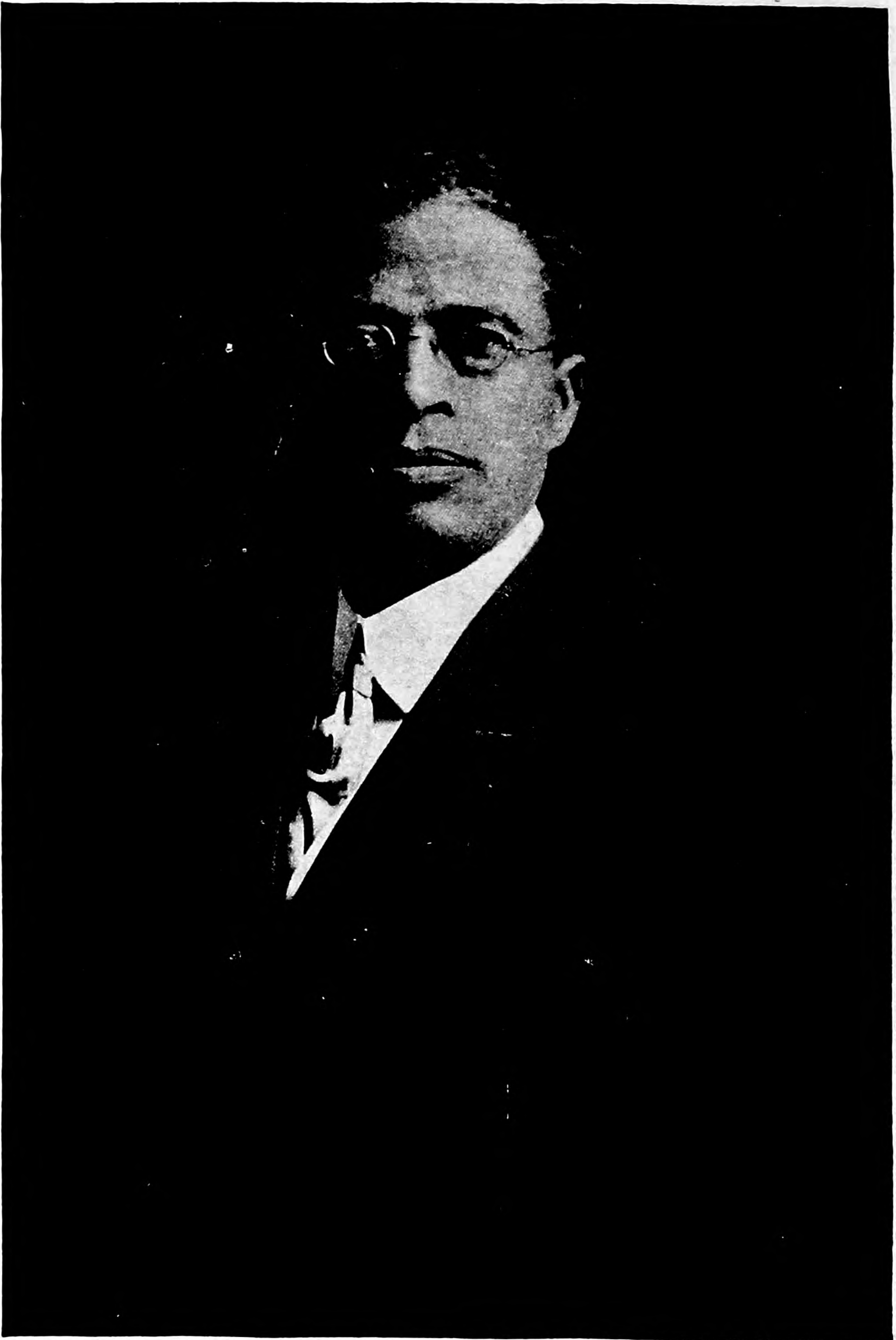


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Treasurer of Conference Claimant Fund—H. Swann.

Railroad Secretary—L. H. Richardson.

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Time Expires 1918—J. W. Weakley, Harry Swann, H. H. Qualls, W. M. Mooney.

Time Expires 1919—L. H. Richardson, J. S. Wyatt, J. E. Eusan, A. L. Carper.

Time Expires 1921—T. H. Wyatt, J. W. Stones, Albert Johnson, Geo. Nevils.

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Austin District—S. E. Jones, Austin, Texas.

Dallas District—D. C. Lacy, Dallas, Texas.

San Angelo District—J. D. A. Jacques, San Angelo, Texas.

San Antonio District—T. H. Wyatt, San Antonio, Texas.

Victoria District—J. H. Swann, Yoakum, Texas.

Waco District—W. B. Lott, Waco, Texas.

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Second Year—J. W. Weakley, A. Appling and I. T. Sanford.

Third Year—Harry Swann, R. Sodia and Moses Smith.

Fourth Year—L. H. Richardson, George Waters and George Nevils.

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F. W. Brown, Second Vice President.

J. G. Brown, Third Vice President.

M. L. Wyatt, Fourth Vice President.

S. N. Harvey, Recording Secretary.

D. F. Vance, Treasurer.

H. A. Jones, Corresponding Secretary.

CONFERENCE HISTORY.

The **Methodist Episcopal Church** was reorganized in annual conference relations in New Orleans, La., Dec. 25, 1865, by **Bishop Thompson**. The Conference then organized included Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, and was named the Mississippi Mission of Conference. Three annual sessions of this Conference were held, and in January, 1867, the Texas Conference was organized out of the Mississippi Mission Conference, which included the entire State of Texas. There were eight annual sessions of the Texas Conference held, and it was during the eighth session of the Texas Conference, held at Marshall, Texas, January 7, 1873, that the West Texas Conference was organized, with **Bishop Thos. Bowman, President**. The ministers comprising the West Texas Conference were called to meet in Wesley Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas, January 22, 1874. The President of that Conference was Bishop Bowman. Those present in the organization were: G. W. Honey, Jacob Miller, Mack Henson, Daniel Gregory, Samuel Allen, W. O. Sheely, Larkin Carper, Archie Johnson, J. T. Hill, T. T. Leach, T. G. Lacy, Alex. Campbell, London Morris, Isaac Wright, Cyrus Hackett, Daniel Harper, Charles Scruggs. Bro. Charles Scruggs only brother alive. The rest have finished their course.

SESSIONS OF MISSISSIPPI MISSION CONFERENCE.

Bishops.	Secretaries.	Place.	Time.
Edward Thompson-----	J. P. Newman-----	New Orleans-----	Dec. 25, 1865
Mathew Simpson-----	J. P. Newman-----	New Orleans-----	Dec. 13, 1866
E. R. Ames-----	J. B. Lynch-----	New Orleans-----	Dec. 19, 1867

SESSIONS OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Bishops.	Secretaries.	Place.	Time.
Mathew Simpson-----	Josh Welch-----	Houston-----	Jan. 3, 1867
E. R. Ames-----	G. W. Honey-----	Houston-----	Jan. 3, 1868
Mathew Simpson-----	Josh Welch-----	Austin-----	Jan. 21, 1869
Levi Scott-----	G. W. Honey-----	Houston-----	Jan. 14, 1870
Levi Scott-----	G. W. Honey-----	Houston-----	Dec. 14, 1870
E. S. Janes-----	G. W. Honey-----	Austin-----	Dec. 6, 1871
I. W. Wiley-----	W. R. Fayle-----	Galveston-----	Jan. 8, 1872
Thos. Bowman-----	W. R. Fayle-----	Marshall-----	Jan. 7, 1873

SESSIONS OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Bishops.	Secretaries.	Place.	Time.
Thos. Bowman-----	G. W. Honey-----	Austin-----	Jan. 22, 1874
W. L. Harris-----	L. H. Carhart-----	Columbus-----	Feb. 22, 1875
E. G. Andrews-----	L. H. Carhart-----	Austin-----	Feb. 20, 1876
R. S. Foster-----	A. M. Gregory-----	Waco-----	Nov. 22, 1877
Gilbert Haven-----	A. M. Gregory-----	Columbus-----	Nov. 28, 1878
S. M. Merrill-----	B. F. Smith-----	Victoria-----	Dec. 3, 1879
E. O. Haven-----	B. F. Smith-----	Austin-----	Dec. 1, 1880
H. W. Warren-----	B. F. Smith-----	Calvert-----	Dec. 1, 1881
Thos. Bowman-----	B. F. Smith-----	Columbus-----	Dec. 7, 1882
E. G. Andrews-----	B. F. Smith-----	San Antonio-----	Dec. 12, 1883
W. L. Harris-----	B. F. Smith-----	Waco-----	Dec. 4, 1884
R. S. Foster-----	B. F. Smith-----	Austin-----	Dec. 18, 1885
J. F. Hurst-----	J. T. Gibbons-----	Victoria-----	Dec. 16, 1886
Thos. Bowman-----	J. W. Robinson-----	Columbus-----	Dec. 7, 1887
D. A. Goodsell-----	J. T. Gibbons-----	Calvert-----	Feb. 7, 1889
J. M. Walden-----	J. T. Gibbons-----	San Antonio-----	Feb. 6, 1890
C. D. Foss-----	J. T. Gibbons-----	Waco-----	Feb. 5, 1891
S. M. Merrill-----	B. F. Smith-----	Austin-----	Dec. 15, 1891
J. N. Fitzgerald-----	J. T. Gibbons-----	Dallas-----	Dec. 14, 1892
H. W. Warren-----	A. Foster-----	Columbus-----	Dec. 6, 1893
E. G. Andrews-----	A. Foster-----	Calvert-----	Dec. 2, 1894
W. X. Ninde-----	A. Foster-----	Cuero-----	Dec. 8, 1895
W. F. Malliene-----	N. J. Johnson-----	Waco-----	Dec. 8, 1896
C. H. Fowler-----	N. J. Johnson-----	Denton-----	Dec. 6, 1897
D. A. Goodsell-----	N. J. Johnson-----	Austin-----	Dec. 22, 1899
I. W. Joyce-----	N. J. Johnson-----	Victoria-----	Dec. 19, 1900
I. W. Joyce-----	J. W. H. Pinckney-----	Dallas-----	Dec. 8, 1901
W. F. Malliene-----	A. Foster-----	Luling-----	Dec. 18, 1902
J. M. Walden-----	A. Foster-----	Waco-----	Dec. 16, 1903
L. B. Wilson-----	A. Foster-----	Fort Worth-----	Dec. 14, 1904
Henry Spellmeyer-----	T. H. Wyatt-----	San Antonio-----	Nov. 30, 1905
L. B. Wilson-----	T. H. Wyatt-----	Columbus-----	Dec. 13, 1906
W. M. Burt-----	T. H. Wyatt-----	Marlin-----	Nov. 28, 1907
W. M. Quales-----	T. H. Wyatt-----	Victoria-----	Nov. 26, 1908
T. B. Neeley-----	T. H. Wyatt-----	Waco-----	Nov. 25, 1909
D. H. Moore-----	T. H. Wyatt-----	Austin-----	Nov. 6, 1910
T. B. Neeley-----	T. H. Wyatt-----	San Antonio-----	Nov. 23, 1911
Robert McIntyre-----	T. H. Wyatt-----	Luling-----	Dec. 11, 1912
Robert McIntyre-----	T. H. Wyatt-----	Calvert-----	Dec. 10, 1913
W. O. Sheppard-----	T. H. Wyatt-----	Austin-----	Dec. 10, 1914
W. O. Sheppard-----	T. H. Wyatt-----	Victoria-----	Dec. 9, 1915
R. J. Cook-----	J. W. Warren-----	Waco-----	Dec. 13, 1916

IN MEMORIAM.

Names of the West Texas Conference Deceased.

Names.	Date of Death.	Place of Burial.	Time Entered Ministry.	Years in Ministry.
J. B. Furgerson	Jan. 6, 1874	Bell County	1854	20
J. S. Stricklin	Mar. 25, 1873		1870	3
E. S. Havens	Feb. 22, 1875	Girard, Kansas		1
Reubin Coleman	Dec. 3, 1875	Bastrop	1870	5
Isaac Wright	April 3, 1875	Austin	1874	2
J. G. Webster	Mar. 14, 1877	Cottonwood Colony	1867	10
Ben Hoffman	Mar. 31, 1878	Eagle Lake	1874	4
John Wright	Jan. 17, 1880	Cottonwood Colony	1874	6
Archey Johnson	Feb. 6, 1880	Giddings	1874	6
Hiram Melton	Aug. 3, 1880	Limestone County	1874	6
Jacob Oakman	Jan. 10, 1882	Flatonia	1872	10
Jackson Johnson	Oct. 1, 1882	Manor	1875	7
Jackson Ceasor	Sept. 21, 1883	Wharton	1879	4
Larkin Carper	April 26, 1885	San Antonio	1870	15
Elijah Nesbitt	Sept. 26, 1885	Sprinkle	1875	10
Ceasor King	Aug. 16, 1885	Georgetown	1874	11
J. W. Robinson	Sept. 1, 1888	Austin	1874	14
Washington Goodwin	May 2, 1890	Manor	1876	14
J. H. Brawley	April 20, 1893	Luling	1887	6
G. W. Brothers	Aug. 20, 1893	Cuero	1883	10
Toney Agustis	June 19, 1894	Columbus	1879	15
J. H. Purnell	Oct. 10, 1894	Waco	1890	4
J. H. Williams	Oct. 3, 1895	Denison	1893	2
J. T. Gibbons	Aug. 3, 1896	San Antonio	1883	13
A. L. Armstrong	Sept. 10, 1896	Gatesville	1893	3
Daniel Harper	Sept. 1, 1896	Victoria	1874	22
Nathen Caswell	Dec. 20, 1896	Austin	1875	21
O. L. Maderon	Sept. 16, 1900	Austin	1876	24
B. F. Smith	Mar. 20, 1902	Cuero	1877	25
L. H. Harvey	July 4, 1902	Cuero	1896	6
A. S. Betheney	June 20, 1902	Fort Worth	1893	9
Chas. Hart	Aug. 10, 1902	Winchester	1877	25
Daniel Humphrey	July 4, 1903	Marlin	1887	26
John Neal	Mar. 22, 1903	Davilla	1894	9
Samuel Gates	Feb. 25, 1905	Austin	1874	31
Anderson Brack	Sept. 10, 1906	Waco	1874	31
Mack Henson	June 17, 1905	Austin	1874	31
Andrew Foster	Nov. 26, 1906	Victoria	1880	26
James Brawley	Sept. 18, 1906	Seguin	1877	29
B. I. Adams	Mar. 10, 1908	Littig	1893	15
James Jorman	Dec. 9, 1908	Columbus	1878	30
Gabrel Wilson	July 16, 1908	Calvert	1875	33
Thos. Watkins	April 10, 1908	Marlin	1886	22
Willis Graves	May 10, 1908	Waco	1876	32
G. A. Shanklin	Dec. 29, 1900	Hubbard City	1890	19
J. T. Jacobs	Mar. 11, 1911	San Antonio	1882	29
W. H. Davis	Sept. 12, 1910	Seguin	1877	20
Jefferson Buell	June 10, 1910	Waco	1882	28
C. P. Westbrook	Dec. 28, 1911	Hubbard City	1885	26
A. J. Lynch	Mar. 18, 1911	Victoria	1893	18
J. W. Mitchell	Dec. 7, 1911	Bremond	1878	33
R. H. Ponton	Sept. 19, 1912	Belton	1882	30
J. H. Holder	May 1, 1912	Hondo	1887	25
M. C. Caviness	June 28, 1912	Lockhart	1887	25
Emanuel Henderson	Sept. 9, 1913	San Antonio	1878	35
Lee Reed	May 14, 1913	Luling	1881	32
Alfred Dickerson	June 9, 1913	Sprinkle	1887	26
F. L. Kirkpatrick	Dec. 7, 1914	Austin	1897	18
Graugel Norman		Los Angeles		7
J. S. Wyatt	Dec. 31, 1916	Victoria	1894	23
Joseph Harriford	1917	Winchester	1887	30
Christopher Young	1916	Victoria	1875	42
G. W. Townsend	1916	Victoria	1884	33
W. E. Blackson	Feb., 1916	Austin	1899	18

THE CONFERENCE ROLL FOR 1917.

Effective Elders.

Dates indicate when admitted.

1908, Armstrong, B. F.; 1910, Applin, R. A.; 1907, Brown, J. G.; 1889, Bennett, P. B.; 1883, Brown, Alfred; 1906, Brown, James E.; 1902, Carper, A. L.; 1905, Carper, Thomas; 1903, Dennis, R. D.; 1896, Duncan, R. H.; 1898, Eusan, J. C.; 1907, Franklin, C. H.; 1890, Goff, B. J.; 1892, Hutcherson, James; 1913, Hutcherson, J. W. V.; 1905, Harvey, S. N.; 1894, Jackson, E. L.; 1902, Jones, H. A.; 1899, Jones, S. E.; 1900, Johnson, Albert; 1893, Jordan, M. S.; 1887, Lacy, D. C.; 1900, Lott, W. B.; 1883, Mason, A. M.; 1892, Moore, T. S.; 1900, Moore, N. J.; 1893, Mooney, William; 1900, Medlock, J. S.; 1911, Muse, James; 1901, Napier, J. H.; 1892, Nevills, Geo.; 1901, Parker, L. R.; 1904, Purnell, Wade; 1897, Qualls, H. H.; 1887, Reed, William; 1893, Richardson, L. H.; 1884, Smith, M.; 1877, Swann, H.; 1889, Swann, John H.; 1904, Sodra, Riley; 1897, Stone, J. W., Sr.; 1899, Sanford, I. T.; 1898, Townsend, N. H.; 1898, Timmons, I. H.; 1906, Vance, D. F.; 1892, Weakley, J. W.; 1888, Wormley, J. W.; 1902, Wright, J. W.; 1898, Waters, George; 1905, White, W. W.; 1908, Warren, J. W.; 1901, Wyatt, T. H.; 1916, James E. Brown; 1916, G. V. Cavett; 1916, L. W. Roberts; 1916, M. L. Wyatt; 1916, James Coe; 1916, J. W. Downs; 1916, C. W. Franklin; 1916, John D. Mackey; 1916, G. M. Mallery; 1916, C. B. Melton.

Retired Ministers.

1896, Bickham, John; 1877, Cooper, E. E.; 1877, Cogswell, Enoch; 1874, Gates, Primus; 1881, Harvey, S. W.; 1891, Jones, Ephriam; 1879, Lockhart, Austin; 1880, Pleasant, George; 1884, Stevens, W. H.; 1877, Scruggs, C. C.; 1882, John Bickham; 1882, A. T. Jackson; 1898, J. S. Wyatt; 1891, Joseph Harreford.

Undergraduates.

1907, Brown, F. W.; 1912, Butler, Theo.; 1911, Coe, John; 1913, Ellerson, William; 1914, Foster, J. M.; 1907, Hall, Seaborn; 1914, Hardiman, J. J.; 1904, Henderson, E. C.; 1914, Hutcherson, Floyd; 1914, Hooey, John M.; 1912, Humphrey, S. D.; 1913, Mosley, S. D.; 1911, Stevens, M. W.; 1913, Sanford, Albert; 1915, Jones, W. M. D.

