temperance and Social Service, to this conference of workers.

In a statement adopted by this Commission in its recent session, social duties are strongly emphasized.

In this same statement the attitude of the Methodist Church is set forth with reference to the economic and industrial problems that confront he Nation at the present time. And we are urged to stand unfalteringly by the broad, unchanging principles of the Christian faith.

It is not to be expected that the Church as an organization should legislate for the Nation. But it can and should proclaim the teachings of Jesus with such persistency and power that the Christian citizenship will demand such legislation that will correct wrongs and abuses, and will demand and practice fair dealing in all the business relations of life.

In this day of changing order, the world is coming to realize that no industrial system can be permanent in which the methods and conditions of production and distribution are unfair to any of those concerned, whether they be employers, employees, purchasers or ultimate consumers.

We view with grave concern the evidences of racial strife between the white and the negro races, both in the North and South. We must as Christian patriots face these facts exactly as they are.

Your Board calls attention of pastors and Sunday School superintendents
to Paragraphs 113 and 320 of the Discipline, which provide for the organization and carrying on of Social Service work in the local churches, especially in connection with Church Conferences and 'Sunday Schools.

We are sorry to note that some of the churches have not elected Social Service committees as the Discipline directs, and too many instances where the committees that have been appointed have not done much work. But this will be greatly remedied when the leaders of the Church are properly aroused on this important subject.

We note with approval the comprehensive and aggressive program of the Anti-Saloon League of Texas as to law enforcement, development of public sentiemnt, new methods of work, Americanization of the foreigner, and the campaign for a dry world. We commend the Home and State, the League's great organ.

We rejoice that State and National prohibition amendments are accomplished facts. But in this death grapple with the liquor traffic, the work of the Christian Church is not yet done, and will not be until a healthy moral public sentiment makes the infamous work of the bootlegger and booze vendor impossible.

We note with great joy the organization of a great leaguc against alco-- holism, and the fact that our Church, through the general chairman of the Executive Committee, Bishop James Cannon, Jr., is gratifying.

The San Antonio Mission Home and Training School is reported to be in good condition and successful in the Christly work of saving unfortunata girls. The property is estimated to be worth $\$ 25,000$, and is free of debt. Mrs. R. L. Culbertson is the matron.

We recommend that the Central Texas Conference accept the proposition of the West Texas Conference to a joint ownership of the San Antonio Mission Home and Training School, and the appointment of a joint board of trustees to hold the property in trust for the two Conferences. Said trustees are not to incur any indebtedness without the consent of both patronizing Conferences.

We also most heartily indorse the work being done by the Baraca Home at Arlington, Texas, an undenominational institution for the redemption of erring girls. This home has the indorsement of many of the leading churches, business and prominent men of the State, and we request for it the prayerful consideration of our people.

## REPORT NO. 2. OF TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

## Support of the Ministry

The "Lord hath ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." "The laborer is worthy of his hire." Paul says: "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we should reap of your carnal things?"

The Methodist Church requires that traveling preachers give all their time and attention to the work of the ministry.

The ministry today is not receiving an adequate support. The average salary of clergymen in ten of the largest denominations in the United States is only $\$ 793$ pr year.

The Centenary Survey in the M. E. Church, South, revealed the sad fact that one-half of the preachers in the Church are receiving less than $\$ 1,000$ per year, one-fourth receive less than $\$ 600$, and one-fifth less than $\$ 500$, and one-seventh less than $\$ 400$. The Journal of the Central Texas Conference reveals the fact that of the 222 pastors, 106 receive less than $\$ 1,000$, sixty-five receive less than $\$ 800$, forty-four less than $\$ 600$, and sixteen receive less than $\$ 500$. These sums include missionary appropriations.

The salaries of Methodist preachers are as a whole out of all proportion to the high cost of living. Since the beginning of the war in 1914 the purchasing power of a dollar has gone down as prices mounted skyward, until now a dollar has the purchasing power of only thirty-seven cents.

And the increase of preachers' salaries is not keeping pace with the increase in the cost of living in ratio with the salaries of workers in other walks of life.

