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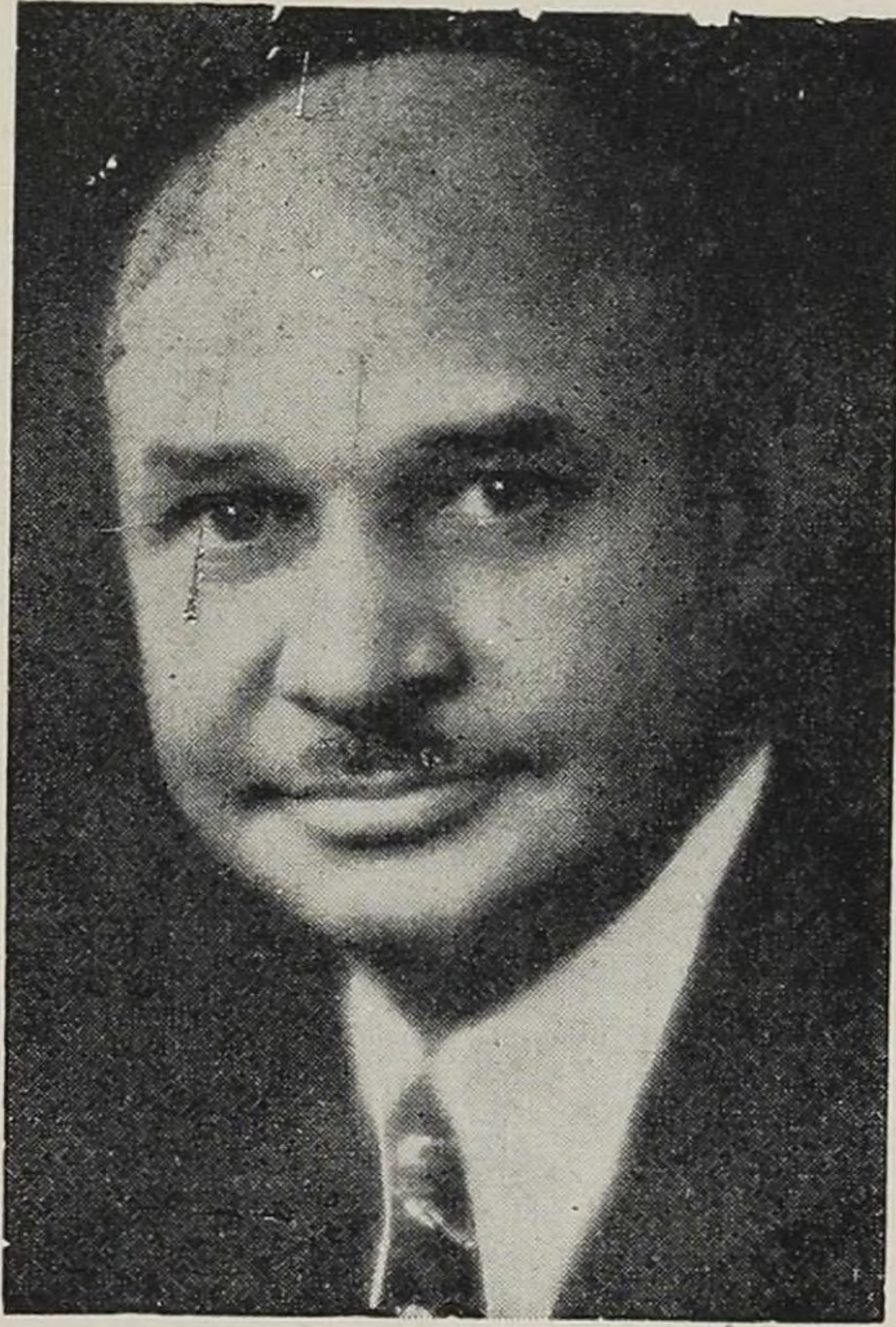
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Yours sincerely,
 K. W. McMILLAN, Editor.

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III.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

October 11, 1944

First Day.—The West Texas Conference (Central Jurisdiction) of the Methodist Church, convened in its annual session in St. Paul Methodist Church, with Bishop R. N. Brooks, presiding.

Opening Devotions.—Bishop Brooks announced hymn number 111, which was sung by the conference. The choir of St. Paul Church led in the singing. Dr. Robert S. Mosby led in the ritual for the Communion. Bishop Brooks brought the communion message, and then administered the communion, assisted by the District Superintendents and the host pastor of the church. More than seven hundred persons took the communion.

Introductions.—The following persons were introduced to the conference: Dr. S. L. Batchelor, Rev. Paul Terry, Rev. C. F. Bahimfolk, Rev. W. L. Fracher, Rev. E. Y. Seall, Rev. Bracken, Mrs. E. Y. Seal, Rev. Wood Patrick, Rev. Ennis Hill, Rev. J. R. Spann.

Roll Call.—The Secretary of the last conference session was asked to call the roll. This was done and the following answered to their names: G. F. Alexander, R. W. Allen, O. K. Brewster, D. B. Baker, W. W. Baker, Frank Blair, J. H. Brown, T. M. Bruton, B. A. Byars, H. S. Byars, M. B. Burkley, C. C. Brown, T. H. Bryant, F. R. Barnwell, D. C. Carroll, J. H. Carruthers, G. V. Cavett, J. H. Childs, Obie Coe, V. A. Cook, E. M. Douglas, J. H. R. Dudley, Karl Downs, T. B. Echols, W. M. Ellison, W. M. Ellison Jr., M. C. Ellison, E. T. Fuller, Marcus Freeman, T. H. Foy, C. W. Franklin, S. G. Graham, C. R. Greene, I. C. Greer, J. J. Hardemon, S. N. Harvey, A. C. Holden, A. D. Holden, Zan Holmes, F. M. Hudspeth, J. W. V. Hutchinson, F. J. Hutchinson, D. H. Hansboro, C. J. Houston, J. N. Hooey, J. S. Jordan, S. A. Keese, G. W. Kelley, E. N. King, Zebra King, C. L. King, H. E. Kuykendall, B. F. Lee, I. B. Loud, L. E. Muse, J. F. Muse, J. H. Marshall, R. S. Mosby, S. D. Miller, K. W. McMillan, L. W. Miles, J. W. Morgan, Marshall Majors, W. M. Mosely, J. G. Owens, L. R. Proctor, R. L. Palmer, P. H. Phillips, I. H. Pierce, J. B. Phoenix, A. D. Porter, A. G. Russell, James Ross, T. H. Randolph, E. L. Spencer, W. L. Shaw, T. J. D. Sims, Esau Smith, B. F. Stewart, Turner Snow, Dee Tucker, Henry Tollerson, J. L. Wattley, Saul White, J. A. Wills, F. D. Young.

Retired Men.—G. A. Deslandes, W. B. Lott, J. W. Maye, T. H. Wyatt, R. A. Appling.

Probationers.—S. W. Curtis, Leo Haywood, M. C. Stone, J. B. Richardson, Richard Weaver, G. L. Johnson, Merrill Reed, T. R. Watkins.

Supply Pastors.—Silas Mathias, W. M. Franklin, Nathan Pinkard, T. S. Dobbins, Alzo Lott, R. W. Baker, J. M. North, R. G. Grant, E. H. Carter, D. B. Lindsey, B. W. Anderson, Jack Caesar Belt Prince, T. W. Stephens.

Deceased.—The following names were called as having died during the year: D. F. Vance, J. W. Warren, B. J. Easter, J. B. Eggleston, M. W. Stephens, N. J. Moore.

At this time the conference stood in memory of the deceased and Bishop Brooks led the conference in prayer.

Roll Call of Laymen.—The roll of lay delegates was deferred until the district superintendents could complete the list.

Organization.—The following organizations was perfected: C. R. Greene was elected secretary. The assistants were to be named in the afternoon session, K. W. McMillan, treasurer, and J. A. Wills was elected statistical secretary.

Memorial Service.—W. W. Baker took charge and presided during the memorial service. St. Paul choir led in the singing, I. H. Pierce offered prayer, A. D. Holden read the scripture and Joel Jordan delivered the sermon. Hymn number 256 was sung by the conference.

Announcements were given, we adjourned till 2:30 p. m.

Benediction by Joel Jordan.

ROBERT N. BROOKS, President,
C. R. GREENE, Secretary.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2:30 p. m., Bishop Brooks called the conference to order. Hymn number 301 was announced and sung. Many hymns were sung during the devotional services with Mrs. C. S. Edmonds as pianist and Mrs. E. V. McMillan was asked by the Bishop to serve as the "Precentor." Prayer was offered by G. F. Alexander and C. W. Franklin.

Dr. Shirkey Introduced.—I. B. Loud introduced Dr. Shirkey as one of the speakers for the afternoon session. He stressed the world wide movement in the Methodist Church, calling attention to the "Crusade for Christ" and the necessity of raising the \$25,000,000.00 for the Post-War World program.

Rev. Loud led the conference in singing: "Higher Ground." Hymn number 465 was announced and sung.

Fixing the Seating.—On motion of T. H. Wyatt, the first six pews clear across the auditorium were fixed as the limit of the conference seats.

Assistant Secretaries named.—C. R. Greene named C. W. Franklin, Mrs. Olga Douglas, T. M. Bruton, J. H. Marshall, W. M. Ellison Jr., Roscoe Murphry, M. A. Freeman as assistant secretaries.

J. L. Watley and W. W. Baker were elected as publicity men for the conference to the church and secular papers.

Introductions.—The following persons were introduced: C. L. Warren L. D. Hadley, J. W. Golden, J. W. E. Bowen, who presented the conference a check for \$1,144.14 from the Publishing House.

Bishop Shaw.—Bishop Shaw was introduced and addressed the conference. On motion of G. F. Alexander the printed program was adopted as the program for the week.

Announcements were given, Hymn number 268 was sung, the benediction was pronounced by Bishop A. P. Shaw.

ROBERT N. BROOKS, President
C. R. GREENE, Secretary

SECOND DAY—OCTOBER 12

Devotions.—T. H. Randolph conducted the devotions, by announcing hymns numbers 267-357-179. These were sung by the conference. Bishop Brooks asked F. M. Hudspeth to act as the pianist and Mrs. McMillan again was the Precentor in this service.

Lay Delegates.—The following list of lay delegates was announced: (See Roll of the Lay Delegates.)

Boards and Committees Announced.—I. B. Loud read the list of Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees and the list was adopted by the conference (See List).

K. W. McMillan, nominated by the Commission on World Service and Finance, was elected Conference Treasurer.

J. A. Wills was elected Statistician of the conference.

Special Request.—J. W. Golden and the District Superintendent were excused for a brief period to consider matters of Evangelism. (See Report on Evangelism.)

R. S. Mosby asked that special consideration be given the matter of conference entertainment which was offered the committee on entertainment.

Introductions.—Bishop J. W. King and Mrs. King were introduced with much applause. At this time Bishop King gave what we called his final address before taking his leave for his new field.

Karl Downs and J. W. Golden were introduced and gave messages or words in the interest of the work, Evangelism and Education.

Characters Passed.—The following men were passed in character and read the reports from their districts:

J. H. Childs, J. H. Carruthers, A. D. Holden, I. B. Loud, B. F. Stewart.

Transfer Announced.—Bishop Brooks announced the transfer of W. T. Handy to the Louisiana Conference and that of G. Haven Caldwell to the West Texas Conference.

Introductions.—The following persons were introduced to the conference: M. S. Davage, J. S. Scott, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Slater, W. H. Hightower, N. J. Crolley, S. Paige, C. T. Wardah, Charlemagne Payne, J. D. Foy. N. J. Crolley addressed the conference in the interest of the Board of Pensions and presented a check for \$80.00 from the Chartered Fund and this was ordered turned over to the Conference Treasurer, which was done.

Message Ordered.—On motion of T. B. Echols, the secretary was requested to send a message of greeting to Bishop E. W. Kelley who at the same time was holding the South West Conference.

J. H. Strait Sick.—An offering of \$71.61 was taken for Rev. J. H. Strait on account of his illness, the same was turned over to the conference Treasurer and he in turn gave said amount in check to be delivered to Rev. Strait.

Noon Day Worship.—Bishop Brooks presented Dr. Eugene Slater at this period and he addressed the conference in the interest of the

"Crusade for Christ." Mrs. Karl Downs was the acting pianist and also the soloist for the occasion. Announcements were given, the Benediction was pronounced by Dr. Slater.