MINUTES
OF THE
WEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST DAY.

Morning Session, December 13, 1916.

The West Texas Annual conference met in its forty-second session in St. James Tabernacle, Methodist Episcopal Church, Waco, Texas, December 13, 1916, at 8:30 a. m., with Bishop Richard J. Cook, D. D., LL. D., President, in the chair.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. M. L. Wyatt. The morning message delivered by the Bishop gave us a world-wide vision of the church, and the sacredness of the sacrament.

The Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by Drs. J. B. Hingely and Watters, and District Superintendent.

After which Rev. T. H. Wyatt, Secretary of the last Annual Conference called the roll. Revs. W. H. Mosby, W. E. Blackson, G. W. Townsend, L. R. Parker, Christopher Young had answered the roll call in heaven.

ORGANIZATION.

The following officers were elected: On motion of Rev. D. C. Lacy and seconded by Rev. M. S. Jordan, J. W. Warren was elected secretary, with the privilege of nominating his assistants. He nominated the following: S. N. Harvey and J. C. Eusan. They were confirmed. By motion of M. S. Jordan, L. H. Richardson was elected statistician with the privilege of nominating his assistants. He nominated the following: H. A. Jones, C. W. Franklin, G. A. Desland, J. W. Stones, C. H. Anderson, J. G. Brown. J. W. Weakley was elected treasurer, with the privilege of nominating his assistants. He nominated the following: A. L. Carper, D. F. Vance. They were confirmed.

J. W. V. Hutcherson was appointed reporter to the Southwestern Christian Advocate.

Rev. L. H. Richardson was elected R. R. secretary.

The Bar of the Conference.—On motion of J. W. Worinly the bar of the Conference would extend from the rostrum to the fourth window.

Visitors.—Dr. J. B. Hingely, corresponding secretary Board of Conference Claimants; Dr. Watters, president of Gammon Theological Seminary; Dr. P. J. Mavety, corresponding secretary of Freedman's Aid Society, were introduced and in a few well chosen words electrified the Conference. Dr. Hamilton of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church was introduced.

On motion by Rev. H. Swann, Rev. A. Brown was elected to collect accounts for the Methodist Book Concern.

Motion prevailed that J. W. Warren be treasurer of Minute Fund.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The list of committees was read and adopted. (See Standing Committees.)

Elected as Auditing Committee: D. F. Vance, G. A. Desland, R. A. Appling, N. H. Townsend, J. W. Downs, T. S. Moore.

At this point the Bishop presented a check of \$1,312.00 from the Book Concern dividend and \$34.00 from the Rose bequest and the same was turned over to the treasurer of the Board of Conference Stewards.

Motion prevailed that the Bishop and District Superintendent would apportion the amount of money necessary for the publishing of the minutes among the several pastoral charges.

On motion by L. H. Richardson, the pastor of Simpson Tabernacle, Wesley Chapel, president of Samuel Huston College and District Superintendent of Austin District be the publishers of our Annual Conference Official Journal.

Rev. H. Swann was appointed by the Bishop to preside in the afternoon statistical session. On motion the Conference stood adjourned to meet in statistical session at 3:30 p. m.

Announcements.

Benediction by Dr. J. B. Hingely.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The second day morning session of the West Texas Annual Conference met at 9:00 a. m. in St. James Tabernacle Methodist Episcopal Church, Waco, Texas, Dec. 14, 1916. Bishop Richard J. Cook in the chair.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. D. C. Lacy, District Superintendent Dallas District.

Disciplinary Questions.

Question 1—Is this Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the Discipline?

Yes.

Question 2—Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference?

H. L. McKinney from the Southern California Conference.

Question 3—Who has been readmitted?

None.

Question 4—Who have been received on credentials and from what churches?

District Superintendent S. E. Jones recommended W. L. Hull from the Missionary Baptist Church, but his case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relation.

Question 14—Was the character of each preacher examined?

This was strictly done.

The following members of the Conference Character was passed and they made their reports:

Austin District—Rev. S. E. Jones, D. S., and Pastors W. M. Ellison, J. W. Warren, C. B. Melton, F. J. Hutcherson, J. W. Downs, G. M. Mallory, F. Foy, James Muse, J. H. Napier, Moses Smith, W. M. Stevens, R. T. Hayse.

Dallas District—D. C. Lacy, D. S. The following pastors also reported: S. D. Humphry, J. W. Weakly, S. N. Harvey, James G. Brown, A. L. Carper, J. J. Hardeman, R. H. Duncan, A. Johnson, R. A. Applin, J. N. Hooey.

San Angelo District—Rev. A. D. Jacques, D. S., reported. Following pastors reported: T. S. Moore, Theo. D. Butler, E. C. Henderson, J. M. Foster, H. H. Qualls, J. E. Brown, J. W. Wright, C. H. Aderson, J. W. Wormly, M. L. Wyatt.

San Antonio District—Rev. T. H. Wyatt, District Superintendent reported.

At this point Dr. P. J. Mavety spoke concerning the great importance of the four years efficiency program, and the following committee was appointed: D. C. Lacy, J. W. Weakly, G. A. Desland, S. E. Jones, W. B. Lott, L. H. Richardson, T. H. Wyatt, A. D. Jaques, R. S. Lovinggood, J. W. Warren, D. F. Vance, R. A. Adkinson, M. S. Jordan, and were requested to meet at the close of the morning session.

An appeal was made by Rev. D. C. Lacy in behalf of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Hillsboro, and \$21.10 was taken up in a very short time to help liquidate the debt.

Bro. Ditzs, an old veteran of the Civil War, was introduced and took seat on platform.

Dr. Major E. C. Clemmons, chaplain Second Minnesota Infantry, field representative, Board of Conference Claimants, on duty with his regiment on the Mexican border, was introduced to the conference and made a most solemn appeal relative to the Conference Claimant Permanent Fund.

A draft of \$200.00 from Board of Conference Claimant was presented to the Bishop, who turned same over to treasurer of Board of Conference Stewards.

Resolution offered by Dr. Hingeley was adopted by the Conference. (See Resolution.)

On motion the District Superintendent, seven pastors and laymen, picked men, compose a committee to raise a permanent fund of \$9,000 in five years for Conference Claimants Endowment of West Texas Annual Conference.

Introducton of Visitors.

Drs. Smith, Anderson, P. E., Ballard and Wade of the African Methodist Episcopal church; Rev. J. L. Taylor, Colored methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. Henderson of the Mis-

sionary Baptist church; Dr. Aug. Didzen, Southern German Methodist Episcopal church; Dr. J. G. Starnes, M. D., Dr. W. W. Lucas, Dr. Gregg were introduced.

Announcement.

Benediction by Dr. E. C. Clemon, Chaplain 2nd Minnesota Infantry.

RICHARD J. COOK, D. D., L. L. D., Pres.

J. W. WARREN, Sec.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The second day afternoon session of the West Texas Annual Conference met at 2 o'clock, St. James Tabernacle Methodist church, Waco, Texas, Dec. 14, 1916, Rev. Harry Swan presiding in statistical session.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Moses Smith.

After devotion the following pastors reported, viz:

Austin District—W. M. Ellerson, J. W. Warren, C. B. Melton, F. J. Hutcherson, H. A. Jones, J. W. Downs, Bros. Evans, G. M. Mallory, Thomas Foy, J. H. Napier, James Muse, Moses Smith, M. W. Stevens, R. T. Hayse, Ephraim Jones.

Dallas District—S. D. Humphrey, J. W. Weakley, J. A. Featherson, E. S. Norris, S. N. Harvey, A. L. Carper, M. T. King, James G. Brown, D. T. Holly, J. J. Hardeman, R. H. Duncan, A. Johnson, J. N. Hooey, R. A. Applen.

San Antonio District—N. H. Townsend, C. H. Franklin, J. W. Stones, Jr., W. M. Mooney, T. W. Brown, A. Brown, J. H. Hutcherson, Ben William, G. V. Cavett, Lee Hatchet, J. W. V. Hutcherson, T. J. Walker, Joe Young, I. T. Sanford, A. M. Mason, I. H. Timmons, L. H. Richardson, J. T. Carper, J. B. Eggleston, C. H. Hamilton, J. C. Easan, George Means, L. W. Roberts.

San Angelo District—Sam Graham, T. S. Moore, E. C. Henderson, H. H. Qualls, J. E. Brown, J. W. Wright, Richard Alonzo, C. H. Anderson, J. W. Wormly, M. L. Wright, T. C. Butler.

Victoria District—S. D. Mosley, John Coe, Riley Sodia, Al-

bert Sanford, C. W. Franklin, Geo. Nevils, M. S. Jordan, D. F. Vance, Esau Smith, James Coe, A. D. Rice, Harry Swann, Walter Duhart, E. L. Warren, J. W. Stones, Jr.

Waco District—R. D. Dennis, J. S. Wyatt, J. C. Mayse, J. S. Medlock, P. B. Bennet, J. H. Childs, A. T. Jackson, B. J. Goff, N. J. Moore, G. A. Desland, W. W. White, W. M. Reed, W. H. Pernell, E. L. Jackson.

Announcement.

Benediction by Rev. G. A. Desland.

Harry Swann presiding.

R. J. COOK, President.

J. W. WARREN, Secretary.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The third day morning session of the West Texas Annual Conference met at 8:50 a. m. in St. James Tabernacle Methodist church, Waco, Texas, Dec. 15, 1916, Bishop Richard J. Cook in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. W. Stones, Jr.

Disciplinary Question.

Question 4.—Who have been received on credential, and from what church? W. L. Huff from Missionary Baptist Church.

Question 5.—Who have been received on trial? W. L. Huff and Samuel Graham in studies of first year; E. L. Warren in studies of third year under seminary rule.

Question 6.—Who have been continued on trial? (a) In studies of first year, Walter Duhart, C. H. Hamilton; (b) in studies of second year, C. H. Anderson, Jonah H. Childs, T. J. Walker, Thomas Foy, J. W. Stones, Jr., J. M. Foster.

Question 7.—Who have been discontinued? William D. Jones.

Question 8.—Who have been admitted into full membership? John Coe, William Ellerson, J. J. Hardeman, John N. Hooey, Floyd Hutcherson, S. D. Mosley, M. W. Stevens.

Question 9.—What members in studies of third year? Ad-

mitted into full membership this year, John Coe, William Ellerson, J. J. Hardeman, John N. Hooey, Floid Hutcherson, S. D. Mosley. M. W. Stevens.

Question 10—What members are in studies of fourth year? Frank W. Brown.

Question 11—What members have completed conference course of study, elect Elder's orders? James E. Brown, G. V. Cavett, L. W. Roberts, M. L. Wyatt, James Coe, J. W. Downs, C. W. Franklin, John D. Mackey, G. M. Mallcry, C. B. Melton (Late).

Question 12—What others have been elected and ordained Deacons? None.

Question 15—Who have been transferred, and to what Conference? Cebon Hall, Lincoln Conference.

Question 16—Who have died? W. H. Mosby, L. R. Parker, W. E. Blackson, G. W. Townsend, Chrisopher Young.

Question 17—Who have been located at their own request? None.

Question 18—Who have been located? None.

Question 19—Who have withdrawn? None.

Question 20—Who have been permitted to withdraw under charge or complaint? None.

Question 21—Who have been expelled? None.

Question 22—What other personal notation should be made? The case of B. F. Armstrong was referred to the committee on conference relation.

Question 23—Who are the supernumeray ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? None.

Question 24—Who are the retired ministers? John Bickham, Enoch Cogswell, E. E. Cooper, Primus Gates, George Pleasant, W. H. Stevens, C. C. Scruggs, Austin Lockhart, Ephraham Jones, Moten Lott, J. S. Wyatt, A. T. Jackson, Joseph Harriford. By motion A. T. Jackson, Joseph Harriford and J. S. Wyatt were referred to the committee on Conference Board of Stewards.

Question 25—Who are the triers of appeals? J. W. Weak-

ley, J. W. Warren, A. M. Mason, T. S. Moore, E. L. Jackson; reserved, J. C. Eusan, M. S. Jordan.

Question 14—Was the character of each preacher examined? This was strictly done, and the following pastors of the San Antonio District characters were passed: N. H. Townsend, C. H. Franklin, J. W. Stones, Jr., T. W. Brown, A. Brown, J. H. Hutcherson, W. M. Mooney, J. D. Mackey, L. W. Roberts, G. V. Cavett, T. J. Walker, J. W. V. Hutcherson, L. F. L. Brown, Joseph Harriford, I. T. Sanfrd, A. M. Ma-son, I. H. Timmons, L. H. Richardson, Joseph Young, J. T. Carper, C. H. Hamilton, J. C. Eusan..

At this point Rev. J. H. Swann, District Superintendent, Victoria District, character passed, and rendered his report. The following pastors' character were passed: S. D. Moseley, John Coe, Riley Sodia, Albert Sanford, C. W. Franklin, G. W. Nevils, M. S. Jordan, D. F. Vance, James Coe, Harry Swann, Walter Duhart, J. W. Stones.

Rev. W. D. Lott, District Superintendent, Waco District, character passed, and he read his report. The following pas-tors' character passed: R. D. Dennis, J. S. Wyatt, J. C. Mayse, J. S. Medlock, P. B. Bennit, J. H. Childs, A. T. Jack-son, B. J. Goff, N. J. Moore, G. A. Deland, W. W. White, W. M. Reed, E. L. Jackson, W. H. Pernell.

Motion prevailed that committee on resolutions be com-posed of the following named persons: G. A. Desland, Moses Smith, Riley Sodia.

The welcome address by Rev. W. D. Miller, D. D., pastor St. James African Methodist Episcopal church, was delivered and enjoyed by all.

Rev. G. A. Desland, D. D., responded to welcome address in a few appropriate words, yet full of thought.

Rev. W. W. Lucas closed the response by giving a bit of his experience as to the relation of the Negro membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mrs. E. S. (Sprigg) Ratliff, corresponding secretary Wom-an's Home Missionary Society, West Texas Conference, and Miss C. I. iKng, superintendent of Eliza Dee Home, Austin, Texas, were introduced.

Bishop Cook closed the services, giving some sound advice to the people of both races.

Announcements.

Benediction by Bishop Cook.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The fourth day morning session of the West Texas Annual Conference met at 9 a. m. in St. James Methodist Episcopal church, Waco, Texas, Dec. 16, 1916, Bishop Cook presiding.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Riley Sodia. Scripture lesson, Acts, 2nd chapter.

Order of Business.

Question 26—What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension? See report.

Question 27—What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions? None.

Resolution W. F. Miss. Society offered by D. C. Lacy and adopted by the conference. See resolution.

Question 25—What is the statistical report? See report of statistics.

Question 29—What is the conference treasurer's report? See treasurer's report.

Question 30—(a) What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the conference treasurer? \$4,500. (b) What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by annual Conference as reported by the conference? \$3,256.

Question 31—What are the claims on the conference funds? \$1,346.48.

Motion prevailed that telegram of sympathy be sent to the following named persons: Prof. R. S. Lovinggood, pres. S. H. C., Austin, Texas; Rev. R. E. Jones, editor Southwestern Church Advocate, New Orleans, La.; Rev. J. S. Wyatt, pastor, Calvert, Texas.

On motion the \$1,200 Home Mission and Church Ext. be

divided as follows: El Paso, \$500; Dallas, \$500; Georgetown, \$200.

The following named pastors paid on last year's minutes account: G. A. Desland, \$1.50; J. S. Medlock, \$3.00; D. F. Fance, \$2.00; Moses Smith, \$2.00. Total, \$8.50.

Paid out to Rev. T. H. Wyatt, former secretary, for expenses, \$7.30. Balance in treasury, \$1.20.

Resolution by representative of Southwestern Christian Advocate. See resolutions.

Committee on B. of H. M. and Ch. Ext. reported. See reports.

Board of Stewards reported. See report of Stewards.

Conference resolved itself into Mutual Aid Association.

Announcements.

Benediction, Riley Sodia.

Question 32—What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?

From Rosebequeth;	\$ 34.48
From Book Concern	1,312.00
From Board of Conference Claimant	200.00
From Pastoral Charges	300.00
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Total	\$1,846.48

How applied—See report of Conference Stewards.

Question 33—What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of Conference Claimant? \$900.

Question 34—What amount has been paid by the conference treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for correctional relief? \$125.

Question 36—Where shall the next conference be held? Cuero, Texas.

Motion prevailed that the amount necessary to publish minutes is to be apportioned by the District Superintendent among the several charges and the pastors are to collect the same and send to secretary within thirty days, and in case that a pastor fails to send in the required amount it is to be retained from his second installment, of those receiving missionary money.

THE FOURTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The fourth day evening session of the West Texas Annual Conference met at 2:00 p. m. in St. James Methodist Episcopal Church, Waco, Texas, December 16, 1916.

Bishop Cook in the chair.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. R. T. Hayse, Scripture lesson, Matt. 3, 1:9.

The following named persons were admitted into full membership, viz.: Floid Hutcherson, J. J. Hardeman, John Coe, W. M. Ellerson, S. D. Mosbey, M. W. Stevens, J. N. Hoovey.

The Bishop's address to the class was full of sound logic.

Motion prevailed that the Secretary send at the earliest convenience the address of each pastor to the Clergy Bureau at St. Louis.

Reports of Committees.

The following reports were rendered: Board of Education; Church Temperance; Woman's Home Missionary Society; Board of Conference Claimant; Board of Sunday School; Methodist Brotherhood; Bible Cause; Epworth League; Auditing Account; On Sabbath; On Samuel Huston College; On Conference Relation; Committee on Four Years Efficiency Program; Committee on Resolutions. See reports.

The officers of the Epworth League remain the same as they were 1916. The twenty-one dollars left in the treasury of the Board of Home Mission and Church Extension, 1916. Motion prevailed that it be equally divided between Rev. Joseph Harri-ford and Rev. W. M. Reed.

The Committee on Conference Relation reported in the case of B. F. Armstrong that his character be passed and that he be asked to locate another year.

Motion prevailed that memorial services be conducted after ordination of elders Sunday afternoon.

On motion of L. H. Richardson and seconded by D. C. Lacy, that pastor of Waco, Wesley Chapel and District Superintendent compose the Board of Managres of the four years efficiency conference of the West Texas Annual Conference.

Rev. Cook, a transfer from the Central Missouri Conference, was introduced.

Motion carried that \$875 be borrowed from the Farmers and Stockmens Bank of Waco, Texas, to pay off the first installment to the pastors and that the Board of Home Mission and Church Extension at Philadelphia reimburse the bank.

Motion prevailed that after reading the minutes of Sunday evening and the appointments, that the Conference stand adjourned without date.

Announcement—Benediction by D. C. Lacy.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Sunday School opened at 9:50 a. m. with a model Sunday School conducted by Rev. G. A. Desland, assisted by Prof. Wilson. At 10 a. m. Annual Lovefeast was conducted by Revs. M. S. Jordan and G. M. Mallery. Scripture Lesson, St. John 15th Chap. 1-12. Song, "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove." Prayer by Rev. Mallery.

At this point the service was converted into a praise meeting. The Holy Ghost was witnessed by all present. At 10:38 the order of service was again changed, singing, "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood." The Bishop read the 15th Chapter of Luke 1:23. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. C. Lacy.