The following resolutions are presented for your adoption:
Whereas, The expenses of living have increased amazingly of late years and are still increasing; and,

Whereas, By reason of the scanty salaries now being paid to our preachers, not many of them can adequately provide for their families, even by practicing rigid economy; and,

Whereas, A condition of this sort, in addition to being wrong and unreasonable in itself, brings, or tends to bring, reproach upon the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as an institution, as well as great embarrassment and great humiliation to our preachers; therefore, be it

Resolved, By this Board of Temperance and Social Service, that we recommend to the Boards of Stewards throughout this Annual Conference that we urge with them and plead with them to make a larger assessment for the support of the ministry year after year, so long as the above-named conditions shall continue.
(Signed) JOHN R. NELSON, Chairman.
J. W. HEAD, Secretary.

I am the owner of what is known as the Harris Sanitarium, at Fort Worth, Texas, which consists of lands and buildings conservatively worth the sum of $\$ 125,000$. I desire to convey this property to the Church in such manner as the Church may direct, to become the property absolutely of the Church, upon conditions which I think will be satisfactory, both to myself and to the Church.

I:most respectfully ask that a committee or trustees be elected by this Conference and appointed by the Bishops or elected for the other Annual Confrences in Texas with such power to act as in your judgment may be deemed wise, to confer with me at an early time.

In addition to giving the property, which is free from debt, I will plan, later, to make an endowment of not less than $\$ 100,000$. I am anxious for an early consummation of the plans which I have in mind, and which I believe will result in great good to the Church, and ask for the appointment of this committee at this session of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES H. HARRIS.

## REPORT OF BOARD ON LAY ACTIVITIES

In response to Question 34, Paragraph 52, of the Discipline, your Board on Activities of Laymen reports as follows:

It is with joy and with thanksgiving to Almighty God that we make this report. At the last session of this Conference your Board made the declaration: "We most heartily and enthusiastically indorse the Centenary Movement." All the world knows what a wonderful success came at the end of the Centenary drive. Not only was more than $\$ 50,000,000$ pledged for the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but the Church was developed and put forward as never before in its history.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement, from the very beginning, had some part in the Centenary Movement. The Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement was made the Director General of the Centnary Cam-
paign, and in a most wondrful way led the whole Church to its great ccess.
In his annual report, Dr. W. B. Beauchamp said: "The Southern Methodist Church was peculiarly fortunate in having the Laymen's organization ready for such a task as the Centenary Movement brought. In every feature of the practical plans of the Centenary we found laymen who were equal to the task of heading these departments. Perhaps none of us had realized how greatly through a dozen years-and yet how very definitelythe laymen of our Church were being trained for such a day in the crisis power and ability in the laygh we knew that there was tremendous latent wer and ability in the lay forces of Methodism."
However, we should not boast. There is much else to be done. We are now in the midst of the Conservation Program. The greatest work of the Centenary is yet to be performed. We must yet place more certainly upon the consciences of our people the stewardship of property and life. During call upon our laymn and there will be a special Stewardship Drive, and we sis be given laymn and preachers for faithful service. Let special emphasis be given to the necessity for signing the pledge cards. This task is

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And then, above everything else, we must give our very lives to the service of the Church in the great evangelistic part of the Centenary work upon which we shall enter in the early months of next year. The plan of adequately presented to Episcopal Church, South in Amerson under the influence of the Methodist call upon the laymen, men and women of the Church to falter of not, but to be faithful until the end of the great Centenary Program. falter not, but to be

We rejoice that the new department of "Mrogram. permanent part of the Laymen's Missionary Movement is to be made a layman, Mr. J. M. Way, has been elected Associate Secretary very splendid men's Missionary Movement, and placed in charge secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and placed in charge of the "Minute Men" of ing the Centenary Campaign will be asked to continue until the close of the Evangelistic Campaign, but it is the purpose that the Lay Leaders' Conference, District and Church, shall become Chairmen, respectively, of the "Minute Men" for the Conference, District and Church. We believe that the use of the "Minute Men" will give information to the Church and develop the membership as nothing else has ever done, and we call upon all of our preachers to see that the four-minute speeches are made in their churehes, at least once on every Sunday.

We extend our sincere thanks to the leaders in this Conference who so splendidly led our Church to success. Bishop W. N. Ainsworth, as perhaps no other Bishop in the whole Church, gave himself unreservedly to the work. The work of Rev. J. E. Crawford as Conference Missionary Secretary was without fault. Judge Geo. W. Barcus, as Conference Campaign Director, was superb.

