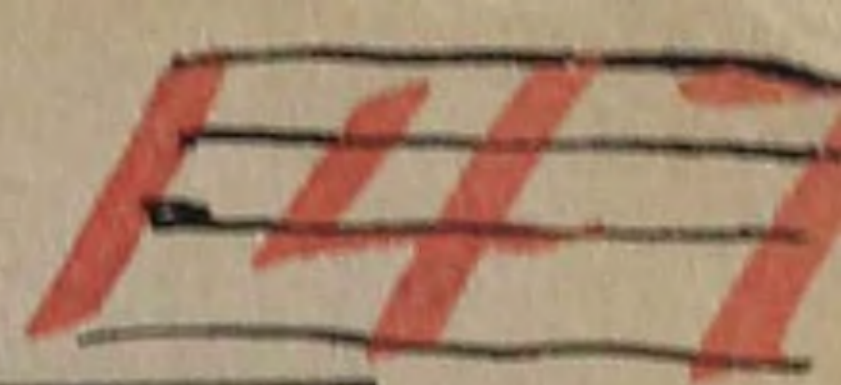


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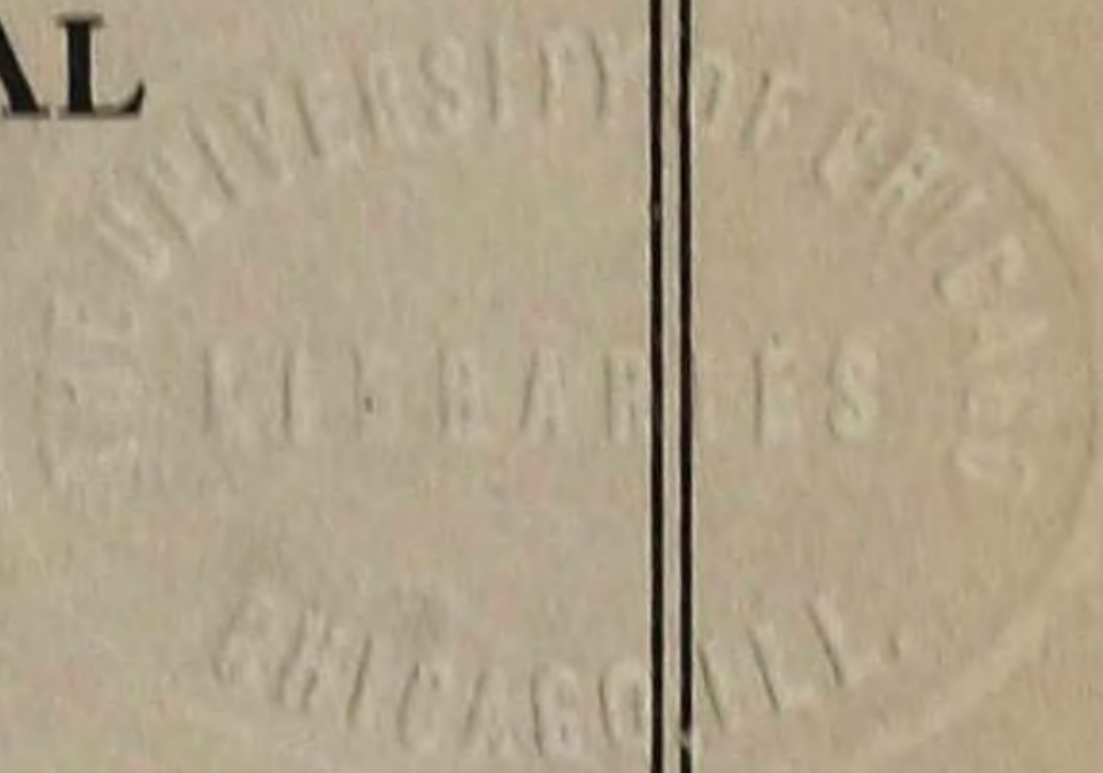
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First Year—J. E. Euson, J. W. Stones, A. L. Carper.

Second Year—J. W. Weakley, J. G. Brown, R. Sodia.

Third Year—Harry Swann, G. A. Desland, Moses Smith.

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

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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. C. Eusan, A. L. Carper.

Time Expires 1921—J. W. Stones, Albert Johnson, George Nevils.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1917-1918.

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9. **On Women Foreign Mission**—A. Brown, J. N. Hooey, R. D. Dennis, F. J. Hutchinson.
10. **On Methodist Brotherhood**—H. A. Jones, N. H. Townsend, W. M. Reid, J. S. Medlock.
11. **On Ladies' Aid Society**—S. N. Harvey, M. W. Stephens, L. W. Roberts, James Coe.
12. **On Women's Home Mission**—L. H. Richardson, P. B. Bennitt, J. T. Carper, S. D. Mosley.
13. **On Conference Claimant Fund**—J. W. Weakley, J. C. Eusan, M. L. Wyatt, H. Swann, R. Sodia, R. T. Hayes, G. A. Deslandes.

14. **On Board Foreign Missions**—A. L. Carper, J. H. Napier, J. D. Mackey, W. W. White, I. H. Timmons.

15. **On Board Home Missions and Church Extention**—A. Brown, J. W. Wright, M. S. Jordan, G. M. Mallory, J. H. Hutcherson.

16. **On Samuel Huston College**—L. H. Richardson, D. F. Vance, A. M. Mason, S. N. Harvey, George Waters, Associate M. S. Davage.

17. **On Episcopal Fund**—T. S. Moore, J. W. V. Hutcherson, J. W. Wormley.

18. **On Memorials**—H. Swann, E. L. Jackson, N. H. Townsend, A. L. Carper, S. D. Mosley, D. C. Lacy, A. Brown.

19. **On Conference Relation**—H. Swann, L. H. Richardson, G. A. Deslandes, J. W. Weakley, W. M. Mooney, J. W. Warren, H. H. Qualls.

20. **On Conference Reference**—G. W. Nevils, J. W. Wormly, M. S. Jordan, W. M. Reid.

21. **On Auditing Accounts**—J. J. Hardeman, T. S. Moore, G. W. Nevils, G. A. Desland, D. F. Vance.

22. **On Resolution**—J. C. Eusan, J. W. Stones, F. W. Brown, G. A. Desland, Harry Swann.

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. 13, 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. Mallilieu.....	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. Mallilieu.....	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. A. Quagle.....	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. Shepard.....	T. H. Wyatt.....	Austin.....	Dec. 10, 1914
W. O. Shepard.....	T. H. Wyatt.....	Victoria.....	Dec. 9, 1915
R. J. Cooke.....	J. W. Warren.....	Waco.....	Dec. 13, 1916
W. O. Shepard.....	J. W. Warren.....	Cuero.....	Dec. 11, 1917

THE CONFERENCE ROLL FOR 1917.

Effective Elders.

Dates indicate when admitted.

1908, Armstrong, B. F.; 1910, Applin, R. A.; 1907, Brown, F. W.; 1917 Brown, J. G.; 1889, Bennett, P. B.; 1883, Brown, Alfred; 1906, Brown, James E.; 1902, Carper, A. L.; 1905, Carper, Thomas; 1902, 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.; 1917, Coowe, V. A.; 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, Sodia, 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, Cavett, G. V.; 1916, Roberts, L. W.; 1916, Wyatt, M. L.; 1916, Coe, James; 1916, Downs, J. W.; 1916, Franklin, C. W.; 1916, Mackey, John D.; 1916, Mallery, G. M.; 1916, Melton, C. B., House, R. T., Jacques, A. D., Hutcherson, J., Humphrey, S. D.

Retired Ministers.

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, Jackson, A. T.; 1898, Reed, W. M.

Undergraduates.

1912, Butler, Theo.; 1911, Coe, John; 1913, Ellerson, William; 1914, Foster, J. M.; 1914, Hardiman, J. J.; 1904, Henderson, E. C.; 1914, Hutcherson, Floid; 1914, Hooey, John M.; 1912, Humphrey, S. D.; 1913, Mosley, S. D.; 1911, Stevens, M. W.; 1913, Sanford, Albert; Prof. R. L. Lovinggood, deceased.

Associate Member of Annual Conference.

Prof. M. S. Davage, associate member; C. H. Hamilton, on trial; Ben Williams, on trial; Rev. Mayson, absent.

WEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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 conferences?

None.

Question 3—Who have been readmitted?

None.

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

Rev. W. M. White, from C. M. E. Church, excused from Course of Study.

Question 5—Who have been received on trial?

(a) In Studies of First Year, Dudley, James H., and Smith, Esau.

(b) In Studies of Third Year, under Seminary Rule (Discipline, Par. 176, Sec. 2), none.

Question 6—Who have been continued on trial?

(a) In studies of First Year, Samuel Graham and W. L. Huff.

(b) In studies of Second Year, C. H. Hamilton, C. H. Anderson, J. H. Childs, J. M. Foster, Thomas Foy, J. W. Stones, Jr., T. J. Walker, John L. S. Edmonson.

(c) In Studies of Third Year none.

(d) In Studies of Fourth Year, none.

Question 7—Who have been Discontinued?

Walter Duhart.

Question 8—Who have been admitted into full membership?

(a) Elected and ordained Deacons this year, none.

(b) Elected and ordained Deacons previously, none.

Question 9—What members are in Studies of Third Year?

(a) Admitted into full membership this year, none.

(b) Admitted into full membership previously, 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?

John Coe, S. D. Mosley, William Ellerson, J. J. Hardman, John N. Hooey, Floid Hutcherson, M. W. Stevens.

Question 11—What members have completed the Conference course of study?

(a) Elected and ordained Elders this year: F. W. Brown Victor A. Cooke (transfer conditional).

(b) Elected and ordained Elder previously: 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. Mallery, C. B. Melton.

(c) Elected and ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule (Discipline, Par. 179, Sec. 3.)

Question 12—What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?

(a) As local preacher. (Discipline, Par. 176, Sec. 8.)

(b) Under Missionary Rule (Discipline, Par. 176, Sec. 4), none.

(c) Under the Seminary Rule (Discipline, Par. 176, Sec. 2), E. L. Warren.

Question 13—What others have been elected and ordained Elders?

(a) As local Deacons (Discipline, Par. 179, Sec. 1), F. W. Brown, V. A. Cooke.

(b) Under missionary rule (Discipline, Par. 179, Sec. 4); none.

Question 14—Was the character of each preacher examined?

Yes, this was strictly done.

Question 15—Who have been transferred, and to what conferences?

None.

Question 16—Who have died?

John Bickham, J. S. Wyatt, Joseph Harriford.

Question 17—Who have been located at their own request?

None.

Question 18—Who have been located?

None.

Question 19—Who have withdrawn?

Question 20—Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?

Question 21—Who have been expelled?

None.

Question 22—What other personal notations should be made?

H. L. McKinney, referred to District Superintendent for investigation and left without an appointment; J. N. Hooey, member of the Waxahachie and Lancaster Quarterly Conference, left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

Question 23—Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation?

J. C. Mayse (2).

Question 24—Who are the Retired Ministers?

Enoch Cogswell, E. E. Cooper, Primus Gates, S. W. Harvey, A. T. Jackson, Ephraim Jones, Austin Lockhart, George Pleasant, W. M. Reed, W. H. Stevens, C. C. Scruggs.

Question 25—Who are the Triers of Appeals?

J. W. Warren, G. A. Desland, J. H. Hutcherson, D. F. Vance, A. L. Carper, Geo. Nevils. Reserved: G. M. Mallory, A. L. Carper.

Question 26—What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?

See Report of Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extensions.

Question 27—What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?

There was no report rendered?

Question 28—What is the Statistical Report?

See the Statistician's Report.

Question 29—What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?

See the Conference 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? (b) What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference as reported by the Conference Treasurer?

Question 31—What are the claims on the Conference Funds?

For annuity distribution, 601 years, multiplied by the disciplinary rate of \$6.44 per year, \$3,870.44. For necessitous distribution, \$1,200.00. Total, \$5,070.40.

Question 32—What has been received on these claims?

From the Book Concern, \$734; from Annual Conference investments, none; from Chartered fund, none; from pastoral charges, \$304; from the Board of Conference Claimants, \$408.77; total, \$1,446.77.

Question 33—What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral charges within the Conference to be raised for support of Conference Claimant?

(Par. 336, \$1,000.)

Question 34—What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief?

\$44.00.

Question 35—Where are the Preachers stationed?

See List of Appointments.

Question 36—Where shall the next Conference be held?

Fort Worth, Texas.

Appointments of the Austin District, West Texas Conference.

(S. E. Jones, District Superintendent.)

1. Samuel Huston College—M. S. Davage.
2. Simpson Tabernacle—J. W. Downs. ✓
3. Wesley Chapel—J. W. Warren. ✓
4. Austin Circuit—Supplied. ✓
5. Cedar Creek Circuit—M. W. Stephens. ✓
6. Fayetteville Circuit—W. G. Huff. ✓
7. Georgetown—G. M. Mallory. ✓
8. Hutto and Granger—Thomas Foy. ✓
9. Lockhart Circuit—J. H. Napier. ✓

10. Littig and Manor—F. J. Hutchinson. ✓
11. Luling Circuit—F. W. Brown. ✓
12. Smithville Circuit—J. H. Dudley. ✓
13. Winchester Circuit—R. T. Hays. ✓
14. Lagrange—W. M. White. ✓
15. Lagrange Circuit—G. H. Baker (supply). ✓
16. San Marcos—C. E. Ware (supply). ✓

Appointments of the Dallas District, West Texas Methodist Episcopal Church, 1918.

(Dallas District, D. C. Lacy, District Superintendent.)

- Corsicana Circuit—G. V. Cavett.
Denison—J. W. V. Hutchinson.
Dallas, St. Paul—J. W. Weakley.
Dallas, N. and Queen City—E. S. Norris.
Ennis and Ferris—S. N. Harvy.
Fort Worth, Andrews Chapel—A. L. Carper.
Fort Worth, N. and Cowan Chapel—J. G. Brown.
Hubbard and Dawson—H. H. Qualls.
Hillsboro and West—W. B. Watson.
Milford and Italy—N. H. Duncan.
Mexia Circuit—T. S. Moore.
Pelham—J. T. Sanford.
Sherman and Pilot Point—J. J. Hardman.
Waxahachie and Lancaster—R. A. Appling.

Appointments for the San Antonio District of the West Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 1918.

(T. H. Wyatt, District Superintendent San Antonio District.)

1. St. Paul, San Antonio, Tex.—L. H. Richardson.
2. Jacob Chapel, San Antonio—A. M. Mason.
3. Kerrshill, San Antonio—N. H. Townsend.
4. Kenwood, San Antonio—I. H. Timmons.
5. Gonzales and Elm—George Waters.

6. Gonzales Circuit—John S. Edmonson.
7. Cuero—W. M. Mooney.
8. Seguin—J. T. Carper.
9. Smiley Circuit—C. H. Franklin.
10. Nixon Circuit—A. Brown.
11. Lavernia Circuit—E. C. Henderson.
12. Sutherland Springs—Joe Young.
13. Floresville and Runge—J. H. Hutcherson.
14. Beeville Circuit—Riley Sodra.
15. Kingsville and Corpus—J. B. Eggleston.
16. Pearsall and Devine—Thomas Simms.
17. Hondo and Euvaldia—J. D. Mackey.
18. Kerrville Circuit—C. B. Melton.
19. Hambleton Circuit—W. M. Ellerson.
20. Hood Circuit—J. W. Stone, Jr.
21. Yorktown—J. C. Eusan.
22. Pleasanton and Rossville—L. W. Roberts.
23. Harwood—George Means.