The Bishop then spoke from the chapter read, and all who heard him said it was truly a great message. Benediction by Dr. I. L. Thomas.

Sunday Services—Afternoon, Dec. 17, 1916.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. C. Mayse.

The following persons were ordained elders by Bishop Richard J. Cook and District Superintendent: James E. Brown, G. V. Cavet, L. W. Roberts, M. L. Wyatt, James Coe, J. W. Downs, C. W. Franklin, John D. Mackay, G. M. Mallery, C. B. Melton.

Memorial service of the following named persons, viz.: W. H. Mosby, L. R. Parker, W. E. Blackson, G. W. Townsend, Christopher Young.

Program.

Song, "Asleep in Jesus," sung by congregation.

Scripture Lesson, Rev. G. M. Mallery.

Prayer, Rev. J. J. Brown.

Song, "Fade, Fade Each Earthly Joy."

Remarks by Rev. Harry Swann, touching upon the life of Rev. G. W. Townsend and Rev. C. Young.

Remarks by Rev. Moses Smith.

Revs. W. E. Blackson and W. H. Moseley as conference workers.

Rev. L. R. Parker's life was beautifully portrayed by Rev. G. M. Mallery.

Singing.

Benediction.

EVENING SERVICES—Dec. 17, 1917—7:30.

Devotion conducted by Rev. Blacknell.

Telegram received informing us of the death of Prof. R. S. Lovinggood, President Samuel Huston College.

The Bishop recommended that each pastor hold a memorial service in his church to do honor to a great man who left a stream of light that all could see.

Prayer by Hon. R. L. Smith.

Rev. W. B. Lott, District Superintendent Waco District, introduced Dr. I. L. Thomas, Field Secretary Board of Home Mission and Church Extension, who brought to us the Gospel Message.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATION.

Austin District.

To the District	\$100.00
To Fayetteville	20.00
To La Grange Cir.....	10.00

To Smithville	44.00
To Hutto and Granger.....	40.00
To Austin Cir.	20.00
To Simpson Tab.	40.00
To Georgetown	50.00
To San Marcos	10.00
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Total to the District.....	\$334.00

Waco District.

To the District.....	50	\$ 70.00
To Cameron and Rosebud.....	50	80.00
To East Waco		35.00
To Waco Mt. Zion.....		40.00
To Cedar and Frosa.....		40.00
To Groesbeck and Kosse.....		35.00
To Mayesfield Cir.		25.00
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Total to the District.....		\$325.00

Victoria District.

To the District	\$ 70.00
To Eagle Lake and Alleyton.....	56.00
To Columbus Circuit.....	36.00
To Cologne Circuit	20.00
To Goliad	40.00
To Sublime Circuit	36.00
To Wharton and El Campo.....	60.00
To Yoakum and Sweet Home.....	27.00
To Port Lavaca and Placedo.....	32.00
To Weimar and Dry Branch.....	20.00
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Total to the District.....	\$397.00

San Angelo District.

To the District	\$ 400.00
To Abilene	100.00

To Brownwood Cir.	60.00
To Cleburne Cir.	80.00
To Bartlett Cir.	80.00
To El Paso	270.00
To Lampasas Cir.	30.00
To Liberty Hill Cir.	58.00
To Moody and Rogers.....	60.00
To San Angelo	100.00
To Temple	58.00
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Total to District.....	\$1,296.00

REPORT OF TREASURER BY DISTRICTS.

Austin District.

1. Board of Foreign Missions.....	\$ 170.00
2. Board of Home Missions and Church Extension...	170.00
3. Freedmen's Aid Society.....	58.00
4. Board of Education.....	.....
4. Public Educational collection.....	7.00
5. Children's Day funds.....	20.00
6. Conference Educational collection.....	608.00
7. Board of Sunday Schools.....	23.00
8. Board of Conference claimants.....	1.00
9. Annual Conference investments.....	.....
10. Church Temperance Society.....	20.00
11. W. F. Mission Society.....	.....
12. W. H. Mission Society.....	130.00
13. American Bible Society.....	14.00
14. City Missionary or Church Extension Society....	.....
15. Central Office expenses of Epworth League.....	23.00
16. Methodist Brotherhood dues.....	.....
17. Support of Conference claimants.....	83.00
18. Support of Bishops.....	42.00
19. General Conference expenses.....	4.00
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Total to the District.....	\$1,372.00

Dallas District.

1.	Board of Foreign Missions.....	\$ 245.00
2.	Board of Home Mission and Church Extension....	238.00
3.	Freedmen's Aid Society.....	85.00
4.	Board of Education.....	.....
5.	Public Educational collections.....	.....
6.	Children's Day funds.....	3.00
7.	Conference Educational collection.....	564.00
8.	Board of Sunday Schools.....	24.00
9.	Board of Conference claimants.....	.....
10.	Annual Conference investments.....	.....
11.	Church Temperance Society.....	18.00
12.	W. F. Mission Society.....	.....
13.	W. H. Mission Society.....	211.00
14.	American Bible Society.....	20.00
15.	City Missionary or Church Extension Society....	.....
16.	Central Office expenses of Epworth League.....	31.00
17.	Methodist Brotherhood dues.....	.....
18.	Support of Conference claimants.....	79.00
19.	Support of Bishops.....	74.00
20.	General Conference expenses.....	5.00
	Total to the District.....	<u>\$1.597.00</u>

San Antonio District.

1.	Board of Foreign Missions.....	\$ 316.00
2.	Board of Home Missions and Church extensions....	297.00
3.	Freedmen's Aid Society.....	172.00
4.	Board of Education.....	.....
5.	Public Educational collections.....	.....
6.	Children's Day funds.....	20.00
7.	Conference Educational collections.....	632.00
8.	Board of Sunday Schools.....	68.00
9.	Board of Conference claimants.....	.....
10.	Annual Conference investments.....	.....
11.	Church Temperance Society.....	15.00
12.	W. F. Mission Society.....	.....

13.	W. H. Mission Society.....	343.00
14.	American Bible Society.....	12.00
15.	City Missionary or Church Extension Society.....	.....
16.	Central Office expenses of Epworth League.....	27.00
17.	Methodist Brotherhood dues.....	.....
18.	Support of Conference claimants.....	28.00
19.	Support of Bishops.....	40.00
20.	General Conference expenses.....	7.00
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	Total to the District.....	\$1,977.00

San Angelo District.

1.	Board of Foreign Missions.....	\$ 107.00
2.	Board of Home Mission and Church Extension....	87.00
3.	Freedmen's Aid Society.....	38.00
4.	Board of Education.....	.....
5.	Public Educational collections.....	.....
6.	Children's Day funds.....	20.00
7.	Conference Educational collection.....	365.00
8.	Board of Sunday Schools.....	19.00
9.	Board of Conference claimants.....	7.00
10.	Annual Conference investments.....	.....
11.	Church Temperance Society.....	8.00
12.	W. F. Mission Society.....	.....
13.	W. H. Mission Society.....	123.00
14.	American Bible Society.....	11.00
15.	City Missionary or Church Extension Society.....	.....
16.	Central Office expenses of Epworth League.....	22.00
17.	Methodist Brotherhood dues.....	.....
18.	Support of conference claimants.....	53.00
19.	Support of Bishops.....	27.00
20.	General Conference expenses.....	8.00
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	Total to the District.....	\$888.00

Victoria District.

1.	Board of Foreign Missions.....	\$ 148.00
2.	Board of Home Mission and Church extension....	146.00

3.	Freedmen's Aid Society.....	58.00
4.	Board of Education.....	.....
5.	Public Educational collections.....	7.00
6.	Children's Day funds.....	6.00
7.	Conference Educational collections.....	387.00
8.	Board of Sunday Schools.....	21.00
9.	Board of Conference claimants.....	.....
10.	Annual Conference investments.....	.....
11.	Church Temperance Society.....	14.00
12.	W. F. Mission Society.....	.....
13.	W. H. Mission Society.....	167.00
14.	American Bible Society.....	15.00
15.	City Missionary or Church Extension Society....	.....
16.	Central Office expenses of Epworth League.....	22.00
17.	Methodist Brotherhood dues.....	.....
18.	Support of Conference claimants.....	52.00
19.	Support of Bishops.....	39.00
20.	General Conference expenses.....	1.00
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	Total to the District.....	\$1,083.00

Waco District.

1.	Board of Foreign Missions.....	\$ 190.00
2.	Board of Home Missions and Church Extension...	236.00
3.	Freedmen's Aid Society.....	68.00
4.	Board of Education.....	.....
5.	Public Educational collection.....	5.00
6.	Children's Day funds.....	4.00
7.	Conference Educational collection.....	510.00
8.	Board of Sunday Schools.....	29.00
9.	Board of Conference claimants.....	.....
10.	Annual Conference investments.....	.....
11.	Church Temperance Society.....	16.00
12.	W. F. Mission Society.....	.....
13.	W. H. Mission Society.....	71.00
14.	American Bible Society.....	13.00
15.	City Missionary or Church Extension Society.....	.....
16.	Central Office expenses of Epworth League.....	24.00

17. Methodist Brotherhood dues.....	
18. Support of Conference claimants.....	71.00
19. Support of Bishops.....	37.00
20. General Conference expenses.....	15.00
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Total to the District.....	\$1,189.00
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Grand total	\$8,206.00

REPORT OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Men.

1. John Biskham	\$ 50.00
2. E. E. Cooper.....	40.00
3. Enoch Cogswell	50.00
4. Primus Gates	45.00
5. Ephraim Jones	40.00
6. Austin Lockhart	65.00
7. Geo. Pleasantus	20.00
8. C. C. Scruggs.....	64.00
9. W. H. Stephens.....	40.00
10. S. W. Harvey.....	83.00
11. Martin Lott	12.00
12. A. T. Jackson.....	78.00
13. Joseph Harroford	70.00
14. J. S. Wyatt.....	70.00
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Total for men.....	\$727.00

Widows.

1. Matilda Buell	\$ 20.00
2. James Brawley	20.00
3. Annie Brothers	25.00
4. W. E. Blackson.....	50.00
5. M. C. Cavnis.....	37.00
6. Mack Henson	57.00

7.	Mariah Huffman	24.00
8.	Daniel Humphry	26.00
9.	J. T. Jacobs.....	18.00
10.	J. H. Holden.....	36.00
11.	Rosa Lynch	28.00
12.	C. L. Madson.....	43.00
13.	Nellie Milton	20.00
14.	W. J. Mitchell.....	35.00
15.	W. H. Mosbey.....	50.00
16.	John Neal	20.00
17.	Elijah Nesbit	30.00
18.	Mariah Oakinan	26.00
19.	R. H. Pontan.....	55.00
20.	Lee Reed	10.00
21.	Geo. Shanklin	36.00
22.	Isaac Smith.....	34.00
23.	Thomas Watkins	25.00
24.	C. P. Westbrook.....	40.00
25.	L. R. Parker.....	30.00
26.	Alfred Dickson	30.00
27.	L. B. Kirkpatrick.....	46.00
28.	G. W. Townsend.....	40.00
29.	Christopher Young	14.00
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	Total	\$925.00

Children.

1.	B. J. Adams, three children.....	\$ 30.80
3.	J. H. Holden, two children.....	40.00
2.	A. Foster, two children.....	22.40
4.	C. L. Madison, two children.....	20.00
5.	Geo. Shanklin, two children.....	22.00
6.	Thomas Watkins, two children.....	18.00
7.	C. P. Westbrook, one child.....	15.00
8.	W. H. Mosbey, three children.....	30.00
9.	G. W. Townsend, one child.....	15.00
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	Total	\$213.20

COMMITTEE OF SEVEN ON PERMANENT ENDOWMENT OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANT.

Seven Ministerial—G. A. Deslands, B. J. Goff, A. Johnson, J. W. Wright, E. L. Jackson, W. H. Purnell, W. W. White.

Seven Laymen—R. L. Smith, A. C. Wilson, W. W. Baker, W. T. Banknight, Mrs. G. A. Deslands, Mrs. R. L. Smith, Mrs. E. L. Jackson.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF WEST TEXAS CON- FERENCE.

J. W. Weakley, President; Dr. J. C. Eusan, Registrar.

First Year—J. C. Eusan, J. W. Stone and A. L. Carper.

Second Year—J. W. Weakley, J. G. Browne and R. Sodia.

Third Year—H. Swann, Moses Smith and G. A. Deslands.

Fourth Year—J. W. Warren, L. H. Richardson and A. M. Mason.

For Admission on Trial and Local Orders—G. W. Nevils, S. N. Harvey and M. S. Jordan.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. **Public Worship**—E. L. Jackson, W. D. Lott.

2. **On Observance of the Sabbath**—J. W. V. Hutcherson, J. J. Hardiman, J. W. Wright.

3. **Freedmen Aid Society**—R. A. Appling, J. H. Childs, A. M. Mason.

4. **On Education**—Moses Smith, C. W. Franklin, H. H. Qualls, Albert Johnson.

5. **Church Temperance**—Geo. Waters, G. W. Stone, J. S. Medlock.

6. **On Epworth League**—J. W. V. Hutcherson, M. S. Jordan, S. D. Humphrey.

7. **Board of Sunday School**—R. H. Duncan, B. J. Goff, H. H. Qualls.

8. **American Bible Society**—I. T. Sanford, N. J. Moore, J. E. Brown.

9. **Women Foreign Missionary**—A. Brown, J. N. Hooley, J. E. Mays.
10. **Methodist Brotherhood**—G. M. Mallery, J. S. Medlock, J. W. Wright.
11. **Ladies' Aid Society**—James Muse, W. W. White, S. D. Mosley.
12. **Women Home Missionary Society**—Moses Smith, P. B. Bennett, J. T. Carper.
13. **Conference Claimant Fund**—J. W. Weakley, H. A. Jones, J. G. Brown, F. W. Brown, J. S. Medlock, M. S. Jordan, H. Swann.
14. **Board of Foreign Missions**—A. M. Mason, R. D. Dennis, J. H. Napier.
15. **Board of Home Missions and Church Extension**—H. Swann, A. Brown, L. H. Richardson, President Samuel Huston College.
16. **Samuel Huston College**—J. C. Eusan, J. W. V. Hutcherson, Geo. Watters, J. W. Downes, C. H. Childs, G. W. Nevils.
17. **Episcopal Fund**—D. F. Vance, T. S. Moore, C. B. Melton.
18. **On Memorial**—A. L. Carper, H. Swann, N. H. Townsend, E. L. Jackson, James Hutcherson, J. M. Mallery, A. Brown.
19. **Conference Relation**—H. Swann, J. W. Weakley, G. A. Desland, W. M. Mooney, J. W. Warren, H. H. Qualls.
20. **Conference Reference**—G. W. Nevils, M. S. Jordan, J. W. Wormly, W. M. Reed.

Resolution of Respect.

Whereas, it has pleased our heavenly Father, in His wise providence, to take out of this world the souls of the following: W. H. Mosely, L. R. Parker, Christopher Young, W. E. Blockson, G. W. Townsend, we therefore bow submissively at his feet, who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each

family of the bereaved and a copy be furnished to the secretary of the conference to be printed in the minutes.

A. L. CARPER.

N. H. TOWNSEND.

A. BROWN.

J. G. BROWNE.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 14, 1916.

We, your committee on auditing accounts of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for the West Texas Annual Conference, beg leave to report as follows:

After a prayerful consideration and a careful examination of the accounts given us, we find, of the \$3,500 (three thousand five hundred dollars) given by the Home Mission and Church Extension work of West Texas Conference for ministerial support as follows: Amount given, \$3,500; amount expended, \$3,483.90; balance in treasury, \$16.10. Respectfully submitted.

D. F. VANCE, Chairman.

G. A. DELANDES.

T. S. MOORE.

N. H. TOWNSEND.

J. W. DOWNS.

R. A. APPLING, Secretary.

On Freedman's Aid.

Whereas, Christian education is the basis upon which this Nation must finally depend, and

Whereas, the Freedman's Aid Society is one of the leading forces by which education can be obtained, in church, and

Whereas, so many of our boys and girls have been and are being educated at its altars; be it

Resolved, That every district, every charge and every member exert more energy in raising money to push forward this cause. Be it further

Resolved, that every charge shall observe the nearest Sunday to Lincoln's birthday.

J. H. CHILDS.
R. A. APPLING.

Resolution on the Board of Conference Claimants.

That, whereas, the Board of Conference Claimants has done so much for our retired preachers, widows and orphans,

Be it resolved, That the West Texas Conference begin a campaign to raise nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) within the next four years for a permanent fund for our Board of Conference Claimants.

Resolved further, That this amount be apportioned among the districts according to their respective memberships.

Resolved further, That each district be required to raise three hundred dollars (\$300) each year, same to be apportioned among the districts according to their respective standing.

Resolved, That the Board of Conference Claimants be made the trustee of all money raised for this fund.

Resolved, That a commission of the district superintendents and seven preachers and laymen be given the right and placed in charge of said campaign, with full authority to act and to conduct the same. Respectfully submitted,

HARRY SWANN, Chairman.
MOSES SMITH.
RILEY SODIA.
T. H. WYATT.
J. W. WARREN.
D. C. LACEY.
G. A. DESLANDES, Secretary.

Resolution—Secretaries.

Whereas, our worthy and efficient corresponding and statistical secretaries that have been elected to keep the proceedings of this, the West Texas Annual Conference, now assembled in Waco,

Be it resolved, That we extend to them a rising vote of thanks and prayer that their lives may be spared for many years hence and their continued usefulness may be recognized as the years come and go. Respectfully submitted,

HARRY SWANN.
G. A. DESLANDES.
MOSES SMITH.
R. SODIA.

Resolution on the Bishop.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 15, 1916.

That, whereas, through the goodness of Almighty God, we have been favored with the wise, painstaking and efficient leadership of our presiding officer, in the person of Bishop R. J. Cook, D. D., L. L. D.;

Therefore, be it resolved, That if, in the judgment of the Board of Bishops to return him to us for another year, and be it further

Resolved, That we here tender him a rising vote of thanks, accompanied with the Chautauqua salute. Respectfully,

HARRY SWANN.
RILEY SODIA.
G. A. DESLANDES.

Resolution on Railroads.

Whereas, the railroads having been so kind, and their general passenger and tickets agents granting the rates at 20 per cent on the dollar to and from the West Texas Annual Conference now in session in this city (Waco), be it

Resolved, That the West Texas Conference extend the various systems a standing vote of thanks for said accommodations.

G. A. DESLANDES.
M. SMITH.
R. SODIA.

Board of Education.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 15, 1916.

That, whereas, through the providence of Almighty God we are permitted to render this report to the Annual Conference;

That, whereas, the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal church has done so much for our Southland by helping to foster the cause of education among us, and thus helping to stamp out illiteracy among our people;

That, whereas, our own Sam Huston College has been largely helped through the generosity of this board, also other institutions of like character. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the West Texas Conference, double our energy by pushing the collections this year for the cause of education, so that we may be enabled to help push the great work to success. Respectfull submitted,

MOSES SMITH.