We again ask all of our preachers to use the Missionary Committee, Evangelistic Committee and the Social Committee, because we know where sed they have been instrumental in bringing great good to the Church.

We, your Committee on Lay Activities, to whom was referred the proposition nade by Dr. Charles H. Harris of Fort Worth, Texas, offering to deed to the Church on certain conditions the property and buildings at Fort Worth, Texas, known as Harris Sanitarium, report as follows:

We express to Dr. Harris our high appreciation of the splendid offer that he has made to the Church.

We recommend the election of W. H. Matthews, J. H. Groseclose, L. A. Webb, W. Erskine Williams, John H. Garner, F. F. Downs and J. E. Hickman as Trustees, to whom said property may be deeded, and recommend that they be given authority to complete negotiations with Dr. Harris, and
if in their judgment satisfactory arrangements are made with him, then that said Board of Trustees be given authority to close such contract and agreement with Dr. Harris as may appear to said Board to the interest of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,
W. ERSKINE WILLIAMS, Chairman.

JOHN H. GARNER, Secretary.
We, your Committee on Activities of Laymen, recommend that this Annual Conference request that the District Stewards of the various Presiding Elders' Districts of the Conference fix a certain salary for the Presiding Elders of their respective districts, instead of a percentage.

We further recommend that such salaries shall be full and adequate.
II.

We, your Committee on Activities of Laymen, respectfully report that we recommend an enlargement of the Presiding Elders' District by increasing the numbr of charges in each district, and are in accord with the plans and ideas of Bishop Ainsworth in regard to said matter.

We nominate W. Erskine Williams as Conference Lay Leader for the ensuing year.
W. ERSKINE WILLIAMS, Chairman. JOHN H. GARNER, Secretary.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR SUPERANNUATE HOMES

The labors of our Conference Agent have been signally blessed this year in the enlargement of our work.

A splendid home has been built at Carbon, Texas, at a cost of twentyfive hundred ( $\$ 2,500$ ) dollars. Including the value of the lots, this property is worth three thousand dollars. Every dollar of the cost of the home has been secured. The sum of $\$ 1,067.87$ has been expended in the way of improvements on our homes. There is not a dollar of indebtedness on any of our property. Our Agent has been very active and successful as well in securing the donation of royalties as the nucleus of an endowment for our Conference claimants. He has succecded in obtaining deeds to royalty interests in nearly twelve hundred acres in the proven oil fields of Eastland and Stephens Counties. A conservative estimate would place the value of these royalties at twenty-five thousãnd dollars, with future possibilities unlimited.

It is with much pleasure that we quote one paragraph from the report of the Agent to the Conference Board of Trustees:
"It is very gratifying to be able to report that the responses to the ppeals in behalf of our Conference claimants have been more liberal this year than ever before. This is due, no doubt, in part to the fact that the people generally are enjoying financial prosperity, but I am convinced that it is due in a measure to an awakened conscience upon the part of our Methodist people on the subject of making a better provision for our retired veterans."

We greatly desire the continued co-operation of the Presiding Elders and pastors with the Conference Agent in the prosecution of his work. and pastors with the Conference Agent Bishop Ainsworth to appoint D. L. Collie Agent for Superannuate Homes for the ensuing Conference year.
J. A. WHITEHURST, President.
W. B. ANDREWS, Secretary.

## REPORT NO. 1 COMMISSION ON FINANCE

Having lost two members from the Commission by their appointment as Presiding Elders, your Commission on Finance reorganized with the following officers: O. F. Sensabaugh, Chairman; W. B. Andrews, Vice Chairman; R. E. Goodrich, Secretary, and S. J. Rucker, Assistant Secretary.

Your Commission has passed strong resolutions requesting that at the earliest possible hour at each session of the Conference an itemized statement of the requests of each Board shall be placed in our hands, with short statement of reasons for each item. It will then be the policy of the Commission on Finance to grant a lump sum to each Board, the final distribution of said sum to be left to the Board itself.