Appointments for the San Angelo District.

(A. D. Jacques, District Superintendent, Box 82, Temple, Tex.)

- Abilene and Sweetwater—C. H. Hamilton.
Bartlett and Davilla—R. Alonzo.
Belton and Kell's Branch—Geo. W. Nevils.
Brownwood and Brady—Samuel Graham.
Cleburne and Alvarado—R. N. Thompson.
Eddy and Troy—J. C. Mays.
El Paso—Victor A. Cooke.
Gatesville and Crawford—T. C. Butler.
Holland and Cooks Chapel—L. D. Gadison.
Lampasas Circuit—J. S. Medlock.
Moody and Rogers—J. M. Foster.
San Saba Circuit—C. H. Anderson.
San Angelo and Alpine—J. W. Wormley.
Temple—M. L. Wyatt.
Valley Mills Circuit—J. E. Brown.

Appointments for Victoria District.

(J. H. Swann, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 525,
Yoakum, Tex.)

Alleyton and Eagle Lake—E. L. Warren.
Cologne Circuit—Benj. Williams.
Columbus—J. W. Stone.
Columbus Circuit—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.
Port Lavaca and Placedo—Esau Smith.
Schulenburg and Flatonia—James Coe.
Sublime Circuit—A. D. Rice.
Victoria—Harry Swann.
Weimar Circuit—Burnett Byars.
Wharton and El Campo—John Coe.
Yoakum and Sweet Home—N. J. Moore.

**Appointments of the Waco District of the West Texas Annual
Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.**

(W. B. Lott, District Superintendent, Box 1140, Waco, Tex.)

1. Grosebeck Circuit—J. W. Wright.
2. Groesbeck and Kosse—Moses Smith.
3. Cedar Circuit—S. D. Humphrey.
4. Bremond Circuit—B. J. Goff.
5. Calvert Circuit—A. Johnson.
6. Regan and Bowman—J. F. Muse.
7. Marlin—E. L. Jackson.
8. Mart Circuit—S. D. Mosley.
9. Maysfield and Cameron—P. B. Bennett.
10. Lott and Rosebud—T. G. Walker.
11. Chilton Circuit—R. D. Dennis.
13. Gurley and Majors—W. W. White.
14. East Waco—J. H. Childs.
15. Waco, St. James—G. A. Des Landes.
16. Waco, Mt. Zion—W. H. Purnell.
17. Brack and Axtel—To be supplied.

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

Morning Session, December 11, 1917.

The West Texas Annual Conference met in its Forty-third session, Brothers Chapel, Methodist Episcopal Church, Cuero, Tex., December 11, 1917, at 8:30 a. m. with Bishop W. O. Shepherd D. D., in the chair.

Devotional exercises by Rev. N. J. Moore.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered by the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents.

The roll call was deferred until Thursday's morning session.

ORGANIZATION.

The following officers were elected: Rev. J. W. Warren was re-elected secretary, with the privilege of nominating his assistants. Revs. S. N. Harvey and C. W. Franklin were nominated. On motion Rev. L. H. Richardson was re-elected statistician, with power of appointing his assistants. He nominated Revs. Moses Smith, H. A. Jones, C. H. Anderson, J. W. Stones, Jr.

Rev. J. W. Weakley was elected treasurer. He nominated Revs. A. L. Carper, D. F. Vance, F. W. Brown, W. H. Pernell, as his assistants.

On motion Rev. J. W. V. Hutcherson was elected reporter to the secular papers and secretary to the Southwestern Christian Advocate.

Rev. L. H. Richardson was re-elected railroad secretary. A motion prevailed that the time of meeting be at 8:30 a. m. Devotion one-half hour; business to begin promptly at 9 a. m. and close at 12 o'clock. Afternoon session to open at 2 o'clock and close at will.

The area of the conference was fixed to include the third window from the rostrum.

A motion was made that Committee on Publishing the Conference Journal be composed of District Superintendents and Secretaries and the President of Samuel Huston College.

The Standing Committees were read by the Rev. T. H. Wyatt. (See list of committees.)

Bishop W. O. Shepard introduced the Rev. Dr. J. W. Albredden, Cuero, Tex., pastor, Methodist Episcopal Church South, who delivered the welcome address, which was kindly received by the Conference.

Professor Jones Cuero, Tex., delivered words of welcome on behalf of the Baptist Church.

Rev. D. C. Lacy responded, and he expressed the sentiment of the Conference.

Bishop J. C. Hartzel, missionery, statesman and prophet, came to the platform and drew applause from the entire audience.

Bishop Shepard then introduced the following visitors, viz.:

Dr. D. D. Martin, Gammon Theological Seminary, president of Steward Foundation.

Dr. E. M. Jones, Field Secretary of the Board of Sunday School.

Dr. J. N. Coggins, Field Secretary of the Board of Temperance Prohibition and Public Morals.

Mrs. E. S. Spriggs Ratliff, corresponding secretary of W. H. M. Society.

All brought happy greetings from their respective fields of labor.

Motion prevailed that the district superintendents and secretaries be a committee to prorate the Minutes fund.

Announcements.

Benediction by Bishop J. C. Hartzell.

Bishop W. O. SHEPARD, Pres.
J. W. WARREN, Sec.

SECOND DAY—DECEMBER 13, 1917.

Cuero, Tex.

Opening: Conference opened at 8:30 a. m. Singing hymn, "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood."

The Journal: The journal of Wednesday's session was read and approved.

Roll Call: All pastors answered except four, and when the names of the deceased members were called the Conference stood and the Bishop led in singing "In the Sweet By and By."

Question 14—Was the character of each preacher examined?

Yes, this was carefully done and the following District Superintendent and pastors reported: Austin District, S. E. Jones, D. S.; J. W. Downs, J. W. Warren, W. L. Huff, Floid Hutcherson, Thomas Foy, J. F. Muse, J. H. Napier, F. W. Brown, M. W. Stevens, R. T. Hayse, G. M. Mallory.

From Fayetteville and Smithville there was no report.

Motion prevailed that the case of H. L. McKinney be referred to District Superintendent S. E. Jones and that he be left without appointment.

Address: Dr. W. W. Lucas representative of the Epworth League, was introduced and made a very telling speech in the interest of his work.

D. C. Lacy, District Superintendent, reported, and the following pastors reported: S. D. Humphry, E. S. Norris, J. W. Weakley, J. W. V. Hutcherson, S. N. Harvey, J. G. Brown, A. L. Carper, H. H. Qualls, Geo. Watters, R. H. Duncan, T. S. Moore, R. A. Applin, J. N. Hooey.

Bishop Hartzel was presented and spoke very impressively to the Conference, singing "We Are the Sons of Wesley."

Rev. A. D. Jacques, District Superintendent, San Angelo District, reported, and Pastors, viz.: C. E. Ware, G. W. Nevils, Samuel Graham, V. A. Cooke, J. E. Brown, J. S. Medlock, Richard Alonzo, C. H. Anderson, J. W. Wormly, M. L. Wyatt, J. M. Foster. (E. C. Henderson did not report.)

Rev. T. H. Wyatt, District Superintendent, San Antonio District, read his report. The following pastors reported, viz.:

I. T. Sanford, C. H. Franklin, W. M. Mooney, A. Brown, J. H. Hutcherson, T. G. Walker, W. M. Ellerson, J. D. Mackey, J. W. Stone, Jr., J. G. Eggleston, Ben Williams, G. V. Cavett, L. W. Roberts, I. H. Timmons, L. H. Richardson, N. H. Townsend, J. T. Carper, J. J. Hardeman, Joe Young, J. C. Eusan. (A. M. Mason was absent on account of sickness, but sent report.)

A draft of \$408.77 (four hundred and eight dollars and 77 cents) from the Board of Conference Claimants was presented by the Bishop. The same was turned over to the treasurer of the Conference and treasurer of the Board of Stewards. A motion prevailed that L. H. Richardson be made a member of the Committee on Conference Relations.

Announcements.

Benediction by Bishop W. O. Shepard, president.

J. W. WARREN, Secretary.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

December 13, 1917.

West Texas Conference convened at 2 p. m.

Singing by Rev. J. W. Warren.

The following reported:

Austin District.

Simpson—J. W. Downs. ✓

Austin Circuit—W. L. Huff.

Cedar Creek—O. Floyd Hutchinson.

Fayetteville—G. H. Baker.

Georgetown—M. W. Stevens.

Sam Houston College—M. S. Davage.

Hutto and Granger—T. Foy. ✓

Lockhart—J. H. Naphies. ?

Littig and Manor—James F. Muse.

Luling Circuit—F. W. Brown. ✓

Smithville—J. H. Dudley (supply). ✓

Winchester—R. T. Hayse. ✓

LaGrange Circuit—W. L. Watley.

LaGrange—G. N. Mallery.

San Marcus—W. M. White.

Dallas District.

Corsicana—S. D. Humphry.
Denison—J. W. V. Hutchinson.
Dallas—J. W. Weakley.
North Dallas—Eugene S. Norris.
Fort Worth, St. Andrews—A. L. Carper.
Fort Worth, North—James G. Brown.
Ennis-Ferris—S. N. Harvey.
Hillsboro.—No report (supply).
Hubbard and Dawson—H. H. Qualls.
Milford and Italy—R. H. Duncans.
Mexia Circuit—Geo. Waters.
Pelham Circuit—T. S. Moore.
Quax and Lancaster—J. N. Hooey.
Sherman and Pilot Point—R. A. Applin.

San Angelo District.

Abilene—C. E. Ware.
Bartlett—J. M. Foster.
Belton—Geo. Nevels.
Brownwood—Sam Grayham.
Cleveland and Eldorado—E. C. Henderson.
El Paso—V. A. Cook.
Gatesville and Valley Mills—J. E. Brown.
Lampasas and San Saba—J. S. Medlock.
Liberty Hill—Richard Alonzo.
Moody and Rodgers—C. H. Anderson.
San Angelo—J. W. Wormley.
Temple—M. L. Wyatt.

San Antonio District.

Yorktown—J. C. Eusan.
Beeville—I. T. Sanford.
Belmont—C. H. Franklin.
Kingsville Circuit and Corpus—J. B. Eggleston.
Cuero—W. M. Mooney.

Floresville—A. Brown.
Gonzales—J. H. Hutchinson.
Gonzales Circuit—T. J. Walker.
Hamilton Circuit—W. M. Ellison.
Kersville—J. W. Stones, Jr.
Lavernia—Ben Williams.
Nixon—G. V. Cavett.
Pearsall—C. H. Hamilton.
Pleasanton—L. W. Roberts.
Smiley Circuit—J. J. Hardaman.
Keers Hill—N. H. Townsend.
Jacobs Chapel—A. M. Mason.
Kinwood—I. H. Timmons.
San Antonio, St. Paul—L. H. Richard.
Seguin—J. T. Carper.
Hondo—J. D. Mackey (no report).
Southern Springs—Joe Young.

Victoria District.

Allyton-Eagle Lake—S. D. Mosely.
Colone Circuit—John Coe.
Columbus—R. Soda.
Columbus Circuit—A. Sanford.
Edna and Morales—H. A. Jones.
Goliad—C. W. Franklin.
Hallettsville—M. S. Jordan.
Oakland—D. F. Vance.
Port Lavaca and Plasido—Esau Smith.
Schulenburg—James Coe.
Sublime—A. D. Rice.
Victoria—H. H. Swann.
Weimar—Burnett Byars.
Wharton—E. L. Warren.
Yoakum—J. W. Stones, Sr.

Waco District.

Groesbeck Circuit—J. W. Wright.

Groesbeck and Kosse—Moses Smith.

Ceeder—C. B. Melton.

Bremond—B. J. Goff.

Maysfield—P. B. Bennett.

Calvert and Mt. Zion—A. Johnson.

Mart—N. J. Moore.

Marlin—E. L. Jackson.

Mooreville and Chilton—R. D. Dennis.

East Waco—J. H. Childs.

Bracket and Majors—W. W. White.

Waco, St. James—G. A. Desland.

Waco, Mt. Zion—W. H. Pernel.

Mart and Rosebud—Wm. Reed.

Remarks and benediction by Bishop W. O. Shepherd.

J. W. WARREN, Secretary.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Friday, December 14, 1917.

Opening: Conference convened at 8:30 a. m.

Devotion conducted by Rev. Moses Smith.

The Bishop's morning message was a spiritual treat to all.
Subject, "God Needs Men."

Prayer by Bishop Hartzel.

At the request of Bishop Shepard, Bishop Hartzell took the chair and presided.

The Journal of the second day's morning and afternoon session, was read and approved.

The following questions are called and the answers given:

Question 14 (continued):

Victoria District—J. H. Swann, District Superintendent, reported. The following pastors made their report: S. D. Moosley, John Coe, Riley Sodias, H. A. Jones, C. W. Franklin, M. S. Jordan, D. F. Vance, James Coe, Harry Swann, E. L. Warren and J. W. Stones, Jr.

Waco District: W. B. Lott, District Superintendent, reported G. W. Wright, W. W. White, B. J. Goff, C. B. Melton, A. Johnson, R. D. Dennis, J. H. Childs, Moses Smith, P. B. Bennet, N. J. Moore, W. M. Reed, G. A. Desland, W. H. Purnell, E. L. Jackson.

Question 24—Who are the retired ministers? Enoch Cogswell, E. E. Cooper, Primus Gates, S. W. Harvey, C. C. Scruggs, W. H. Stevens, Austin Lockhart, Ephram Jones, W. M. Reed.

Prof. E. L. Gordon, representative of Southwestern Christian Advocate, made timely remarks, and his appeal so stirred the audience that in a few minutes one thousand and twenty new subscriptions were pledged by April 1, 1918.

Question 11—What members have completed the Conference course of study?

(a) The name of F. W. Brown and Victor A. Cooke was called, character passed. The registrar and committee on conference relations reported and on motion they were graduated from the conference course of study and elected to Elders' orders.

Question 10—What members are in studies of fourth year? John Coe, S. D. Mosley, William Ellerson, J. J. Hardeman, Floyd Hutcherson.

Question 8—Who have been admitted into full membership? None.

Question 6—Who have been continued on trial?

(a) In studies of first year W. L. Huff and Samuel Graham.
(b) C. H. Anderson, J. H. Childs, J. M. Foster, Thomas Foy, J. W. Stones, Jr., T. G. Walker.

Question 9—What members are in studies of third year? John Hooey, M. W. Stevens; character passed; registrar and committee on conference relations reported, and on motion they remained in studies of third year.

Motion prevailed that Rev. W. M. Reed be granted retired relations.

Question 7—Who have been discontinued? Walter Duhart. A resolution in behalf of Bishop Hartzel was read by Dr. J. C. Eusan and adopted. (See resolution.)

On motion Rev. A. Brown was given the accounts of the Methodist Book Concern for collection.

Prof. M. S. Davage, president of Samuel Huston College, was introduced, and well did he represent our school to the Conference.

Announcements.

Benediction by Bishop Hartzell.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

December 14, 1917.

Opening: Conference convened at 2 o'clock p. m.

Singing, "Blessed Assurance."