AFTERNOON SESSION—THURSDAY

At 2:30 p. m. Zam Holmes had charge of the devotions. Saul White led in prayer. Mrs. Karl Downs sang "I Know My Heavenly Father Cares For Me."

Merrill Reed.—T. B. Echols presented Merrill Reed as leader of the classes in the courses of study and in a brief address gave Bishop Brooks a gavel for his use in the conference sessions. Bishop Brooks gave a brief response to this presentation.

Bishop King Presides.—Bishop Brooks asked Bishop King at this time to take the chair and preside during this afternoon session.

J. S. Henry Presented.—Bishop King presented J. S. Henry, conference Lay Leader who spoke in a brief way to the conference on matters relative to the work of the laymen of the church. Prof. Henry was regarded as the pinch-hitter for Mr. Touchstone who was absent at this time.

W. T. Handy Presented.—Bishop King presented W. T. Handy and J. S. Scott who addressed the conference in the interest of the Crusade for Christ." Each man had his subject matter well in hand and warmed us as they talked to us.

R. A. Atkinson and Dr. S. L. Brown, W. C. Burgess, Mrs. Mary Fowler and J. W. Lewis and many of the laymen spoke during the forum hour on topics vital to the work of the church.

Announcements were given. Hymn number 287 was sung and the conference stood adjourned till morning session.

Benediction by Bishop W. J. King.

ROBERT N. BROOKS, President,
C. R. GREENE, Secretary.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, OCTOBER 13

Devotions.—R. L. Palmer had charge of the devotions beginning at 9 a. m. Hymns numbers 246-317 were sung. E. N. King offered prayer.

Committee on Journal.—The committee reported the journal examined and found correct.

Commission Report.—The Commission on World Service and Finance read its report and it was adopted. (See Report.)

On motion the Observance of the Date of the Golden Cross was referred to the Commission on Hospitals and Homes.

Objectives.—The Crusade for Christ and 25 percent increase in church membership and church schools were fixed as objectives for the year's work.

Executive Session.—On motion of J. H. Childs an executive session was ordered for Saturday morning at 9 a. m. This meant Laymen, Youth and Ministers in separate executive sessions.

Youth Day.—On motion of T. B. Echols, Saturday was fixed as Youth Day in the Conference session.

On motion of T. B. Echols the conference ratified all Crusade askings and that we acknowledge Christ as our leader in all this year's program of service.

Fixing Seat of Next Conference.—Upon the invitation of G. Haven Caldwell, the conference voted its next session, 1945 to St. Paul, Dallas, Texas.

Check Presented.—Mrs. J. M. North presented the conference a check for \$100.00 on the Permanent Fund. This was ordered turned over to the Treasurer, and Bishop Brooks expressed gratitude for the same.

Treasurer's Report.—K. W. McMillan read his report and on motion of several members it was adopted. (See Report.)

Sam Huston College.—Karl Downs was presented and addressed the conference in the interest of Sam Huston College.

A plan for furnishing the Lovinggood Hall was presented by R. S. Mosby (see Plan in Journal with Reports.)

Bishop Brooks called the roll at this time as the order of the day and the pastors reported for the school. (See Treasurer's report.)

Bishop King and wife told us goodbye in this session, Saturday morning, and left with our prayers and benediction upon them.

B. F. Lee led the conference in singing "Life is Like a Mountain Railroad." The conference paused long enough to give each person a chance to say "Goodbye" to Bishop and Mrs. King.

Bishop Brooks gave his check for \$100.00 to Sam Huston College. Lieutenant Alexander sang "Just a Closer Walk With Thee."

Presentations.—J. W. E. Brown, L. B. Felder, L. L. Haynes, B. F. Lee, Mrs. R. N. Brooks, Dr. and Mrs. Ratliff. Dr. Ratliff addressed the conference.

J. S. Henry addressed the conference in the interest of the Permanent Fund of the Church.

Noon Day Worship.—Hymn number 301 was sung, and Dr. G. Haven Caldwell was presented by Bishop Brooks and he gave the message at this hour.

Announcements were given, the conference adjourned till 2:30 p. m. Benediction by G. Haven Caldwell.

ROBT. N. BROOKS, President

C. R. GREENE, Secretary

AFTERNOON SESSION, FRIDAY

Devotions.—At 2:30 p. m., J. H. Marshall was in charge of the devotions. Hymns 236-283 were sung and J. H. Marshall led the conference in prayer.

F. D. Young Speaks.—F. D. Young gave the percentage basis of monies raised for Benevolences. This was adopted by the conference. (See Report W. S. C. and Finance.)

K. W. McMillan Speaks.—The Treasurer of the conference gave item by item the amounts raised for the various causes. This was approved by the conference.

The Board of Education was excused to bring in a matter of great concern in this session.

Crusade for Christ.—On motion of I. B. Loud, the conference voted to raise its quota on the Crusade by Easter Sunday.

Conference Claimants.—J. J. Hardemon read the report of the Board of Conference Claimants which was adopted by the Conference. (See Report.)

Dr. Crolley.—Dr. Crolley was presented and addressed the conference in the interest of the Board of Pensions.

P. S. Stephens read a resolution touching the work of Conference Claimants, but this resolution was tabled by motion of J. B. Phoenix.

On motion of I. B. Loud Sept. 4th Sunday was fixed as Veterans Day. Announcements were given.

Benediction by K. W. McMillan.

ROBT. N. BROOKS, President
C. R. GREENE, Secretary

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14

Devotions.—Rev. Saul White had charge of the devotions. Hymn number 302 was sung by the conference. Rev. S. N. Harvey led the conference in prayer. The scripture was read, and again the conference stood in singing Hymn number 248.

Conference Business.—The committee on journal reported the journal correct after due examination of the same.

Rev. J. A. Wills read his report as statistician and it was adopted. On motion of J. A. Wills pastors are requested to make reports with the statistician on the first day of the conference.

Commission on World Service and Finance.—Some recommendations were made by the Commission on World Service and Finance, and on motion these were approved. (See Report.)

Committee on Conference Relation.—Upon recommendation, K. W. McMillan moved that Esau Smith and W. M. Mosely be granted the Retired Relation. This motion was adopted.

On motion of the same committee, the following men were given the Sabbatical Year, or Leave of Absence: J. W. V. Hutchinson, M. C. Ellison, W. M. Ellison Jr., J. J. Hardemon and J. N. Hooey.

Characters Passed.—Bishop called for the passage of the character of the Effective Elders. This was done in open conference and all the Effective Elders of the five districts were passed in character. This same action was taken in the case of the retired men and the probationers, and supply pastors of the conference.

Detached Service.—Karl Downs, T. B. Echols and the men in school were passed in character and gave full proof of their ministry.

Karl Downs announced the results of the Sam Houston College Rally in the amount of \$1,601.00.

The Central Advocate.—J. W. E. Bowen announced that he had received more than 800 subscriptions at this conference session for the Advocate.

Bishop Brooks again emphasized the "Crusade for Christ" and many pastors and District Superintendents gave hearty responses of co-operation in this Crusade.

Supply Pastors.—The committee on Conference Relation named or brought forward the names of the accepted supply pastors who were continued in this relation. (See List.)

Recognition of Orders.—On motion of K. W. McMillan, S. L. Griffin was recognized as a local deacon coming from the African Methodist Church.

Deacons Orders.—On motion of the Committee on Conference Relation the following men were elected to Deacons Orders:

Garrett Goff, J. Q. Loud, Alzo Lott, Eric Purnell, Collie J. Polk, and Joe Priestly.

Elders Orders.—On motion of the Committee on Conference Relation the following men were elected to Elders orders and graduated from the course of study: F. Rivers Barnwell, Charles King, J. Garfield Owens.

The following men were graduated from the conference course of study having been Ordained Elders previously: Saul White, T. H. Randolph.

Left Without Appointment.—On motion the following men were left without appointment to attend school: L. L. Haynes Jr., E. C. Gipson, Sercy Jones, Sherrill Moore, A. M. Pembroke, Oscar I. McMillan Jr., Ernest Dixon.

Continued in First Year Studies.—On motion the following men were continued in the first year studies: S. W. Curtis, Ernest Dixon, Leo Haywood, G. L. Johnson, M. C. Stone, Merrill Reed, J. B. Richardson, R. W. Weaver, T. R. Watkins, Penza Woods.

Transfers In.—G. H. Caldwell was announced transferred in.

Transfers Out.—Charlemange Payne and W. T. Handy transferred out.

Order of the Day.—The lay members of the conference re-assembled with the ministerial at 11 a. m.

N. J. Crolley was presented again and explained the Conference Claimant support and urged every minister to give support to the same.

Board of Temperance.—Dr. A. R. Howard representing the Board of Temperance called for the organization of the Conferent Board and he addressed the conference on the work of the Board of Temperance.

An offering of \$42.01 was taken and the Treasurer of the conference issued a check to Dr. Howard for the same.

Dr. Spann Introduced.—Karl Downs introduced Dr. J. R. Spann representing the Board of Ministerial Training, Dr. Anderson, and gave himself to the task of informing under-graduates of their work and relation to the Board.

Dr. L. B. Phifer was presented and he gave himself to the work of the Board of Education.

Dr. R. G. Morris gave an address at this time stressing the work of the Crusade.

Ministers' Wives.—Mrs. F. M. Hudspeth represented the Ministers' Wives, and on motion of I. B. Loud, the conference voted its whole hearted support to the work carried on by the women.

Announcements were given and the conference stood adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

Benediction by Dr. Karl Downs.

ROBT. N. BROOKS, President
C. R. GREENS, Secretary

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 14

Afternoon Session.—Devotions were in charge of J. A. Wills. Sentence prayers were asked for and to this request a hearty response came. Fervent singing was done.

Conference Business Resumed.—On motion of J. S. Henry, the matter of Minimum Support for the ministry be referred to the Commission on World Service and Finance.

Abandoned Property.—On motion of J. H. Childs the trustees of the conference were asked for a report at the next conference on the abandoned property of the conference.

Offering Taken.—M. C. Ellison was given a collection of \$45.00 in his change of relation for the year. This amount was turned over to the Conference Treasurer and he in turn issued a check to Ellison for the same.

Publishing Board.—I. B. Loud read the report of the Publishing Board. An order was given for the printing of 1,500 copies of the journal to be done by Branch-Smith Printers at Fort Worth.

Lay Activities.—Dr. S. L. Brown read the report of the Board of Lay Activities and on motion this report was adopted. (See Report.)

Hospitals and Homes.—Mrs. O. L. Carson read the report of the Board of Hospitals and Homes which was adopted. (See Report.)

Board of Education.—J. L. Wattley read the report of the Conference Board of Education and on motion this report was adopted. (See Report.)

Benevolences Apportionment.—On motion of J. S. Henry 83 per cent and 17 per cent of the monies raised for benevolences was to be allocated to General and Conference Benevolences respectively.

Religious Education.—T. B. Echols stressed the importance of the 4th Sunday observance in each church and in each month for World Service and religious education. This was approved by vote of the conference.

Board of Temperance.—R. L. Palmer read the report of the Board of Temperance, and by vote of the conference this report was adopted. (See Report.)

Ministerial Training.—Dr. Karl Downs read the report for the Board of Ministerial Training. By vote of the conference this report was adopted. (See Report.)

Greeting From Bishop Jones.—I. B. Loud upon request of Bishop Brooks read a letter of greeting from R. E. Jones. This letter

was received with gratitude and in return, the secretary was asked to exchange greetings from this conference.

On Motion of W. W. Baker, a telegram was ordered sent to Rev. Turner Snow on account of the death of his wife.

Dr. K. W. McMillan Presides.—Bishop Brooks at this time asked Dr. McMillan to take the chair and preside. Dr. Gammon Morris was presented and gave an address in the interest of the Crusade.

Lt. Dubra was introduced and gave a brief address. R. S. Mosby introduced Dr. George Hancock and he addressed the conference.

The conference voted T. B. Echols a rising vote of thanks for his work as Executive Secretary of Religious Education.

Announcements were given and the Benediction was pronounced by Dr. R. G. Morris.

ROBT. N. BROOKS, President
C. R. GREENE, Secretary

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15

Church School.—At 9:30 a. m. the church school assembled in the St. Paul Church and at 11:00 a. m., the Conference assembled in the Library Auditorium for the morning worship.

R. S. Mosby had charge of the worship service. J. H. Carruthers led the conference in prayer and I. B. Loud read the Scripture. The St. Paul choir led the singing.

The offering was taken to the amount of \$325.00 for the church. Following the offering, the choir sang and Bishop Brooks brought the morning message to the great satisfaction of his hearers.