R. SODIA.

A. T. JACKSON.

G. A. DESLANDES.

On Epworth League.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 16, 1916.

Whereas, the Epworth League is one of the most potent factors in the church, for harnessing the best faculties of the young people and turning them towards the Kingdom, be it

Resolved, That the West Texas Conference spare no pains in seeing to it that the Epworth League is organized and operated in every pastoral charge.

J. W. V. HUTCHERSON.

M. S. JORDAN.

S. D. HUMPHREY.

On Sabbath.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 16, 1916.

Whereas, the Sabbath is a day of worship, be it

Resolved, That the West Texas Conference do its best to

promote Sabbath keeping, and throughout its bounds every minister reserve no energy against the desecration of the Sabbath in any form. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. V. HUTCHERSON.

J. J. HARDEMAN.

J. W. WRIGHT.

Telegram.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 16, 1916.

President R. S. Lovinggood,
Austin, Texas.

The West Texas Conference regrets very much that your physical condition prevents you from being with us. We extend you and your loved ones our deepest sympathy and sincerest prayers.

J. C. EUSAN.

HARRY SWANN.

Telegram.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 16, 1916.

Dr. R. E. Jones,
631 Baronne Street,
New Orleans, La.

The West Texas Conference regrets very much that the serious illness of your wife prevents you from being with us. We extend to you and family our deepest sympathy and prayers in your trying hours.

J. C. EUSAN.

HARRY SWANN.

On Temperance.

We, your committee on church temperance, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, strong drink is a bar to true religion and hurtful to good society, and

Whereas, it is destroying the happiness and comfort of thousands of homes, causing more widows and orphans than any

one evil known in our Christian land and putting more men and women, and even boys and girls, in the highway to eternal ruin than any other agent of sin. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, as Christian ministers, lift up our voices and cry aloud against this great evil and endorse the action of the Temperance Society of our great church in suppressing the liquor traffic.

J. W. STONE.

GEO. WATERS.

Women Home Mission Society.

Whereas, the women of our conference have done and are yet doing so much work in the way of training and uplifting our girls to a more exalted level in life and striving so hard to raise money to pay the indebtedness of Eliza Dee Home, we recommend that every pastor in the West Texas Conference will take a collection on the fifth Sunday in May, 1917, and turn it over to Mrs. E. S. Spriggs Ratcliff, who has given over half of her life for this cause.

MOSES SMITH.

P. B. BENNETT.

J. T. CARPER.

Methodist Brotherhood.

Whereas, the Methodist Brotherhood is an organization in our church for the uplift of the young men and boys and to train to usefulness in the church; be it

Resolved, That we, the ministers, return to our respective fields of labor and do our best to organize the Methodist Brotherhood in every circuit or station.

G. M. MALLERY.

J. W. WRIGHT.

J. S. MEDLOCK.

Report of Committee on Ladies' Aid.

Whereas, the Ladies' Aid Society is doing so much to help

the church in every possible way, spiritually and financially, and

Whereas, the Ladies' Aid Society is one of the leading societies in raising money for our great S. H. C., and

Whereas, the Ladies' Aid lays such noble examples before the girls of today that they may find no difficulty in making ideal church workers for tomorrow; be it

Resolved, That we, the pastors of the West Texas Conference, leave no stone unturned in the way of encouraging and helping them to do more in the early future than in the past, Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MUSE.

S. D. MOSELY.

W. W. WHITE.

Committee on Bible Calls.

In view of the fact that the American Bible Society has done so much for humanity and are yet with its powerful influence gathering them into the fold; and,

Whereas, They are ever standing ready to help those that are not able to help themselves; be it

Resolved, That we as pastors go down from this Conference with renewed zeal to put a copy of the Bible in every home possible.

Respectfully,

I. T. SANFORD,

N. J. MOORE,

J. E. BROWN.

Committee on Sunday Schoos.

Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report the following:

Whereas, The Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal church has under its control all the Sunday Schools of the church, and to do its work more efficiently among the young people of our race in bringing them to a knowledge of the Bible

and our Christ, we believe it expedient to have an able man right among us who can and will stir enthusiasm and make sentiment for the same; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we ask the Board of Sunday Schools assign Dr. E. M. Jones Sunday School Field Agent to work in the West Texas Conference for the year 1917.

Submitted,

R. H. DUNCAN,

H. H. QUALLS,

B. J. GOFF.

Resolutions.

Whereas, As the case of the Rev. J. S. Wyatt, of Calvert, has been overlooked in our resolutions of telegrams; and,

Whereas, The Rev. Wyatt is our yoke-fellow in the working out of the problems of our great church; and,

Whereas, Brother Wyatt should be accorded the sympathy of the West Texas Conference; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we send him a telegram of sympathy and same be added to the resolution of telegrams.

D. F. VANN,

H. A. JONES.

Whereas, There is an organization in the Methodist Episcopal church known as Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; and,

Whereas, This society is doing inestimable good work in all of our foreign field; and,

Whereas, There is no conference organization in our conference and very few if any in the charges; and,

Whereas, If we are to render to mankind the highest service we should have such an organization; therefore, be it

Resolved, first, That we as one annual conference do what we can to organize the women of the West Texas Conference into a conference organization or auxiliary to the Woman's foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church; second, be it

Resolved, That we, as a conference, recognize in Mrs. G. A. Deslands a woman of our conference suitable in character, dis-

position, native and acquired abilities to organize the women of our conference; third, be it

Resolved, That we do hereby, by these resolutions recommend her to the parent board of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church as a woman worthy in every way to be appointed as the organizer and corresponding secretary of this society in the West Texas Conference. We also assure them that if she is recognized and appointed by them to this honored position that we will, as a conference, do all in our power to aid her in organizing auxiliaries in all of our charges.

Respectfully submitted,
D. C. LACY, D. S., Dallas District,
T. H. WYATT, D. S., San Antonio District,
J. H. SWANN, D. S., Victoria, District,
A. D. JACQUES, D. S., San Angelo District,
W. B. LOTT, D. S., Waco District,
S. E. JONES, D. S., Austin District.

Whereas, The Advocates are an important part of this output of Christian literature; and,

Whereas, The Southwestern Christian Advocate, under its present editorial management, has reached such high efficiency and is received with high commendation in many sections; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we record our hearty appreciation of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, and acknowledge its indispensable place among us in the promotion of our work; and, be it further

Resolved, That we accept 2400 subscriptions as our minimum task for the ensuing conference year and request the district superintendents to apportion this number of subscriptions to the districts and to the charges. Be it further

Resolved, That this list of apportionments be printed in the annual conference minutes, it being understood that the Southwestern Christian Advocate is to pay for any additional expense.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to the West Texas Annual Conference for the year ending December 13, 1916:

Home Missions.

Receipts—Regular:

December, 1915, received from Philadelphia.....	\$ 875.00
April 4, 1916, received from Philadelphia.....	875.00
July 6, 1916, received from Philadelphia.....	875.00
October 6, 1916, received from Philadelphia.....	875.00

Total\$3,500.00

Disbursements—Regular:

December, 1915, to District Superintendent for pastors..	\$ 875.00
April 12, 1916, to pastors.....	875.00
July 7, 1916, to pastors.....	875.00
October 14, 1916, to pastors.....	858.10

Balance on hand.....	\$ 16.10
Amount in bank.....	\$47.60
Outstanding checks.....	37.50
Net balance	\$16.10

Total\$3,500.00

Receipts—Contingent:

June 25, 1916, St. John M. E. Church, Bremond.....	\$300.00
August 28, 1916, North Fort Worth M. E. Church.....	300.00

Total\$600.00

Disbursements—Contingent:

Bremond M. E. Church, St. John.....	\$300.00
North Fort Worth M. E. Church.....	300.00

Total\$600.00

Church Extension.

Receipts—Donations:

July 24, 1916, Georgetown, St. Paul M. E. Church.....\$350.00
Total\$350.00

Disbursements—Donations:

August, 1916, Georgetown, St. Paul M. E. Church.....\$350.00
Total\$350.00

S. E. JONES, President,
J. W. FRAZIER, Secretary,
R. S. LOVINGGOOD, Treasurer.

Samuel Huston College.

Mr. President and Members of the West Texas Annual Conference:

We, your Committee on Samuel Huston College, beg leave to report as follows:

Christian education prepares a people for the largest service in the Kingdom of God, and bring about a better understanding of the social, political and religious problems of today.

Samuel Huston College is gloriously fulfilling its mission as a dispenser of Christian education within and without the bounds of the West Texas Conference. The influence of this school is felt and seen wherever its students are found.

Sixteen years ago God called our beloved R. S. Lovinggood to the presidency of this school, and the Freedman's Aid Society sent him. Under the providence of God and by the loyal support of the West Texas Conference, F. A. Society, Mr. E. T. Burroughs and many other loyal friends too numerous to mention, he built a school of which the church is proud.

The school is having the largest enrollment since 1913. The present enrollment is 360, with thirty-eight in the college department. The carpentry department has been revived and is doing most excellent work under Prof. Miller. We urge the ministers and laymen of the conference to stand by the school

more than ever before, and that Lincoln anniversary be fully observed by every charge in the conference, and the money collected for the F. A. Society be immediately sent to Samuel Huston College.

We recommend the same assessment for the college as that of last year, namely, one dollar per member and ask that strenuous efforts be made by the district Superintendent, pastors, and all our church officers to collect the same.

We kindly commend the efficient and successful administration of President Lovinggood, which is entirely satisfactory to us. We are exceedingly sorrowful over the physical condition of our beloved president and pray God that if it be His will that he be restored again to health.

Dr. Lovinggood has given more than sixteen of the best years of his life for the building up of one of the best and greatest institutions of learning in the whole system of Freedman's Aid schools. Wherefore be it

Resolved, That we continue our loyal support to him and the school that they may accomplish the largest possible good in the upbuilding of the race. Be it also

Resolved, That we continue to implore God's choicest blessings upon him, his family and his able body of teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. EUSAN,
J. W. V. HUTCHERSON,
GEORGE WATERS,
J. W. DOWNS,
J. H. CHILDS,
G. W. NEVILS.

Foreign Missions.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to submit the following as our report:

Whereas, Christianity is being taught on every known continent of the Universe, and

Whereas, in perils of foreign lands the Board of Foreign Missions is confronted with many disadvantages; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of this conference put forth every effort in our power to raise more money than ever before so that we will not only hold our own in our own mission fields, but may be able to push forward the Master's cause and to send the Gospel to those who sit in heathenism, who have not as yet heard the Gospel.

J. H. NAPIER.

A. M. MASON.

R. D. DENNIS.

Austin District.

S. E. Jones, Dist. Supt., 1901 E. 17th St., Austin, Texas.

Sam Houston College, R. S. Lovinggood; Simpson, Tab., Jno. Downs; Wesley Chapel, J. W. Warren; Austin Circuit, Supt. W. L. Huff; Cedar Creek Circuit, Floid Hutcherson; Fayetteville Circuit, Moses Smith; Georgetown, H. L. McKinney; Hutto and Granger, Thomay Foy; Lockhart Circuit, J. H. Napier; Littig and Manor, J. F. Muse; Luling Circuit, F. W. Brown; Smithville Circuit, M. W. Stevens; Winchester Circuit, R. T. Hayse; Lagrange Circuit, Sup. John White; Lagrange, G. M. Mallery; San Marcos, to be supplied.

San Angelo District.

A. D. Jaques, Dist. Supt., Box 82, Temple, Texas.

Abilene, T. G. Butler; Alpine and Marfa, to be supplied; Belton and Kell's Branch, Geo. Nevils; Brownwood Sup. S. Graham; Cleburne and Alvarado, E. C. Henderson; Bartlett Circuit, J. M. Foster; El Paso, V. A. Cook; Gatesville and Valley Mills, J. E. Brown; Lampasas and San Saba, J. S. Medlock; Liberty Hill Circuit, Sup. R. Alonzo; Moody and Rodgers, Sup. C. H. Aderson; San Angelo, J. W. Wormly; Temple, M. L. Wyatt.

San Antonio District.

The appointments of the San Antonio District, West Texas Conference, for 1917: T. H. Wyatt, Dist. Supt.: Yorktown,

J. C. Eusan; Bee ville, I. T. Sanford; Bellmont, C. H. Franklin; Kingsville and Corpus, J. B. Eggleston; Cuero, W. M. Mooney; Floresville and Runge, A. Brown; Gonzales and Elm, J. H. Hutcherson; Gonzales Circuit, T. G. Walker; Hambleton Circuit, W. M. Ellerson; Harwood, Geo. Means; Kerrville Circuit, J. W. Stone, Jr.; Lavernia Circuit, Ben Williams, Sup.; Nixon Circuit, G. V. Cavitt; Pearsall, C. H. Hambleton; Pleasanton Circuit, L. W. Roberts; Smiley Circuit, J. J. Hardiman; Sanford Chapel, N. H. Townsend; Jacob Chapel, A. M. Mason; Kenwood and West End, I. H. Timmons; St. Paul, L. H. Richardson; Seguin Circuit, J. T. Carper; Hondo and Del Rio, J. D. Macky; Sutherland Springs, Joe Young.

Victoria District.

J. H. Swann, Dist. Supt., Box 525, Yoakum, Texas.

Alleyton and Eagle Lake, S. D. Mosley; Cologne Circuit, John Coe; Columbus, Riley Sodia; Columbus Circuit, Sup., Albert Sanford; Edna and Morales, H. A. Jones; Goliad, C. W. Franklin; Hallettsville and Breslau, M. S. Jordan; Oakland and Brown's Chapel, D. F. Vance; Pt. Lavaca and Placedo, Sup., Esau Smith; Victoria, Harry Swann; Weimer, Sup., B. Byas; Wharton and El Campo, E. L. Warren; Yokum and Sweet Home, J. W. Stone.

Dallas District.

Appointments of West Texas Conference for Dallas District for 1917: D. C. Lacy, Dist. Supt., 1913 English St.

Corsicana, Mexia, S. D. Humphrey; Dennison, J. W. V. Hutcherson; Dallas, St. Paul, J. W. Weakly; Dallas, North, Queen City, Sup., Eugene Morris; Ft. Worth, Andrews, A. L. Carper; Ft. Worth, North, and Cowen's Church, J. G. Brown; Ennis and Ferris, S. N. Harvey; Hillsboro and West, Sup., W. H. Simms; Hubbard and Dosson, H. H. Qualls; Milford and Italy, R. H. Duncan; Mexia Circuit, George Waters; Pelham Circuit, T. S. Moore; Waxahachie and Lancaster, J. N. Hooey; Sherman and Pilot Point, S. N. Harvey.

Waco District.

Appointments Waco District, 1917: W. B. Lott, Dist. Supt., Box 1140, Waco.

Groesbeck Circuit, J. W. Wright; Groesbeck and Kosse, Sup., G. H. Baker; Cedar and Frosa, C. B. Melton; Bremond Circuit, B. J. Goff; Maysfield Circuit, J. B. Bennett; Calvert and Mt. Zion, A. Johnson; Mart Circuit, N. J. Moore; Marlin and Bowman, E. L. Jackson; Chilton and Mooreville Circuit, R. D. Dennis; East Waco Circuit, J. H. Childs; Brach and Majors Circuit, W. W. White; Waco, St. James, G. A. Deslandes; Waco, Mt. Zion, W. H. Purnell.

MINISTERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

Ministers' Wives, Widows and Daughters Protective Association.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 14, 1916.

The Ministers' Wives', Widows' and Daughters' Protective Association met in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church at 10:30 a. m., with the president, Mrs. A. L. Carper, presiding.

After a hymn and prayer by Mrs. Wm. Reed, the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. A resolution with reference to beneficiaries was read. After having been discussed, it was carried. See resolution.

It was moved and carried that since Sisters L. A. Ponton and Rosa Lynch were not paid in full at the death of their husbands, that the amount paid each be supplemented to equal \$35 (thirty-five dollars), and that fifty-three dollars and fifty cents be drawn from the treasury to pay the same.

It was moved and carried that the annual dues of the association be ten cents per member.

It was moved and carried that since some members who have dropped out came back as new members, that they be requested to pay their back dues or the amount of dues will be taken from the beneficiaries' money.

The report of the treasurer was called. She reported paid

Committees.

Dues and New Members—Mrs. D. N. Swann, Mrs. J. H. Swann, Mrs. W. E. Blackson, Mrs. J. H. Napier, Mrs. S. E. Jones.

By-Laws—Mrs. F. L. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. G. A. Delandes, Mrs. J. W. Warren.

Resolutions—Mrs. J. H. Napier, Mrs. J. H. Swann, Mrs. D. N. Swann.

New Members—Mrs. L. A. Williams, \$1.00; Mrs. G. A. Delands, \$2.00; Mrs. M. Wadkins, \$2.00; Mrs. S. D. Humphrey, \$2.00; Mrs. J. E. Brown, \$2.00.

District Presidents—Austin District, Mrs. S. E. Jones; Dallas District, Mrs. R. E. Waters; San Angelo District, Mrs. H. H. Qualls; San Antonio District, Mrs. M. M. Sanford; Victoria District, Mrs. D. N. Swann; Waco District, Sarah E. Mitchell.

Financial Roll, 1916.

	Dues	Death Assessment
Mrs. A. L. Carper.....	\$0.10	\$2.00
Mrs. E. S. Ratliff.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. Bettie Young .....	.10	2.00
Mrs. Rosa Lynch .....	.10	2.00
Mrs. N. E. Blackson.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. J. H. Napier.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. Floid Hutcherson .....	.10	2.00
Mrs. W. M. Mooney.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. M. M. Sanford.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. D. N. Swann.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. R. H. Ponton.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. R. S. Lovinggood.....	...	1.00
Mrs. F. L. Kirkpatrick.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. R. E. Waters.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. J. W. Warren.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. Wm. Reed .....	.10	2.00
Mrs. G. A. Wright.....	.10	2.00

Mrs. J. H. Swann.....	.10	2.00
Mrs M S. Jordan.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. James Coe .....	.10	2.00
Mrs. J. T. Carper.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. S. N. Harvey.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. L. H. Richardson.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. Sarah E. Mitchell.....	.10	3.00
Mrs. G. A. Shanklin.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. D. C. Lacy.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. G. W. Nevils.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. J. W. Downs.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. J. S. Medlock.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. L. B. Franklin.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. S. E. Jones.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. J. D. Mackey.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. M. W. Stephens.....	.10	2.00
Mrs. M. A. Mason.....	.10	2.00

Unfinancial Roll, 1916.

Mrs. R. Sodia, Mrs. H. H. Qualls, Mrs. R. D. Dennis, Mrs. R. H. Duncan, Mrs. H. A. Jones, Mrs. C. L. Madison, Mrs. Sophia Tyler, Mrs. Mary Langston, Mrs. E. L. Jackson, Mrs. Susie A. White, Mrs. Nellie Bedford, Mrs. Maggie Henson, Mrs. Mary Adams, Mrs. D. F. Vance, Mrs. M. M. Westbrook, Mrs. J. W. Stone, Mrs. P. B. Bennett, Mrs. Maggie Witherspoon, Mrs. N. H. Townsend, Mrs. E. Johnson, Mrs. A. Humphrey, Mrs. M. M. Wyatt, Mrs. J. A. Holden, Mrs. G. M. Malory, Mrs. A. Brown.