Rev. G. A. Desland led in prayer.

The Journal of the morning session was read and approved.

The following disciplinary questions were called and their answers given:

Question 1—Is this Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the discipline? It is.

Question 25—Who are the triers of appeals? J. W. Warren, J. H. Hutcherson, Geo. Nevils, D. F. Vance. Reserved: A. L. Carper and G. M. Mallery.

Question 3—Who have been readmitted? None.

Question 4—Who have been received on credentials and from what churches? W. M. White, C. M. E. Church, and excused from course of study.

Question 18—Who have been located? None.

Question 19—Who have withdrawn? None.

Question 20—Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.

Question 21—Who have been expelled? None.

Question 5—Who have been received on trial?

(a) Eusan, Smith, James H. R. Dudley, John L. S. Edmonson, Thomas J. D. Sims, Benjamine Williams. Their names were called, the registrar and the committee on conference relations represented them, and on motion they were received on trial and the following named placed in studies of first year, viz.: Esau Smith, James H. R. Dudley. John L. S. Edmons in studies of second year.

Question 12—What others have been elected and ordained Deacons? E. L. Warren.

Question 13—What others have been elected and ordained Elders? F. W. Brown, V. A. Cooke.

Question 36—Where shall the next Conference be held? Fort Worth, Tex., St. Andrews Chapel.

The Rev. H. E. Draper, Austin, Tex., commissioner Superannuated Endowment and Home Fund of West Texas Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church South, represented the Board of Conference Claimants, Methodist Episcopal Church, in the absence of Dr. Clemmons, who was on duty for the government.

Draft for \$734 (seven hundred and thirty-four dollars) was presented by the Bishop and the same turned over to the Conference Treasurer.

Minute Money—At this point the ministers paid their assessment for publishing the minutes. (See list of the amount.)

The Bishop introduced Dr. Olander, president of the Texas Wesleyan College, Austin, Tex., and in a few chosen words he electrified the audience.

Resolution read by Rev. A. D. Jacques, relative to financing the Minutes Fund for the future adopted. (See resolution.)

The following pastors paid their assessment on Minutes Fund:

Austin District.

S. E. Jones	\$5.00
J. W. Warren	5.00
Thomas Foy	3.00
J. H. R. Dudley	3.00
G. M. Mallery	3.00

San Angelo District.

A. D. Jacques	\$5.00
C. H. Hamilton	3.00
Geo. Nevils	3.00
Samuel Graham	3.00
R. N. Thompson	3.00

V. A. Cooke.....	\$3.00
J. M. Foster	3.00
J. S. Medlock	3.00
Richard Alonzo	3.00
C. H. Anderson	3.00
J. C. Mayse	3.00
J. W. Wormley	3.00
M. L. Wyatt	3.00

San Antonio District.

T. H. Wyatt	\$5.00
J. H. Hutcherson	3.00
W. M. Ellerson	3.00
Geo. Means	3.00
J. W. Stones, Jr.....	3.00
J. D. Mackey	3.00
Riley Sodia	3.00
J. B. Eggleston	3.00
A. Brown	3.00
C. H. Franklin	3.00
Joseph Young	3.00
I. H. Timmons.....	3.00
J. W. Stones	3.00
A. M. Mason	3.00
Thomas Sims	3.00
L. H. Richardson	5.00
L. D. Roberts	3.00
J. J. Hardeman	3.00
N. H. Townsend	3.00
J. T. Carper	3.00
W. M. Mooney	3.00

Dallas District.

D. C. Lacy	\$5.00
F. W. Brown	3.00
J. W. V. Hutcherson	3.00
J. W. Weakley	5.00

A. L. Carper.....	\$5.00
Norris	3.00
J. G. Brown	3.00
S. N. Harvey	3.00
W. H. Sims	3.00
H. H. Qualls	3.00
R. H. Duncan	3.00
Geo. Watters	3.00
T. S. Moore	3.00
R. H. Appling	3.00
I. T. Sanford (due)	3.00

Victoria District.

J. H. Swanns	\$5.00
D. F. Vance	5.00
S. D. Mosley	1.00
Harry Swann	4.00
J. W. Stones	3.00
E. L. Warren	3.00
B. Byars	3.00
C. W. Franklin	3.00
M. S. Jordan	3.00
James Coe	3.00
Eusan Smith	3.00
N. J. Moore	3.00
A. D. Rice	2.00
Albert Sanford	3.00

Waco District.

W. B. Lott	\$5.00
G. A. Desland	5.00
J. W. Wright	3.00
M. Smith	3.00
C. B. Melton	3.00
B. J. Goff	3.00
P. B. Bennet	3.00
R. D. Dennis	3.00

W. H. Purnell.....	\$3.00
J. H. Childs	3.00
T. G. Walker	3.00
J. F. Muse	3.00
S. D. Humphrey	3.00
E. L. Jackson (due)	3.00
W. W. White	3.00
A. Johnson	3.00
N. J. Moore	3.00

Dr. Orlander addressed the Conference.

J. W. Warren was elected treasurer of the Minutes Fund.

Announcements.

Benediction by Dr. Draper.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Cuero, Tex., December 15, 1917.

Opening: Devotion by Rev. C. H. Anderson.

Reports from committees and reading of resolutions.

1. On Ladies' Aid Society. See report.
2. On Methodist Brotherhood. See report.
3. On Epworth League. See report.
4. On Freedmen's Aid Society. See report.
5. On Conference Claimant. See report.
6. On Temperance. See report.
7. On American Bible Society. See report.
8. On Board of Education. See report.
9. On Board of Foreign Missions. See report.
10. On Episcopal Fund. See report.
11. On Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. See report.
12. On resolution on Women's Foreign Missions Society. See report.
13. On resolution on Treasurer. See report.
14. Committee's report on Sabbath observance. See resolution.
15. On Samuel Huston College. See report.

16. Resolution on visitors. See report.
17. Resolution on patriotism. See resolution.
18. Resolution on Bishop Shepard. See resolution.
19. Resolution on secretaries.
20. Resolution on apportioning the benevolences. See resolution.
21. Report of Conference reference. See report.
22. Report of Board of Stewards. See report.
23. Report of statistician. See report.

A motion prevailed that secretaries send to District Superintendents in 1918 Annual Conference report blanks, so that they may reach them in time to make out correct report.

Resolution on pastor, members and friends. See resolution.

Question 31—What are the claims on the Conference Funds for annuity distribution? They are 601 years, multiplied by the disciplinary rate, \$6.44 per year, \$3,870.44; for necessitous distribution, \$1,200; total, \$5,070.40.

Question 32—What has been received on these claims? From the Book Concern, \$734. From Annual Conference investment, \$——. From Board of Conference Claimants, \$408.77. (b) How has it been applied? See report.

Question 33—What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the Conference to be raised for the support of Conference claimants for connectional relief? \$1,000.

Question 34—What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for connectional relief. \$44.

Announcements.

Benediction by Dr. O. E. Olander.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The fourth day, afternoon session, of the West Texas Annual Conference met at Brothers' Chapel M. E. Church, Cuero, Tex., December 15, 1917.

Bishop Shepard in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. W. Warren.

Question 29—What is the Conference Treasure report? (See the Conference Treasure report.)

Question 28—What is the statistical report? (See the statistician's report.)

Motion prevailed that Rev. Harry Swann be empowered to send at once to the claimants the money due them from this Conference.

Motion prevailed that the treasurer pay the first installment due the ministers and receive reimbursement from the board at Philadelphia.

Question 23—Who are the supernumerary ministers and for what number of years, consecutively, has each held this relation? J. C. Mayse, 2 years.

Report of the missionary appropriation was read by Rev. T. H. Wyatt. (See report.)

The Board of Home Mission and Church Extension for 1918 amounted to \$1,000: Yoakum, St. John, \$500; Jones Chapel, East Waco, \$100; Keersville, \$150; Mexia, \$100; Cleburne, \$150.

Motion prevailed that after attending to the business of the Conference on Sunday evening and reading the minutes the Conference stand adjourned to meet in Fort Worth, St. Andrews' Chapel, in 1918.

The Bishop then delivered his lecture on "The World's Program."

Announcements.

Benediction.

OUR HONORED DEAD.

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, 1857	Bastrop	1870	5
Isaac Wright	April 3, 1875	Austin	1874	2
J. G. Webster	Mar. 14, 1877	Cottonwood Colony	1874	4
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
C. L. Maderson	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. Betheny	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 iCty	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. Westbrooks	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
John Bickham		Groesbeck		
R. S. Lovinggood		Austin		
L. R. Parker		Smithville		

SUNDAY SERVICES.

(December 16, 1917.)

Morning.

9 o'clock, the Conference love feast.

11 o'clock, sermon by Bishop Shepard. Text: John, 10th chapter, 10th verse.

Collection taken for Rev. J. N. Hooey, to assist him in Gammon Theological Seminary, amounted to \$15.

Afternoon.

3 o'clock, memorial service.

1. Scripture by Rev. A. D. Jacques.
2. Song, led by Dr. Harry Swann. Title, "And Are We Yet Alive?"
3. Prayer by Rev. S. E. Jones.
4. Song by choir, "Does Jesus Care?"
5. Paper, Rev. A. L. Carper. Subject, "Rev. J. S. Wyatt as a Brother."
6. Remarks by Rev. Lott, "Rev. Wyatt as a Pastor."
7. Singing by the congregation, "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds."
8. Remarks by Rev. T. H. Wyatt, "Rev. James Herriford as a Soldier."
9. Song, "It Pays to Serve Jesus." Led by Harry Swann.
10. Remarks by E. L. Jackson, "Rev. John Bickham as a Conference Worker."
11. Oration by Moses Smith, "Bickham, the Hero."
12. D. C. Lacy spoke. Subject, "Prof. R. S. Lovinggood, the West Texas Conference Worker."
13. Song, "Asleep in Jesus."

In Memoriam of Rev. J. S. Wyatt.

Dearly beloved, how sad, how serious is it when we are compelled to gather for such occasion. How common such a

meeting. Yet how hard is it for us to get used to it. Out of business, out of joys, into sadness, to speak a few commemorating words of them who have been called from labor to reward.

A noble character has laid down the cross and received the crown of life.

In 1896 Bro. J. S. Wyatt entered the Conference and was faithful to all duties imposed. An energetic, enthusiastic pastor, laboring with untiring zeal. But God called him. God needed Bro. Wyatt and God took him.

By his earnest and determined labors he soon reached the front ranks of the Conference and was given the oversight of a district; and by that zeal he fired his ministers, who loved him and marshaled the district onward to success. A brave and valiant soldier was he. And by this he gathered around him an innumerable company of loving friends, who mourn his absence, in one sense, but in the other, rejoice in his gaining his victory over death and made his peace calling and election sure.

A. L. CARPER.

Memoirs of Dr. Lovinggood.

“He giveth his beloved sleep.”

The history of this great man will never be written in full. The story of his early life was a struggle for existence. We have often heard him speak of his trials in trying to get an education. He was born, I think, in the clay hills of Georgia. His profession was that of a teacher. Seventeen years ago he came to Texas and took charge of S. H. C. when it was in its infancy.

We only want to speak of the man. It is known both North and South, and especially in our West Texas Conference, that he made S. H. C. what it is. His constant advice to young people, also to young men preparing for the ministry, was to get an education. His advice at all times was that similar to what a senator said touching candidacy for the ministry. He said if I had but ten years to live I would spend five of those years in preparation, and hence accomplish more in five years

with a preparation than the whole of ten years without preparation.

This was Dr. Lovinggood's hobby. He died practically a young man, but each day may count for a year in deeds, as we do not live by days but by service.

His funeral was largely attended by some of the best white citizens of Austin.

Lives of good men all remind us we can make our lives sublime and departing leave behind us footprints on the sands of time. He died December 17, 1916. His motto may express his characteristics in the following lines:

“Whatever you are, be noble;
Whatever you do, do well;
Whenever you speak, speak kindly—
Give joy wherever you dwell.”

Peace to his sleeping dust!

A. BROWN.

Memoirs of J. Bigham.

Bro. Bigham joined the West Texas Conference in 1896 and served faithfully, and at the last Annual Conference he retired to await the summons from on high. He was a good pastor, and had those qualities that made him serve from three to five years at a time. This is a good index of a Methodist. He did not get over much ground, but served well wherever he went. He went blind several years ago. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss. He died at Groesbeck, Tex., several months ago in the present year.

Servant of God, well done!

E. L. JACKSON.

Rev. James Harriford.

Dear fathers and brethren, Rev. Harriford is no more. He joined the Conference in 1891, and served without a break with the exception of one year on the Superannual Relation. Rev. Harriford was peculiar in his administration. He ruled

with an iron rod, and was independent in regard to his support. He was like Paul in one instance at least, and that was he would often tell the people: These hands off of mine minister to my necessity. I care not for such living. You justly serve this claim. This was his make up. He was a very good pastor and preacher. He was an average Methodist preacher. He said at the District Conference last year, "boys, I will never meet you again at District Conference, but do not fail me in meeting in heaven." He leaves a wife to mourn his loss.

H. SWAN,
A. L. CARPER,
D. C. LACY,
A. BROWN,
S. D. WALSH,
N. H. TOWNSEND.

Dr. Kynett, of the Board of Home Mission and Church Extension, was introduced, and with deepest interest the Conference listened to his appeals for a better support for our dear old Methodism.

Announcements.

Benediction.

SUNDAY EVENING SESSION.

December 16, 1917.

Bishop W. O. Shepherd in the chair.

Unfinished business was taken up.

Resolutions on W. H. M. Society. See report.

Resolutions on Missionary Baptist Church. See report.

Conference Epworth League reported. See report.

On the choir. See report.

Board of Home Missions—Same board elected as 1916.

Announcements.

Remarks by Bishop.

Reading the appointments.

Benediction by Dr. Kynett.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Austin District.

To the District	\$100.00
Lagrange Circuit	20.00
Smithville	40.00
Hutto and Granger	40.00
Austin Circuit	10.00
Simpson Tabernacle	40.00
Georgetown	74.00
San Marcos	10.00

Total for Austin District\$334.00

Dallas District.

To the District	\$138.00
Corsicana	50.00
Dennison	40.00
Dallas and Queen City	46.00
Fort Worth and Cowans Chapel.....	40.00
Hubbard and Dawson	52.00
Hillsboro Circuit	31.00
Milford and Italy	20.00
Sherman and Pilot Point	50.00
Waxahachie and Lancaster	60.00
Ennis and Ferris	36.00

Total for Dallas District\$568.00

San Antonio District.

To the District	\$ 80.00
Gonzales Circuit	25.00
Flowersville Circuit	20.00
Hondo Circuit	20.00
Kerville Circuit	32.00

Lavernia	\$ 20.00
Pleasanton	24.00
Jacob's Chapel	40.00
Beeville	28.00
Kingsville	32.00
Nixon	60.00
Smiley	20.00
Sutherland Springs	20.00
Pearsall	20.00
Karrshill	90.00
Kenwood	50.00
Hood	20.00

Total for San Antonio District.....\$601.00

San Angelo District.

To the District	\$400.00
Abilene	100.00
Bartlett and Davilla	30.00
Brownwood and Brady	60.00
Cleburn and Alvarado	50.00
Eddy and Troy	20.00
El Paso	270.00
Gatesville and Crawford	20.00
Moody and Rogers	50.00
San Angelo and Alpine	100.00
San Saba, Llano and Mason	36.00
Temple	80.00
Valley Mills, Meridian and Morgan.....	80.00

Total for San Angelo District.....\$1,296.00

Waco District.