After careful consideration of the several financial claims presented, we recommend the following assessments:
Board of Education........................................................................ $\$ 30,000$ Board of Education..........................................................................................................................................000
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 O. F. SENSABAUGH, Chairman. S. J. RUCKER, Assist. Secretary.

## REPORT NO. 2 COMMISSION ON FINANCE

We submit the following per centum scale for the various clains consti-
tuting the Conference budget:
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Total ...................................................................................................000 Respectfully submitted,
O. F. SENSABAUGH, Chairman.
S. J. RUCKER, Assist. Secretary. November 15th, 1919.
Your Treasurer takes pleasure in submitting the following report. I have collected the following amounts for the various funds:
General work
\$ 61,384.24

Foreign Specials 2,142.70
Home Specials
655.00

Sunday School Day fund 885.18

Soldier Fund 451.00

Total
$\$ 130,936.96$
The above funds either have been or will be placed to the credit of the various Boards, according to the laws of the Church governing same.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. E. JESTER, Conference Treasurer.

Waco, Texas, November 15th, 1919.
We, your Auditors, have checked up the accounts of the Conference Teller, and find all accounts in perfect order, except an item of $\$ 37.50$ belonging to the account of Foreign Missions Special, which has not been remitted yet, on account of a clerical error, but will be looked after at once by the Teller.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. BRIDGES, Auditor. W. E. ANDREWS, Clerk.

## Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Your Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church submits the following:

We are facing unprecedented conditions in the way of greater material prosperity than we have ever known and the mad rush for worldly pleasures. And when we realize there are more than $55,000,000$ people in the United States that make no religious pretentions, we recommend for the quickening of the spiritual life the following:

First, That we put into effect all the plans of the Department of Spiritual Resources of the Church, laying special eniphasis upon-
(a) "The Family Altar League."
(b) That we accept our quota of family altars, and distribute it among the district.
(c) That the Presiding Elders be requested to distribute the district quota among the charges and urge the pastors to take it up early in the Conference year.

Second, That we fall in line with the plan for a great revival, which is our greatest need, not failing to give the young people an opportunity to offer themselves for special work.

Third, That along with the condemnation of the dance, the unclean picture show, Sunday auto riding and other forms of wordliness among the young people.

We provide clean entertainments and well-directed religious activities, secure their attendance on church and prayer meeting services, by giving them something definite to do. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. RENTFRO, President. MRS. B. T. STRIBBLING, Secretary.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

The Sabbath question is of supreme importance, because it is vitally connected with our Christian religion. The Church is the custodian of the Sabbath. It is not a Continental Sunday this Nation needs, but the proper observance of the Christian Sabbath.

We rejoice that we have in this State such an organization as the Texas Lord's Day Alliance. There is a great need for such an organization, inasmuch as the picture show people and the vendors of automobile appurtenances are persistent in seeking legislation that will legalize their trade.

At this time of political and social upheaval many inroads are being made upon the sanctity of the Sabbath. The ministers and other church workers must be very vigilant in their efforts to preserve intact the proper observance of this holy day.

We will not specify in this report the many ways the Sabbath is being desecrated, further than to express our deprecation of Sunday opening of fairs, picture shows, Sunday excursions and the like. But we do urge that
the preachers be more aggressive in their efforts to impress upon the consciences of the people the value of this sacred day.

We commend the work of Rev. R. C. Armstrong, and recommend his reappointment as State Secretary of the Sunday League of America.

May the Lord, who made the world in six days and rested on the Sabbath; may He who arose from the dead assist us in a proper observance of the day we as His followers should keep holy, as it speaks to us oî His resurrection, and is also a prophecy of the Sabbath of eternal rest that remains for the people of God. Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) R. C. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.
(MRS.) W. T. SIMMS, Secretary.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS

We, your Committee on District Conference Records, respectfully suòmit the following report:

We have examined the records for the Brownwood, Cisco, Corsicana, Dublin, Gatesville, Georgetown, Waco, Waxahachie and Weatherford Districts, and we find them for the most part neatly kept and in good condition. The record for the Fort Worth District is well kept, but the minutes do not have the signature of the Presiding Elder. The records of the Cleburne and Hillsboro Districts were not before the committee. We note from the Journal that Cleburne submitted no record last year.
(Signed) SEBA KIRKPATRICK, Chairman. J. L. OLIVER, Secretary.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report that Brother W. F. Barnett has been before us and submitted report of the Orphanage, showing conditions to be cheering. The inventory shows property valued at $\$ 260,000.00$. There are eighty-nine boys and one hundred and eleven girls in the home.