Associate Members.

Mrs. L. C. Gilmer, Mrs. Mary Keys, Mrs. M. A. Tucker, Mrs. S. H. Burgess.

REPORT OF THE AUSTIN DISTRICT FOR 1916.

Dear Bishop, Fathers and Brothers in the Masters Vineyard:
Again the great providential wheel directed by Him who

shapes the destiny of men, has rolled us to the sitting of another annual meeting of our great conference. This sitting finds us yet in good faith, faith to the end that we say as Paul of Old, nothing shall separate us from the Grand Old Methodist Episcopal Church.

Notwithstanding—Death, the Black Camel, which kneels at every man's gate—has knelt within the portals of our district and summoned Rev. Hall and Rev. L. R. Parker to the great beyond. Rev. Parker died in May. He was strong in the faith, and left words to tell his comrades to meet him in the great conference above, where all is joy and peace and love.

Rev. Hall, owing to poor health, was transferred to the Lincoln Conference and in a few weeks he was transferred over the river.

I have been handicapped, myself, with a serious attack of illness and was unable to leave my room for three months. However, we do not offer that as an excuse, for the Lord has given us our health and strength back and we are yet on the firing line and able to report our third year's work on the district.

We began our work the Saturday following the adjournment of the Annual Conference at Victoria. At Georgetown, Bro. Downs and myself got there about the same time. Rev. Downs is a strong young man and has done much in liquidating the great debt on our fine church there. He will report the work done.

Simpson Tabernacle. Rev. W. M. Ellison, pastor. Will make a fair report under conditions. Rev. Ellison is a young man and a good worker.

Littig and Manor, J. F. Muse, pastor. Have had a good revival with several additions to the church. Manor has been resurrected and the church finished which was built many years ago. He will report above last year.

Lockhart Circuit, J. H. Napier, pastor. This has been one of the greatest years in the history of the church. The place in general has been revived, with good revivals at every point. A good fence has been built around the church and parsonage in town at a cost of about \$100. Old debts paid off, and some money on hand for a new church in town. Hear his report.

Luling Circuit. Rev. Moses Smith, pastor. This is the next church in size to Wesley, on the district. Rev. Smith has worked hard on a small salary. He is a good preacher. He will report the work done.

La Grange, Rev. G. M. Mallory, pastor. This has been a great year for Rev. Mallory. He will report above last year for benevolence. A good revival was had.

La Grange Circuit. Rev. Thomas Foy, pastor. This young man has done what he could on this small circuit. He has had a good revival; the church is alive, and he will report above last year for missions.

Winchester Circuit. Rev. R. T. Hayes, pastor. This has been a great year for this circuit. Rev. Hayes is a strong man and has brought things to pass. They have paid a nice sum on the church at Salem; painted the church and parsonage at Winchester and repaired the church at Giddings. He will report much in advance of last year for mission; the people ask his return.

Fayetteville Circuit. Rev. H. A. Jones, pastor. Rev. Jones has worked hard this year and his report will show the work done. He is a good pastor.

Wesley Chapel, Rev. J. W. Warren, pastor. This is Rev. Warren's first year at Wesley, yet his success has been marvelous. Every department of the church is alive. He has paid about \$700 on the new church site. His benevolent report will surpass last year. Rev. Warren is one of our strong young men, and is much loved and respected in his charge.

Cedar Creek Circuit, Rev. F. J. Hutchinson, pastor. Rev. Hutchinson is a fine pastor. He knows what to do and when to do things. His work is alive spiritually and financially. Hear his report. His people ask his return for a third term.

San Marcos. Rev. Hall was pastor here. He being removed by sickness and death. We have had this work supplied by Rev. E. Jones, one of our superannuates until conference. He will report in holding their own, and more missionary money than last year.

Austin Circuit, Rev. C. B. Melton, pastor. Has worked hard to bring up the work. He will report.

Hutto, Taylor and Granger Circuit. After Brother Parker's

death, I supplied the work with Rev. Evans. They have completed a new church which is a credit to our denomination at that place. Rev. Evans will report.

Smithville, Rev. M. W. Stevens, pastor. Rev. Stevens is a safe young man, and a hard worker. He has paid a good sum on the parsonage debt, and will report in advance of last year for missions.

Spiritual Conditions.

The spiritual condition of the district ran high this year. We have had glorious revivals with flattering results at Wesley Chapel (Austin), Lockhart, Winchester, La Grange, La Grange Circuit, Littig and Manor, and at other places.

Eliza Dee Home.

At last Eliza Dee's New Home is no more a dream but a reality. This new home was completed this summer, and is now occupied by Mrs. I. C. King and her girls. The women of the West Texas Conference under the leadership of Mrs. E. Spriggs Ratliff have wrought by the school in raising funds to help foster this cause, but the goal is not yet reached, and we as a conference will continue our efforts to help these great women. Miss Sallie Rice, Miss Gertrude Easley, and possibly others will finish their college course this session and go forth to do Yeoman service for our race. This will bespeak volumes for the Home in the near future.

Thus with this splendid commodious building so well equipped in all Departments of Domestic Arts, with such white Christian women as Mrs. King, and colored women as Mrs. Spriggs Ratliff and others, we see a new era dawning upon the women of our West Texas Conference.

Sam Huston College.

We are justly proud of this dear school which was made possible for us by our fathers' who went on foot and horse-back preaching the Gospel and raising money to begin this great insti-

tution. We are ever indebted to Mr. Burrows who has so liberally given his thousands and who stands ready to give more to help us build up one of the great Negro schools in this Southland. We have a great faculty—as good as there is in the State or in our freedman's aid work. The students are cultivating the habit of self-help. Last Friday night they raised during their annual rally over \$400. They have bought and paid for eight and one-half acres of land just outside the corporate limits. We deeply regret the illness of our beloved president and pray that he may recover soon. He has given his life as a sacrifice for our conference.

The Auxiliaries.

All of the auxiliaries are in a prosperous condition and are a great asset in raising means for Samuel Huston College. The Sunday schools are being improved—Wesley Chapel has a total enrollment of 600 in all the departments. They have graded systems and use the graded lesson literature. The Epworth League is playing its part. Many of them have organized the Epworth League Guards for the boys and Campfire Bands for the girls. In this they are giving the young people something to do. They had their Annual Encampment this summer during our District Conference at Simpson's Tabernacle (Austin), which was grand. The Layman movement, Ladies' aid and Woman's Home Missionary Societies are alive in most of the charges. The Methodist brotherhood is being felt in many of the charges. The Ladies Aid Society at Wesley Chapel has raised over \$100 alone for various causes. The Woman's Home Missionary Society, Miss Lizzie Johnson, President, is rallying around Eliza Dee Home.

My Work as District Superintendent.

I have tried as best I could to do the work assigned me. I have striven to keep the banner of Methodism aloft and to keep aglow the Methodist fire once kindled by our fathers at the Altar of Sacrifice.

I have held and caused to be held four Quarterly Conferences in every charge during the year, one District Conference, Meth-

odist Brotherhood, Ladies Aid Society, Sunday School and Epworth League Convention. Also one Ministers' Council and Missionary Convention on the District this year.

Grand total disciplinary benevolence.....	\$ 649
Samuel Huston College.....	861
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Grand total	\$1510
Conversions and additions.....	364

Yours in his name,
S. E. JONES, District Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE DALLAS DISTRICT—Superintendent D. C. Lacy.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 13, 1916.

Dear Bishop and Brethren: I am glad to have the high privilege and opportunity to make an attempt to render my third annual report as District Superintendent of the Dallas District, West Texas Conference.

Increase in Membership.

After deducting those who have died during the year, we have a net gain of more than 10 per cent. The churches at Dallas, Rev. J. W. Weakley, pastor, fifty-two have been added to the membership. Fort Worth, St. Andrews, Rev. A. L. Carper, pastor, ninety have been added, and at Pelham, the Rev. Albert Johnson, pastor, forty-two have been added. Mexia church, Rev. Geo. Waters, has had some conversions and accessions. At Milford and Italy, Rev. R. H. Duncan, North Fort Worth, Rev. J. G. Brown, pastor, souls have been saved. These six charges have added two hundred and twenty-five to their combined membership. Ennis and Ferris, Rev. S. N. Harvey, pastor; Sherman and Pilot Point, Rev. R. A. Appling; Waxahachie and Lometa, Rev. J. N. Hooey, pastor; Corsicana, Rev. S. D. Humphrey, pastor; Hubbard and Dawson, Rev. J. J. Hardiman, pastor, together with the supplies. We have about three hundred persons added to

our membership after deducting deaths as reported by pastors, we have more than 10 per cent advanced, as stated above.

Improvements.

We have purchased and paid for our beautiful church lot at Mexia, Texas. The new church at North Fort Worth is now completed. Rev. J. G. Brown and his good people deserve much credit for their strenuous effort in the building anew of this splendid house of worship. They take this opportunity also to thank the Board of Church for a donation from Emergency Fund, as this was burned last year while we were in attendance upon our District Conference at Italy, Texas, Rev. R. A. Appling and his faithful little crew at Sherman have built a beautiful frame building at a cost when completed, including seats, of more than a thousand dollars. Our District Conference will be held in our new church at North Fort Worth next year, the good Lord willing. There have been some improvements in parsonages of the district. But some one at every Annual Conference is always anxious to hear from Dallas, St. Paul, Fort Worth, St. Andrews. Well, they are still hard at work at both of these points. Each charge will almost pay their pastors one thousand dollars each; each also has district superintendents. Some work has been done on the basement of St. Paul at Dallas and they have on hand six hundred dollars or more in cash. We expect to be in the basement when we meet again in annual session.

My Work as District Superintendent.

I have looked after every interest of the church committed to my care. The benevolent money collected is one thousand and sixty dollars; Samuel Huston College over six hundred dollars, or more than sixteen hundred and sixty dollars for all causes, which is an advance over last year of \$230, or nearly 14 per cent.

Sunday Schools.

Our Sunday School Institute work is growing in importance as the years pass. This year the collection for S. H. C. was three hundred and thirty-two dollars. I am looking forward to the time, and that in the near future, when the Sunday Schools will come to the 100 per cent mark in efficiency.

The Epworth Leagues.

Are doing better in almost every charge. There is, however, large space between them and the top. But, all told, the Sunday Schools under the supervision of Mrs. S. H. Burges of Milford, and Epworth Leagues under the management of Mr. W. D. Kirkpatrick of Fort Worth, promises larger things for the future for our own S. H. C. In fact, they are aiming to double all previous records.

Ladies' Societies.

This auxiliary is doing good work in almost every church in the district. Together with the W. H. M. S. they are planning a great advance next. The E. L., S. S., L. A. S. and W. H. M. S. each has a progressive superintendent, which makes them take front.

The Brotherhood—well, thee Brotherhood—the Methodist Brotherhood.

My Work as District Superintendent.

I have held and caused to be held all the quarterly conferences as they came due. Wherever it appeared to me necessary, I have tried to preach and lecture on all subjects which I thought would help our people, and more especially upon the work of the auxiliaries of the church.

Africa.

Brethren, as your representative to the General Conference at Saratoga, N. Y., I had an occasion to study our great

church as never before, and especially in its relation to Africa, and I am more convinced that if Africa beyond the sea is ever redeemed it will be largely done by their descendants on this side of the sea. You and I are appreciative of the great work of the white membership of our church in the splendid contributions of brains, brawn and money to help our work in Africa, and not only brains, brawn and money have been lavished freely by them, but even themselves. It is not that we look for them to do less in the future, but that we may do more. Hence, brethren, the time has come for the women of our conference to organize a West Texas Conference Women's Foreign Missionary, and, in fact, all of our colored conferences should have such organization. And I hope that each charge of the six districts composing our Conference will organize such society, and further believe that a good woman of this Conference should be recommended to the parent Board of W. F. M. S. of the Methodist Episcopal Church as a person suitable for organizing the women of our Conference for foreign work, and especially help Bishop Camphor in bringing the moral, social, industrial, intellectual and spiritual redemption of Africa. O that Africa might rest more heavily upon our hearts! Such organization as above referred to would in no wise retard the splendid work now being done by our good women of the W. H. M. S. But I think would rather stimulate and urge them on to larger work and greater achievements.

Next.

We are doing what we can to carry forward our enlarged programme the present quadrennium as planned by our Efficiency Conference at Austin, Texas, where good Bishop Shepard planned and led the way. Even as above stated, we have added our per cent of advance in membership already.

I am your yokefellow and co-laborer in the Master's vineyard,

D. C. LACY.

**REPORT OF SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—Superintendent
F. H. Wyatt.**

Dear Bishop and Brethren of the West Texas Annual Conference:

It is with joy and a heart of gratitude that I am here at the seat of this Annual Conference to make my first report as District Superintendent of the San Antonio District. Time has let down the curtains and closed behind us another year's work. Whether the pastors of the San Antonio District and this, your humble servant, have done our best in the Master's cause, our reports will tell.

Bishop, not a greater band of self-sacrificing workers are to be found than these men that it has been my pleasure to work with this conference year. We have not had a loafing pastor among them, but every man of them has been hard at it all of this year.

While we have not been able to accomplish all that we had planned and desired to do, yet their reports will show to a man that all have been busy.

From the seat of the last Annual Conference held at Victoria, every pastor of the San Antonio District received his marching orders from the hands of our beloved Bishop Shepard and went to their post of duty without murmuring or complaining. Bishop, we are all here to report our year's work save one—the late Rev. W. M. Mosby.

If we have had any success this year, much of it is due to the splendid condition that we found the work of the district in, caused by the labor of ex-District Superintendent Rev. A. M. Mason and the hearty co-operation of every pastor in the district.

The third Sunday in December, 1915, five days after the adjournment of the last Annual Conference, found us at Gonzales with Rev. J. H. Hutcherson and his people. Rev. Hutcherson in this short time had things well in hand and was leading his people on to success. Rev. Hutcherson, dear Bishop, is a safe, careful and sane leader, and he looks well after all

causes of the church. Sees in the young people our future hope. He is a lover both of the young people and the children in his charge. He had a splendid revival, 44 converts and 52 added to the church. He will come up with a good report from this charge.

January first found us on the Gonzales Circuit, over which the late Rev. W. M. Mosby was appointed pastor. He was on a dying bed with his family and several of his people around him. When I went into his room, he said: "Rev. Wyatt," with his hand in mine, "I have received my last appointment from the West Texas Conference. I will soon make my report of forty-two years work to my Heavenly Father.

"I leave the work of the Conference in the hands of the boys to see after. Do well your part of it. I am not afraid to die. I am willing and ready to go," and in a short time Rev. Mosby was gone.

The death of Rev. Mosby necessitated that his place be filled on the Gonzales Circuit. We moved Rev. Joseph Harri-ford from Pleasanton and placed him in this charge. We moved Rev. T. G. Walker from Lavernia and placed him at Pleasanton and took Rev. Lee Hatchet, a local preacher, and placed him at Lavernia.

January 8th found us with Rev. L. H. Richardson at St. Paul, San Antonio. Rev. Richardson, a leader of men, report will show success on all lines. He has raised more than \$1,200 on the building of a new church or meeting house and comes up with a round report. And in his last Quarterly Conference, held November 26th, all the officials by their vote and a petition to this Conference asked for his return as pastor for another year.

January 10th found us with Rev. Ben Williams and his people on the Hampleton Circuit. I found pastor and people both dissatisfied with each other. However, it was not the fault of Rev. Williams that this work was in this fix. He tried to prevail with me to move him, but I left him there to pray and work himself out of this state of affairs. On my second visit, April 23, we found pastor and people working faithfully together. His report will show that he has looked

after all the interests of the church, and as a result he has succeeded on all lines and his report will show that the work is far in advance of any report of it in any previous year.

January 15th we were at Hood Chapel with Rev. C. H. Franklin and his people. This charge has not done as well as we had hoped, and yet Rev. Franklin's report will show that he has done his best and the people ask for his return.

January 20th we were with Rev. C. H. Hambleton and his people at Sutherland Springs. Bishop, Rev. Hambleton has stayed at his post of duty and worked faithfully on a salary less than \$100 for the whole year. The membership is very small and the people are very poor. His report will tell the work that he has done.

January 22nd found us on the Nixon Circuit with Rev. J. W. V. Hutcherson and his people. Rev. Hutcherson's report will show that he, too, has been busy. Rev. Hutcherson and his people both desire a change for another year.

January 27th found us at Smiley, with Rev. J. B. Eggleston and one of the best crowd of church workers of the San Antonio District. Bishop, Rev. Eggleston is one of the kings of pastors. He knows how to do his work well. He has builded for Methodism one of the best frame meeting houses of the San Antonio District. Bought and paid for an acre of land in the town of Smiley to build another meeting-house and parsonage. Had a good revival and had many converts this year not only in his work but also many converts in the work of other pastors of the district that he has helped in their revivals this year. He will come up with a round report in everything.

January 30th found us at Brother Chapel, at Cuero, with Rev. W. M. Mooney and his people. Bishop, Rev. Mooney will succeed on any charge in the Conference. He pastors all the people in his town. The church is safe in his hands as pastor. His report will show for him a great year's work. He loves his young people and they love and follow well his leadership. He comes up with a good report.

January 31st, at Yorktown, we found Rev. J. C. Eusan starting out well on his twelfth year as pastor of this charge. Rev. Eusan succeeded in spite of opposition. His report will show

that he has put in another busy year's work for the church and the Master in Yorktown.

February 4th we were at Runge. This work was supplied with Rev. Joe Young, a local preacher. This work has not succeeded for many reasons. There are only a few members in this charge and not any of them active workers and all of them are great complainers.

February 7th we were at Floresville with Rev. A. Brown and his people. Rev. Brown is a hard worker. Had a good revival this year. Leads his people well and his report will show that he has done his work well.

February 12th we were with Rev. N. H. Townsend and his good people at Beeville. Rev. Townsend is an organizer and leader of men. He ranks with the best of pastors. Has succeeded on all lines. Organized a new church for Methodism at Center, Texas. A new field for our church, with only seven members and we have now a membership of 29 in this town. A splendid Sunday school and Epworth League keep the young people busy in church work, and all the rest of the auxiliaries of our church in good working order. He has completed, papered and painted one of the best parsonages in the district; also repaired and painted the church building. He will come up with a round report.

February 17th found us with Rev. J. W. Stone, Jr., at Corpus. Bishop, we have a small membership in this charge, and Rev. Stone has stayed with and worked faithfully on a salary of less than \$100 with a wife and four children. The storm in August also destroyed our meeting-house on this charge and greatly hindered Rev. Stone in his work. His report will show, however, that he has been faithful and hard at work. Bishop, Rev. Stone is a safe and trusty young man.

March 12th we were with Rev. A. M. Mason at Jacobs Chapel, East End, San Antonio. Rev. Mason is a tireless worker and a great organizer. His report will show that he had a good revival, has collected several hundred dollars on a new meeting house and will come up with a round report.

March 14th we were with Rev. I. H. Timmons and his people at Kenwood, San Antonio. Bishop, Rev. Timmons is another one of the pastors of this district that has done his work well

on a small salary. Yet, without complaining, he has kept at it all the year and his report will show for him a good year's work.