To the District	\$ 70.00
Mayfield and Cameron	20.00
Reagan and Bowman	60.00
Mt. Zion and Waco	40.00

Groesbeck and Kosse.....	\$ 35.00
Cedar	20.00
East Waco	30.00
Lott and Rosebud	50.00
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Total for Waco District	\$325.00

Victoria District.

To the District	\$ 70.00
Eagle Lake and Alleyton	56.00
Columbus Circuit	30.00
Cologne	30.00
Goliad	40.00
Sublime	36.00
Wharton and El Campo.....	50.00
Yoakum and Sweet Home.....	33.00
Port Lavaca and Placedo	32.00
Weimar and Dry Branch.....	20.00
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Total for Victoria District	\$397.00

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF HOME MISSION
AND CHURCH EXTENSION.**

The following is the report of the Conference Board of Home Mission and Church Extension to West Texas Annual Conference for the year ending December 16, 1917:

Home Mission.

Receipts—Regular:

December, 1916, received from Philadelphia.....	\$ 875.00
April 2, 1917, received from Philadelphia.....	875.00
July 2, 1917, received from Philadelphia.....	875.00
October 1, 1917, received from Philadelphia.....	875.00
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Total	\$3,500.00

Disbursements—Regular:

December, 1916, to District Supt. for pastors.....	\$ 875.00
April 2, 1917, to pastors	875.00
July 2, 1917, to pastors	875.00
October 1, 1917, to pastors	875.00
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Total	\$3,500.00

The above amount distributed to ministers according to direction of Annual Conference.

Receipts—Emergency fund:

Corpus Christi M. E. Church.....	\$ 150.00
Disbursement:	
Corpus Christi M. E. Church.....	150.00
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Total	\$ 150.00

Receipts—Donations:

May 15, 1917, Georgetown St. Paul M. E. Church....	\$ 300.00
May 23, 1917, Dallas St. Paul M. E. Church.....	500.00
June 16, 1917, El Paso Myrtle Avenue M. E. Church..	600.00
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Total	\$1,550.00

S. E. JONES, President.
J. W. FRAZIER, Treasurer.
J. W. WARREN, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE AUSTIN DISTRICT FOR 1917.

Dear Bishop, Fathers and Brothers in the Master's 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 can say as Paul of old, nothing shall separate us from the grand old Methodist Episcopal Church. Notwithstanding drouth, high cost of living, wars and rumors of war, we have kept the faith and held our own in many respects.

We began our work the next week after the close of the annual Conference at Waco with Rev. H. F. McKinney at Georgetown. Bro. McKinney ran well for a while, paid out \$600 on the church debts, but serious murmurs came up and the people sat down on him. So much so until he and the people thought he could not overcome it. He said he had a transfer to East St. Louis. I put in charge M. W. Stevens. Bro. Stevens will report all causes presented and some improvements made on the parsonage.

Littig and Manor, J. F. Muse, Pastor.

This is Rev. Muse's third year here. He has rebuilt our church at Manor, which was destroyed last winter, and now they have a better church than at first, completed with little debt. His report will show an advance over last year. His people ask his return.

Simpson Tabernacle, J. W. Downs, Pastor.

This has been a great year for Simpson Tabernacle. They have torn down the old parsonage and rebuilt it at a cost of \$500. They have also remodeled the church and given it two coats of paint, inside and outside. His benevolence will surpass last year. His people ask his return.

Luling, W. F. W. Brown, Pastor.

Rev. Brown has had a splendid year, with two good revivals and many added to the church. Some improvements on the parsonage and church. He will report something in advance of last year. Bro. Brown is an excellent preacher and would make a great pastor if he did not divide his energy teaching school and preaching. His people ask for his return with full time.

Lockhart, J. H. Napier, Pastor.

This is Bro. Napier's second year. He will report something for the various causes. He has had a good revival, with several additions.

Lagrange, G. M. Mallory, Pastor.

This is Bro. Mallory's third year at Lagrange. He is an earnest worker and gets results. He is a revivalist and financier. Many have been added to the church this year. His people ask his return, but he desires to leave.

Lagrange Circuit, J. L. Wattley, Supply.

Bro. Wattley, a young local preacher and student of Samuel Huston College, is supplying this place. He is a worthy young man, and will report the work done.

Fayetteville Circuit, G. H. Baker, Supply.

This place was supplied by Rev. Baker. He will report the work done.

Winchester Circuit, R. T. Hays, Pastor.

This is Rev. Hays second year at Winchester. He has had a good revival, painted the parsonage, paid a neat sum on the church debt at Salem. He desires a change.

Smithville, J. H. Duddley, Supply.

Rev. Duddley has worked hard to make his report. He is a safe young man.

Hutto, Granger and Taylor, Thos. Foy, Pastor.

This has been a great year for Bro. Foy, notwithstanding many of the people have moved away from this drouth-stricken district. He will report in advance of last year. He has painted the church at Hutto and has some money in the treasury for a new building at Granger.

Austin Circuit, W. F. Huff, Supply.

Bro. Huff started off well, but was stricken with appendicitis and had to go to the hospital for an operation, which was

successful, but kept him in for three months. In the mean time the drouth set in and most all of his people have moved away in search of work. However, he will report something for the different causes.

Cedar Creek Circuit, F. J. Hutchinson, Pastor.

This is Rev. Hutchinson's third year. He will report something for each cause. He knows no failure. Some valuable improvements have been made.

San Marcos, W. M. White, Supply.

Dr. W. M. White has been supplying this charge. He has wrought well. His work is alive. He is a strong preacher and financier. He will report the work done.

Wesley Chapel, J. W. Warren, Pastor.

This has been a great year for Wesley Chapel, debt paying, raising benevolent and education money, has been their chief object. They held a great revival this spring and many were added to the church. They have raised nearly half of the educational and benevolent money, which I shall report on the district. Wesley is alive.

S. H. C., M. S. Davage, President.

We count ourselves lucky in securing this strong intellectual gentleman and his most accomplished wife to follow Prof. R. S. Lovinggood, who fell asleep in Jesus at the close of our Annual Conference last year. We miss him, but our loss is heaven's gain. But we have found in Prof. Davage all of the elements which go to make a safe and sane leader and we will gladly follow where he leadeth.

Samuel Huston College.

The eighteenth session of Samuel Huston College opened October 1. Because of unfavorable conditions, due to the unprecedented drouth, the draft and the high cost of living,

grave doubts were entertained by even the most hopeful for the success of the present session. It was feared that the attendance would be greatly lessened, but I am glad to say that up to this time more than 330 students have enrolled. A fine faculty has been secured and the outlook for a splendid year's work is very bright indeed.

The old Dittlinger Home has been repaired at a cost of more than \$2,000 and is now being used as the president's home. The new barn and stables have been completed, new fences put up, new furniture purchased for the dormitories, music rooms have been repaired and beautifully furnished, new typewriters have been purchased for the commercial department, and numerous repairs about the building have been made. However, because of the exceedingly high cost of provisions and all other school supplies, there is danger of a large deficit unless our pastors will encourage their members to join in and make the provision rally a great success.

All of the leading schools of Texas have raised prices this year. Samuel Huston College alone stands by the people with the same prices as heretofore. But it will be impossible to avoid a large deficit unless our patrons are encouraged to pay their bills promptly and our pastors join heartily in making the provision rally succeed.

Eliza Dee Home.

The new Eliza Dee Home is no more a dream, but a reality. It is the best in the whole connection for colored girls. We take off our hats to Miss C. I. King and Mrs. E. S. Spuggs Ratcliff, and promise them we will stand by them in the future as we have in the past with our prayers and money. They have nearly forty bright girls in the home, and more are to come if they can make room for them.

The Auxiliaries.

All of the auxiliaries are alive and at work, most especially the Sunday schools. The coming of Dr. E. M. Jones to our Conference was a God send. He has touched nearly every

charge in our District. Some of our Sunday schools have nearly trebbled themselves in attendance. We only regret that Dr. Jones has not come to stay permanently. Most of the Sunday schools have been graded and are doing effective and constructive work. The Epworth League and Junior Leagues are playing their part. Many have organized the Epworth Guards for the boys and the Campfire Bands for the girls. In this they are giving the young folks something to do. The Young Man's Movement, Ladies' Aid, Brotherhood, and Woman's Home Missionary Societies are at work.

My Work as District Superintendent.

Dear Bishop, I have traveled, preached and lectured over the district as best I could. I have striven to keep the banner of Methodism afloat, and to keep aglow the Methodist fire once kindled by our fathers at the altar of sacrifice and hard toil.

I have held and caused to be held four quarterly conferences in every charge during the year: One district conference, Methodist Brotherhood, Ladies' Aid Society, Sunday School and Epworth League convention, also one ministers' council and missionary convention in the district.

Disciplinary Benevolences.

S. H. C. provisions	\$ 700.00
One church, namely Wesley Chapel, gave 666 cans of tomatoes, and others in proportion.....	157.00
By cash	730.00
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Total for S. H. C.....	\$ 887.00
Woman's Home Missionary Society	140.00
Other benevolences	113.00
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Grand total	\$1,840.00

Yours in Jesus,

S. E. JONES, D. S.

**REPORT OF D. C. LACY, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
OF DALLAS DISTRICT.**

Dear Bishop and Brethren: I started my work immediately following the adjournment of the last session of the Conference at Waco one year ago, and I have kept constantly, persistently, and I hope, consistently, at it up to this good hour, not leaving any word unsaid which I thought ought to be said, any act undone which I thought ought to be done, and I have had the co-operation of the men on the district without a single exception.

I wish, however, to state again plainly today, as I have said from year to year and from time to time, that the only drawback, if any, on the Dallas District this year has not been the world war now being fought on the eastern and western shores of Europe and other parts of the world between central and allied powers, including our own country; it has not been the high cost of living nor the drouth which has afflicted all of the territory within the bounds of the West Texas Conference in greater or less degree, but it is, in my judgment, the neglect of the ————— element in good success—the time element. I have always contended that to do a full year's work means twelve (12) full months, or three hundred and sixty-five full days. Time, time, time, waits for no man. A stitch in time still saves nine. And I am sure that if each of us would work from the time we adjourn until we meet again one year from now that our report would come to the expectation of our great church.

To speak briefly, I shall call your attention to the following, which was the plan of our work for the year:

I.

We met in what is was pleased to call the preachers' and laymen's council of Dallas District at Waxahachie January 10 of this year and laid out our work along six different lines of church endeavor: The material or temporal, educational

work among the young people, benevolent, social, and spiritual.

The temporal work in the district has by its very nature fallen under church improvement. The following charges have gone straight forward:

At Ennis and Ferris the Rev. S. N. Harvey and his good people have now in process of erection one of the best frame buildings in the West Texas Conference. They have worked hard to have the church finished by this session of the Conference. But on account of the scarcity of labor, and especially carpenters, they have not yet completed the church, but hope to enter early in January, 1918. This church brings up a good report, having paid pastor and district superintendent in full.

Rev. Appling, at Sherman, and his people, have kept up the monthly payment on our beautiful church in Sherman. This was built last year. He brings a fairly good report financially.

Rev. J. H. Qualls has led his people well. They have paid a nice sum on the church debt at Hubbard.

At Pelham, which is one of our best circuits, Bro. Moore brings a good report, almost 1,009.

The church at Antioch was blown to pieces in May, but by tireless effort and with the help of the Church Extension Society they have rebuilt the church.

Rev. J. W. V. Hutchinson has caused some much needed improvement at Denison. He brings a good report.

This year Bro. Duncan has done some much needed work in seating the church at Milford.

Rev. J. N. Hooey has planned to move our church at Lancaster to a much better location and purchase a lot for \$200, and has paid \$100 down.

Rev. Norris, who supplied North Dallas and Queen City, has done some much needed improvement.

Rev. S. D. Humphrey has done what he could under the circumstances.

Rev. Brown, at North Fort Worth, brings a good report, as is his custom.

Rev. A. L. Carper has done a good year's work in paying

the notes on our property at St. Andrews, Fort Worth. He brings up a good report.

Rev. J. W. Weakley, at St. Paul, is a good pastor and faithful shepherd. His report this year, all around, is the best he has brought since being assigned there four years ago. They worked hard to get into their 12-foot basement by this conference, but untoward conditions caused them to fail. But they are planning to enter this winter or by early spring.

II. Educational.

We have work to get all old students to return to Samuel Huston this year and as many new ones as possible. Bishop Shepherd, of the Annual Conference at Waco last year, said plans had been laid by the Superintendent of Austin District.

We were not startled to learn of the demise of our hero, big brother and councilor, the late lamented and much beloved president, R. S. Lovinggood, A. M. and P. H. D. We are justly proud of our new president, Prof. M. S. Davage, A. M. We thank profoundly the Free Aid Board for his selection as president of Samuel Huston College. A workman falls but the work goes on. We have tried to show the board and Prof. Davage how we appreciate them by bringing up the largest amount up to date from Dallas ever brought before—\$800—which is 100 per cent above what we brought four years ago.

III.

Our people have been looked after through the Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues. Dr. E. M. Jones, our field secretary for Sunday Schools, was with us during the spring, and I think spent time enough to hold institutes in every charge save possibly one or two, bringing new and live ideas to the Sunday School. Quite all the charges have raised full assessments for the Sunday School Board. These schools raised for Samuel Huston College more than \$300, as also did the Epworth League chapters raise \$340.

When I made report to the District Conference at North

Fort Worth last summer I tried to put much stress upon three claims which the Dallas District, and possibly the West Texas, as a whole, seem to look upon as side issues, namely, the Conference claimants, the general Conference expenses, and Episcopal fund. I hope we will see the wisdom of our effort by advanced report on these claims, and I wish to say here, as all of us will see when the Conference Board renders their report, that the General Conference held at Saratoga, N. Y., has made such legislation as will put all of the backward Conferences more and more upon their merits. Therefore we, as a district, tried to lay our work so as to do our part toward our Conference Claimant Endowment Fund.

Next, we have done our best to do our part of the world's work in the form of social and moral uplift of our people, endeavoring to show them by precept and example the great need of frugality, encouraging them in buying and purchasing homes for themselves. It is not generally known that 75 per cent of the poorly paid preachers of the West Texas Conference either own their homes or are buying them. This is a much better showing than any other class of citizens of this state, among the colored people. The benevolence of the churches in the Dallas District is considerably increased over last year, totalling hundreds of dollars. The larger churches even proportion have done. We have kept steadily before the churches the motto of our efficiency conference held at Samuel Huston College, in Austin, nearly two years ago. All churches and parsonages have been beautified and painted, all church debts canceled, and 5,000 suls added to the membership during the present quadrennium. Last year we made over 109, and over this year we have added.

I think, however, that our gain this year has been at the expense of other churches. That is to say, that these additions were of people who moved to our part of the church from other churches. However, I wish to say that the revivals have not yet gone out on Methodist altars. I wish to close by saying that while the modern exodus, as Dr. Melden, of New Orleans University, calls it, of our people northward, the young men who have been called to the front on account of the great

world war, the churches in North Texas, and especially the Methodist Episcopal churches of the Dallas District, have held their own.

I am your yoke fellow and co-laborer in the cause of the Master.