B. F. Lee led the conference in singing "Farther Along, Etc." Bishop Brooks pronounced the Benediction.

AFTERNOON SERVICES

At 3 p. m., Rev. J. H. R. Dudley preached the Ordination sermon with Jacobs Chapel Choir leading the singing. Following the Ordination sermon, Bishop Brooks ordained the following men as deacons: Garrett Goff, Eric Purnell, Joe Priestly, Alzo Lott, J. Q. Loud, Collie Polk. Bishop Brooks in the same service ordained as elders: F. Rivers Barnwell, Charles L. King, J. Garfield Owens. F. M. Hudspeth read the report of the Committee on Courtesies which was adopted.

On motion of K. W. McMillan, after reading the appointments the conference stood adjourned without date.

Appointments Read.—Following the ordination services, Bishop Brooks read the appointments for 1944-'945. (See List of Appointments.)

Announcements and Benediction by Bishop R. N. Brooks.

R. N. BROOKS, President
C. R. GREENE, Secretary

SPECIAL SERVICE HELD

Wednesday Night.—At 8 p. m., O. B. Coe led a brief devotional service. St. Paul Jr. Choir led in the singing.

Dr. K. W. McMillan presided in this service. Rev. L. L. Haynes and Rev. W. H. Hightower were the speakers for the Crusade interests in this meeting.

An offering of \$51.85 was taken.

Dr. McMillan introduced the following persons: Dr. M. S. Davage, Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, Bishop A. P. Shaw.

Announcements were made and the Benediction was given by Dr. J. W. E. Bowen.

Thursday Night.—At 8 p. m., Rev. T. M. Bruton had charge of the devotions. Dr. Karl Downs presided. The St. Paul Choir rendered the music and Dr. Downs presented the following persons who gave addresses: Dr. M. S. Davage and Bishop W. J. King.

Benediction: Dr. J. W. E. Bowen.

Saturday Night.—This was Youth Night, with Dr. T. B. Echols presiding. The choir led in the singing.

Dr. Hancock of Kansas City gave illustrated pictures of the church and Gulfside. Following this scenery, Dr. Echols addressed the audience on the place and the work of Youth in the church.

Miss Joyce Herzog was presented and electrified the audience as a woman can do. Her address was superb.

The following youth gave echoes from the field of Education: Miss Margaret Washington, James L. Washington, Miss Caroline Baker and Mrs. H. E. Hammond.

The offering was taken and we adjourned.

Benediction by J. L. Wattley.

R. N. BROOKS, President

C. R. GREENE, Secretary

IV.

THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Minutes of the West Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, held in St. Paul's Methodist Church, San Antonio, from October 11, 1944 to October 15, 1944.

Bishop Robert N. Brooks, Presiding.

Part I. Organization and General Business**1. Who Are Elected.**

Secretary—C. R. Greene, 402 W. Morgan, Cuero, Texas.

Treasurer—K. W. McMillan, 1061 E. Rosedale, Fort Worth, Tex.

Statistician—J. A. Wills, 3731 Myrtle, Dallas, Texas.

2. Is the Annual Conference Incorporated? Par. 625) Yes.**3. (a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded and in what amounts? Conference Treasurer, to the amount of \$5,000.00.**

(b) Have the books of said officers or persons been audited? (Par. 639)—Yes.

4. Have the boards, commissions, or committees been appointed or elected? (Par. 639.)

(a) Board of Ministerial Training.—Yes.

(b) Committee on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications?—Yes.

(c) Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors?—Yes.

(d) Committee of Investigation?—Yes.

(e) District Boards of Location and Building?—Yes.

(f) Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference?—Yes.

(g) Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance?—Yes.

(h) Town and Country Commission?—No.

(i) Annual Conference Deaconess Board—No.

(j) Annual Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension—Yes.

(k) Annual Conference Board of Education—Yes.

(l) Annual Conference Board of Temperance—Yes.

(m) Annual Conference Board of Lay Activities—Yes.

(n) Annual Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes—Yes.

(o) Annual Conference Board of Evangelism—Yes.

(p) Distributing Committee—No.

(q) Annual Conference Board of Conference Claimants—Yes.

(r) Committee on Proportional Payment of Ministerial Support—Yes.

(s) Other committees, commissions, or boards—Yes.

5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept their respective records upon and according to the forms prescribed by the Methodist Church? (Par. 640)—Yes.
6. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts?—See Reports.
7. What is the schedule for minimum support for pastors? (Par. 806)—\$600.00.
8. What is the plan and what are the approved claims for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year? (Pars. 788-89)—Status Quo.
9. What amounts has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of conference claimants?—Five percent of pastors' cash salary.
10. What are the apportionments transmitted by the General Commission on World Service and Finance to this conference?
 - (a) For World Service—\$4,418.00.
 - (b) For Episcopal Fund—1 $\frac{3}{4}$ % pastor's salary for current year.
 - (c) For General Administration Fund—\$145.00.
11. What amount is apportioned to this conference for the Jurisdictional Administration Fund?—\$145.00.
12. What are the reports, recommendations, and plans of the boards of conference?
 - (a) What is the report of the Board of Conference Claimants, and what appropriations for conference claimants are reported and approved? (Par. 1623)—See report. 5% pastor's cash salary.
 - (b) What is the report of the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension of disbursements of missionary aid with the conference? (Pars. 1283-86)—\$2,272.50.
 - (c) What is the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance? (Pars. 778-96)—\$61,400.00.
 - (d) What are the other reports?—\$44,000.00 Crusade for Christ.
13. What date is determined for Golden Cross Enrollment? (Par. 1529)—Not filed.
14.
 - (a) Who is elected conference lay leader? (Par. 1492)—J. S. Henry.
 - (b) What is his report?—See reports.
 - (c) Who are elected district lay leaders? (Pars. 1497-98).
Austin Dist.—J. C. Dukes.
Dallas Dist.—Dr. S. L. Brown.
San Antonio Dist.—Elisha Thompson.
Victoria Dist.—R. A. Atkinson.
Waco Dist.—R. H. Hamilton.

Part II. Pertaining to Ministerial Relations.

15. Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation? (Par. 931)—F. D. Young, I. B. Loud, A. D. Holden, K. W. McMillan, R. S. Mosley Reserves: T. M. Burton, R. L. Palmer.

16. Are there formulated complaints against any ministerial member of the conference?—No.
17. Who are the accepted supply pastors? (Par. 315)—Silas Mathias, Wm. Franklin, Jack Caesar, R. W. Baker, E. H. Carter, Belt Prince, Nathan Pinkard, J. M. North, T. W. Stephens, B. D. Lindsay, T. S. Dobbins, B. W. Anderson, Alzo Lott, R. G. Grant, A. D. Minor, C. H. Pearson, Elmo Watson, Collie Polk.
18. What accepted supply pastors now under full-time appointment are taking the conference course of study?
 - (a) In the first year?—E. H. Carter, T. S. Dobbins, B. D. Lindsay, Alzo Lott, Elmo Watson, A. D. Minor, C. J. Polk.
 - (b) In the second year?—None.
 - (c) In the third year?—Silas Mathies, Nathan Pinkard.
 - (d) In the fourth year?—Wm. Franklin, Belt Prince, T. W. Stephens, R. G. Grant.
19. Who are received on trial?
 - (a) In studies of the first year—None.
 - (b) In studies of the third year under the seminary rule—Oscar I. McMillan Jr.
 - (c) Exempt from course of study under the seminary rule—Oscar I. McMillan Jr.
20. Who remain on trial?
 - (a) Continued in studies of the first year—C. W. Curtis, Ernest Dickson, Leo Haywood, George L. Johnson, M. C. Stone, Merrill Reed, J. B. Richardson, R. W. Weaver, T. R. Watkins Penza Woods.
 - (b) Advanced to studies of the second year—None.
 - (c) Continued in studies of the second year—L. L. Haynes, Jr., E. C. Gibson, Sherrill Moore, Maceo Pimbroke, Sercy Jones.
21. Who on trial are discontinued?—None.
22. Who are admitted into full connections?—None.
23. What full members are in studies?
 - (a) Of the third year—O. K. Brewster, E. M. Douglas, Oscar I. McMillan, L. R. Proctor.
 - (b) Of the fourth year—None.
24. What full members have failed to complete the studies? (Par. 346)
 - (a) Of the third year—None.
 - (b) Of the fourth year—None.
25. What full members have completed the studies of the fourth year?—F. Rivers Barnwell, C. L. King, Garfield Owens, T. H. Randolph, Saul White.

26. Who have been elected deacons?
- As local preachers—Garrett Goff, John Q. Loud, Alzo Lott, C. J. Polk, Eric Pernell, Joe Priestly.
 - As members on trial in the course of study—None.
 - Under the seminary rule—None.
 - Under the missionary rule—None.
27. Who have been ordained deacons?—Garrett Goff, John Q. Loud, Alzo Lott, C. J. Polk, Eric Pernell, Joe Priestly.
28. Who have been elected elders?
- As local preachers—None.
 - As local deacons who have been received on trial—None.
 - As conference members in the course of study—F. Rivers Barwell, Charles L. King, J. Garfield Owens.
 - Under the seminary rule—None.
 - Under the missionary rule—None.
29. Who have been ordained elders—F. Rivers Barwell, C. L. King, J. Garfield Owens.
30. Relative to accommodation transfers for ordination and reception,
- Who are transferred in, and from what conference, for purposes of ordination only, such ordination to be voted by this conference:

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| (1) For ordination as deacons? | Name | |
| Conference | | None. |
 - Who have been transferred out, and to what conferences, after ordination:

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|--------------|------|------------|
| (1) Deacons? | Name | Conference |
| None. | | |
| (2) Elders? | Name | Conference |
| None. | | |
 - Who have been received on trial at the request of another conference—None.
 - Who have been transferred, having been received on trial and to what conference—None.
 - Who have been ordained here, such ordination having been voted by another conference?
 - Deacons—None.
 - Elders—None.
31. Who are readmitted?
- Deacons—None.
 - Elders—None.
32. What preachers, coming from other churches, have had their orders recognized? (Par. 411.)
- As local deacons: S. L. Griffin, African Methodist Episcopal Church.
 - As local Elders?

33. Who have been received from other churches as traveling preachers?
- As ordained deacons—None.
 - As ordained elders—None.
 - As members on trial—None.
 - As members in full connection—None.
34. Who have been received by transfer?
- | Name | Conference | Date |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| G. Haven Caldwell | North Carolina | September 10, 1944 |
35. Who have been transferred out?
- | Name | Conference | Date |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| W. T. Handy | Louisiana | September 3, 1944 |
| C. P. Payne | Mississippi | November 15, 1943 |
36. Who have had their conference membership terminated?
- By voluntary location—None.
 - By involuntary location—None.
 - By withdrawal—None.
 - By judicial procedure (expelled)—None.
37. What ministerial members have died during the year?—
J. B. Eggleston, B. J. Easter, N. J. Moore, M. W. Stephens, D. F. Vance, J. W. Warren.
38. Who are the supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? (Par. 365)—
None.
39. Who are granted sabbatical leave? (Par. 364)—Wm. Ellison, Jr., M. C. Ellison, J. W. Hutchinson, J. N. Hooley, J. J. Hardiman.
40. What ministers have been retired?—
- This year—Wm. Mosely, Esau Smith.
 - Previously—R. A. Appling, F. C. Callahan, R. H. Duncan, G. A. Deslandes, W. B. Houston, W. B. Lott, T. S. Moore, J. W. Maye, J. D. Meddock, H. L. McKinney, N. W. Stephens, J. H. Strait, W. M. White, T. H. Wyatt, H. C. Willis.
41. Who are left without appointment to attend school?—
- | Name | School | Quarterly Conference Membership |
|-------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| L. L. Haynes, Jr. | Ganmon | Mt. Zion, New Orleans |
| S. Moore | Ganmon | Wesley, Austin |
| A. M. Pemhoke | Ganmon | Wesley, Austin |
| Sercy Jones | Ganmon | Wesley, Austin |
| E. C. Gibson | In Navy | St. Andrews, Ft. Worth |
| Oscar I. McMillan | | St. Andrews, Ft. Worth |
42. What is the number of
- Pastoral Charges—115 accepted supply pastors—18. Transfers in—1. Transfers out—2. Received from other churches—None. Deceased—6.

(b) Ministers

(1) On trial

- (a) As pastors?—105.
- (b) Under special appointment?—6.
- (c) Left without appointment to attend School?—4.