March 16th found us with Rev. I. T. Sanford at Kerr Hill Sanford Chapel. This charge will not come up to last year and yet Rev. Sanford has labored hard and faithfully to lead his people to victory.

March 19th found us at Kingsville with Rev. J. D. McKey and his good people. Rev. McKey, Bishop, is another one of our great pastors that will succeed because he knows how to succeed. Although this part of Texas had a nine month's drough, boll weevil that destroyed all the crops that the storm in August left, and the destruction of our meeting house by the August storm, out of it all Rev. McKey has more than succeeded. He has rebuilt the meeting house, had a great revival, and will come up with a good report.

March 21st found us in the far west at Hondo, with Rev. L. W. Roberts and his people. His report will show that he has had a few converts and will come up with some of his benevolent money.

March 23rd found us at Kerrville with Rev. G. V. Cavitt. He was hard at work and has been all the year. He will come up with a good report. Rev. Cavitt is a safe leader.

April 4th found us at Pleasanton with Rev. T. G. Walker. Rev. Walker has labored hard in this charge and will come up with a good report. Rev. Walker is another young man that pushes his work, and looks after all the departments of the church.

April 8th found us with Rev. S. L. Brown at Pearsall. Although Rev. Brown has labored hard, his report will show very little has been accomplished in this charge.

We closed out our round and year's work with Rev. F. W. Brown at Del Rio, in the far west on the border of Mexico. The activity of Villa, has kept this town in trouble and our people on the go all o fthis year. On our first visit we found 57 members in this charge and on our last visit only 10 members. They had left the town on hearing that Villa was to cross the river at any hour. Yet with this town troubled as it was, Rev. F. W. Brown stayed by the few faithful members that were left in Del Rio, and will come up with every dollar that was asked

of this charge. Bishop, as District Superintendent of the San Antonio District we have held and caused to be held 104 quarterly Conferences and one District Sunday School and Epworth League Convention and one District Conference.

We have traveled in discharge of our duties, 7032 miles this year.

We have preached 245 sermons and lectured 147 times to our people.

We have pushed all causes of the church in every charge and stood by the pastors in their work. We have shared with them the hardships and the pleasures of the work of the San Antonio District.

We have builded and repaired four meeting houses and two parsonages this year.

We have bought and paid for two new lots to build on another year.

We have a host of 2000 young people at work on the District in the Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues of this district.

We have had 378 converts this year and raised for all causes \$2631.

We have added to the church 381 members this year. Our present membership being 2541.

Yours in his name,

T. H. WYATT.

**REPORT OF THE WACO DISTRICT—W. B. Lott,
Superintendent.**

Waco, Texas, December 13, 1916.

Mr. President and Members of the West Texas Conference:

I beg to submit my first annual report as District Superintendent of the Waco District. I began my year's work with Rev. B. J. Goff at Groesbeck Circuit. Brother Goff is a safe leader. This is his fourth year, and he and his people have done well, as his report will show. Many wish his return but he thinks otherwise. Groesbeck and Kosse, Rev. A. T. Jackson, pastor. This work has not succeeded so well—he brings a fair report under the conditions. Rev. Jackson is one of the pioneers of this conference having had thirty-two years of service. He

now wishes to retire. Bremond Circuit, Rev. J. S. Medlock, pastor. This closes his third year. This circuit was storm stricken one year ago, but he and his people have rebuilt a neat church edifice at Long Branch and paid the last dollars on same. They have in hand, cash and material, gotten through the aid of the Emergency Fund (\$500) to erect their building in Bremond. Calvert and Mt. Zion, Rev. J. S. Wyatt, pastor. Bro. Wyatt is a safe and earnest worker, although his health has been greatly impaired all the year. He has done what he could and makes a good report under the circumstances. He entertained our District Conference, Epworth League, Sunday School and Woman's Home Mission Convention. It was said by many to have been the best in every way in the history of the district. Brother Wyatt thinks a change beneficial for his health. Maysfield Circuit, Rev. W. W. White, pastor. He and his people have had a good year—reports in advance of last year. Marlin and Bowman, Dr. G. A. Deslands, pastor. This steady, working business pastor and his people are to be congratulated. They have made improvements on church and parsonage to the amount of \$1200, and this year paid \$1100 on same. All other claims having been looked after as his report will show. His people are delighted with his leadership and wish his return. Mart Circuit, Rev. N. J. Moore, pastor. Brother Moore and his people have had a splendid year—good revivals, all debts paid and a handsome bank account with which to remodel the building at Spring Hill. They plan a new parsonage to stop renting. Chilton Circuit, Rev. R. D. Dennis, Pastor. Brother Dennis has things well in hand and succeeds well on all lines as his report will show advance over last year. They wish his return.

Cameron, Rev. J. C. Mayse, pastor. This has been a very difficult year with Brother Mayse and his people. It seems that they could not get together. He has held on with no support scarcely, save the Missionary installment. He asks for super-numerary relations.

Rosebud and Lott, Rev. Wm. Reed, pastor. Brother Reed is known to succeed wherever he goes. He started well but in July he took sick and entered the Provident Sanitarium on the twenty-second. There he remained until September 20th. We dispaired his life several times, but the Lord restored him. I

supplied the work with Brother Blackwell, who cared for it nicely until Brother Reed was able to resume his duty. He and his people raised \$60 for purchasing a lot.

East Waco, Rev. J. H. Childs, pastor. He and his people have built a splendid church edifice in East Waco, and ceiled their church house at Bethlehem. All interest of this circuit is looked after as his report will show. His people presented a petition at the Fourth Quarterly Conference asking his return.

Brack Circuit, Rev. P. B. Bennett, pastor. This is Brother Bennett's fourth year. In the midst of sickness and death in his family he braved the tide and marched on.

St. James, Waco—where we are now assembled—Rev. E. L. Jackson, pastor. Brother Jackson and people started off well, but somehow results have not been what we anticipated for St. James. You can see there is much to be done here. Brother Jackson will report a fair year's work.

Mt. Zion, Waco, Rev. W. H. Purnell, pastor. This has been a year of trials with Brother Purnell and his people. A law suit as to title of property has hindered the work greatly, but Brother Purnell proved to be the man of the hour and has things under control. His report will show he has done well under conditions.

Orto Circuit and Bruceville and Lorena were named at last Conference—supplied with Brothers A. Sharley and E. A. Johnson. Neither men nor place have accomplished anything. Bro. Johnson had an altercation with his employer in March during which he lost an eye and was unable to do anything. Bro. Sharley held a few services at Orto with Brother N. J. Moore and members who were farming there or nearby this year. We have no permanent organization at either place.

I have held one district conference and held and caused to be held fifty-four quarterly conferences. Mr. President, the men of the district are noble in character and purpose, yet not one-tenth of them get a comfortable support, yet they push to succeed in their church work. Each pastor has had revivals with a degree of success. Number of conversions and accessions from the district, 372. Mr. President I am happy to say that the spiritual tone of the district is good. Material improvement of churches and parsonages have been very prevalent upon the

district. I have labored to be of service to the men and people upon the district. I have urged the reading and study of the Bible, church papers, and good literature, to save their earnings, to buy homes, to educate their children, building of neat, plain houses of worship and good parsonages, with several rooms, and to support Samuel Huston College and the various benevolent causes of the church. I have sold forty new disciplines. We have several students from this district attending Samuel Huston College. The various auxiliaries are awakening to consciousness in each circuit and station, with splendid results.

The following is the benevolent money from each charge or circuit:

	S. H. College	General Benevolent	Total
Groesbeck Circuit	\$ 42	\$ 92	\$ 134
Groesbeck and Kosse.....	14	26	40
Bremond Circuit	29	30	59
Calvert and Mt. Zion.....	60	59	119
Maysfield Circuit	15	57	72
Marlin and Bowman.....	99	131	230
Mart Circuit	39	50	89
Chilton Circuit	44	40	84
Rosebud and Lott.....	9	10	19
Cameron	9	9	18
East Waco Circuit.....	19	25	44
Brack and Majors Circuit.....	34	30	64
Waco, St. James.....	99	153	252
Waco, Mt. Zion.....	24	30	54
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Total	\$536	\$742	\$1278
Paid to W. H. M.....			100
Grand total			\$1378

With thankful hearts and joy over the past and great faith in the future, may the Lord of all goodness keep us.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. LOTT,
District Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE VICTORIA DISTRICT.

Waco, Texas, December 13, 1196.

Mr. President and Members of the West Texas Conference:

I am indeed grateful to our Heavenly Father for being permitted to appear before you for the purpose of submitting my first annual report as District Superintendent of the Victoria District.

Two of the retired veterans of this district have passed to their reward. Rev. Christopher Young departed this life Aug. 13, 1916. Rev. G. W. Townsend fell asleep in Jesus Sept. 30, 1916. The Rev. H. Swann, their pastor, officiated.

All of the pastors of this district have been spared and will give good accounts of their stewardship.

We began our work the next Friday after the adjournment of the last Annual Conference, with an intense desire to do a full years work. While I have not accomplished all that I had hoped for, we are not discouraged in the least.

Notes About the Charges.

Alleyton and Eagle Lake, Rev. S. D. Mosely, pastor. This work is prospering under the administration of this young Prince in Isreal. All claims have been presented; all debts have been paid, and the membership increased.

Columbus Charge, Rev. R. Sodia, pastor. I found this pastor at his post with his forces well in line. This charge enjoyed a good revival in the early spring which resulted in over forty conversions and accessions. The spiriual tone is good and the financial condition is greatly improved.

Columbus Circuit, Rev. A. Sanford, pastor. This circuit leads the district with eighty-six conversions and accessions. They have some money on hand to remodel the meeting house at Altair, and a neat sum to build at Thompsonville. All claims have been presented.

Weimar and Dry Branch, Rev. Walter Duhart, pastor. This is a mission work with a very small membership. With the odds seemingly against us we have accomplished very little.

Schulenburg and Flatonia, Rev. James Coe, pastor. Rev.

Coe has rebuilt our meeting house at Flatonia that was wrecked by a storm some years ago; paid off an old debt at Wesley Chapel and raised \$70 to repair the one at Schulenburg. Had good revivals, presented all claims, and brings up a good report.

Oakland and Brown's Chapel, Rev. D. F. Vance, pastor. This is a good circuit with a wide-a-wake leader. They have painted the meeting house at Oakland; repaired the one at Independent; paid off an old debt against Jordan's Chapel; have had splendid revivals, and brings up a good report for all the causes.

Hallettsville and Breslau, Rev. M. S. Jordan, pastor. The spiritual tone of the work is good. Our District Council was royally entertained in the month of May by this hospitable pastor and people. The good Lord showed his approval of this meeting through the conversion of a soul at one of our services. We anticipate good reports from this charge.

Sublime Circuit, Rev. A. D. Rice, Pastor. This circuit has a small membership scattered over a wide range of territory. Rev. Rice has worked hard to bring the work up and has met with some degree of success.

Yoakum and Sweet Home. Rev. J. W. Stone, pastor. This work was blessed this year with one of the best revivals in its history. Over forty conversions and accessions. Paid forty dollars on old indebtedness at Sweet Home and raised one hundred and fifty dollars for the building fund at Yoakum. Members of the District Conference and Conventions were entertained by this pastor and people. Rev. Stone is working hard to care for our poorly housed congregation at Yoakum. What we need most are prayers and money. All claims have been presented.

Wharton and El Campo, Rev. E. L. Warren, pastor. Rev. S. W. Harvey, a retired veteran, looked after this work the first five months of the year. The pastor proper made his arrival in May from Gammon Theological Seminary. He has wrought well. Paid off an old debt at Wharton of eight years standing, and has raised a neat sum to make some needed repairs on the same. All claims have been presented.

Edna and Morales, Rev. C. W. Franklin, pastor. This is one of the best circuits on the district, with three good meeting houses. The pastor has been much hindered in his work on account of the heavy indebtedness on the one at Edna. We are

in distress at this point—with very little means at our command. All claims have been presented. I am expecting good reports from this work.

Goliad Charge, Rev. G. W. Nevils, pastor. This work is prospering as never before under the wise and efficient pastorate of this great Gospel preacher. A good revival was conducted by the pastor in early Spring that greatly strengthened our membership. All claims have been presented.

Cologne Circuit, Rev. John Coe, pastor. Rev. Coe and his people at Cologne are all smiles over the erection of their new meeting house. The class leaders on this circuit lead the district—their records being so near perfect. All claims have been presented.

Victoria Charge, Rev. Harry Swann, pastor. This busy pastor and his people are ever on the firing line. All departments of the church are well organized and doing good work. The pastor's attendance at the General Conference will not affect his report in the least. This charge had a good revival in the Spring which greatly strengthened its membership and working forces. This church is in a prosperous condition and both pastor and people are happy. The spiritual and financial tone of the work is good.

Port Lavaca, Rev. E. S. Smith, pastor. We have an organization at Placedo that is doing good work. The membership though small is loyal and faithful.

Auxiliaries.

All auxiliaries are in a fairly good condition. Although they have not accomplished what we desired that they should, I am pleased to say that we are going on to perfection. The district presidents are loyal—we are workers together with God.

My Work as District Superintendent.

I have labored hard with a burning desire to come up to the requirements of the Great Church. I have held or caused to be held, quarterly conferences in every charge of the district. I have held one ministerial and laymen's council. One district conference Sunday school and Epworth League convention.

I have not failed to urge our pastors and trustees to build where buildings are needed and to repair and paint and otherwise beautify their property, thus making it more attractive. We have very few good meeting houses on the district. There is much room for improvement along that line. We have a building spirit brooding over us that is calculated to bring that part of our work up to our ideals.

Knowing the Southwestern Christian Advocate to be such an efficient assistant pastor, I have secured forty annual subscribers. We have merely sown the seed; we hope to reap an abundant harvest. We are pleased to state that peace and harmony prevails within our ranks.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SWANN, District Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE SAN ANGELO DISTRICT.

Dear Bishop and Brethren: We are thankful to God our Father for this year's opportunity of Christian service. This is really an eventful year, epoch-making for church, for state and for the affairs of the world. In the midst of life and prosperity we are encircled with death and devastation. The European war is taking a tremendous toll out of the oriental nations of the world, and wasting billions of dollars of property by land and sea. Commercial intercourse has become complicated. Useful industries have been abandoned. The highest cost of living has been instituted. Hence innocent humanity is suffering and the hearts of great nations are now bleeding. Unfortunate Mexico, within arm's reach of our own Nation, is now, and has been for five successive years, in a seething mass of revolts and robbery and butchery and massacres, and every destructive agency that could be injected to destroy the national life of its people. And, too, it often seems, despite American diplomacy and the power and influence of Christianity, our laurels of war will be dyed in blood. But we are thankful that the hand of Providence has dealt kindly with us and that we are at peace with all nations. We still maintain the position of being adviser of the warring

nations. Again, there never was a time when the demands were so great upon the Christian churches for means, personal service, and influence as today. The past session of our General Conference has broadened our vision and therefore increased our responsibilities. The oneness of Methodism is in sight, yet in the distance.

The religious forts of America are being strengthened, and individual Christian fortitude is being demonstrated as never before. The liquor traffic is the curse of the world, the Nation, and especially my race; the feeder of mob violence is being greatly restricted, and in many cases largely prohibited. We pray and work to the end that the awful curse and enemy be wiped out and the entire world ride upon the water wagon. Again we are to be thankful for this world-wide opportunity, and are ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the church that has always taken the lead in these great movements. We are trying to fully realize that we are instruments in the hands of God to bring the world to Him. With these hindrances and opportunities we are trying to assume our portion of responsibilities and do our portion of the service, and hence lift up our Christ to the people in gospel, in song and in life, and have the world to see Christ in all and over all; and also render our equitable part in bringing the world to his feet.

Hence, we shall humbly present to the conference our first annual report.

From the Field—By the Charge.

Brownwood, Rev. Samuel Graham, pastor. This brother returned from Conference and went immediately to work. Had good revivals, paid something on the church debt, raised \$12.00 for local education and brings up a good report on benevolences.

Liberty Hill Circuit, Rev. R. Alonzo, pastor. Brother Alonzo's age does not greatly affect his ministerial activity and interests. He plans and works progressively. He did well

for educational interests,* and brings a splendid report for other causes. His people love him and will appreciate his return. Raised for S. H. C., \$49.00. Benevolences.

Lampasas, Rev. J. W. Wright, pastor. This brother has completed his second year. While no material improvements, but he has paid the present debts about off, gave strong support to Samuel Huston College, and brings up a fair benevolent report. Brother Wright is a good, quiet man, and a good preacher. His people love him.

Temple, Rev. M. L. Wyatt, pastor. This has been a record breaker for Temple. Brother Wyatt went there with God in front and kept Him so throughout the year. He increased the educational and benevolent collections over previous years, improved church and parsonage conditions at a cost of about \$200, paid out \$. on the new church site, and helped other brethren in their revival work. His people have found the value of this kind of service and expect nothing other than his return.

Davilla and Bartlett, Rev. J. M. Foster. This is Brother Foster's first year on this circuit. This brother had some disadvantages and hindrances in the beginning of the year. But he has done an excellent piece of work. Paid some on the church debt at Davilla and considerably on the property purchased at Bartlett. At Cook's Chapel raised a neat sum for education and brings up a good benevolent report. He is a good, safe pastor and preacher.

Moody and Rogers, Rev. C. H. Anderson, pastor. The former place was alive and active when we arrived to hold first quarter. Brother Anderson and his people have done good work there. Bought a larger church building, moved it on the grounds and making good with their payments. To our regret, by some misunderstanding between the people, the previous pastor, Rev. J. C. Mays, and District Superintendent Rev. E. J. Jackson, the church doors were closed by Rev. Mays. He held all deeds and papers in his personal name, and contended for a certain sum due him because of personal investment for sake of the church, which was not paid. So

he closed the doors. We had special consultation and arranged the matter satisfactorily. He holds approximately \$300 worth of notes against the place and church building. We shall have to watch very carefully. All in all, Brother Anderson has done an excellent work. Raised his educational and benevolent assessment in full.

Belton and Kills Branch, Rev. T. S. Moore, pastor. For a while Brother Moore seemed to have lost the place of a pastor, having spent six years on the Waco District. But more and more he came to himself. Despite the awkwardness as it appeared to him and other disadvantages in his work, he made a fair report on education and brings up a good passable report for other causes. There is plenty of work to be done on the church in a material way. Brother had a successful revival. Much good was done.

Gatesville and Valley Mills, Rev. J. E. Brown, pastor. This is Brother Brown's sixth year. Brother Brown knows no defeat. He made good report on education and spiritual work. His report will tell. He is greatly loved by his people, who want his return.

Cleburne Mission, Rev. E. C. Henderson, pastor. Brother Henderson has had a hard time. A few members and conditions very unfavorable. But he is not a quitter. Has contracted on a church site out on Oak Hill, a beautiful site. He has paid some money. We ought to be proud of this site. It is in our exclusive community of 35 families, where there is no other church. A little ways from the city, but the right church in the right place. Brother Henderson brings some benevolence; he also placed some on education.