D. C. LACY.

Report of T. H. Wyatt, District Superintendent of the San Antonio District of the West Texas Conference, at Cuero, Tex., December 12-16, 1917.

Dear Bishop and Members of the West Texas Conference, now in session: By the appointment of Bishop Cooke, this, your humble servant, and the brother pastors of the San Antonio District, went to our different fields of labor without murmuring or complaining, and we have worked together for another year in the Master's vineyard.

We thank our Heavenly Father for the lives of us all. Not one man of us has fallen at his post of duty, but we are all here at the bar of this Conference to answer to our names and to render our reports, to let this Conference know how we have labored and fought as soldiers of the cross side by side. How well we have done our duty, our several reports will tell. December 30, 1916, we began our work for this year with Rev. W. M. Mooney at Cuero. This has been a great year for Rev. Mooney in this work. He had a great revival that stirred this whole town, in which both old and young were converted. It was the greatest revival of his six years as pastor in this charge in many ways.

He raised all of his Samuel Houston College assessment and is far in advance of last year with his general benevolence. He made some needed repairs both on the church and parsonage, and comes up with a good report. His people petition and ask for his return for another year.

We next meet Rev. J. H. Hutcherson and his people at Gonzales and Elm. I found Rev. Hutcherson planning and working hard, starting out well as pastor of this charge for the second year. He has kept faithfully at his work all of this year. Had several converts, raised all of his Samuel Houston

College money, and comes up with the most of his general benevolence.

January 13-14, 1917, we met Rev. C. H. Franklin and his people at Hood. Rev. C. H. Franklin has labored hard this year at Bishop, yet he has been unable to get his people to work as he did the first year he was with them. This is one of our largest rural charges in the San Antonio District, and much could be expected of Hood, if we can find a man who can lead that work out. Rev. Franklin's report will show what he has been able to accomplish for the church this year.

We next meet Rev. J. J. Hardiman, who had been only a few days on the ground on the Smiley Circuit, but he had things well in hand. He has looked after departments of the church work, and his report will be one of the best that ever came from this circuit. He had a good revival and raised all of his Samuel Houston College money and comes up with his general benevolence.

Our next stop was with Rev. G. V. Cavit and his people at Nixon. This brother has put in a hard year's work and has therefore succeeded. Had a fine revival with several converts, added many to the church, raised all of his Samuel Houston College money and comes up with his general claims. He also entertained one Ministerial Council in April, which was quite a success. Bish, Rev. Cavis has succeeded well in all lines of his rural work.

We then left Rev. Cavit's work and met Rev. A. M. Mason at Jacob Church, San Antonio. Bishop, although this brother's wife has been sick all of this year and at times we did not expect her to live, yet Rev. Mason has been able to pay off all but \$40 that stands against our church property, cared for the District Conference, raised all of his Samuel Houston College money and comes up in advance of last year with his general benevolence.

February 17 we were at Floresville with Rev. A. Brown and his people. This was Rev. Brown's third year as pastor on this charge, and it has been the best of the three. Rev. Brown knows and loves the Methodist Church and never tires working for the same. He is always up and doing. Had a good

revival, raised his Samuel Huston College claims and comes up with his general benevolence.

We then met Rev. I. T. Sanford and his people at Beeville. This brother started off fine in this charge and his first Quarterly Conference was quite a success, but his parsonage burned in April and this has greatly hindered him in his work. He has been able by hard work to put up a fair building on the same spot of ground. His report will tell for itself the work accomplished by this pastor and his people for this year.

Kingsville was our next place to visit, and there we found Rev. J. B. Eggleston on the ground and hard at work. From the first of the year, Rev. Eggleston started off in his work with a revival which was a great success and caused him to get into the hearts of his people. He had a great number of converts, raised his Samuel Huston College money, his general benevolence and built for Methodism the best meeting house that we ever had in Corpus Christi. This brother has also been recommended by the district to this Annual Conference for admittance on trial.

We next met Rev. L. H. Richardson and his people, in St. Paul, the leading charge of the district. This year has been the climax for Brother Richardson in this charge. Every department in this charge has done a good year's work. He had a great revival and many converts. More than 200 joined St. Paul this year. He has raised \$1,250 for the building of a new church, raised all of the Samuel Huston College money and comes up with his benevolence claims. He has had a great year's work. The Quarterly Conference asks for his return for another year and petitions the Bishop and Cabinet also for his return.

February 19 we met Rev. N. H. Townsend at Kerrshill, San Antonio. Bishop, the cabinet sent the right man to this charge. Rev. Townsend has put in one of the best years of all his ministry in this work. I need not tell this Conference, Bishop, wherever this Conference has sent that brother he has always come back to the next Annual Conference with a round report. He has done as usual. He has raised all of his Samuel Huston College money and all of his general benevolence and

greatly reduced the debt that stands against the church property. His people unanimously ask for his return as pastor for another year.

We next met Rev. I. H. Timmons at Kenwood, San Antonio. Bishop, Rev. Timmons has had a hard year of it. He gave a great part of his small salary to help pay off the debt against the church property. He had a good revival and with 36 members he brings \$40 for general benevolence. Under the conditions under which that pastor has labored, he has succeeded well. His wife has been sick all this year, and that, also, has taken much of his time from his work, and yet he has done the work of the church well.

We next met Rev. L. W. Roberts and his good people at Pleasanton. We found him and his family on the ground and hard at work. He has kept at it all of this year. Every Sunday was a revival day on this work. Many were converted in the regular service, or in other words, more converts have been made on this circuit this year than any other year of its history. He comes up with a good report and his people asks for his return as pastor for another year.

Our next stop was with Rev. C. Hampleton and his people at Pearsall. This brother has succeeded far beyond my expectation. He had a good revival and added several to the church, raised his Samuel Huston College money and this work that did not give this Conference one cent of general benevolence last year will come up with all of its claims this year.

We then met Rev. W. M. Ellerson and his people on the Hampleton Circuit. Bishop, from the very beginning, Rev. Ellerson and his people got down to work, and have kept at it all this year. There are no slackers in his official family—they are all workers. This has been the best year of Rev. Ellerson's ministry. He ran an old-time camp meeting, where he and his people went out in camp and prayed, sang, preached and worked day and night. The result was they had 112 converts and added more than 130 to the church this year. He raised all the Samuel Huston College money and comes up with a round report. His people paid him his full assessment two

months before Conference and has kept on paying him. They ask for his return as pastor for another year.

At Gonzales Circuit we found Rev. T. G. Walker and Rev. Hutcherson also in a camp meeting. While they did not succeed in having as many converts as Rev. Ellerson had in his camp meeting, yet they did good in many ways. This brother has worked hard. His people failed in crops and hence left and went hunting for work. He has had a few to labor with and will come up with a fair report.

We then met Rev. Ben Williams and his people at Lavernia Circuit. Rev. Williams has had a very, very hard year of it, and yet he stayed by his work and worked hard. He had a good revival, and has succeeded in putting in the town of Lavernia a church house for Methodism. Rev. Williams will also bring up three times as much of general benevolence as we got from this circuit last year. He comes up with a good report. The District Conference Recommends him to this Annual Conference for admission on trial.

March 12 we were with Rev. J. C. Eusan at Yorktown, where he has served the people about 14 years. In fact, they do not look for any other pastor but Rev. Eusan at Yorktown. He had a good revival, raised all of his Samuel Huston College money and also all of his benevolence, and his people ask for his return as pastor for another year.

March 5 I met Rev. T. J. Carper and his people at Seguin. This has been Rev. Carper's sixth year with this people. He had a good year of it. Had a good revival as usual, raised his Samuel Huston College money, and comes up with more general benevolence this year than last. His people ask for his return.

On to Hondo. There we met Rev. J. D. Mackey out in the Far West. Bishop, this brother has done a great year's work for the Master and Methodism. He had several revivals this year, which resulted in many conversions; about doubled our membership in this work; organized two new preaching places this year and has made Hondo one of the best circuits on the San Antonio District. He raised his Samuel Huston College

money and comes up with his general benevolence, and the people ask for his return for another year.

At Southerland Springs we had Rev. Joe Young as pastor. We used this brother as a supply. He has done a good year's work. He had a good revival, raised his educational money and comes up in advance of last year with general benevolence from this circuit. He has succeeded beyond all expectations.

We closed out our first round with Rev. J. W. Stone, Jr., at Kerrville, also in the Far West. This brother has had sickness in his family nearly all of this year, yet he has led this work to its highest water mark. Rev. Stone, Jr., is a hard student and a hard worker, hence he has succeeded. He had a good revival, raised his Samuel Huston College money and comes up with his general benevolence. He makes a good report.

Dear Bishop, I have been in every charge in the San Antonio District. Shared with my pastors in their bitters and their sweets, and advised and helped them and the people with all of my ability and the power that I had in me. Held and caused to be held four Quartely Conferences in each charge. Preached and lectured to the people 347 times this year, travelled 13,591 miles in the discharge of my duty as District Superintendent in the District.

We have had 746 converts in the district and added more than 1,000 members to the different churches and built six new meeting houses and a parsonage in the district. Held one profitable Ministerial Council in the district, in which we planned the camp meetings and revivals that we had this year. Also planned how to raise our general benevolence. We held also one District Sunday School and Epworth League Conference and District Conference, in which we raised for Samuel Huston College and the Eliza Dee Home \$1,259.

We have organized a District Economical Convention, with each pastor to organize a local Economic Club in his Church. We have held meetings on the conservation of food in several places in the district. In fact I like my work, Bishop, and take great pleasure in helping the pastors and people in every way that I can.

We have a band of working young people who take great

pride in raising money for Samuel Huston College. We have over 2,500 young people in the Sunday School and over 1,775 at work in the Epworth League, making a grand total of over 4,275 young people at work somewhere in the Church. We are trying to make these young lives count for something in the work of the Master.

We have 42 young men and women of the district in Samuel Huston College. We stand by the school with our money, young people and other means. We are to have a great Samuel Huston College pound party and watch night all over the district, and all that is given will be sent to the Samuel Huston College as a New Year's gift to help the school out during these hard times..

Bishop, in every charge in the District we have also Samuel Huston College garden clubs and the club that brings the most or the highest amount of money to the District Conference for Samuel Huston will be given the privilege of naming a two-month scholarship in Samuel Huston College. But all the money that is raised in all the clubs of the District will go to Samuel Huston College.

We are trying to help in a great measure to take care of our own.

While this has been one of the hardest years for our work, short cross and people moving from the district, the high cost of living—all these things have greatly hindered our work, but have not made us fail, for we have succeeded on all lines and stand far in advance of last year.

I have no excuse to make for myself or my men. We have labored hard and hence we have been able to do something for our heavenly Master and the church.

Yours in His name,

T. H. WYATT,

Dist. Supt. of the San Antonio Dist.

A. D. JACQUES,

District Superintendent.

Dear Bishop and Brethren: We are grateful to our heavenly Father for this our second year's opportunity to render

service upon the district and make our second annual report as District Superintendent. A new epoch is begun in the history of the world and of our country. New and varied responsibilities have come upon us as ministers and Christian workers. The weighty cares and tremendous burdens of heart, mind and soul because of the awful world-wide tragedy, the conflict of nations with nations and by nations, and the great loss of lives, the laying waste of property, the destruction of church buildings and interests, of cities and countries, of foods and other necessities, the starving of millions of innocent and defenseless women and children, and the vacant chairs of home and fireside made by our recent declarations and activities—all these have brought us closer to our Master as Christian citizens of a great commonwealth and as co-workers in His great cause for humanity in the establishment of right and righteousness throughout the world than ever before. While these awful crimes and sacrifices are being perpetrated and made, our Father is opening up larger fields of service, and a more direct way to help and sacrifice for humanity's uplift than ever before. Hence there never was a time when the demands upon the Christian churches of America for their influences, means, and personal service, was so imperative as today.

The oneness of Christianity and the Methodism in might and the main is uppermost in our hearts, and is expedient in doing our part of this tremendous task. These religious forts of America are being strengthened, and greater Christian fortitude is asserting itself. The liquor traffic, the greatest curse of all nations, and races, especially my race, is being put out of commission. Its use by soldiers is forbidden, and the making and distribution is being greatly restricted. Also the government is co-operating with church, state and municipality in wiping out the immoral institutions of our land and putting our nation on a safer basis. We are trying to fully realize that we are instruments in the hands of God and must take our share in bringing the kingdoms of this world to Him. Hence we are thankful to be present to make our annual report.

From the Field by the Charge.

Brownwood and Brady, Rev. S. G. Graham, pastor—Brother Graham went directly to his work from the Conference and began in earnest. He did a good year's work. He had splendid revivals, with several conversions and accessions of young and older people. He paid some on the church debt, raised \$40 for Samuel Huston College and \$51 for general benevolence. Our next District Conference convenes there. His people asked for his return.

Liberty Hill Circuit, Rev. R. Alonzo, pastor—Brother Alonzo has served his third year. His good people have co-operated with him in all his plans and efforts—hence he has a good report. His work covers a part of four counties. We are changing the map of some of the work, that better results and a more direct access may be had. He raised \$40 for Samuel Huston College and \$54 for general benevolence. Brother Alonzo is thoughtful, brotherly and fatherly in all his efforts.

Lampasas and San Saba, Rev. J. S. Medlock, Pastor—This is Brother Medlock's first year. He has made good. Also he and his people at Lampasas are planning a stone church house. The stone material is already purchased. He had good revivals, with several conversions and accessions. He made a good report at the District Conference and brings good reports to the Conference. He and his people are doing work agreeably.

Temple, Rev. M. L. Wyatt, Pastor—Brother Wyatt is a good preacher, a good, congenial pastor, and a splendid financier. He and his people have done a lovely year's work. He has about finished paying for the new church site, raised \$100 for Samuel Huston College and \$45 for general benevolence. His people are more than anxious for his return. His wife is a splendid helpmeet, sharing all interests with him.

Bartlett and Davilla, Rev. J. M. Foster, Pastor—Brother Foster and his people have done nicely. The church lot at Bartnett is paid for and they are looking forward for a new church building. This circuit is in the center of the drouth stricken district. Yet he brings up a good report for Samuel Huston College and some benevolences.

Moody and Rogers—Rev. C. H. Anderson closes his second year's work. Brother Anderson and his people have wrought well. He has made some improvements on the parsonage, paid a note on the church debt, raised \$84 for Samuel Huston College, and something for benevolences. Because of drouth no progress has been made at Rogers. Brother Anderson is a safe young man.

Belton and Kell's Branch, Rev. Geo. W. Nevils, Pastor—Brother Nevils came to his work with his peculiar determination, that is to succeed. He built a new parsonage worth \$1,250, had good revivals with a goodly number of conversions and accessions. He and his good people cared for the District Conference in a very credible way indeed. He is a good preacher and an energetic and industrious pastor. He knows no failure.

Gatesville and Valley Mills, Rev. J. E. Brown, Pastor—Brother Brown has closed his seventh year; yet his people want him to return. He had good revivals, gained many souls for the kingdom. He brings a good report but wishes a change.

Cleburn and Alvarado, Rev. E. C. Henderson, Pastor—Brother Henderson has served his second year. He has made some improvementss over last year's report. Brother S. C. Coleman has donated a plot of ground to the church for a building site. This place is on a beautiful hill just one mile from the city. Thirty-five families of our people own homes on this hill. No other church is located there. We shall do the conference great credit to assist in building up there. He has raised about \$50 for that purpose. We are asking for a donation for building purposes.