(2) In full connection

- (a) As pastors and district superintendents?—110.
- (b) Under special appointment?—6.
- (c) Left without appointment to attend school?—4.
- (d) On sabbatical leave?—5.

(3) Retired?—2.

(4) Supernumerary?—None.

(c) Total of all ministers?—122.

43. What other personal notation should be made?—I. H. Pierce, Born, 1898, F. M. Hudspeth, Entered, 1925, Dee Tucker, Born 1884, Z. E. King, Adm. 1927.

Part III. Concluding Business

44. What is the report of the conference treasurer?—See report.
45. What is the report of the conference statistician?—See report.
46. What are the detailed objectives of this conference for the coming year?—Crusade for Christ, 25% Increase. In Church School.
47. Where shall the next session of the conference be held?—St. Paul, Dallas, Rev. G. H. Caldwell, Pastor.
48. Is there any other business?—Miscellaneous reports were read.
49. What changes have been made in appointments since last Annual Conference session?—See appointments.
50. Where are the preachers stationed for the ensuing year?—See List of Appointments.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This certifies that in the city of San Antonio, Texas on the Fifteenth day of October, 1944, I ordained as Deacons under the election of the West Texas Conference (Central Jurisdiction), Methodist Church the following named persons:—

Garrett Goff, John Q. Loud, Alzo Lott, C. J. Polk, Eric Purnell, Joe Priestly.

And that on the same day and at the Place, I ordained the following persons as Elders:—

F. Rivers Barnwell, Charles L. King, J. Garfield Owens.

ROBERT N. BROOKS, Presiding Bishop.
631 Baronne st., New Orleans, Louisiana.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE
WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE METHODIST CHURCH

Austin District

A. D. Holden, Superintendent (3)
1606 Hackberry, Austin, Texas

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| Austin Ct.—(Jerry Thomas) | |
| Simpson—T. M. Bruton, 1703 East 12th St., Austin..... | 3 |
| Wesley—F. D. Young, 1207 Hackberry, Austin..... | 3 |
| St. Peters—J. L. Wattley, 2108 Pennsylvania, Austin..... | 2 |
| Bartlett—C. C. Brown, 811 E. 10½ St., Austin | 4 |
| Belton—G. W. Kelley, Belton, Texas..... | 5 |
| Brownwood—M. A. Freeman, Brownwood, Texas..... | 1 |
| Dale-Smithville—R. W. Weaver, Smithville, Texas..... | 1 |
| Fayetteville Ct.—(To be Supplied) | |
| Giddings Ct.—(R. W. Baker), 1515 E. 12th St., Austin..... | 2 |
| Georgetown Ct.—A. C. Holden, Georgetown, Texas..... | 2 |
| Lagrange Ct.—(Collie Polk), Lagrange, Texas..... | 1 |
| Lampasas Ct.—C. L. King, Lampasas, Texas..... | 4 |
| Littig Ct.—S. D. Miller, 1201½ Neches St., Austin..... | 3 |
| Llano Ct.—(S. M. Mathias), P. O. Box 168, Llano..... | 5 |
| Luling Ct.—B. A. Byars, P. O. Box 222, Luling..... | 6 |
| San Angelo—B. F. Stewart, 226 W. 6th, San Angelo..... | 1 |
| San Marcos—J. F. Muse, San Marcos, Texas | 5 |
| Lockhart—D. B. Baker, P. O. Box 997, Lockhart..... | 5 |
| Temple—J. G. Owens, 513 Ave. C, Temple..... | 1 |
| Winchester Ct.—C. J. Houston, Winchester, Texas..... | 5 |
| Tilmon Ct.—(To be Supplied) | |
| Missionary Secretary—D. B. Baker | |

Dallas District

J. H. Carruthers, District Superintendent (4)
2626 Munger, Dallas

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| Abilene—T. J. D. Sims, 629 N. Sixth St., Abilene | 7 |
| Corsicana—Joel S. Jordan, 1205 E. 10th St., Corsicana..... | 4 |
| Denison—T. H. Foy, 619 N. Fannin Ave., Denison..... | 4 |
| Dallas:— | |
| E. St. Paul—Merrill Reed, 2707 Hector, Dallas..... | 6 |
| Mt. Zion—To be supplied. | |
| St. Paul—G. Haven Caldwell, 1814 Good St., Dallas..... | 1 |
| Trinity—L. R. Proctor, 5006 McKinney, Dallas..... | 1 |
| Warren—J. A. Wills, 3731 Myrtle, Dallas..... | 1 |
| Wesley—Charles Espie, 2704 Romine St., Dallas..... | 1 |
| El Paso—D. H. Hansboro, 2923 Madera St., El Paso..... | 2 |
| Ennis—Geo. L. Johnson, 5114 McKinney, Dallas | 2 |
| Ferris-Lancaster—T. R. Watkins, 2508 Anderson St., Dallas..... | 2 |
| Fort Worth:— | |
| Cowan—(E. H. Carter), 1423 New Orleans, Fort Worth..... | 2 |
| Cogswell—E. M. Douglas, 5424 Libby St., Fort Worth | 2 |
| St. Andrews—K. W. McMillan, 1061 E. Rosedale, Fort Worth | 10 |
| F. Rivers Barnwell, 1328 Louisiana, Ft. Worth | 3 |
| Thompson—J. H. Marshall, 2804 Prospect, Fort Worth..... | 2 |
| Lubbock—M. C. Stone, Lubbock, | 1 |

Mexia:—

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| Jones—J. B. Richardson, P. O. Box 911, Mexia..... | 3 |
| Parish—(T. S. Dobbins) Rt. 5, Box 147, Mexia..... | 1 |
| McKinney-P. Point—Charles Espie, 2704 Romine, Dallas..... | 1 |
| Milford-Italy—A. D. Porter, Milford..... | 1 |
| Odessa Ct.—(C. E. Moore), Odessa..... | 1 |
| Pelham Ct.—Frank Blair, Rt. 3, Box 92, Hubbard..... | 1 |
| Sherman—(C. H. Pearson), 423 Kerr St., Sherman..... | 1 |
| Waxahachie—(S. N. Franklin), 104 Wyatt St., Waxahachie..... | 1 |
| Wichita Falls—L. W. Miles, 802 Flood St., Wichita Falls..... | 1 |
| District Missionary Secretary: Mrs. Mary Fowler, Rt., Loraine, Tex. | |

San Antonio District

I. B. Loud, District Superintendent (3)
625 Dawson St., San Antonio, Texas

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| Beeville—(A. D. Minor), Beeville, Box 1185..... | 1 |
| Belmont Ct.—(Belt Prince), R. F. D. Luling..... | 3 |
| Corpus Christi—R. L. Palmer, 1314 Lobo St., Corpus Christi..... | 12 |
| Eades Ct.—(Elmo Watson), Seguin..... | 2 |
| Eagle Pass Parish—J. B. Phoenix, 639 Arthur St., San Antonio.... | 2 |
| Floresville Ct.—G. V. Cavett, Floresville..... | 5 |
| Gonzales Ct.—O. K. Brewster, Gonzales..... | 1 |
| Harlingen Ct.—G. F. Alexander, 736 Filmore, Harlingen..... | 8 |
| Harpers Chapel—(B. W. Anderson), Seguin, Texas..... | 3 |
| Hondo-Uvalde—Leo Haywood, 1003 Hedges, San Antonio..... | 2 |
| Kerrville—W. M. Ellison, Kerrville, Texas..... | 2 |
| Kingsville—F. M. Hudspeth, Kingsville, Texas..... | 2 |
| Nixon Ct.—E. N. King, Nixon, Texas..... | 1 |
| Pearsall—Henry Tollerson, 1107 Perez, San Antonio..... | 2 |
| San Antonio:— | |
| E. St. Paul—W. W. Baker, 211 Lockhart, San Antonio..... | 2 |
| Jacobs—L. E. Muse, 408 S. Polaris St., San Antonio..... | 4 |
| Jones—Saul White, 117 W. Olmos Drive, San Antonio..... | 3 |
| St. Luke—G. A. Deslandes, 235 Blue Bonnet, San Antonio.... | 1 |
| St. Paul—R. S. Mosby, 130 N. Mesquite, San Antonio..... | 5 |
| Sanford—R. W. Allen, 1508 N. Novidad, San Antonio..... | 2 |
| Seguin—F. J. Hutchinson, Seguin, Texas..... | 5 |
| Laurel Heights—(J. M. North), 605 Gevers St., San Antonio | 1 |
| District Missionary:— | |
| Mrs. O. L. Carson, 914 Parker St., Corpus Christi, Texas..... | 1 |

Victoria District

A. G. Russell, Superintendent (1)
Victoria, Texas

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| Altairs Ct.—(Jack Caesar), Hallettsville, Texas..... | 3 |
| Colonge Ct.—D. C. Carroll, Schulenburg, Texas..... | 2 |
| Columbus—C. W. Franklin, Box 667 Columbus, Texas..... | 4 |
| Cuero Ct.—C. R. Greene, 402 West Morgan St., Cuero, Texas..... | 1 |
| Edna Ct.—E. L. Spencer, Edna, Texas..... | 1 |
| Ganada-Green Ct.—(T. W. Stephens), Hallettsville, Texas..... | 1 |
| Goliad—James Ross, Goliad, Texas..... | 1 |
| Hallettsville Ct.—S. N. Harvey, Hallettsville, Texas..... | 3 |
| Oakland Ct.—T. H. Randolph, Oakland, Texas..... | 1 |
| Port Lavaca Ct.—(W. M. Franklin), Rt. 1, Victoria, Texas..... | 1 |

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| Schulenburg Ct.—E. T. Fuller, Schulenburg, Texas..... | 2 |
| Sublime Ct.—(W. M. Booker), Oakland, Texas..... | 2 |
| Victoria—O. B. Coe, 405 S. Wheeler St., Victoria..... | 2 |
| Wharton Ct.—J. H. Brown, Wharton..... | 1 |
| Yoakum Ct.—T. H. Bryant, Yoakum, Texas..... | 2 |
| District Missionary:—Mrs. B. M. Pleasant, Cuero, Texas..... | 1 |
| Alleyton Ct.—Turner Snow, 308 S. Depot, Victoria, Texas..... | 1 |

Waco District

J. H. Childs, Superintendent (5)
1033 Taylor St., Waco, Texas

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| Aquilla Ct.—Z. E. King, Waco, Texas..... | 2 |
| Bowman-Reagan—Marshall Majors, Rt. 3, Box 115, Marlin, Tex. | 4 |
| Calvert-Bremond—P. H. Phillips, Calvert, Texas..... | 1 |
| Chilton Ct.—B. D. Linsay, Chilton, Texas..... | 1 |
| Groesbeck—(Eric Purnell), Groesbeck..... | 1 |
| Milsboro-Hubbard—J. W. Morgan, 1225 S. 3rd St., Waco..... | 6 |
| Marlin—J. H. R. Dudley, Marlin..... | 8 |
| Mart-Springhill—S. A. Keesee, Mart, Texas..... | 7 |
| Milam Grove—H. S. Byars, Rt. 1, Box 102, Cameron, Texas..... | 1 |
| Moody-Gatesville—I. C. Greer, Gatesville..... | 3 |
| Rocky Ct.—M. B. Burkley, Rt. 5, Box 277, Mexia..... | 5 |
| Satin-Majors—S. G. Graham, 1301 S. Third St., Waco..... | 2 |
| Valley Mills—S. W. Curtis, Rt. 6, Box 518-A, Waco..... | 3 |
| Rosebud—To be Supplied. | |
| Springfield Ct.—Dee Tucker, Rt. 5, Mexia, Texas..... | 5 |
| Waco:— | |
| Bracks—H. E. Kuykendall, 112 Bridge, Waco..... | 13 |
| Jones—I. H. Pierce, 809 Clifton St., Waco..... | 5 |
| Mt. Zion—W. L. Shaw, 605 Marlboro, Waco..... | 4 |
| St. James—Zan Holmes, 612 S. Second St., Waco..... | 10 |
| Waco Mission—To be Supplied. | |
| District Missionary:—Mrs. M. M. Sanford, Waco, Texas. | |

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Sam Houston College, Austin, Texas, Karl E. Downs.
Executive Secretary Rel. Ed., T. B. Echols, 1906 Tillotson, Austin.
Left Without Appointment to Attend School:—
 L. L. Haynes Jr., Sherill Moore, A. M. Pembroke, Sercy Jones,
 E. C. Gipson, Oscar I. McMillan.
Leave of Absence:—J. J. Hardemon, M. C. Ellison, J. N. Hooey,
 J. W. V. Hutchinson, W. M. Ellison Jr., 533 Jonson Ave, Seguin,
 Texas.