Abilene, Rev. T. C. Butler, pastor. This is Brother Butler's first year there. Had a good revival, made a good report on education, notwithstanding some hindrances. He brings an excellent report. Experience and counsel is always beneficial to the wise.

El Paso, Rev. H. H. Qualls, pastor. Dear Bishop and brethren, this is a peculiar field. It is very remote from other work of the connection. It is almost exclusively dependent

upon the pastor for everything. The environments and conditions are different. We have an excellent church building, although the largest debt in the Conference. Brother Qualls came with his family and caught hold of the heavy task with courage and zeal. He raised some educational moneys and did the best he could on the debt. Failing to understand just the influence of inserting conditional clauses in the mortgage blank, we failed to get the money allotted up from the Extension Board. We shall have to do something at once. Brother Qualls brings some benevolence.

San Angelo, Rev. J. W. Wormley, pastor. San Angelo has had a good year. The District Conference convened there. Was well cared for by Brother Wormley and his good people. Two hundred dollars was raised on church debt, educational interests were strongly supported and Brother Wormley comes with a good benevolent report.

Abandoned Work.

Stamford Mission, Rev. A. B. Johnson. Brother Johnson tried for several months to maintain the use of the Mission. Our people had been run out of the town and community several times, so we decided to give up the field. Other connections were already there, had houses and land sufficient to care for more than all. He has not reported for any cause from Stamford.

New Fields.

We have several places where our people and members have gone. There is neither house, land nor any other denomination.

Alpine and Marfa, about midway between El Paso and San Angelo. There is no church, no Sunday school, no day or public school; no denominations there at all. We need money and a missionary for these places.

Brady, recently organized by Brother Braham and myself,

is to be considered. We have about \$50.00 cash to pay on church site and house, which will cost about \$250.00 as it now stands.

Sweetwater and Thurber, on the Texas & Pacific, and Morgan City, Crawford, Meridian, Columbus and Ballinger, on the Santa Fe, should have immediate attention.

This contains a brief and rough sketch of the field.

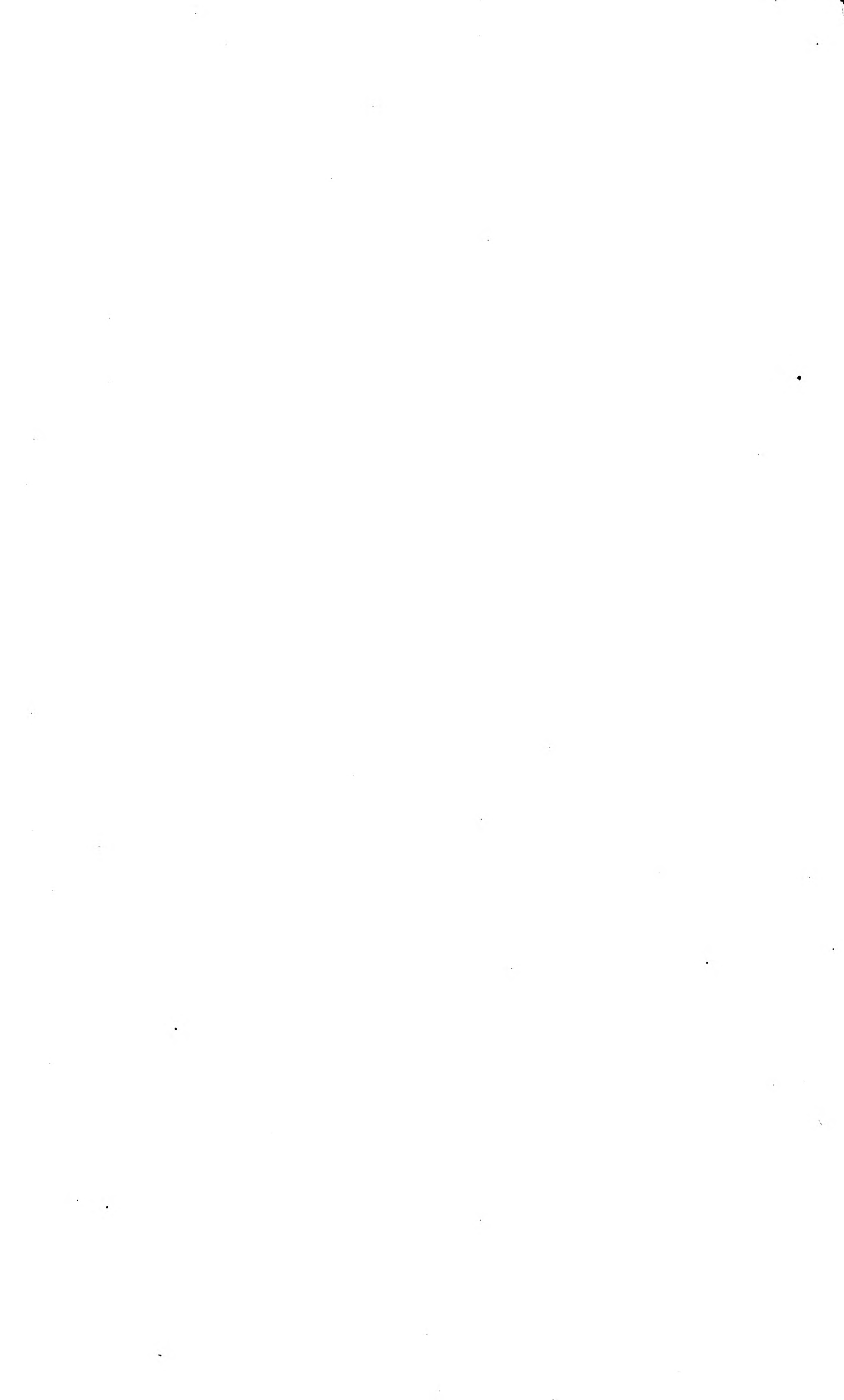
Our Labors.

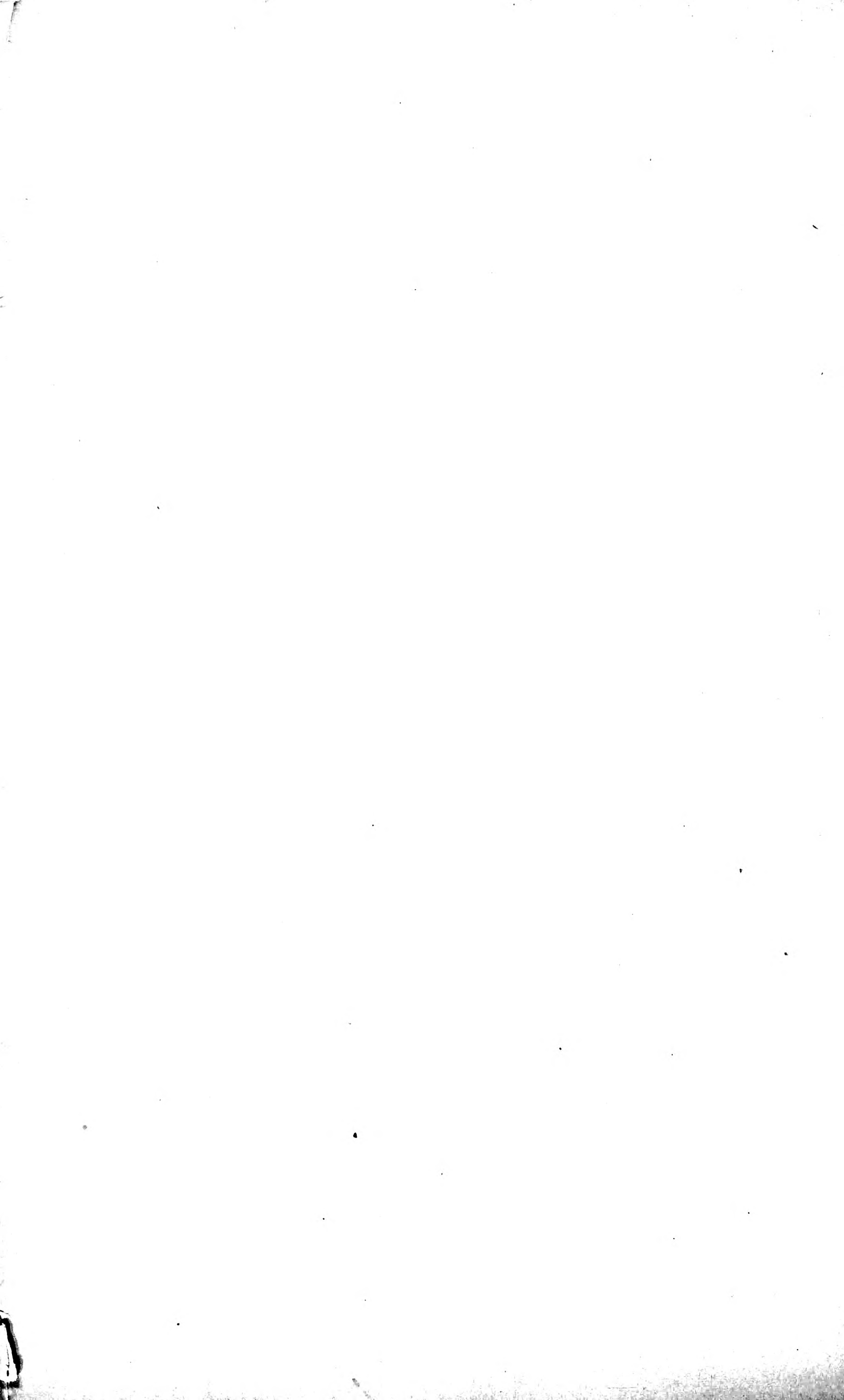
I have held and caused to be held four quarterly conferences in each pastoral charge, preached two baccalaureate sermons and ——— sermons during the year and delivered lectures to the young people on special occasions and in their peculiar organizations and public schools. I have lectured to the Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues, and have exhorted and counselled their leadership to regulate these peculiar auxiliaries upon the most timely and efficient basis. Have encouraged the Ladies Aid, Methodist Brotherhood Societies. Have especially fostered the cause of the Woman's Home Missionary in every charge. We tried to help all the pastors in their respective work. Have tried to do everything to foster the cause of our great Methodism. We have raised for Samuel Huston College, \$243.00; for the Woman's Home Missionary Society, \$145.00; for general benevolences, \$451.00; a grand total of \$1,020.00.

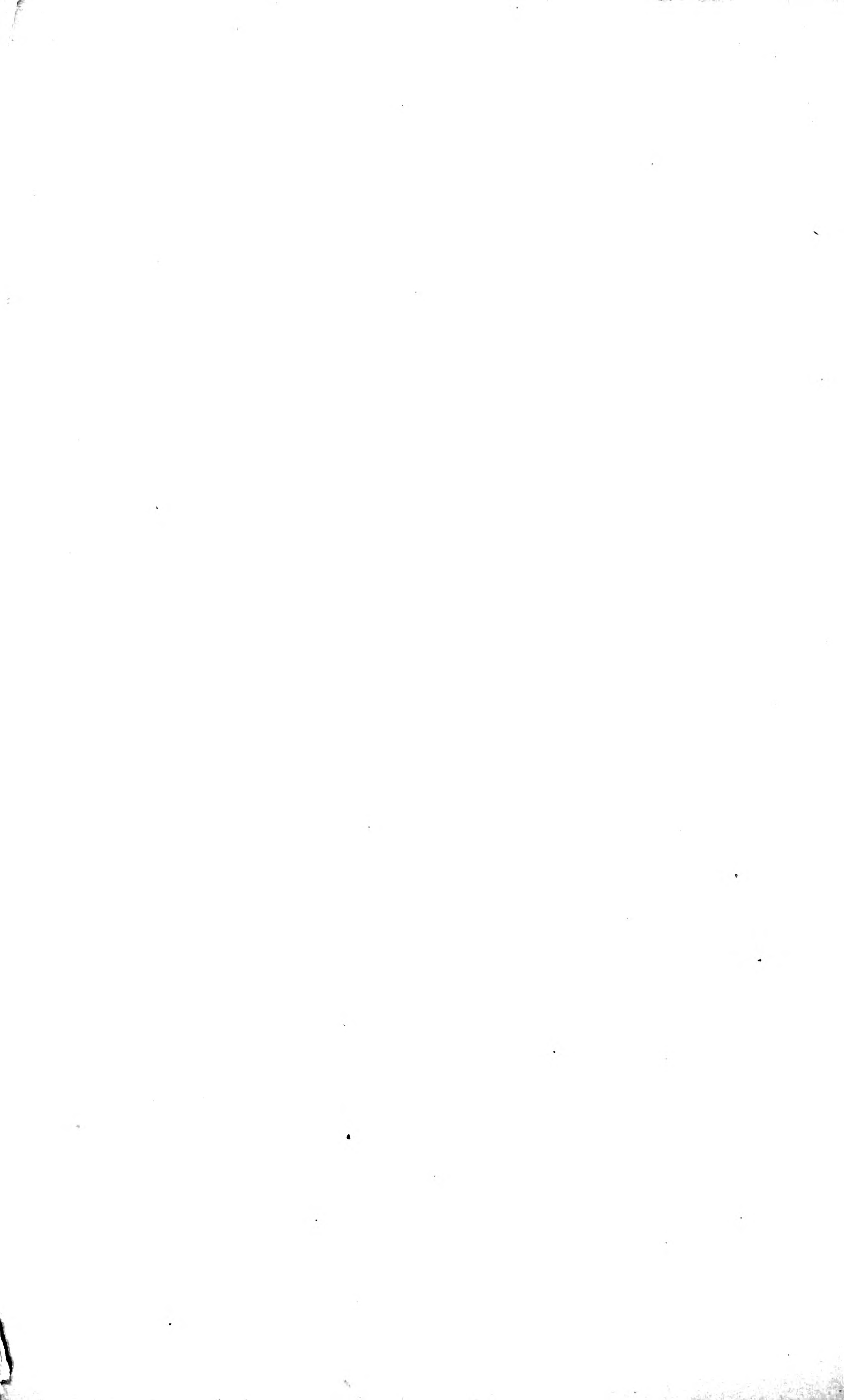
Respectfully submitted,

A. D. JACQUES.









SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Waco District

		Sunday Schools.						
		Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars, not including Home Department and Cradle Roll.	Members in the Home Department.	Children on the Cradle Roll.	Total Enrollment in all Departments: including Cradle Roll, Home Dept., Officers, Teachers, and Scholars.	Average Attendance of all Grades.
Name of Charges.								
R. D. Dennis	Chilton and Mooresville	3	28	130			158	85
J. S. Wyatt	Calvert and Mt. Zion	1	14	80			80	55
J. O. Mayes	Cameron and Rockdale	1	4	20	6	4	34	20
J. S. Meadlock	Bremond Circuit	2	21	75			96	40
E. A. Johnson	Bruceville Circuit	1	5	20			25	10
A. T. Jackson	Groesbeck and Kosse	1	5	32			37	22
B. J. Goff	Groesbeck Circuit	4	20	170			190	120
N. J. Moore	Mart and Mt. Zion	3	34	100			134	80
E. L. Jackson	Marlin and Bowman Chapel	2	26	150			190	110
W. W. White	Mayesfield Circuit	2	16	89			105	65
	Otto Circuit	1	2	10			12	
Wm. Reed	Rosebud and Lott	1	5	22			27	10
P. B. Benett	Waco, Brack and Majors Circuit	3	24	70		45	139	50
J. H. Childs	Waco, East, Circuit	2	8	45		3	56	35
W. H. Purnell	Waco Mt. Zion	1	9	75			84	16
G. A. Deslands	Waco St. James	1	18	125			143	80
Totals		29	237	1213	6	52	1510	798

Victoria District

S. D. Mosley	Alleyton and Eagle Lake	1	5	25	25		55	17
John Coe	Cologne Circuit	3	18	65			83	60
Riley Soda	Columbus	1	15	132			147	240
Albert Sanford	Columbus Circuit	4	16	250			266	195
O. W. Franklin	Edna and Morales	3	16	116			116	75
G. W. Nevils	Goliad	1	6	75			81	60
M. S. Jordan	Hallettsville and Breslau	3	10	85	5	5	105	60
D. F. Vance	Oakland and Browns Chapel	4	30	190	16	2	208	160
Esau Smith	Port Lavaca and Placedo	1	3	11			13	11
James Coe	Schulenburg and Flatonia	3	13	71			84	35
J. L. Stevens	Sublime	2	11	36			47	20
H. Swann	Victoria	1	14	86			100	65
Walter Dahart	Weimar	1	2	7			9	7
E. L. Warren	Wharton and El Campo	2	11	40	1	3	55	30
J. W. Stone, Sr.	Yoakum and Sweet Home	3	12	80			92	50
Totals		32	182	1269	47	10	1441	1083

San Antonio District

N. H. Townsend	Beeville	1	15	57			57	36
O. H. Franklin	Bellmont	2	15	75			90	36
J. W. Stone, Jr.	Corpus Christi	1		15			19	12
Wm. Mooney	Cuero	1	15	67	10	5	90	48
F. W. Brown	Del Rio	1	5	10	6		16	8
A. Brown	Floresville	1	9	40			49	30
J. H. Hutcherson	Gonzales	2	24	156			180	90
	Gonzales Circuit	2	18	110			128	75
B. Williams	Hamilton	2	9	64			64	40
Geo. Means	Harwood	1	3	17			20	6
L. W. Roberts	Hondo	1	5	50			55	35
G. V. Cavitt	Kerrville	4	13	74			74	50
J. D. Mackey	Kingsville	1	4	20			24	18
	Lavernia	2	10	35			45	15
J. W. Hutcherson	Nixon	3	15	27			42	25
S. L. Brown	Pearsall							
T. G. Walker	Pleasanton	4	20	35			55	23
J. Young	Runge	1	3	12			15	5
I. T. Sanford	San Antonio Oars Hill	1	6	35			41	25
A. M. Mason	San Antonio Jacobs Chapel	1	10	35			45	35
I. H. Timmons	San Antonio Kenwood	2	4	22			26	10
L. H. Richardson	San Antonio St. Paul	1	32	256	20	56	364	200
J. T. Carper	Seguin	2	12	54			66	36
J. B. Eggelson	Smiley	3	12	46			48	36
O. H. Hamelton	Southerland Springs	1	4	15			19	11
J. O. Eusan	Yorktown	1	12	56			68	27
Totals		43	276	1065	36	61	1690	935

**CONFERENCE TREASURY
Austin I**

List No.	Names of Charges.	Missions.				Freedmen's Aid Society	Education.			Board of Schools
		Board of Foreign Missions.		Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.			Board of Education.		Conference Educational Collection	
		Church	Sunday Schools	Church	Sunday Schools		Public Educat'nal Collection	Children's Fund		
1	Austin Circuit.....	3		3		4	\$	\$	\$ 21	
2	Austin Samuel Huston College.....									
3	Austin Simpson Tabernacle.....	4		4		3		1	35	1
4	Austin Wesley Chapel.....	84		80		19	7	12	236	
5	Cedar Creek Circuit.....	5		3		5		2	63	2
6	Fayetteville Circuit.....	1		1		1			17	
7	Georgetown.....	11		12		6			65	1
8	Hutto, Taylor and Granger.....	1		2		1			10	
9	La Grange.....	4		5					36	
10	La Grange Circuit.....	1		1		1			12	
11	Littig and Manor.....	5		5		2		1	27	
12	Lockhart Circuit.....	19		19		5			26	2
13	Luling Circuit.....	18		22		4			25	
14	San Marcos.....	1		1		1				
15	Smithville.....	4		4		1		1	18	
16	South Austin.....									
17	Winchester.....	8		8		5		3	17	
		170		170		58	\$ 7	\$ 20	\$ 608	