Abilene, T. C. Butler, Pastor—Brother Butler and his people started off in good spirit. By some means they became separated and the result was brother left the work because of non-support. I used every good grace to relieve the situation, but to no effect. Nothing immoral, but they did not agree to work together. Brother Butler sent no report to the District Conference. In August I supplied the work with Brother C. E. Ware. He took hold with interest, paid several claims

in full, and put the work on a splendid footing. The people want his return.

El Paso, Rev. V. A. Cooke, Pastor—Brother Cooke comes to us from the Central Missouri Conference. He was highly recommended. He is a graduate from Tuskegee and also the Gammon School of Theology. He has done a great year's work. We went with him from Waco and gave him a first-hand knowledge of conditions. At the meeting of our First Quarterly Conference in March we gave him special assistance—a special request of \$639—we raised \$706. He has a splendid grip on the city and his people, and brings a good report both for education and general benevolences. His wife is a splendid character and of special training. She has done great work right by his side. The church and people wish their return.

San Angelo, Rev. G. W. Wormley, Pastor—Brother Wormley has done a good year's work this year. He had a good revival with excellent results. He did fine for Samuel Huston, made a good payment on our debt, and brings a good report on general benevolences. He spoke of making a request of the Conference and Bishop to be left without an appointment to take a year or two rest. He has labored incessantly for 32 consecutive years. In due time he will speak for himself.

New Work.

We have embraced a new problem. Our membership is now scattering as never before. Some are going north, some into New Mexico and Arizona, and California, and still others in different little towns, villages, ranches and cities in the Middle West. Hence there are several new phases coming into prominence because of these emigrations. There are Alpine and Marfa, on the S. P. R. R.; Sweet Water, Big Springs, Pecos, Toyah and Colorado, on the T. & P. R. R.; Crawford, Clifton, Meridian, Morgan and Ballinger, on the Santa Fe, and Eddy, Troy, Holland and Cooks Chapel on the Katy, and Thurber, Eden and Dublin on the Frisco. These and other places loudly tell us that we need more men and money on the field.

Many of these places have neither church nor school of any kind. "The harvest is waiting but the laborers are few."

Bishop and brethren, we would have accomplished much for the Master if we could impress the Conference powers that they give us more good active men and money to back them up. More prayers, more men and more money.

My Labors as District Superintendent.

I have endeavored to encourage all the district organizations and auxiliaries as well as the local, and they are doing progressive work in their peculiar line of service. They are becoming more and more potent in stimulating financial interests throughout the district. More money was raised for Samuel Huston College than ever before. Our District Conference was largely attended, and we were honored with the presence of Dr. E. M. Jones, D. D., field secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools, and whose labor is having a telling effect upon our Sunday Schools, and Dr. G. Garland Penn, who brought greetings from the Freedman's Aid Board and spirited us up in our Lovinggood Memorial Building Fund campaign, and also our new president, Dr. M. S. Davage. We know of Prof. Davage in college, General Conference and throughout Methodism. We are doubly assured that Samuel Huston will take no steps backward, but because of the sacrifices of the late and lamented President Lovinggood and the stalwart and far-seeing leadership of our new president, Davage, we shall move onward by leaps and bounds. We have the utmost confidence in his success.

I have traveled 13,308 miles upon the district. Have held and caused to be held four Quarterly Conferences in each charge and on each circuit; held one District Conference and one District Woman's Home Missionary, Ladies' Aid, Sunday School, Epworth League and Methodist Brotherhood Convention and one District Ministerial Council and Missionary Convention.

I preached 165 sermons and lectured 127 times in Sunday Schools, public schools, etc., and distributed three dozen dis-

cipline books and pamphlets of Epworth League literature and other reading matters and church literature that gave life and light to the young people. I have tried to help all the pastors and people in every charge by way of advice and personal service. I have put myself unreservedly upon the altar for service and effective work.

Financial Statement.

	S.H.C.	W.H.M.	Gen. Ben.	Total
Abilene .....	..	..	\$15	\$15
Bartlett Davilla	\$28	\$12	..	40
Belton and Kell's Branch.....	74	35	40	149
Brownwood and Brady	40	11	51	102
Cleburne and Alvarado	7	5	22	34
Cook's Chapel	1	5	..	6
El Paso	16	3	53	72
Gatesville and Valley Mills.....	50	15	53	118
Lampasas and San Saba	37	23	57	117
Liberty Hill Circuit	39	15	57	111
Moody and Rogers	82	10	10	102
San Angelo	54	15	41	110
Temple	100	13	40	153
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Totals for all causes.....	\$528	\$162	\$439	\$1,129

Humbly and respectfully submitted for the cause,

A. D. JACQUES, Supt.

J. H. SWANN, Dist. Supt.

Report of the Victoria District.

Cuero, Tex., December 12, 1917.

Mr. President and Members of the West Texas Conference: It is with gratitude to our heavenly Father for the innumerable blessings that He has bestowed upon us which makes it a very pleasant duty to make my second report to this body of Christian workers.

In spite of the world war and the unsettled condition of our

people, in spite of the financial stringency that confronts us, also the high cost of living, we are happy to state that we have made considerable advancement along all lines over last year.

Pastors.

We have 15 pastors and supplies looking after the King's business. They are regarded by men of vision as a noble set of workers.

We are poorly paid, so far as salary is concerned, but we are, nevertheless, loyal and faithful. We can be depended upon to do our whole duty as men who must give an account of their stewardship to the Redeemer and Savior of mankind.

Spiritual Conditions.

Good revivals have been had in nearly every charge and circuit on the district, and through them many precious souls have been led to Christ and added to the church.

The spiritual needs of our people are carefully guarded by these faithful pastors of the district.

New Churches and Improvements.

Rev. Albert Sanford and his good people have succeeded in building a neat frame church at Altair.

Rev. A. D. Rice, of Sublime Circuit, has built a neat church at Greensville and remodeled the parsonage.

Rev. E. L. Warren, of Wharton, has built a meeting house at that place which is a credit to Methodism.

Rev. Burnett Byars, of Weimar Circuit, has succeeded in building at Weimar.

Rev. J. W. Stone, of Yoakum, and dear people, have erected one of the best frame meeting houses in the whole Conference.

Rev. H. A. Jones, of Edna Circuit, has repurchased our property at Edna and paid five hundred dollars on the same.

Rev. James Coe, of Schulenburg Circuit, has remodelled our meeting house at Schulenburg and paid for the same.

Rev. D. F. Vance, of Oakland Circuit, has painted the church in Oakland and remodeled the one at Independence.

Rev. C. W. Franklin, of Goliad, has improved his parsonage by adding two rooms and porches.

Rev. H. Swann, of Victoria, has renovated the interior of the parsonage and bought a fine piano for the church.

Financial Condition.

The financial condition of the district is much better than last year as to general benevolences and Samuel Huston College.

Why should it not be, if we are to profit by past mistakes? The ministers have suffered this year more than their congregations are aware of. We trust that the laymen of the Conference will stand hard by us, since our success means their success.

Sunday Schools.

The Sunday Schools of the District, with Prof. W. D. Newton as superintendent, are in a flourishing condition. They are organized into missionary societies, but just a few of them are doing real missionary work. Wherever Dr. E. N. Jones has gone new life has been infused. His sermons and lectures were of a helpful nature and were quite an inspiration to one and all.

Epworth Leagues.

The Epworth League Chapters on the district are not doing very much real league work. I can see no reason why they should not take on new life under the administration of Rev. H. H. Jones, its new district president.

Our local chapters should be supplied with literature and then given ample time to do their work.

Junior League.

This department is doing work in quite a number of our charges. If we care for the Juniors as we should we will soon have a better grade of Seniors.

Miss L. A. Norman, superintendent, is an interesting worker.

Ladies' Aid Society.

Miss Gussie Pettus, of Victoria, Tex., is the efficient district president. This society is a power for good when properly organized and rightly managed.

Dear brethren, we cannot succeed, as we very well know, without the aid and advice of our sisters.

Brotherhood.

While the Brotherhood was overlooked by the last General Conference, we have decided to retain it. What's the use of a Sisterhood without a Brotherhood?

Rev. S. D. Mosley, the energetic president, is doing a grand work through this department

Woman's Home Mission Society.

This auxiliary of the church brought up a magnificent report at our last district meeting. Mrs. J. H. Swann is its wide awake president and never tires when working for the Eliza Dee Home.

May God's choice blessings ever rest upon them. In fact, Mr. president, I wish to assure you that we are all proud of our institutions of learning.

My Work as District Superintendent.

I have labored hard with an intense desire to measure up to the requirements of the Great Church. Our labor has been crowned with a degree of success, but our watchword is farther on!

I have held, or caused to be held, four Quarterly Conferences in every charge on the district. I have held one Missionary Conference and Lay Workers' Institute. One District Conference, Sunday School and Epworth League Convention.

I have not failed to urge our pastors and trustees to build

where buildings were needed and repair and paint and otherwise beautify their property.

We hope to leave the work in much better condition than when I received it.

We have preached and lectured on present-day topics in our efforts to build up the people.

We are pleased to state that peace and good will prevails in our ranks.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SWANN, Dist. Supt.

Report of District Superintendent, Waco District.

Mr. President, dear fathers, and brethren, I am very grateful to our heavenly Father to have the privilege to submit to you my second annual report as District Superintendent of the Waco District.

At the close of our last Annual Conference, I entered upon my task with prayer and faith, believing the Lord would give us the victory. We have had death to enter our ranks and claim two of our ministers who had just retired. Rev. J. S. Wyatt went to his reward December 24, 1916. He died at his post, in full triumph of faith. Truly a good man has fallen, an ardent soldier of Jesus Christ has gone to his reward. On October 24 Brother John Bickhim answered the summons and went to his reward. These brethren were active to the last. We bow our heads to the will of God, and say brothers sleep on, we will all soon be there. I began my work immediately after the conference, December 23-24, at Grosebeck Circuit. Rev. J. W. Wright is pastor. This is his first year. Brother Wright and people are together. He is a safe leader and has done well, as his report will show all claims looked after.

Cedar and Frosa, Rev. C. B. Melton pastor. He will make a fair report, all things considered.

Groesbeck and Kossee—Brother Baker, a local preacher, was placed there as a supply, and on holding my first Quarterly Conference, the congregation felt his (Baker's) inexperience would mean their defeat in a town of strong opposition.

Rev. S. E. Jones, superintendent of Austin District, and I exchanged men, Brother Baker going to Fayetteville and Rev. Moses Smith came to Groesbeck and Kossee. Rev. Smith has proven the man for the place and at the right time. The work has doubled its contributions for all causes over the previous year, as his report will show.

Bremond Circuit, Rev. B. J. Goff, Pastor—He has done well. Rebuilt our church house at Bremond at a cost of \$900. This is where the storm tore down our meeting house three years ago. The present one is modern, neat, well ventilated and lighted, excellent pews, purchased from the Methodist Church South. Present debt is less than \$400. Had our crops matured all would have been paid. He brings a good report, as usual.

Calvert and Mt. Zion, Rev. A. Johnson, Pastor—He and his people have had a successful year. Our Methodism is alive in Calvert. All claims presented and partially met, as his report will show.

Maysfield Circuit, Rev. P. B. Bennett, Pastor—Brother Bennett and people have built a splendid parsonage and paid for same save a little. The drouth kept this from being paid—no crops and the people scattered to seek a livelihood. He will make a respectable report all things considered.

Marlin and Bowman, Rev. E. L. Jackson, Pastor—He has not done so well financially. The drouth caused his congregation to leave their homes and seek work elsewhere in the cotton fields, but the first of the year he conducted a great revival; many souls found Christ; quite a few of them joined our church. Brother Jackson entertained our District Conference Sunday School, Epworth League, and Woman's Home Missionary Convention, said to be the best in the history of the district.

Mart Circuit, Rev. N. J. Moore, Pastor—He and his people have had a good year. Revivals were held over his circuit, and a new church edifice erected at Spring Hill worth \$1,000. Paid for same save \$275. It is well ventilated, painted, clean and cozy. Mr. President, I urge my people to build plain, neat meeting houses and to beautify them, in our rural work.

Brother Moore will report a good year's work. He deserves promotion if the place can be found.

Cameron, Rosebud and Lott, Rev. Wm. Reed, Pastor—He is one of the pioneers of the Conference. He never fails, for he is no slacker—gets on the job and stays and brings things to pass. He was granted one Sunday in each month to hold services in the Missionary Baptist Church in Lott. He got his little band of faithful few together, planned a rally and at the close they realized \$250. They have purchased a beautiful site for a church building for \$150 and paid for same. I have the deed. They have \$100 in the bank for building. They earnestly request that Lott be given consideration in distributing the extension fund of this Conference. Our property at Cameron has never been clear of debt until now. This veteran minister planned one rally, raised \$229, and cleared all debts of long standing, which saves our property in Cameron. Last year Brother Reed underwent a severe operation. This has impaired his health very much. But he has done his work well this year, as his report will show, and having given the church 36 years of active service, he desires to honorably retire.

Chilton and Mooreville Circuit, Rev. R. D. Dennis, Pastor—He and his people have enjoyed another year of real good work. Brother Dennis is a safe leader and a good pastor. He reports in advance of last year for all causes.

Brack and Majors Circuit, Rev. W. W. White, Pastor—He has paid a good portion of the church debt, pushed the claims of the church and reports in advance of last year on all claims.

East Waco Circuit, Rev. J. H. Childs, Pastor—He and his people have taken care of the quarterly payments on their church debt very well, and finished ceiling the meeting house at Bethlehem. This community was storm stricken in the month of May. All their crops were destroyed. Brother Childs gave great aid to them. He assisted in getting up the wrecked buildings and helped in getting seed to replant the cotton crop, from which they got an abundant yield. His report will show well done.

Waco, Mt. Zion, Rev. W. H. Purnell, Pastor—He and his

people have pushed all claims of the church far in advance of last year, as his report will show. He desires a better place, Bishop, if you have it to give.

Waco, St. James, Dr. P. A. Deslands, Pastor—Brother Deslands and members have accomplished much this year. They have built a beautiful modern two-story parsonage, equipped with electric lights and water. It is given up to be the best home for a pastor in Texas among our colored Methodism. They owe but little, considering its value. The insurance for \$3,500 is paid up for three years. We need more comfortable parsonages for our ministers and families. We hope to get them soon. The entire benevolences are greatly in advance. Their next and great task is to build a house of worship, which is greatly needed. We must have a new St. James or go out of business in Waco. Mr. President, I have striven to be of help to my brethren and the members. I have lectured, preached, and labored to have my people awake to the condition which confronts us Christians as a race, in the great church of our choice, our duty to God and to mankind, to rise and play our part as men in these perilous times and above all have a consciousness of right. Christ, nor the church, cannot use slackers, any more than our great government in this mighty crisis.

I have held and caused to be held four Quarterly Conferences in each station and circuit, held one District Conference, and Sunday School and Epworth League Convention, and one Layman and Ministerial Council. Our Sunday Schools, Leagues and other auxiliaries are in a very healthy condition throughout the district.

Mr. President and brethren, truly we are in the midst of a great war, a national conflict for democracy. Thus far, according to age limit, I have not been called to the front in this conflict. But the cause of Christ and the Methodist Episcopal Church called me to arms—of duty to march in front of the Waco District.