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE AUSTIN DISTRICT

Bishop Brooks, Ministers and Laymen of the West Texas Conference: It is with heart-felt gratitude and becoming reverence that we submit this, our annual report.

We began our year's work with twenty-one pastors serving the charges of the district and had not gone very far in the year's program before our ranks were broken. First to be called from labor to reward was the late Dr. J. W. Warren, our pastor of San Angelo charge. Then followed by two men of the retired relation namely: Revs. D. F. Vance and N. J. Moore.

Special Work Done

Austin Circuit—Rev. T. H. Randolph, pastor, purchased a lot for a new church site and repaired the church at Frederick Temple St. Peters—The pastor, Bro. J. L. Wattly and congregation have paid church notes in advance, purchased a lot for the parsonage and entertained the District Conference and Institute.

Simpson—This has been a year of marked achievement under the leadership of Rev. Bro. Bruton, all claims raised in full and more than \$3,000.00 raised in the interest of a new church.

Lockhart—This church, under the capable leadership of Rev. D. B. Baker is destined to be one of our best churches. The interior of the church has been beautified, installed pews and gas.

Georgetown—Rev. A. C. Holden, pastor. We are happy to report that Georgetown has shown marked improvement in many ways. The parsonage has undergone some repairs, Liberty Hill and Hutto of the same charge have also been repaired. Brother Holden also reported his World Service in full on Easter and all other claims have been looked after.

Temple—Rev. M. A. Freeman and members deserve commendation for the work done this year. All claims paid in full, gas installed in the church and parsonage and more than \$400 raised for a new parsonage.

San Marcos—Rev. J. F. Muse and congregation have shown themselves equal to the task. The interest of the church has been looked after in every respect. The church has been remodeled at the amount of \$800.

Brownwood—This promises to be one of our fine charges under the leadership of Rev. Brother Hooey. More than \$1200 has been raised in a recent effort for erecting a new church building.

Lampasas—Rev. C. L. King has beautified our church at this point. He will report a fine year's work.

Wesley Chapel—Rev. F. D. Young, pastor. The church and pastor have done a splendid job in co-operating with our school, Samuel Huston College. The outstanding program, "The Artist Series" sponsored by the church and the school was a success.

San Angelo—Immediately after the death of the late Dr. Warren, Rev. A. G. Russell was appointed to the charge as pastor. This has been a fine year for both the church and pastor. The church debt of \$1400 has been paid to the Board of Mission and Church Extension. All claims paid in full.

Winchester Ct.—Rev. C. J. Houston has painted the church at West Point, and repaired the church at Salem. This has been a fine year for the pastor and congregation.

Luling Ct.—The pastor, Rev. B. A. Byars and members have repaired the church at Union Hill, put on roof and installed pews.

Spiritual Life

The following churches have had revivals with good results: St. Peters, Granger, Bartlett, San Marcos, Temple, Wesley Chapel, San Angelo, and Brady.

Quarterly Conferences

We have been able to hold four quarterly conferences in each charge and to look after the interest of both the pastor and congregation and am happy to report that some progress has been made in all of the charges and that peace and harmony prevail throughout the District.

District Meetings

The following district meetings have been held: District council, Race Relation roll call, Easter roll call, and a District Conference, Convention, and Young People Institute.

Vacation Bible Schools

The following charges have had successful Vacation Bible school: St. Peters, Simpson, Wesley Chapel, Granger, Bartlett and San Marcos.

Samuel Huston College

We are happy to report that never before in the history of the School has there been such a bright future for our College. Much praise should be given to our president, Dr. Karl E. Downs for his dynamic leadership.

Finance

Most of the churches have shown improvement in General and Conference Benevolences. There has also been an increase in ministerial support throughout the district.

I take this method to thank the Pastors and Laymen of the Austin District for their co-operation and support in the program of Kingdom Building.

Respectfully submitted,
ADOLPHUS D. HOLDEN,
District Superintendent.

DALLAS DISTRICT

Bishop R. N. Brooks, Brethren of the West Texas Annual Conference, Laymen and Friends:

I count it a privilege to stand before this assembly to submit my third Annual report at the end of another conference year.

First of all, I must express my gratitude to the Almighty God for giving me strength to go through this strenuous year with no marks of divine displeasure visible upon me.

Second, too, the pastors of the Dallas District for their earnest efforts and brotherly spirit and fellowship during the past year and to the hundreds of fine faithful laymen and young people that I have been privileged to work with from the banks of the Red River in Denison across all the long miles to the murky, slow, winding streams of the Rio Grande in El Paso, from the plains of northwest Texas to the oil belt in Mexia, Texas. Travel over such territory has been taxing but the earnestness and faithfulness of pastors and laymen has somewhat taken the boredom out of it all.

The angel of the Lord has kept watch over the good shepherd of the twenty-seven shepherds on the Dallas District. No death in our parsonages. I have enjoyed perfect harmony with each pastor. There has not been a cross between the superintendent

and a single pastor on the District. I have held or caused to be held four Quarterly Conferences in each charge.

We have held one Group Meeting, one District Missionary Institute, one District Conference and Youth Institute.

The Spiritual life under the fine preaching and directions of the pastors, the spiritual life of our churches with a few exceptions seemingly are spiritually alive. The State of the Churches that make up the district:

Abilene with Brother Sims has a live church school, the membership is growing, they have met their claims in full, money in the bank.

Corsicana is enjoying a new day with Rev. Jordan, a very splendid preacher. The church has been painted inside and outside, parsonage renovated. The people are happy.

Denison, with Rev. Foy is today at a spiritual light never before attained. All claims met in full. Church and parsonage in one-hundred percent shape.

Ennis, with Rev. G. L. Johnson is enjoying a great year, all claims paid out in full in mid-year. Paid more pastor salary than ever before with five or six hundred dollars in the bank for a new building. Well organized and in fine working order.

El Paso, under the leadership of Rev. Hansboro is a new place. He has guided Myrtle Avenue to the front in El Paso. All claims paid in full, the church remodeled and paid for. Money on hand to purchase a parsonage. He carries a great crowd. All departments working well.

Ferris-Lancaster, with Rev. Watkins is over the top in Ferris where we lost hope. They have raised one thousand dollars for a new church and seven hundred and fifty from the Board ready to build a new church as soon as material can be purchased. Paid all claims in full and paid the pastor in full.

Lubbock is our miracle place. Rev. B. F. Lee leaves a monument to the West Texas Conference. For a part of the year that membership has been without a shepherd, but they carry on out there in a fine way. Beautiful church, fine pews and pulpit furniture.

Mexia Jones with Bro. J. B. Richardson, who works and preaches hard the year round. He is our promising young man.

Rev. A. D. Porter out on the Mexia circuit is a faithful worker and a fine preacher. He has not enjoyed the co-operation of all the people and unfavorable season but in spite of that he gives fine account of his stewardship.

McKinney, with Rev. Pinkard is still struggling, trying to come to life. Promises great things next year.

Mt. Zion, Oak Cliff has had some backset but Sister Fitzgerald took over and is carrying on in a fine way.

Odessa has never enjoyed such fine and capable leadership as Rev. C. H. Pearson. He has given away out there in the west. Paid all claims in full, he has well represented the Methodist ministry out there in West Texas.

For five years Rev. C. R. Greene has in a great way led this community towards the lights. Loved and respected by all and

does a fine job in spite of mud, real mud and high waters. He deserves the consideration of the Cabinet.

Rev. S. M. Franklin is bringing Pilot Point to life again. He is a good preacher.

Sherman boasts of the fact that they are one of the popular churches in the city with the energetic leadership of Rev. L. H. Proctor. A fine pastor, preacher and organizer. Claims met in full and all departments organized.

St. Andrews at the end of ten years under the leadership of Dr. K. W. McMillan is singing never grow old. The folk still come by the hundreds. One of the finest organizations in the Jurisdiction. The finest Church School in Texas, all claims paid in full.

St. Paul Church in Dallas has enjoyed a good year under Dr. W. T. Handy, the debt of many years has been cleared. Church well organized. They are still marching under the very capable leadership of Dr. G. H. Caldwell, the present pastor, who is receiving a hearty welcome by the membership and Dallas. All claims paid in full.

East St. Paul is only waiting for O.P.A. orders to go. Rev. Merrill Reed is one of our fine pastors. A beautiful location paid for, money in bank on building. All claims paid in full. Their building plans in the hands of the Board of Missions and Church Extensions.

Thompson Chapel is today greater Thompson. Rev. J. H. Marshall is one of our fine pastors of the Conference. That church has been cleared of debt, parsonage renovated, sewage put in the parsonage. The church renovated outside and inside, all paid with one thousand dollar donation from the Board. It is lovely to look upon.

Trinity Church in Dallas reports the best year in its history. Rev. J. A. Wills has given fine account of himself. All claims paid in full. Pastor over paid. That church renders fine service in the community.

Rev. J. J. Hardeman has worked hard this year. He is a hard working pastor. That church has paid all claims. Pastor paid in full.

Wesley has had no progress this year.

Waxahachie, under Rev. Blair has made fair progress. The pastor has not enjoyed the full co-operation of the membership. Yet he has worked hard in spite of this.

Wichita Falls following Rev. J. H. Brown's leadership has probably paid more benevolences than at any time before. House reseated with chairs.

The women of these parsonages have stood hard by as co-workers of these pastors and making home life happy for them.

Our young folks' movement, under the leadership of Dr. T. B. Echols and our local workers is at a new height.

The work of the women, under Mrs. Davenport has been a determining factor throughout the District.

Dr. S. L. Brown constantly keeps the men of the district on the move as leaders of our laymen's organization.

Finally we are all set for the great campaign, The Crusade for Christ. At this moment every man's quota is awaiting him and when the final roll call is made, the Dallas District will come through with colors flying. See the quotas, brothers and decide whether you want to go there or not.

DISTRICT BUDGET

1944-1945

Including Regular Quotas and Crusade Quotas

| | Crusade Quotas | Combined Quotas |
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| Abilene | \$240.00 | \$360.00 |
| Corsicana | 280.00 | 420.00 |
| Cowan | 120.00 | 180.00 |
| Cogswell | 120.00 | 180.00 |
| Denison | 400.00 | 600.00 |
| El Paso | 500.00 | 750.00 |
| Ennis | 150.00 | 225.00 |
| Ferris-Lanct | 250.00 | 425.00 |
| Lubbock | 160.00 | 240.00 |
| Mexia Jones | 400.00 | 620.00 |
| Mexia Ct. | 400.00 | 670.00 |
| McKinney | 100.00 | 160.00 |
| Milford-Italy | 240.00 | 360.00 |
| Mt. Zion | 50.00 | 80.00 |
| Odessa | 120.00 | 180.00 |
| Pelham Ct. | 400.00 | 670.00 |
| Pilot Point | 100.00 | 180.00 |
| Sherman | 250.00 | 425.00 |
| St. Andrews | 3500.00 | 5616.00 |
| St. Paul | 3500.00 | 5250.00 |
| East St. Paul | 200.00 | 280.00 |
| Thompson | 600.00 | 800.00 |
| Trinity | 450.00 | 650.00 |
| Warren | 450.00 | 650.00 |
| Wesley | 100.00 | 175.00 |
| Waxahachie | 150.00 | 225.00 |
| Wichita Falls | 280.00 | 420.00 |

San Antonio District

I. B. Loud, District Superintendent

Bishop Brooks and Brethren of the Conference:

No kind of life is complete, no kind of life can make the world intelligible or give us any lasting satisfaction, unless there enters into it the element which is called religion—the desire to find God in the universe and to so understand our relation to him. We believe that the life of man progresses by conformity to a Universal Spirit and a divine beauty of character, so that every act and pre-

ference of every one of us is of immortal consequence, because it either helps or hinders the realization of the order which God is perpetually designing for the world. Therefore, the ministers and laymen of this district consider our first task that of winning others to that higher trail of life exhibited by our Lord, the Christ.

The programs of our churches have been designed to "bring them in." The results have been five hundred additions to the church this year.

We are grateful to our workers in the field of Christian Education for the contribution they have made to our Evangelistic work. Daily Vacation Church Schools that we held on this district through the co-operative work of students of Samuel Huston College have touched more than three hundred children. For the remarkable work they contributed we express our appreciation. The workers on the district in the Vacation Schools were: Mrs. M. M. Loud, Misses Renette Echols and C. J. Baker.