Brother W. F. Barnett, an honored layman of our Church, who spent fifteen years in North Texas Conference in the teacher's profession and six years as Superintendent of the State Orphans' Home, on the earnest solicitation and nomination of that matchless friend of the Orphanage, Rev. Abe Mulkey, consented to take the management of our Orphanage and was duly elected by the Board of Control. His success in his former fields of labor is sufficient guarantee for our full confidence and co-pperation.

We recommend that the Home be enlarged so that it will accommodate not less than three hundred children, at the earliest possible time, and pledge our co-operation to the end that his may be accomplished.

We also recommend that the non-assessment plan be continued, and that the pastors place on the hearts of their churches the claims and needs of the Orphanage. We urge that the Christmas holidays be especially used for the time of presenting the Orphanage claims to the various congregations throughout our Conference.

We indorse the movement now in operation to install industrial training to the extent that each child may receive such individual training as will qualify it to do a specific work in life.

We also indorse the action of the General Board in the expenditure of such funds as are necessary to erect a heating plant and laundry wit' such equipment as is necessary for their operation.

We also pledge our support and influence to the end that the Abe Mulkey Memorial Building may be erected at an early day.

We feel that the Church is engaged in no greater Christ-like service than that of caring for the dependent children of our State, and in the name of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me," we urge that we hearand answer their cry.

We heartily commend the work of Rev. W...T. Gray as Field Superintendent, and recommend his reappointment. We further recommend that Rev. J. D. Odoms be appointed Superintendent of the Orphans' Home Society of Texas.

Very respectfully,
MRS. W. H. MATTHEWS, Chairman.
H. B. THOMPSON, Secretary.

## REPORT OF JOHN R. NELSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF WAR WORK IN TEXAS

The War Work of the Methodist Church, South, in Texas was closed at the different army camps in the early part of this year. The tabernacles have been sold and the proceeds used in meeting the indebtedness of our army work. All notes and accounts have been paid in full. After turning over $\$ 249.79$ to the Good Cheer Cottage at Fort Worth, there is a balance in the treasury of $\$ 173.50$, subject to the order of Dr. E. O. Watson, General Secretary, War Work Committees Section of the M. E. Church, South.

The books and accounts of the Superintendent are open for inspection.
The services of the Superintendent of War Work in Texas, this Conference year, have been without cost to the Church, with the exception of traveling expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN R. NELSON,
Superintendent of War Work, M. E. Church, South, in Texas.

## RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, That we, the Central Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session assembled in Waco, Texas, hereby express our approval of the "Army and Navy Chaplain Bill," introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Capper, and that we trust it shall be passed according to the plans and purposes of the Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains of the Federated Council of Churches.
(Signed)
A. D. PORTER.
E. HIGHTOWER.
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Resolved, That, whereas the amount assessed for the superannuates of the Central Texas Conference is inadequate to meet their needs in these days of high cost of living; and,

Whereas, These heroes of the cross are worthy not only of our love and sympathy, but also of a proper support; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Central Texas Conference, ask our Board of Finance to make proper provision for these worthy men, and we urge our Commission of Finance to approve such an assessment.
(Signed) H. A. BOAZ.
D. L. COLLIE.
S. J. VAUGHAN.
O. F. SENSABAUGH.
A. D. PORTER.

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved, That the heartiest and most sincere thanks of the Central Texas Conference are hereby given to the City of Waco, its Churches and their pastors, and to the hospitable people for the ample and splendid hospitality which we have received at their hands. We make special mention of our appreciation to the pastor and members of the First Baptist Church
for the use of their magnificent church auditorium for the holding of the last preaching service and the closing hour of the Conference.

We extend our expressions of appreciation to the secular press of the city and State for the liberal publicity given to our proceedings.

We shall carry with us to our homes a pleasant and an abiding memory of our stay in this goodly city and shall devotedly pray the blessings of our Heavenly Father upon all its people.
(Signed) JOHN M. BARCUS.
F. P. CULVER.
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