I have stood my ground for Christ and the church amid the things with which we had to contend—war, hard times, drouth and short crops—behind which many try to hide. We

routed them, and when the smoke of indolence and cant and indifferent members had cleared away, these are the spoils gathered from the field of the Waco District by the earnest, hard-working and poorly-paid Christian ministers who have stood the test of another year and brought the laurels home, namely, conversions and accessions upon the district, 370, and benevolent collections.

Name of charge.	S.H.C.	Dis. Ben.	W.H.Mis.
Groesbeck Circuit	\$47	\$76	\$12.00
Groesbeck and Kosse	38	40	19.00
Cedar and Frosa	26	12	6.00
Bremond Circuit	30	48	2.00
Calvert, Mt. Zion	40	60	6.40
Maysfield Circuit	19	30	6.00
Marlin and Bowman	80	82	55.86
Mart Circuit	48	81	6.25
Cameron Circuit	15	20	5.74
Chilton Circuit	33	40	6.40
Brack and Majors	27	40	7.56
East Waco Circuit	41	46	3.00
Waco, Mt. Zion	44	65	12.00
Waco, St. James	140	166	42.50
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Totals	\$628	\$806	\$213.16

Grand total for all causes, \$1,647.16. Advance over 1916, \$263.16.

Perfect peace and harmony reigns among us.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. LOTT,

District Superintendent Waco District.

Report of W. F. M. Society.

Mr. President and members of the West Texas Conference, we make this report concerning the W. F. M. Society:

The work of this auxiliary is not much understood by some

of us. It should exist in the local church and in the Annual Conference and operated just as much so as the W. H. M. S. or any other auxiliary. This society is divided into eleven branches, each branch having its own officers and sending its money to the foreign country. Our branch is composed of the following states: Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana. It is officially known as Topeka branch. Miss Ella M. Watson, of Lincoln, Neb., is the corresponding secretary. Why not put this auxiliary to work?

Whereas, This society is one of the chief benevolences of the church and is doing a great work in the foreign field; be it

Resolved, That we organize our women into auxiliaries and take up a collection for the same and send it to the corresponding secretary at Topeka, Kan.

Be it understood that you cannot use this money other than for what it was raised.

Respectfully,

A. BROWN,
R. D. DENNIS,
J. W. WRIGHT.

Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

The last General Conference at Saratoga made some radical changes in this organization. However, it does not affect the administration of the money. I think 25 per cent still goes for church extension alone and 75 per cent goes for home missions. We mean by church extension, building churches or loaning and donating money for this cause.

Brethren, please forgive Brother Brown, as I am somewhat old fashioned, you know, for speaking his opinion concerning the Board of H. M. and C. Extension. If there ever was a benevolent board that both pastor and people should stand by it is this board. What is the use of telling you what it has done and is doing? Mind you, I am talking about myself. I expect to do my best for Samuel Huston College, as I have always done, but I shall not do less for the Board of Home

Missions and Church Extension. There is no way out of this confusion only by the rule. We have a rule: If we raise all of our apportionment (which few of us do) then the matter is easily remedied, but when we don't we say, well, I'll give the board so much. Then it looks so small we pinch off a little more from the bulk. Think of it brethren, our Conference raises every year six to seven thousand dollars, not including ministerial support, as that is not a benevolence. That is a whole lot of money. Suppose this money was divided by the per cent division? By not doing so some of our boards suffer. Or in other words, we come very near reaching the water mark in totals. But if it was proportionately divided no board would suffer. The board asks the church for the sum of \$1,650,000, about the small sum of 50 or 55 cents per member. Whereas the Board of Home Missions and Church Extensions has done so much for our Conference,

Resolved, That we raise every cent that is due her.

A. BROWN,
J. W. WRIGHT.

Resolution on Conference Claimants.

Cuero, Tex., December 15, 1917.

Whereas, The Board of Conference Claimants has done so much for our retired ministers, widows and orphans; be it

Resolved, That the West Texas Annual Conference renew its efforts to come up to the full apportionment to meet the demands of our claimants.

Resolved further, That we as a Conference should strive earnestly to collect the \$9,000 recommended by our last Annual Conference for a permanent fund for our claimants.

Be it further resolved, That we, the West Texas Conference, shall consult our board in Chicago, with the request to appoint a man as a traveling field agent to plan and lecture for the collection of said amount required.

R. T. HAYES,
J. W. WEAKLEY,
J. C. EUSAN.

Ladies' Aid Society Report.

Cuero, Tex., December 15, 1917.

To the West Texas Conference, now assembled at Brothers Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, greetings:

Whereas, The Ladies' Aid Society is doing effective work in nearly every charge in the West Texas Conference; and

Whereas, This help is much needed to make the West Texas Conference take first rank among Conferences in Methodism;

Be it resolved, That we give these women our untiring support; and

Be it further resolved, That we pray God's blessing upon them in the discharge of their faithful duty.

S. N. HARVEY,
W. M. STEVENS.

Committee on Methodist Brotherhood.

Whereas, The Methodist Brotherhood is one of the agencies of our great Methodism in uplifting the nation to a greater life of usefulness to both church and state; be it

Resolved, That we will give this institution our untiring efforts until every man has been touched by its influence.

Kindly submitted,

J. S. MEDLOCK,
H. A. JONES,
N. H. TOWNSEND,

In behalf of the Committee.

Resolution on the Epworth League.

Cuero, Tex., December 14, 1917.

Whereas, The Epworth League is one of the most important factors in the church for harnessing the best faculties of the young people and turning them toward 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; also the Epworth Guard.

M. S. JORDAN,
S. D. HUMPRY,
M. L. WYATT.

Conference of Epworth League.

Whereas, The cabinet of the Conference of the Epworth League has met and discussed matters relating to the Conference League program; and

Whereas, In our discussion new visions rise up before us of the great possibility of the Conference League; and

Whereas, The Cabinet drew up the following resolution: "That the president of the Conference League shall keep in touch with the corresponding secretary of the Conference League and through him shall make known his recommendations to the District League presidents, and that the president and the corresponding secretary shall visit the seat of each District Conference, if possible." Therefore be it

Resolved, That the district superintendents instruct each pastor under their jurisdiction to permit cooperation of the Conference League officers with his local league officers in way of arranging for visits and programs for financial campaigns for social meetings, and last but not least, evangelistic campaign for the saving of the young people through the agency of the Conference League.

J. W. V. HUTCHINSON,
J. G. BROWN,
F. W. BROWN,
S. N. HARVEY,
H. G. JONES,
J. W. DOWNS,
D. F. VANCE,
M. L. WYATT.

P. S.—The cabinet further decided to recommend the reelection of the same officers.

1. J. W. V. Hutchinson—President.
2. J. W. Downs—First Vice President.
3. F. W. Brown—Second Vice President.
4. J. G. Brown—Third Vice President.
5. M. L. Wyatt—Fourth Vice President.
6. S. N. Harvey—Recording Secretary.
7. D. F. Vance—Treasurer.
8. H. G. Jones—Corresponding Secretary.

Freedman Aid Observe Lincoln's Anniversary.

We your committee beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, Christian education is indispensable to a race or nation; and

Whereas, The Freedman Aid Society has done so much to help our people; and

Whereas, The nations are depending largely upon the Christian schools for leadership; be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the West Texas Annual Conference, pledge ourselves to raise the amount apportioned by the society, and observe Lincoln's anniversary in February.

Respectfully submitted,

MOSES SMITH,
J. J. HARDEMON,
J. G. BROWNE.

Committee on Bible Cause.

Since there is no other book in all the world that has been handed down to us that equals the Bible; since we are taught in this blessed book that it is a lamp to our feet and a light to our pathway, with its mighty influence gathering into the fold of our Christ; and

Whereas, The American Bible Society is ever standing ready to help those who are not able to help themselves; be it

Resolved, That we as pastors do our full best for this cause.

Respectfully,

J. T. SANFORD,
J. E. BROWN,
G. W. NEVILS,
N. J. MOORE.

The Work of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

(West Texas Conference.)

1. The Board of Education was established fifty years ago. The Jubilee program, including the board's appeal for one

million dollars permanent endowment, the income only to be used to aid needy and deserving institutions to meet their current expenses and to supplement pensions provided by the individual colleges for their retired professors, commands our enthusiastic support. Already, under the board's leadership, in recognition of this Jubilee Anniversary, Methodist colleges and schools have added nineteen millions to their endowment and equipment. Marked progress has been made in other directions. There was a gain of more than 7,000 students during the last quadrennium.

2. The Student Loan Fund, derived from free-will offerings on Children's Day, the oldest of the board's activities, has assisted 25,000 Methodist boys and girls to secure an education. Two thousand and sixty-two students were aided last year. Eight students attending schools of the church whose homes are in this Conference were granted loans from Children's Day Fund, the total amounting to \$195. The total contribution last year from this Conference to the Children's Day Fund amounted to \$59, as compared with \$4 of the year before. Loans amounting to \$400 were granted to eight students in Wiley University. Loans amounting to \$125 were granted to students in Samuel Huston College.

3. The Aid of Institutions Fund, derived from the Public Educational Collection and Special Gifts, through which the board helps struggling institutions in the Highlands of the South, on the western frontier, and schools in peril in all sections, is of ever increasing service. Inaugurated only in recent years, this foundation laying has produced results of supreme significance. Where opportunity is well-nigh measureless, no charge should fall short of meeting its apportionment.

4. The Department of Religious Work cooperates in the conduct of evangelistic campaigns; devises and promotes an organized program of religious effort and practical Christian service on the college campus; and, in cooperation with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, has successfully begun the work of caring for Methodist students at State institutions, according to the plan approved by the General Conference of 1916.

5. Through its function of Counselor and Administrator of University Senate legislation the Board of Education helps to maintain high standards of scholastic work in our church institutions. It serves as a general clearing house of educational information and inspiration for the entire church, publishes reports and significant articles in the church papers, quarterly magazine, The Christian Student, and annual program for Children's Day, and an extensive leaflet literature.

6. Your committee recommends that this Annual Conference pledge renewed cooperation and loyal support to our Board of Education. COMMITTEE.

Board of Education.

Whereas, The Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church has spared no pains in its efforts to raise the intellectual standard of our people in this southland; and

Whereas, It has made possible the training of a large number of our people who are giving efficient service in the many communities in which they are located; therefore be it

Resolved, That we the members of the West Texas Conference, pledge the board our unstinted support and urge upon our people the necessity of giving more largely to its support that greater success may attend its efforts in the prosecution of its great work.

J. W. WARREN,
J. T. MUSE,
C. W. FRANKLIN.

Foreign Missions.

Never did the world call so loudly for the church of God as now. We are in the period of world affairs. Leaders in trade, politics and finance think and plan in world terms. Business expansion demands a world field. The church of God dare not think in other than world terms. The greatest business in the world is the Father's business. The Methodist Episcopal Church is one of the greatest agencies in this

business. It must respond in the biggest way to this biggest business enterprise. Therefore,

Whereas, The Foreign Mission which in its stupendous job of belting the world with knowledge of our Christ; and

Whereas, In these strategic times, as never before, the Foreign Mission is needing our aid; be it

Resolved, That the West Texas Annual Conference will do more in raising its claims that this society may be able to foster more and more the cause of Christ.

A. L. CARPER,
F. J. HUTCHINSON,
I. H. TIMMONS,
J. D. MACKEY.

Episcopal Fund.

Whereas, The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church has ordered that special stress be laid upon the Episcopal Fund; and

Whereas, This is a claim that is being largely neglected by our Conference; be it

Resolved, That the pastors of the West Texas Conference spare no pains in seeing to it that we raise this portion of our claims, thereby helping us to show our ability in winning an honorable place in the estimate of our great church.

Respectfully,

J. W. V. HUTCHINSON,
J. S. MOORE,
J. W. WORMLY.

Resolution on Raising Money.

Whereas, As the work of the different boards stand so much in need of the money apportioned to the different charges; be it

Resolved, That each pastor raise the required amount on

Easter, or as soon thereafter as possible, and forward the same to the different boards at once.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. WORMLY,
G. W. NEVILS,
A. D. JACQUES.

Committee on Conference Reference.

Cuero, Tex., December 15, 1917.

We, the Committee on Conference References, beg to submit the following report:

Whereas, It is the desire of P. M. Carmichiel to join the church, we recommend that he be granted the privilege of joining the church.

G. W. NEVILS,
M. S. JORDAN,
W. M. REED,
J. W. WORMLY.

Resolution from Committee on Sunday Schools.

To the Officials and Members of the West Texas Conference:

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, The Board of Sunday Schools at Chicago has sent down a communication to the Committee on Sunday Schools, appointed at this Conference, now in session, urging upon them to lay before this Conference the great Partnership Plan of the Centenary Celebration of the Mission Boards in 1919, whereby all the Sunday Schools may have a chance to quicken and vitalize the life of missionary education; therefore be it

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to support this great Partnership Plan, as suggested by the board, in helping to raise a million dollars for missions in 1919.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. BROWN,
R. H. DUNCAN,
B. J. GOFF.

Resolution on Sunday Schools.

To the Officials and Members of the West Texas Conference:

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

Whereas, The Sunday School is that department of the church in which we, to a very large degree, train and develop the future leadership of the church; therefore be it

Resolved, That each pastor of this Conference pledge himself to put forth his very best efforts to bring the Sunday School in his charge up to the standard as required by the M. E. Church.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. DUNCAN,

B. J. GOFF,

J. W. BROWN.

Resolution on Samuel Huston College.

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

Whereas, Christian education prepares a people for the largest service in the kingdom of God, and brings about a better understanding of the races along social, political and religious lines; and

Whereas, Samuel Huston College is the glorious fulfillment of the dream and labors of our fathers; and

Whereas, As the board has placed at the head of our school Prof. Davage, who has already proven to be equal to the task, and has already won the hearts of all of our people; and

Whereas, We are looking for our future leaders to come to us from the college; therefore be it

Resolved, first, That we strive hard to raise every dollar apportioned to our charges; second, that we strive hard to increase the enrollment as rapidly as possible; third, whereas the high cost of living is working a hardship on our school, and whereas the board of trustees thought it best not to raise the cost of the students, on the grounds of sharp competition of other schools; therefore be it

Resolved, first, that the district superintendents plan a big spring campaign for food supplies, each district sending in a separate article from the other; second, that each pastor observe this supply rally and forward the same at once; and be it further

Resolved, That we do our best to stand by Dr. Davage in every way.

S. N. HARVEY,
GEORGE WATERS,
D. F. SANO,
L. H. RICHARDSON.

Resolution Against Sunday Baseball and Movies.

Whereas, The Sabbath is being so grievously desecrated by Sunday baseball and moving pictures and theaters and various other devices of satan for Sabbath desecration; and

Whereas, The churches of Christendom are putting forth large effort for a solid drive against the arts of satan; be it

Resolved, That the ministers of the West Texas Conference stand up as one man and do our best to help hold the Sabbath in all of its sacredness.

Respectfully,

J. W. V. HUTCHINSON,
W. H. PURNELL,
J. W. DOWNS.

Temperance Resolution.