At the District Institute this year there were over two hundred persons studying to return and to serve in various places in the Local Church. We have held on the District three district meetings and a District Conference. Each charge has held the regular four quarterly conferences. We are fortunate in having an active Board of Lay Activities. For organization and achievement we believe that this Board leads the Conference. Through the zealous efforts of the District Lay Leader, the Methodist men have increased their activities in the Local Churches. East St. Paul and Rev. W. W. Baker, Jones Chapel and Rev. Saul White, St. Luke and Rev. W. M. Ellison, Jr., Uvalde on the Hondo Ct., and Rev. L. H. Haywood have paid in full all debts against their churches, making the District free of church debts.

Jacobs Chapel and Rev. L. E. Muse purchased for cash the house and lot adjacent to the church to enlarge their church building. They have raised more than two thousand dollars this year for building purposes. Beeville and Rev. A. D. Minor have painted the church building. St. Paul and Rev. R. S. Mosby have completely renovated this church building and expended two thousand dollars in improvements to the church and parsonage. Sanford and Rev. R. W. Allen, Seguin and Rev. F. J. Hutchinson have raised large sums of money to be used for the erection of new church buildings. Since Easter, Kingsville and Rev. F. M. Hudspeth have added eleven hundred and thirty-five dollars to their building fund alone, in addition to current expenses and claims. At Corpus Christi, St. Paul and Rev. Palmer have built and furnished throughout with new furniture, a modern and attractive parsonage without debt. At Gonzales, Henson Chapel and M. C. Stone, with the skilled hands of Rev. G. V. Cavitt and the pastor, have completely remodeled, free of indebtedness, the church named for the sainted Mack Henson, one of the Conference Fathers.

Bishop and Brethren, I call your attention to the name of Alzo Lott, who was given Local Preacher's License last September, made an Accepted Supply Pastor at the last Annual Conference and appointed to Olmes (Jake's Colony) near Seguin. The church was unfit for worship and the congregation had been worshipping in the school building for several years. Under the leadership of

Brother Lott the church has been rebuilt. It is a very attractive place for worship and is totally free of debt. He has also a "round" report.

Two of our ministers are directors of USO Clubs and are doing excellent work among the soldiers. Their influence has been helpful in many places. They are Rev. G. F. Alexander, who deserves credit for securing a club in Harlingen, and Rev. J. B. Phoenix, Eagle Pass. Our churches at Beeville, Kingsville, Harlingen, Hondo, Corpus Christi and San Antonio engage in carrying religious services to our men in uniform and in making them welcome to our churches.

Time will not allow us to continue the roll of success; but all pastors and their congregations have made progress in their work this year.

There were two shifts in appointments this year due to the transfer of Brother C. P. Payne to the Mississippi Conference in November and to the translation of Brother B. J. Easter to a still Higher Conference for his final appointment in May.

There is an increase in Pastors' salaries from \$15,970 last year to \$24,300 this year; an increase in benevolences from \$6000 last year to 7½ thousand dollars this year. Because of the dream of our District Lay Leader, Brother Elisha Thompson, and of the cooperative spirit of our pastors and laymen, the San Antonio District has purchased the first District Parsonage in the New Orleans Area. Work is now going on at this parsonage and it will be ready for occupancy at the close of the Conference.

We are happy to report the organization of The Methodist Ministers' Fellowship, composed of all the Methodist ministers in San Antonio—Latin-American, white and Negro. In a luncheon meeting once each month we make plans for developing a growing atmosphere of good will in Race Relations and courageously plan the defeat of any movement that would undermine true Christian brotherhood.

This has not been an easy year for our people. While many have an increase in their payroll, there is also an abundance of care, anxiety, and even sorrow. Some of our sons and brothers have fallen in battle; many young men who frequented our churches, served on boards, sang in choirs, who were students in our Sam Houston College are making bloody tracks in strange places at this hour. They write back to us saying, "Pray for us." Our sincere endeavor is to not let them down. But for every difficulty we take fresh hope from the words of that great Apostle, who, in the darkest days of his life said: "Cast down, but not forsaken" . . . and—"The slight trouble of the passing hour results in a solid glory past all comparison, for those of us whose eyes are on the unseen, not on the seen; for the seen is transient, unseen, eternal."

Report of the Victoria District

To the Bishop and West Texas Conference in Session
Last October at the close of the term of W. W. Baker as Supt. of the Victoria district, I was appointed Supt. After one year's service I come now to present you our first report.

This is a rural district with only two stationed charges—Columbus and Victoria. It is the baby district of the conference but distinguishes itself in accomplishments. Some of the best land in the state therefore, rich in resources and possibilities producing anything from peanuts to oil. The people are the best to be met anywhere. Four Quarterly Conferences in every charge. One Group meeting, one Race Relation World Call, one Easter Roll Call, one Missionary Institute, one District Conference Institute, and one Pre-Annual Conference retreat have been held during the year.

We have stressed Religious Education and Training Classes as we have held them in some of the charges. Daily Vacation Bible Schools and Young Adults have been organized within the district for effective work. Dr. T. B. Echols, our Executive Secretary, has given much time and help in making these organizations possible. We are much indebted to him.

Within the district there are sixteen appointments with thirty-eight congregations, thirty-two meeting houses and thirteen parsonages with two thousand, six hundred members.

Two new churches have been built, one old one rebuilt and one in process of erection has been completed. Several have been recovered, repaired and painted. All church indebtedness has been paid in full on the parsonages at Victoria and Columbus. Much has been done in re-furnishing the parsonages all of which has been paid for.

This district stands in need of more missionary aid to assist the pastors in their support. We have had many people to move out of the district to larger centers and that depletes to some extent the salaries of the men. We need three thousand dollars to establish a church in Port Lavaca. People of all denominations moving in and there is no Methodist church at all. The pastors' reports will show what we have done in a financial way.

The men have raised more than thirteen thousand, two hundred and forty-seven dollars on ministerial support, district expenses, conference benevolences, and other benevolences.

The laymen are to be complimented for their faithfulness in helping to carry forward the work of the district.

Faithfully submitted,
B. F. STEWART.

WACO DISTRICT

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

I am submitting my fourth Annual report of work on the Waco District of the West Texas Conference as follows:

Area and Property

The district comprises ten counties, mainly in Central Texas. There are twenty-eight church buildings and seventeen parsonages all of which are in fairly good condition.

Forty-five lots. Value of all property \$84,890, most of which is insured.

Debts and Mortgages

There are only three congregations carrying debts, none of these are nagging.

Membership in full connection: 2698, children in classes for training 518, grand total of members 3216.

Church Schools

Enrolled in all departments 1023, Youth Fellowship groups 58.

Woman's Society of Christian Service under the leadership of Mrs. Willie Long Smith, has made great advance. I wish to use this method to extend to these very faithful Christian women my sincere thanks for their fine cooperation.

Work Done

We have gone forward in a large way to improve church and parsonage buildings.

Paid the old debts against property and increase general and conference benevolences.

Travel and Cultivation

Quarterly Conferences, Group meetings, Missionary Conventions, Laymen's Training Conferences, Youth Assemblies and District Conference.

Work of Pastors

There are 17 regular Conference appointments and 3 supply pastors; all of whom deserve special mention.

Revivals have been held which resulted in many conversions and accessions to the churches.

With the deepest thanks to the Heavenly Father, the pastors, laymen and many friends.

I am sincerely yours,

J. HENRY CHILDS,
District Supt.

Funds in Trust for Board of Conference Claimants
WEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Distribution Account—Year 1943-44

1943 Oct. 8—Balance on hand..... \$1,494.49

Receipts

| | | | |
|------|---|------------|----------|
| 1943 | Oct. 19—From Conference by N. J. Crolley | \$2,559.90 | |
| | Dec. 23—Adjustments from Other Confs. (Rate Changes) | 34.32 | |
| 1944 | May 26—From Clearinghouse | 137.00 | 2,731.22 |
| | | | 4,225.71 |

Disbursements

| | | | |
|------|---|----------|----------|
| 1943 | Oct. 20—Board of Conference Claimants— Expense | 11.33 | |
| | Oct. 29—Distributed to Claimants—First Quarter | 1,154.94 | |
| | Oct. 29—To Mrs. Browne-Annuity, due 1942-43 | 4.24 | |
| | Dec. 23—Additional Payments due Claim- ants in Other Conferences | 5.64 | |
| 1944 | Jan. 29—Distributed to Claimants—Second Quarter | 783.72 | |
| | Jan. 31—To H. C. Willis-Annuity, due 1942-43 | 30.00 | |
| | Apr. 29—Distributed to Claimants — Third Quarter | 1,116.77 | |
| | July 29—Distributed to Claimants—Fourth Quarter | 783.81 | 3,890.45 |
| | | | 335.26 |

Balance on hand after 1943-44 Dist.

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| Funds on hand available for 1944-45 Dist. | |
| Balance on hand after 1943-44 Disbursement (see above) | 335.26 |
| Interest credit at 3% to Oct. 1, 1944 on Distribution Account | 53.25 |
| Interest credit at 3% to Oct. 1, 1944 on Conf. Per- manent Fund..... | 101.00 |
| From Board of Pensions, Illinois Corp.: Regular Appropriation | 485.00 |
| From Board of Pensions, Illinois Corp.: Bonus Payment | 117.00 |
| Collections received from Conference Treasurer..... | 724.00 |
| Total Distribution Funds on Hand October 6, 1944 | \$1,815.51 |

Conference Permanent Funds

1943 Oct. 8—Balance on Hand..... \$3,273.57

Receipts

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|--|-------------------|
| 1943 Oct. 25—From K. W. McMillan, Conference Treasurer | 100.00 |
| Balance on Hand October 6, 1944.... | <u>\$3,373.57</u> |

THE BOARD OF PENSIONS
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
Incorporated in Illinois

By

October 6, 1944

Executive Secretary

| NAME | OCT. 29 | JAN. 29 | APR. 29 | JUL. 29 | TOTAL |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Appling, R. A. | \$25.20 | \$25.20 | \$25.20 | \$25.20 | \$100.80 |
| Callahan, Frank C..... | 17.10 | 17.10 | 17.10 | 17.10 | 68.40 |
| Deslandes, G. A..... | 37.80 | 43.80 | 43.80 | 43.80 | 169.20 |
| Duncan, R. H..... | 18.00 | 18.00 | 18.00 | 18.00 | 72.00 |
| Eggleston, J. B..... | 20.70 | | | | 20.70-Dead |
| Houston, W. B..... | 34.20 | 34.20 | 34.20 | 34.20 | 136.80 |
| Lott, W. B..... | 36.90 | 36.90 | 36.90 | 36.90 | 147.60 |
| McKinney, H. L..... | 28.87 | 28.87 | 28.88 | 28.88 | 115.50 |
| Maye, J. W..... | 16.20 | 16.20 | 16.20 | 16.20 | 64.80 |
| Medlock, John S..... | 29.70 | 29.70 | 29.70 | 29.70 | 118.80 |
| Moore, N. J. | 34.20 | 34.20 | 34.20 | 34.20 | 136.80-Dead |
| Moore, Turner S..... | 27.90 | 27.90 | 27.90 | 27.90 | 111.60 |
| Stephens, M. W..... | 26.10 | | | | 26.10-Dead |
| Stephens, N. W..... | 18.00 | | 18.00 | | 36.00 |
| Strait, J. H..... | 16.20 | 16.20 | 16.20 | 16.20 | 64.80 |
| Vance, D. F..... | 31.50 | | | | 31.50-Dead |
| White, W. M..... | 15.30 | 15.30 | 15.30 | 15.30 | 61.20 |
| Willis, H. C. | 18.00 | | 18.00 | | 36.00 |
| Wyatt, T. H..... | 42.30 | 42.30 | 42.30 | 42.30 | 169.20 |
| | 494.17 | 385.87 | 421.88 | 385.88 | 1687.88 |