Dallas

1	Corsicana Circuit.....	9		9		4	\$	\$	\$ 9	
2	Dallas North.....	10								
3	Dallas St. Paul.....	60		60		15			96	
4	Denison.....	9		9		4			9	
5	Ennis and Ferris.....	15		15		6			60	
6	Fort Worth North.....	9		10		4			36	
7	Fort Worth St. Andrews.....	26		34		15		2	150	
8	Hillsboro Circuit.....	1		1						
9	Hubbard and Dawson.....	11		11		4		1	40	
10	Itasca and Grandview.....									
11	Mexia and Bardswell.....									
12	Mexia Circuit.....	27		27		10				
13	Milford and Italy.....	10		12		4			34	
14	Pelham Circuit.....	25		25		10			80	
15	Pilot Point and Sherman.....	10		12		5			22	
16	Waxahachie and Lancaster.....	7		7		3			27	
17	Fort Worth Circuit.....	6		6		1			1	
		245		238		85	\$	\$ 3	\$ 564	

San Antonio

1	Beeville Circuit.....	20		20		8	\$	\$	\$ 52	
2	Belmont.....	9		7		2			52	
3	Boerne.....									
4	Corpus Christi.....			1						
5	Cuero.....	24		24		10			78	
6	Del Rio.....	1		1		1			4	
7	Floresville.....	5		10		3		2		
8	Gonzales and Elm.....	26		20		4		4	116	
9	Gonzales Circuit.....	7		6		6			29	
10	Hamilton.....	4		6		1			12	
11	Harwood Circuit.....	1		1						
12	Hondo.....	2		2		3		1	14	
13	Kerrville.....	3		2		1			11	
14	Kingsville.....	2		2		2				
15	Lavernia.....	7		5		2		1	12	
16	Nixon.....	3		2		34				
17	Pearsall Circuit.....									
18	Pleasanton.....	2		2		1		1	7	
19	Runge and Kenedy.....	1		1		1			7	
20	San Antonio Cars Hill.....	10		4		1		1	28	
21	San Antonio Jacobs Chapel.....	4		5		26		2	24	
22	San Antonio Kenwood.....	8		6		1		1	10	
23	San Antonio St. Paul.....	150		150		50		4	125	
24	Seguin and Olmas.....	14		10		6		1	14	
25	Smiley.....	6		4		1			20	
26	Southerland Springs.....	3		2		1		2	7	
27	Yorktown.....	5		4		7		1	10	
		316		297		172	\$	\$ 20	\$ 632	

San Angelo

1	Ablene Circuit.....	10		8		3	\$	\$	\$	
2	Belton and Kell Branch.....	16		12		7		2	72	
3	Brownwood Circuit.....	10		8		1		3	15	
4	Cleburne.....			1		1			8	
5	Davilla Circuit.....	8		5		2			27	
6	El Paso.....	3		3		3				
7	Gatesville and Valley Mills.....	20		15		7		5	76	
8	Lampasas.....	10		8		4		4		
9	Marble Falls Circuit.....	10		8		2		2	35	
10	Rogers Circuit.....	8		7		1		2	40	
11	San Angelo Circuit.....	6		6		1			52	
12	Stanford and Haskell.....									
13	Temple.....	6		5		6		2	40	
		107		87		38	\$	\$ 20	\$ 365	

Victoria District

1	Alleyton and Eagle Lake.....	9		7		2	\$	\$	\$ 21	
2	Cologne Circuit.....	8		7		2			26	
3	Columbus.....	10		13		3		3	50	
4	Columbus Circuit.....	5		4		6			40	
5	Edna and Morales.....	11		11		2			15	
6	Goliad.....	9		9		3			40	
7	Hallettsville and Breslau.....	8		8		5		2	40	
8	Oakland and Browns Chapel.....	26		24		12			82	
9	Port Lavaca.....	1		1		1			5	
10	Schulenberg and Flatonia.....	10		6		3			32	
11	Sublime.....	1		1		1				
12	Victoria.....	35		40		10		4		
13	Wenmar.....									
14	Wharton and El Campo.....	5		5		3		2	5	
15	Yoakum and Sweet Home.....	10		10		5		1	31	
		148		146		58	\$ 7	\$ 6	\$ 387	

Waco District

1	Brewster and Lorena.....						\$	\$	\$	
2	Brack Circuit.....	7		11		2			34	
3	Bremond Circuit.....	10		13		3			29	
4	Calvert and Mt. Zion.....	15		13		8		2	44	
5	Cameron and Rosebud.....	2		3		2			9	
6	Chilton Circuit.....	10		6		4		1	44	
7	East Waco Circuit.....	5		9		2			19	
8	Groesbeck and Kosse.....	6		7		2			14	
9	Groesbeck Circuit.....	12		20		15			42	
10	High Banks Circuit.....									
11	Marlin and Bowman Chapel.....	35		30		10		5	99	
12	Mart Circuit.....	15		22		3		1	39	
13	Maysfield Circuit.....	17		24		3			14	
14	Waco Mt. Zion.....	7		14		3			24	
15	Waco St. James.....	48		60		10			99	
16	Rosebud Circuit.....	1		4		1				
		190		236		68	\$ 5	\$ 4	\$ 510	

AURER'S REPORT.

Sunday Schools (Total)	Conference Claimants.		Church Temperance Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.		American Bible Society.	Central Office Expenses Epworth League.	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Other Items.			Grand Total	List No.
	Board of Conference Claimants (Chicago)	Annual Conference Investments			Cash	Supplies				Support of Conference Claimants	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)	General Conference Expenses		
1		\$			\$	\$		1	\$ 29	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$	32	1
1					31		1	1	82	1	2		86	2
7					66		3	10	518	60	20		598	3
2					9		2	2	95	3	2	2	102	4
1								2	24				24	5
1							1	1	100	2	2	1	105	6
					2				17				17	7
					1			1	48	1	1		50	8
					1				17				17	9
					1			1	48	1	1		50	10
					1				17				17	11
1					18		1	2	04	3	3		70	12
2					3		2	1	77	2	2		81	13
2					7		1	2	82	6	6	1	95	14
1									4	1			5	15
1					1		1		36	2	1		35	16
2								1	48	2	1		51	17
6	17			20	\$ 130		14	23	\$ 1,240	\$ 83	\$ 42	\$ 4	\$ 1,368	

District.

1				1	\$		1	1	\$ 35	\$ 4	\$ 3	\$	42	1
				1		5	1	2	20				20	2
5				5		65	3	5	309	15	15	1	340	3
2						5	1	2	31		1		34	4
				1			1	2	106	5	4		118	5
				1			1	1	63	2	3		68	6
				2		47	1	4	260	12	18	4	294	7
				1		34	1	2	105	5	4		114	8
														9
				2		8	2	3	85	10	8		101	10
1				2		24	1	2	89	5	4		98	11
				2		12	3	3	166	9	7		182	12
						11	1	2	69	5	4		78	13
1				1			1	2	49	3	2		54	14
				1			1	2	18	2	1		21	15
9				18		211	20	31	\$ 1,408	\$ 79	\$ 74	\$ 5	\$ 1,566	17

District.

2				1	\$	18	1	5	\$ 129		\$ 1	\$ 2	132	1
						18	1	1	92	1			93	2
									1	1			2	3
				1		10		3	150		8		158	4
				2		9	1		7				7	5
						7			40	4	2	2	48	6
				1		7			182				182	7
				1		27		1	78		2		80	8
				1			1	1	26				26	9
									2				2	10
						5		1	28				29	11
				1		1			19		1		20	12
				1		3	2		14				14	13
				1		2			31				31	14
				1		3		2	48	2			50	15
				1		1	1		16	3	3		22	16
				1		1		1	13				13	17
1				1		10	1		62				62	18
				1		12			76	1	1		78	19
						236	3	1	31	10	20	2	63	20
20				1		2	2	5	592				592	21
				1		2	1	1	53				53	22
				1		5		1	39	1			40	23
				1		2		1	17	1			18	24
				1				2	31	4	2	1	38	25
25				15		343	12	27	\$ 1,778	\$ 28	\$ 40	\$ 7	\$ 1,853	26

District.

				1	\$		1		\$ 25				\$ 25	1
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6	17			20		129	14	23	\$ 1,240	\$ 83	\$ 42	\$ 4	\$ 1,368	1
15	9			17		211	20	31	\$ 1,407	\$ 79	\$ 74	\$ 5	\$ 1,566	2
48	25			15		349	12	27	\$ 1,778	\$ 28	\$ 40	\$ 7	\$ 1,933	3
6	18			8		193	11	22	\$ 811	\$ 53	\$ 27	\$ 8	\$ 899	4
	10			13		157	15	22	\$ 999	\$ 53	\$ 39	\$ 1	\$ 1,091	5
	15			16		71	13	24	\$ 1,157	\$ 70	\$ 37	\$ 15	\$ 1,233	6

List No.	Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Ministerial Support.										Total Paid for Ministerial Support.
			Support of Pastor				Support of District Superintendent		Support of Bishops		Support of Conferences		
			Total Claim Including House Rent.	Total Paid Including House Rent.	Rental Value of Parsonage.	Deficiency.	Claim.	Paid.	Claim.	Paid.	Claim.	Paid.	
1	Austin Circuit	O. B. Melton	494	264	144		80	30	2	2	1	1	
2	Austin Samuel Huston College	R. S. Lovinggood											
3	Austin Simpson Tabernacle	Wm. Ellerson	600	368	60	292	84	84		2	2	60	
4	Austin Wesley Chapel	J. W. Warren	1380	1380	120		240	240	20				
5	Cedar Creek Circuit	F. J. Hutcherson	300	336	72		76	76					
6	Fayetteville Circuit	H. A. Jones	435	150	50	285	76	65					
7	Georgetown	J. W. Downs	696	546	96	150	90	90	2	2	2		
8	Hutto and Granger	A. W. Evans		276			80	78					
9	La Grange	G. M. Mallery	620	473			100	75					
10	La Grange Circuit		250	125			64	39					
11	Littig and Manor	J. F. Muse	560	325	60		75	75			3		
12	Lockhart Circuit	J. H. Napier	660	368	60	292	84	84			1		
13	Luling Circuit	Moses Smith	810	470	60		140	110	10		5	10	
14	San Marcos		260	175	60	185							
15	Smithville Circuit	M. W. Stevens	400	67			68	68			1		
16	Winchester			380				96					
	Totals		7965	4708	782	1804	1257	1205	34	34	73	75	

Dallas D...

1	Corsicana	S. D. Humphry	452	220	52		64	37	3	3	4	4
2	Dallas Queen City	W. J. Jones										
3	Dallas St. Paul	J. A. Fetherston	150	100			25					
4	Dallas North	J. W. Weakley	1000	1130	180		200	200	20	15	15	
5	Denison	Eugene Norris	287	168	72		60	52	1	1	2	
6	Ennis	S. W. Harvey	560	525	60		80	69	4	4	5	
7	Fort Worth Circuit	M. T. King	350	250			48	12				
8	Fort Worth North	J. G. Brown	584	540	54		72	72	6	1	6	
9	Fort Worth St. Andrews	A. L. Carper	1144	900	12		160	160	18	18		
10	Hillsboro	D. Y. Holley		20				10				
11	Hubbard	J. J. Hardeman	484	552	84		68	68	4	4	5	
12	Mexia and Bardswell	W. H. Sims										
13	Mexia Circuit	Geo. Waters	583	503	200	120	120	120	8	8		
14	Milford and Italy	R. H. Duncan	593	553	48		80	80	4	4	5	
15	Pelham Circuit	A. Johnson	675	675	100		120	120	7	7	9	
16	Sherman and Pilot Point	R. A. Applin	750	460	60		72	61	7	6	7	
17	Waxahachie and Lancaster	J. N. Hooley	584	332	72		80	48	4	2	4	
	Totals		8201	6933	924	120	1249	1109	86	72	62	6

San Ange...

1	Ablene	T. C. Butler	260	262	47		60	50	4	4	5	5
2	Brownwood	Sam Graham	310	310			60	60	1	1	1	
3	Belton	T. S. Moore	810	450	250	360	120	120	10	4	6	
4	Cleburne	E. C. Henderson	180	70			40	26				
5	Davilla	J. M. Foster	500	340	120	60	100	60	4	3	5	
6	El Paso	H. H. Qualls	566	340	60	220	100	95	2	2	3	
7	Gatesville and Valley Mills	J. E. Brown	600	450	60	50	60	60	6	6	8	
8	Lampasas	J. W. Wright	400	300	60	100	82	82	4	4	5	
9	Marble Falls	R. Alonzo		235			80	75	3	3	2	
10	Rogers	O. H. Anderson	380	250	50	120	60	60	2	2	3	
11	San Angelo	J. W. Worsley	565	325	60	240	100	86	1	1	2	
12	Stanford	A. B. Johnson										
13	Temple	M. L. Wyatt	695	544	96	52	100	86	6	5	6	
	Totals		5446	3876	793	1202	962	860	43	35	40	6

San Antonio

1	Beeville	N. H. Townsend	510	450	60	60	80	80	1	1	8	8
2	Bellmont Circuit	O. H. Franklin										
3	Corpus Christi	J. W. Stone, Jr.	420	228	120	132	48	25	1		1	
4	Cuero	Wm. Mooney	710	625	60	85	128	128	8	8	25	1
5	Del Rio	F. W. Brown	100	56		44	48	21	1		1	
6	Floresville	A. Brown	408	398	48	10	80	70	2	2	4	
7	Gonzales	J. H. Hutcherson	738	505	60	232	128	128	6			
8	Gonzales Circuit		527	124		403	100	36	5		4	
9	Hamilton	B. Williams	430	268	36	168	120	120	2		4	
10	Harwood	Geo. Means	125	25		100	20	10	2		1	
11	Hondo	L. W. Roberts	380	164	24		80	60	3		3	
12	Kerrville	J. V. Cavett	552	232	52	320	90	69	3	1	1	
13	Lingsville	J. D. Mackey	509	271		238	60	60	1	1	2	
14	Lavernia		300	152		148	68	43	5		2	
15	Nixon Circuit	J. W. V. Hutcherson	548	323	48	225	72	60	3		5	
16	Pearsall	S. L. Brown										
17	Pleasanton	F. G. Walker	360	267	36	93	80	67	3	3	3	
18	Runge	J. Young	360	20		340	48	12	4		6	
19	San Antonio Kenwood	I. H. Timmons	300	250	50	50	52	36	1		1	
20	San Antonio Jacobs Chapel	A. M. Mason	700	775	60		88	84	1	1	2	
21	San Antonio Sanfords Chapel	I. T. Sanford	434	427	84	7	73	60	2		3	
22	San Antonio St. Paul	L. H. Richardson	1410	1410	210		288	288	20	20	80	80
23	Seguin	J. T. Carper	680	560	40	120	100	88	5		10	
24	Smiley	J. B. Eggleston	300	300			69	69	2	2	3	
25	Southerland Springs	O. H. Hamilton	350	122	48	228	56	32	1		1	
26	Yorktown	J. O. Ensan	300	285	120	15	48	32	2	2	4	
	Totals		11,463	8287	1156	3010	1964	1678	84	41	174	12

Victoria

1	Alleyton and Eagle Lake	S. D. Mosley	465	244	25	121	60	43	5	2	10	10
2	Cologne Circuit	John Coe	374	242	64	84	84	84	5		6	
3	Columbus	Riley Soda	593	593	75	132	100	91	9	4	12	5
4	Columbus Circuit	Albert Sanford	420	280	20	140	100	93	6	1	6	1
5	Edna and Morales	W. Frankford	620	475	60	185	108	108	7	3	10	2
6	Gollad	G. W. Nevils	560	415	60	545	84	70	7	1	8	4
7	Hallettsville and Breslau	M. S. Jordan	710	430	60	280	100	100	8	3	10	5
8	Oakland and Browns Chapel	D. F. Vance	800	637	60	143	128	128	10	8	10	8
9	Port Lavaca and Placedo	Esau Smith	50	46	4	48	20	12	1	1	1	1
10	Portulena	James Coe	844	344	54	500	100	86	7	2	10	3
11	Sublime	J. L. Stevens	174	114	24	60	41	36	3	1	4	1
12	Victoria	Harry Swann	870	862	120	8	112	112	10	8	12	10
13	Welmur	Walter Dahart	60	17		48	20	5	1	1	1	1
14	Wharton and El Campo	E. L. Warren	480	166		120	60	57	4	2	5	3
15	Waco and Sweet Home	J. W. Stone, Sr.	685	485	60	200	80	80	5	3	10	6
	Totals		7756	5370	536	2614	1197	1105	68	40	115	50

Waco

1	Calvert and Mt. Zion	J. S. Wyatt	984	618	84		120	110	12	5	15	8
2	Cameron and Rosebud	J. C. Mays	350	73			40	22				
3	Chilton and Mooresville	R. D. Dennis	750	600	50	100	120	120	3	3	3	3
4	Bremont Circuit	J. S. Meadlock	650	550	50		100	82	5	1	10	1
5	Bruceville Circuit	E. A. Johnson										
6	Groesbeck Circuit	B. J. Goff	610	460	60	80	100	100	4	4	10	10
7	Groesbeck and Kosse	A. T. Jackson	450	158	60	292	70	70	3	3	3	3
8	Mart and Mt. Zion	N. J. Moore	709	709			100	100	3	1	5	5
9	Marlin and Bowman Chapel	E. L. Jackson	1120	750	120	350	120	120	15	8	15	15
10	Maysfield Circuit	W. W. White	636	470	36	166	72	72	5	1	6	5
11	Otto Circuit											
12	Rosebud and Lott Circuit	Wm. Reed	350	100		200	40	17	1	1	3	3
13	Waco, Bracks and Majors	P. B. Benett	650	280	50	320	88	79	7	2	5	5
14	Waco East	J. H. Childs	500	230		270	64	64	2	2	4	4
15	Waco Mt. Zion	W. H. Furnell	560	391	60	169	72	63	5	2	5	2
16	Waco St. James	G. A. Deslands	900	676	120	159	159					
	Totals		9169	6081	690	2106	1195	1117	65	33	84	54

Receipts

1	Austin	S. E. Jones	7965	7403	782	1804	1257	1205	34	34	73	75
2	Dallas	D. C. Lacy	8201	6633	924	120	1249	1109	86	72	62	80
3	San Angelo	A. D. Jacques	5446	3876	793	1202	962	860	43	35	46	39
4	San Antonio	T. H. Wyatt	11,463	8287	1156	3019	1964	1678	84	41	174	124
5	Victoria	J. H. Swann	7756	5370	536	2614	1197	1105	68	40	115	50
6	Waco	W. R. Lott	9169	6081	690	2106	1195	1117	65	33	84	54

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