The Methodist Episcopal Church long ago found out that the worst evil to mankind of today was the liquor traffic; after prayerful consideration an appeal was sent out to the Christian families to abstain from strong drink. Today the warring nations have declared that strong drink unfits a man for service as a soldier. Therefore if strong drink destroys both the physical and spiritual man; be it

Resolved, That we as Christians go to our different fields

of labor and raise a cry against strong drink, and by the help of God destroy it in our communities.

GEO. WATERS,
J. W. STONE,
G. V. CAVETT.

Resolution of Thanks to Rev. W. M. Mooney.

Whereas, The Rev. W. M. Mooney and his loyal members and friends are leaving no stone unturned for the entertainment of this Conference, despite the strenuous times, each minister and delegate and visitor is being well cared for; therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to the Rev. Mooney, his members and friends, our deepest appreciation and sincerest thanks.

Cordially submitted,

J. C. EUSAN,
J. W. STONE, SR.,
F. W. BROWN,
G. A. DESLANDES,
HARRY SWANN,

Resolution on Women's 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 the Eliza Dee Home, we recommend that every pastor in the West Texas Conference will take a collection on the fifth Sunday in June, 1918, and turn it over to Mrs. E. S. Rolliff, who has given more than half of her life for this great cause; and be it further

Resolved, That we commend the faithful work done by the Home under the efficient management of Miss King and her helpers; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend to these noble leaders and the ladies of this society a standing vote of thanks.

J. T. CARPER,
O. B. BENNETT,
S. D. MOSELY,
L. H. RICHARDSON.

On Prof. M. S. Davage as President of S. H. College.

Whereas, the Board of Freedmen's Aid and the wisdom of the Methodist Episcopal Church have seen fit to select and to appoint as president of Samuel Huston College Professor M. S. Davage, a scholarly Christian gentleman; be it

Resolved, That the district superintendents, pastors and laymen here pledge their cooperation with Professor Davage to stand by his efforts in carrying out the plans laid down by our lamented Professor R. S. Lovinggood.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. JONES,
W. B. LOTT,
J. H. SWANN,
T. H. WYATT,
A. D. JACQUES,
D. C. LACY,
G. W. NEVELS,
G. A. DESLANDES.

Resolution on Visitors.

We, the Annual Conference here assembled, wish to tender our vote of thanks to the various boards of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the splendid representatives sent among us to espouse the cause of these various departments of the church in the persons of Bishop J. C. Hartzell, one of the fathers of this great church, to represent the Board of Foreign Missions; Dr. W. A. C. Hughes, who represents the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; Dr. J. N. C. Coggins, the representative of the temperance cause and public morals; Dr. E. M. Jones, for the Board of Sunday Schools; Dr. W. W. Lucas, for the Epworth League; Mr. E. L. Gordon, for the Southwestern Christian Advocate; Dr. Martin, for the Board of Foreign Missions; Dr. Draper, through the courtesy of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, to represent the Board of Conference Claimants. So be it

Resolved, That we pledge our hearty support to these vari-

ous causes and to show our constant appreciation for the splendid services of these various representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. JONES,
W. B. LOTT,
J. H. SWANN,
T. H. WYATT,
MOSES SMITH,
HARRY SWANN,
S. D. MOSELY,
S. H. HUMPHREY,
G. A. DESLANDES.

Resolution of Loyalty to Our Country.

Whereas, Our country has been drawn into the greatest world war the world has ever witnessed; and

Whereas, This is a death struggle for democracy; and

Whereas, The best blood of the race, or nation, is being called to its colors; and

Whereas, The ministers of this Conference have 10 of our boys in the army, now training for service; therefore be it

Resolved, That we do all in our power to help our country by doing our share in every way possible.

R. D. DENNIS,
M. S. JORDAN,
L. H. RICHARDSON.

Resolution on Bishop W. O. Shepard.

Whereas, The judge of all the earth has so favored us with the wise and prudent leadership manifested in our good Bishop, W. O. Shepard; and

Whereas, He has presided over this session of our Annual Conference with such fatherly care and such brotherly affection and has shed such a beam of new light on our pathway and in our hearts; therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender him a rising vote of thanks and ask the Board of Bishops to return him to us next year.

J. C. EUSAN,
H. SWANN,
G. A. DESLANDES,
J. W. STONE, SR.

Resolution of Thanks.

Whereas, Rev. J. W. Warren, secretary, and his assistants; Rev. L. H. Richardson, statistician, and his assistants; Rev. J. W. Weakley, treasurer, and his assistants, have so faithfully recorded the proceedings of the Conference and kept the statistics so well; therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender them a rising vote of thanks for their faithful service.

J. C. EUSAN,
H. SWANN,
G. A. DESLANDES,
J. W. STONE, SR.,

Report of Auditing Committee.

Cuero, Tex., December 15, 1917.

We, your Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the missionary appropriations for the six districts, find as follows:

Austin District	\$ 334.00
Dallas District	539.00
San Antonio District	612.00
San Angelo District	1,296.00
Victoria District	397.00
Waco District	325.00
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Total	\$3,503.00
Amount appropriated	3,500.00
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Excess	\$3.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. HARDEMAN,
Chairman;
T. S. MOORE,
G. W. NEVILS,
G. A. DESLANDES.

Resolution of Thanks to the Railroads.

Whereas, The railroads have greatly favored the West Texas Annual Conference by granting reduced rates of one and one-third fare to all who attend the Conference at Cuero, Tex.; therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to the railroads granting this favor a rising vote of thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. EUSAN,
J. W. STONE, SR.,
F. W. BROWN,
G. A. DESLANDES,
HARRY SWANN.

Resolution on Bishop Hartzell.

December 14, 1917.

That whereas, Through the Providence of Almighty God, that after 34 years of absence from this Conference, Bishop J. C. Hartzell has again been permitted to be present with us at this session of our Annual Conference; and further,

That after 20 years of active service as Bishop for Africa he has been wonderfully preserved to return again to this continent; and further,

That for his heroic services as pastor, editor, secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, and as Bishop; be it

Resolved, That this Annual Conference tender a rising vote of thanks and the Chautauqua salute for his fatherly advice and suggestion and pray that God's choicest blessings follow him.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. EUSAN,
J. W. STONE, SR.,
F. W. BROWN,
HARRY SWANN,
G. A. DESLANDES.

Resolution on Mutual Aid Association.

Whereas, The West Texas Conference Mutual Aid Association has expressed a willingness to donate to the West Texas Conference what money they have on hand and their very valuable property at Waco, Tex.; and

Whereas, In their stipulation they expressed a desire that the West Texas Conference convey, deed and turn over the said money and property to the Board of Conference C. C. at Chicago, Ill., to be used by them as a perpetual fund, the income of which is to be used for the benefit of the C. C. of West Texas Conference, according to the rules and regulations of said board; and

Whereas, We, the members of the West Texas Conference, believe that in accepting this property that we should retain

said property in our own right for such time as to allow us to improve the same, so as to produce and bring in a greater income for our C. C.; therefore be it

Resolved, first, That we gratefully accept said money and property; second, that in accepting it we pledge ourselves to carry out their will, wish and desire; third, that in order that we may improve said property, that it may bring for our C. C. of the West Texas Conference a larger income, that we as a Conference retain the management of the property until such a time as we may adequately improve the same, not to exceed four years.

HARRY, SWANN,
D. C. LACY,
J. T. CARPER,
W. B. LOTT,
A. D. JACQUES,
L. H. RICHARDSON,
G. A. DESLANDES,
T. H. WYATT.

Deacon and Elders Ordained.

This certifies that in Cuero, Tex., on Sunday, December 16, 1917, in accordance with the Discipline and Ritual of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as Deacon, E. L. Warren.

This also certifies that at the same place and on the same day, assisted by several Elders, I ordained F. W. Brown and Victor A. Cooke as Elders in the Church of God.

All done under the authorization of the West Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

W. O. SHEPARD, Bishop.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct report of the Forty-third session of the West Texas Annual Conference.

W. O. SHEPARD, President.

J. W. WARREN, Secretary.

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

Cuero, Tex., December 13, 1917.

The Ministers' Wives', Widows' and Daughters' Protective Association met at 11 a. m. in Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, with the president, Mrs. A. L. Carper, presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Sister W. E. Blackson.

Scripture reading by Deaconess Simpson of the Texas Conference, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The various committees were appointed. (See committees.)

The roll was called and dues and assessments paid. Dues, \$1.10. Assessments, \$24.50.

It was moved and carried that we have our minutes published in pamphlet form, and that each membership pay 10 cents each for same. Collected on minutes, \$1.20. Total receipts of meeting, \$26.80.

We adjourned by singing "God Be With You."

Benediction by Dr. G. A. Deslandes.

MRS. A. L. CARPER, President.

MRS. J. H. SWANN, Secretary.

Second Day.

Cuero, Tex., December 14, 1917.

The Ministers' Wives', Widows' and Daughters' Protective Association met at 2 p. m. in Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, with the president, Mrs. A. L. Carper, presiding, after singing a hymn and prayer by Sister M. P. Carmichael.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The roll was called, dues, assessments and joining fee paid. Dues, 75 cents. Assessments, \$6.50. Joining fee, \$4. Total receipts, \$11.65.

On motion the committee was instructed to continue to collect and turn over all money to the secretary, who will record it and turn same over to the treasurer.

A motion was made that "deceased" be written opposite Sister E. S. Ratliff's mother's name as her beneficiary and that her daughter be her only beneficiary.

The following sisters were introduced: Mrs. I. S. H. Burgess, Conference president of the Woman's Home Mission; Mrs. L. A. Ritchie, Mrs. L. E. Gilmer, Mrs. Dr. L. L. Townsend of Fort Worth, Mrs. Wm. Mooney and Mrs. I. M. Harriford.

A motion prevailed that we consider later the consolidation of our association with the Ministers' Aid, and that the president, secretary and corresponding secretary report the same to the Ministers' Aid.

A motion prevailed that \$1 be allowed for fuel and sexton.

A motion prevailed for the election of officers.

The president declared all offices vacant.

Sister E. S. Ratcliff took the chair and the various officers were elected. (See list.)

The report of the treasurer was called for. He reported ninety-six dollars and five cents (\$96.05) in the treasury at the close of the meeting in Waco in 1916. Paid out for printing minutes, ten dollars (\$10); balance on hand, eighty-six dollars and five cents (\$86.05).

A motion prevailed that the president, secretary and corresponding secretary pay beneficiaries after all committees reported.

It was moved that our resolutions and memoirs of Sister L. H. Richardson be read Sunday evening during the memorials.

We adjourned by singing "God Be With You."

MRS. A. L. CARPER, President.

MRS. J. H. SWANN, Secretary.

Third Day.

Cuero, Tex., December 15, 1917.

The Ministers' Wives', Widows' and Daughters' Protective Association met in a called meeting to finish business.

A motion prevailed that we reconsider our motion concern-

ing the printing of our minutes, and that we continue to have them printed with the Annual Conference Minutes.

Total amount collected, \$50.15; paid out to Sister R. S. Lovinggood and Rev. L. H. Richardson, \$39. Turned over to the treasurer, \$6.75.

MRS. A. L. CARPER, President.

MRS. J. H. SWANN, Secretary.

In Memory of Mrs. Margaret Leola Richardson,

wife of Rev. L. H. Richardson, San Antonio, Tex., who departed this life in May, 1917.

It was my privilege to be a member of the first church that they pastored. She was a very lovable woman, a dear wife, and a devoted mother.

We as ministers are grieved to give her up, but since it was God's will to take her, we resign all to Him.

“Servant of God, well done!
The glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the victory won,
And thou art crowned at last.”

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. H. SWANN.

Financial Roll of Members for 1917.

	Dues.	Minutes.	Assess.
Mrs. C. H. Franklin.....	\$0.10	....	\$2.00
Mrs. A. L. Carper.....	.10	\$0.10	2.00
Mrs. E. S. Ratliff.....	.10	.10	2.00
Mrs. R. E. Waters.....	.10	..	2.00
Mrs. Bettie Young .....	.10	..	2.00
Mrs. Rosa Lynch .....	.10	.10	2.00
Mrs. W. E. Blackson .....	.10	.10	2.00
Mrs. Floid Hutcherson .....	.10	..	2.00
Mrs. Wm. Mooney .....	.10	..	2.00
Mrs. M. M. Sanford .....	.10	.10	2.00
Mrs. D. N. Swann .....	.10	.10	2.00

Mrs. J. T. Carper.....	\$0.10	..	\$ 2.00
Mrs. G. A. Shanklin .....	.10	.10	2.00
Mrs. J. H. Swann .....	.10	.10	2.00
Mrs. G. A. Deslandes .....	.10	.10	2.00
Mrs. L. A. Ponton .....	.10	..	2.00
Mrs. J. W. Warren .....	.10	..	2.00
Mrs. F. L. Kirkpatrick .....	.10	..	2.00
Mrs. Wm. Reed .....	.10	..	2.00
Mrs. S. E. Jones .....	.10	..	2.00
Mrs. S. N. Harvey .....	.10	..	2.00
Totals	\$2.10	\$0.80	\$42.00

Associate Members.

	Min. Fund.	Dues.
Mrs. L. E. Gilmer	\$0.10	\$0.25
Mrs. L. L. Townsend .....	.10	..
Mrs. S. H. Burggess .....	.10	.25
Mrs. J. A. Harriford .....	.10	..
Mrs. L. A. Ritchie .....	..	.25
Totals	\$0.40	\$0.75

New Members.

Mrs. I. H. Timmons	\$2.10
Mrs. I. M. Harriford	2.00
Total	\$4.10

Committees.

Dues and New Members—Mrs. L. E. Gilmer, Mrs. S. H. Burggess, Mrs. D. N. Swann, Mrs. M. M. Sanford.

Memoirs—Mrs. S. E. Jones, Mrs. W. E. Blackson, Mrs. F. L. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. E. S. Spriggs, Mrs. J. H. Swann.

Officers.

President—Mrs. A. L. Carper, 724 White St., Fort Worth, Tex.

Vice-President—Mrs. F. L. Kirkpatrick.

Secretary—Mrs. J. H. Swann, Box 525, Yoakum, Tex.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. G. A. Deslandes, 712 South Second St., Waco, Tex.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. D. N. Swann, Box 390, Victoria, Tex.

Treasurer—Mrs. W. E. Blackson, Austin, Tex.

District Presidents.

Austin District—Mrs. S. E. Jones.

Dallas District—Mrs. R. E. Waters.

San Angelo District—Mrs. L. E. Gilmer.

San Antonio District—Mrs. E. S. Ratliff.

Victoria District—Mrs. D. N. Swann.

Waco District—Mrs. G. A. Deslandes.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Annual Report

Year	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930
Population	1,000,000	1,050,000	1,100,000	1,150,000	1,200,000	1,250,000	1,300,000	1,350,000	1,400,000	1,450,000	1,500,000	1,550,000	1,600,000	1,650,000	1,700,000	1,750,000	1,800,000	1,850,000	1,900,000	1,950,000	2,000,000
Area (sq. miles)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Population Density	10,000	10,500	11,000	11,500	12,000	12,500	13,000	13,500	14,000	14,500	15,000	15,500	16,000	16,500	17,000	17,500	18,000	18,500	19,000	19,500	20,000
Area (sq. miles)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Population Density	10,000	10,500	11,000	11,500	12,000	12,500	13,000	13,500	14,000	14,500	15,000	15,500	16,000	16,500	17,000	17,500	18,000	18,500	19,000	19,500	20,000