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|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Bennett, Annie | 17.95 | 17.95 | 17.96 | 17.96 | 71.82 |
| Blackson, Elvira | 20.16 | | 20.16 | | 40.32 |
| Braden, Sallie | 11.34 | | 11.34 | | 22.68 |
| Brown, Amanda | 13.54 | 13.54 | 13.55 | 13.55 | 54.18 |
| Brown, Earle L. | 3.15 | | 3.15 | | 6.30 |
| Caviness, Mattie | 12.91 | 12.91 | 12.92 | 12.92 | 51.66 |
| Coe, Philadelphia | 8.82 | | 8.82 | | 17.64 |
| Coe, Lillie | 22.68 | | 22.68 | | 45.36 |
| Downs, Lucretia E.... | 14.49 | 14.49 | 14.49 | 14.49 | 57.96 |
| Downs, Children (2)... | 10.35 | 10.35 | 10.35 | 10.35 | 41.40 |
| Edmondson, Ethel | 15.12 | | 15.12 | | 30.24 |
| Eusan, Florence M..... | 23.31 | | 23.31 | | 46.62 |
| Fountain, Eddie K..... | 13.23 | 18.27 | 18.27 | 18.27 | 68.04 |
| Glover, Albirdia | 13.86 | | 13.86 | | 27.72 |
| Goff, Nannie B. | 21.42 | | 21.42 | | 42.84 |
| Hardeman, Anna Kate | 17.64 | | 17.64 | | 35.28 |
| Humphrey, Hester..... | 12.60 | | 12.60 | | 25.20 |

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

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|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Jacques, Callie S..... | 22.05 | | 22.05 | | 44.70 |
| Jones, Angie E..... | 16.28 | 16.28 | 16.28 | 16.38 | 65.52 |
| Jones, Nannie E..... | 18.90 | 18.90 | 18.90 | 18.90 | 75.60 |
| Mooney, Malissa..... | 18.90 | 18.90 | 18.90 | 18.90 | 75.60 |
| Mosby, Popie L..... | 17.64 | 17.64 | 17.64 | 17.64 | 70.56 |
| Mosely, Eugenia E..... | 15.43 | 15.43 | 15.44 | 15.44 | 61.74 |
| Moten, Rosa | 5.67 | | 5.67 | | 11.34 |
| Moten, child | 2.02 | | 2.03 | | 4.05 |
| Richardson, Carrie | 13.86 | | 13.86 | | 27.72 |
| Roberts, Elnora | 8.82 | | 8.82 | | 17.64 |
| Robinson, Malinda | 8.82 | | 8.82 | | 17.64 |
| Sodia, Fannie | 13.23 | 13.23 | 13.23 | 13.23 | 52.92 |
| Stone, Minnie | 13.23 | | 13.23 | | 26.46 |
| Stone, Mayme J. | 20.47 | 20.47 | 20.48 | 20.48 | 81.90 |
| Townsend, Mary Ella.. | 15.43 | 15.43 | 15.44 | 15.44 | 61.74 |
| Waters, Rachel E..... | 24.25 | 24.25 | 24.26 | 24.26 | 97.02 |
| Westbrooks, Mamie M. | 18.90 | | | | 18.90-Dead |
| Whitiker, Clara | 23.94 | | 23.94 | | 47.88 |
| Whitiker child | 17.10 | | 17.10 | | 34.20 |
| Williams, Josephine A. | 15.43 | 15.43 | 15.44 | 15.44 | 61.74 |
| Wyatt, Mabel L. | 18.27 | 18.27 | 18.27 | 18.27 | 73.08 |
| Mason children (4)..... | 53.10 | 53.50 | 53.50 | 53.50 | 213.60 |
| Allen, Leta | | 11.34 | 11.34 | | 22.68 |
| Eggleston, Claudia | | 14.49 | 14.49 | 14.49 | 43.47 |
| Eggleston child | | 5.18 | 5.18 | 5.18 | 15.54 |
| Warren, Helen Coffey.. | 15.02 | 24.57 | 24.57 | 24.57 | 88.73 |
| Stephens, Essie | | 18.27 | 18.27 | 18.27 | 54.81 |
| | 660.77 | 397.85 | 694.89 | 397.93 | 2151.44 |

Summary

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|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Paid Ministers..... | 494.17 | 385.87 | 421.88 | 385.88 | 1687.80 |
| Paid Widows and Children | 660.77 | 397.85 | 694.89 | 397.93 | 2151.44 |

1154.94 783.72 1116.77 783.81 3839.24

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|--|--|--|--|--|-------|
| Paid 10-20-43 J. J. Hardeman-Board Conf. Clmts. Expense | | | | | 11.33 |
| Paid 10-29 Mrs. Brown-Annuity due 1942-3..... | | | | | 4.24 |
| Paid 12-23 Additional Payments to Clmts. in Other Confs. | | | | | 5.64 |
| Paid 1-31-44 H. C. Willis-Annuity due 1942-3..... | | | | | 30.00 |

Total Disbursements.....**\$3890.45**

Conference Claimants

We your Committee of the Board of Conference Claimants beg leave to submit the following:

We ask that each District Superintendent appoint one Key woman for his District to organize the Women of the district for the purpose of collecting \$5.00 from the Ministers' wives and supplemented by individual contributions. These funds to be used for immediate distribution.

Signed:

DR. M. J. WASHINGTON,
MRS. A. H. JACKSON.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT

Board of Conference Claimants

1 Actual Disbursements:

1. On basis of Emergency Relief
Permanent Fund

| | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|--|
| To Bal. up to Oct. 1944..... | \$3373.57 | | |
| From Conference Treas. Oct. 14 | 300.00 | \$3673.57 | |

11 Receipts:

For Annuities:

| | | | |
|--|-----------|--|--|
| During the year from Pastoral Charges | \$ 724.00 | | |
| From Conference Investments | 101.00 | | |
| From Meth. Pub. House | 1144.14 | | |
| Int. on Distribution | 53.25 | | |
| Cash from Charges at the Conf.... | 1810.00 | | |
| Ministers' Wives | 236.00 | | |

For Regular Relief:

| | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|--|--|
| From Bd. of Pensions | 485.00 | | |
| Bons from Bd. | 117.00 | | |

For Emergency Relief:

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| From Chartered Fund | 80.00 | | |
| Balance Previous Year | 335.26 | | |
| Due From Clearing House | 161.00 | \$5246.65 | \$5246.65 |

III Prospective Disbursements:

On Basis of Service:

| | | | |
|--------------------|---------|-----------|--|
| To Preachers | 1995.00 | | |
| To Widows | 2417.63 | | |
| To Children | 265.56 | | |
| | | \$4778.19 | |

On Basis of Emergency Relief:

| | | | |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Other Conferences | 10.00 | | |
| Balance | 458.46 | | |
| | | 468.46 | \$5246.65 |

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATION**OCT. 14, 1944**

Your Committee reports as follows:

1—We receive and record the transfer as announced by Bishop Brooks of G. Haven Caldwell from the North Carolina Conference.

2—We receive and announce the transfer out of W. T. Handy to Louisiana and Charlemange Payne to the Mississippi Conference. Sercy Jones.

3—We announce the deaths of the following men for 1944: J. W. Warren, B. J. Easter, M. W. Stephens, J. B. Eggleston, D. F. Vance, and N. J. Moore.

4—The following men were retained in the Retired Relation: R. A. Appling, F. C. Calahan, R. H. Duncan, G. A. Deslandes, W. B. Houston, W. B. Lott, T. S. Moore, J. D. Medlock, H. L. McKinney, N. W. Stephens, J. H. Strait, W. M. White, T. H. Wyatt, H. C. Willis, J. W. Maye.

5—Your committee recommends the following men be granted the retired relation: W. M. Mosely, Esau Smith.

6—No men to be admitted on trial.

7—We record the names of the following men to be continued in the studies of the First Year: C. W. Curtis, Ernest Dixon, Leo Haywood, G. L. Johnson, M. C. Stone, Merrill Reed, J. B. Richardson, T. R. Watkins, R. W. Weaver.

8—There were none to be advanced to the Second Year.

9—The following men were continued in the Second Year: L. L. Haynes Jr., E. C. Gypson, Sherrill Moore, Maceo Pembroke, Sercy Jones.

10—We record the following men as continued in the Third Year: Oscar I. McMillan Jr., L. R. Proctor, E. M. Douglas, O. K. Brewster.

11—We record the following men as having been granted the Sabatical Year: W. M. Ellison Jr., M. C. Ellison, J. H. Hooey, J. J. Hardemon, J. W. V. Hutchinson.

12—We record the following men as having completed and graduated from the course of study: F. Rivers Barnwell, C. L. King, T. H. Randolph, Garfield Owens and Saul White.

13—The following men were elected to Elders Orders: F. Rivers Barnwell, C. L. King, and Garfield Owens.

14—The following men were recorded as elected to Elders Orders previously: T. H. Randolph and Saul White.

15—We record the names of the following men elected to Deacons Orders: John Q. Loud, Garrett Goff, Erie Purnell, Collie J. Polk, Alzo Lott, Joe Priestly.

16—The Committee recommends and records the name of S. L. Griffin for Recognition of Orders as a Deacon from the A. M. E. Church.

17—The following men were accepted as Supply Pastors: Silas Mathias, W. M. Franklin, Jack Caesar, R. W. Baker, E. H. Carter, Belt Prince, Nathan Pinkard, J. M. North, T. W. Stephens, B. D. Lindsay, T. S. Dobbins, B. W. Anderson, Alzo Lott, R. G. Grant, A. D. Minor, C. H. Pearson, Elmo Watson, Collie Polk.

18—The following men were left without appointment to attend school: Oscar I. McMillan Jr., Ernest Dixon, L. L. Haynes Jr., Pinza Woods, Maceo Pembroke, Sherrill Moore, Evans Crawford.

19—The Committee on Investigation with the District Supt. in the case of L. W. Miles found no ground for charges. And therefore asked the Bishop Brooks to give him an appointment.

K. W. McMILLAN, Sec. of Committee.

WESLEY CHAPEL—AUSTIN, TEXAS

August 17-18, 1944

Minutes of the mid-summer Institute on Lay Activities and Missionary Work within the West Texas Conference, Central Jurisdiction. August 17, 1944.

The Institute was called to order at 10:30 a. m. by Prof. J. S. Henry, Conference Lay Leader. Professor Henry explained the purpose of the meeting, then presented Rev. A. D. Holden, District Superintendent of the Austin District who delivered the Devotional Address for the morning.

Bishop R. N. Brooks, having been detained by official duties elsewhere, delegated Rev. W. H. Hightower of the Texas Conference to represent him at the Institute. At this point Rev. Hightower was introduced to the Institute. He presided throughout the session.

The chairman requested further information concerning the program for the meeting. Prof. Henry gave an outline of the program and moved it's adoption. The motion prevailed. The Secretary of the Conference Board of Lay Activities, Dr. S. L. Brown then called the Roll of Districts. The following named persons answered the roll call:

Austin District: Rev. A. D. Holden, Col. L. D. Lyons, Prof. E. M. Cooper, Rev. Aaron Taylor, Mr. J. W. Lewes, Rev. D. D. Baker, Dr. T. B. Echols, Rev. J. L. Wattley, Mr. W. J. Means, Mr. Ed Forcey, Miss D. B. Baker, Mrs. C. E. Whitiker, Mrs. B. S. Holden, Miss Z. A. Hall.

Dallas District: Rev. W. T. Handy, Dr. S. L. Brown.

San Antonio District: Rev. I. B. Loud, Mrs. O. L. Carson, Mr. James Russell, and Mr. Elisha Thompson.

Victoria District: Rev. B. F. Stewart, Prof. R. A. Atkinson, and Mrs. H. S. Hammons.

Waco District: Rev. J. H. Childs, Rev. Z. W. Holmes, Mrs. M. M. Sanford, Mrs. A. L. Jones, Mrs. F. B. Locke, Mr. R. A. Hamilton, and Prof. J. S.

Following the roll call, a motion prevailed that the conference

Lay leader be empowered to name the necessary committees. The following named committees were designated and the members distributed to them according to their interests:

(1) Stewardship; (2) Sound Church Finance; (3) World Service; (4) Men's Work; (5) District Missionary Work; (6) Christian Literature. Rev. I. B. Loud was requested to serve as chairman of committee on Sound Church Finance to take place of Rev. McMillan who was absent on account of personal illness.

11:35 a. m. Forum Stewardship Leader—Rev. Z. W. Holmes. Rev. Holmes gave his subject a Biblical background. At the close of this period two outstanding Laymen were presented. Their pastors gave in detail the type of stewardship these laymen had practiced through the years. One, brother Elisha Thompson gave the first \$1,000.00 for a District Parsonage on the San Antonio, Texas; the other Col. L. D. Lyons placed a public address system in his church, cement walks around the church grounds, built stairs leading from the pastor's study, completely furnished the Ladies Parlor, equipped a recreational park for the smaller children of the church, and paid a large part of the final debt of the church.

Afternoon session:

Devotional Address—Rev. J. H. Childs, District Superintendent, Waco District.

The minutes of the morning session were adopted.

Forum—Sound Church Finance—Lead by Rev. I. B. Loud.

Rev. Hightower spoke on this subject. He outlined in detail his use of the Every Member Canvas and the tithing system, with the following results:

1. Church free of debt.
2. Increase in World Service giving.
3. Increased Ministerial support.
4. More than \$6,000.00 cash in bank.

Friday, August 18, 1944.

The Institute was called to order by Prof. J. S. Henry and the devotions were conducted by Rev. A. D. Holden. After which Rev. W. H. Hightower, the Chairman, called for the minutes of the evening session of Aug. 17th. The minutes were read by the secretary, Dr. S. L. Brown and on motion were approved. The Chairman called for the order of the day. Mrs. M. M. Sanford, District Missionary Secretary of the Waco District was introduced. She discussed in full the missionary duties of the District Secretary. Especially did she stress the 4th Sunday Missionary program of Church School and requested that the entire membership of the local church take part in the program.

11:00 a. m., Forum "Christian Literature." Leader, Dr. T. B. Echols, and the noon forum, "Men's Work," leader, Dr. S. L. Brown, were omitted and these two periods were given over to Prof. J. H. Touchstone, one of the assistant General Secretaries of the General Board of Lay Activities who represents the Lay Work

in the Central Jurisdiction. Prof. Touchstone spoke on the five point program of the General Church approved by General Conference 1944 and the duties of the official Board. Prof. Touchstone stressed particularly the need for a well organized Board and institution of strong study courses for the benefit of the members thereof. At the conclusion of Prof. Touchstone's address, Prof. J. S. Henry offered a resolution that we express our gratitude to Rev. Hightower and Prof. Touchstone for the fine part they played on the program. Motioned by Prof. R. A. Atkinson and seconded by Rev. J. H. Childs that the resolution offered by Prof. Henry be adopted. Motion prevailed. Rev. W. T. Handy moved and it was seconded by Dr. Echols that the minutes of the morning session of Aug. 18th be approved without reading. Motion prevailed.

At this point Rev. Fred Young, Conference Chairman of the Commission on World Service and Finance, asked that on adjournment that all members of the Commission on World Service and Finance meet in the church office to discuss briefly the financial program of the Conference.

A motion to adjourn was made and carried.

REV. J. H. HIGHTOWER, Chairman,
DR. S. L. BROWN, Secretary,
PROF. J. S. HENRY, Conf. Lay-Leader.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOUND CHURCH FINANCE

Adequate support of the ministry and the successful prosecution of the work of the church depends to a large degree upon a sound financial system. Therefore, we recommend:

1. The careful making of a detailed and itemized budget. This budget should include every item of expense to be met by the Official Board.

2. An Every-Member Canvass annually to secure pledges for the local current expenses and also the General and Annual Conference Benevolence. In addition an Every-Member Canvass to be conducted sometime during the year when no solicitation of money shall be made.

3. As far as possible the monthly payment of all obligations. A complete statement by the church Treasurer at each Official Board meeting, showing receipts, disbursement, balances and outstanding debts.

4. A weekly payment of all pledges and at least a quarterly follow-up.

5. That persistent attempts be made to liquidate the debts on all church property, including the debts to General and Conference Boards of the Church.

6. That as the income of the churches increase, proportionate increases be made in ministerial support.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. I. B. LOUD, Chairman
PROF. R. A. ATKINSON, Sec.
REV. J. HENRY CHILDS
R. H. HAMILTON
ELISHA THOMPSON
ALLIE M. BOOKER

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEN'S WORK

We recommend:

1. That a body of "Methodist Men" be organized in each local church. This organization will promote and supervise all of the work pertaining to men and boys in their charge.

2. The study material for Methodist Men will be the handbook entitled "**Methodist Men at Work, The Methodist Layman,**" and similar materials published by General Board of Lay Activities.

3. That this organization, under the leadership of the Charge Lay Leader and the Secretary of Good Literature seek to distribute among the members of the charge the christian literature published by the various Boards and Agencies of the Methodist Church.

Respectfully submitted.
DR. S. L. BROWN, Chairman
MRS. H. S. HAMMONS, Secretary

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

If ever there was a time in the history of the christian movement when an effective program of Stewardship Cultivation was needed it is the period in which we are now living. The forces of sin, hate and destruction are rampant throughout the world. The only cure for the ills which these forces have let loose on the world is the application of the Christian religion. The key to this application is the stewardship commitment of **life, service and substance** to God through his church. In a day when national income has risen to almost unbelievable heights and giving to the causes of the church has remained at a surprisingly low level, the only safe course for the christian movement is an intensive and extensive program of stewardship cultivation.

Therefore, we recommend that:

1. Mid-Summer District-wide institutes on Stewardship be conducted on each District of the Conference.

2. Pastors will furnish informed leadership, by preaching stewardship sermons.

3. A stewardship Committee be organized in each charge.

4. A Stewardship course be studied in each charge every year.

5. Members in each charge be encouraged to practice stewardship of money by tithing.

(a) Attempt to get them to sign tithing pledge cards.

(b) Organize tithing clubs.

REV. Z. W. HOLMES, Chairman,
PROF. E. M. COOPER, Secretary.
San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 13, 1944.

The Conference Board of Lay Activities met at 4:15 P. M., at St. Paul Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas, and made the following recommendations:

1. That Prof. J. S. Henry be made Conference Lay Leader and Chairman of the Board and Dr. S. L. Brown, Secretary.

2. That the following be made District and associate District Lay leaders:

Austin District: J. C. Dukes, District Lay Leader; associates: L. D. Lyons, J. W. Lewis.

Dallas District: Dr. S. L. Brown, District Lay Leader; associates: Prof. R. B. White, Prof. K. W. McMillan.

San Antonio District: Mr. Elisha Thompson, District Lay Leader; associates: James Russell, E. D. Forcey.

Victoria District: Prof. R. A. Atkinson, District Lay Leader; associates: P. S. Stephens, R. S. Mooney.

Waco District: R. A. Hamilton, District Lay Leader; associates: A. L. Jones, F. B. Locke.

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| Number present and voting for the recommendations | II |
| Number voting against the recommendations..... | 0 |
| Number present and not voting..... | 0 |

Respectfully submitted,

PROF. J. S. HENRY, Chairman,
DR. S. L. BROWN, Sec'ty.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1944-45
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH
Texas and West Texas Conferences

This budget was recommended by a special committee on "Program and Budget" made up of representatives from the Texas and West Texas Conferences and General Staff members attending the Central Jurisdictional Leadership School, Atlanta, Georgia, July 5-11, 1944.

Income

| | |
|--|----------------|
| I. Quota Assessment to the Alumni Conferences..... | \$4,150 |
| II. Donations from the Board of Education..... | 500 |
| III. Offerings from Fourth Sunday and Rally Day..... | 1,350 |
| Total..... | <u>\$6,000</u> |

Expenditures

| | |
|--|----------------|
| 1. Executive Secretary | |
| Salary | \$2,650 |
| House Rent | 200 |
| Travel | 300 |
| Office Expenses | 200 |
| Secretarial Help | 300 |
| Total..... | <u>\$3,650</u> |
| 11. General Promotion | |
| Christian Education Bulletin (New Orleans)..... | \$ 400 |
| Attendance to Conference Board of Educational Meetings | 200 |
| Methodist Conference on Christian and General Meetings | 400 |
| Total..... | <u>\$1,000</u> |
| 111. Conference Directors | |
| Adult Work: | |
| Travel | \$ 200 |
| Postage and Supplies | 50 |
| Young Adult Assembly | 200 |
| Total..... | <u>\$ 450</u> |
| Youth Work: | |
| Travel | \$ 200 |
| Postage | 50 |
| Total..... | <u>\$ 250</u> |
| Children's Work: | |
| Travel | \$ 200 |
| Postage and Supplies | 50 |
| Vacation Church Schools | 400 |
| Total..... | <u>\$ 650</u> |

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1944-45 (Continued)

The total Budget recommended for the Conference year 1944-1945 in the Texas and West Texas Conferences is \$6,000.

The special Committee on Christian Education budget for the two conferences recommends that \$4,150 of this amount be raised by (quota) assessment to the various charges; and that \$1,350 be raised through observance of FOURTH SUNDAY and RALLY DAY.

The Board of Education has promised to continue its contribution of \$500 for the Christian Education work in the two Texas Conferences.

We recommend that the amount be divided equally between the two cooperating conferences and that all money be sent to the Conference treasurers.

Signed:
COMMITTEE,
J. L. WATTLEY.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
TEXAS AND WEST TEXAS CONFERENCES
November 1, 1943—October 1, 1944

Expenditures

| | |
|---|------------|
| Executive Secretary for Salary | \$1,741.09 |
| To Executive Secretary for House Rent | 200.00 |
| Secretarial Help | 300.00 |
| Travel | 311.62 |
| Age Group Workers and Vacation Church School.....(dues). | |
| Attendance Conference on Christian Education, et al..... | 150.00 |
| Meeting of Conference Board of Education..... | |
| Miscellaneous (Bulletin, Postage, Office Supplies, etc.)..... | 360.75 |
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| Total Expenditures..... | \$3,063.46 |

Receipts

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| From the Conference Treasurer of Texas Conference..... | \$1,101.00 |
| From the Conference Treasurer West Texas Conference..... | 1,462.46 |
| Board of Education (Nashville) | 500.00 |
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| | \$3,063.46 |

Balance Due

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| To Executive Secretary on Salary..... | \$ 258.91 |
| For Age Group Workers and Vacation Church Schools..... | 150.00 |
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| | \$ 408.91 |
| Total Budget Authorized | \$3,500.00 |
| Total Expenditures | 3,472.37 |
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| Balance in Treasury..... | \$ 27.63 |

BOARD OF EDUCATION

At the call of the president Rev. R. S. Mosby, the Board met at 3 p. m. The meeting was called to order by Dr. T. B. Echols who acted as temporary chairman.

The Board proceeded to organize by the election of the following officers:

President—Rev. R. S. Mosby.

Vice Pres.—Rev. J. L. Wattley.

Secretary—Prof. R. A. Atkinson.

Treasurer—Rev. K. W. McMillan.

Youth Fellowship Executive Committee be named with necessary recommendation at the December meeting. Items of business to claim the attention of the Board was hearing of reports from the Executive Secretary.

Report 1—On Church Literature which was approved with commendation, and recommended to be submitted to the annual conference for approval. (See report).

Report 2—Month by month activities of the Executive Secretary, by Dr. T. B. Echols, the report was approved and recommended that a copy be furnished each pastor.

Report 3—Budget.

A Budget of the Income and Expenditures submitted. Report adopted. (See report).

The Board at this point recessed to re-assemble on call of the President.

Signed:

R. S. MOSBY, President,

R. A. ADKINSON, Secretary.

REPORT
BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

We, the members of the Annual Conference Board of Missions and Church Extensions beg leave to make our report for the Conference year.

First of all, we pause to extend our thanks to the general board for the contribution it has made to the West Texas Conference through its various branches of activities. Through its department of Cultivation and Expectation the wide distribution of literature that they make available to inform the people on the missionary work of the church and the needs of the races of mankind.

Through the department of Church Extensions the Board has furnished plans and \$750.00 donation in Ferris. Plans and a promise of \$750.00 at Ennis. Plans for the future building of East St. Paul Church in Dallas, Texas. \$1,000 donation in Fort Worth, Thompson Chapel. The advice of an architect in directing the remodeling of Myrtle Street Church, El Paso; an offer up to \$800.00 in our building campaign there. A donation of \$200.00 on Grants Chapel Church and \$200.00 donation on Bowman Chapel Church, have now under consideration \$400.00 donation on St. Paul Church, Abilene, Texas.

We have received from Department for Maintenance toward ministerial support for the year a total of \$1,872.50.

RESOLUTION AND COURTESY

WHEREAS,

God Almighty has blessed Methodism with the gift of additional leaders of color, to the Bishopric, among whom is the beloved Dr. R. N. Brooks, Bishop of the New Orleans area, and
It has been our privilege to behold his dignity, to observe his marked intelligence and to witness his spirit of love, brotherhood, tolerance and courage—

Be it resolved that the West Texas Conference here and now, thus declare our unswerving loyalty to the modern Crusade and our determination to follow the sign of the cross, lifted high into the breeze by his steady hand, as he begins his march through the present darkness, toward the sunny hills of success and victory.
To the host-pastor, who in spite of physical handicap, and to the faithful and loyal members of Great St. Paul who dared to entertain an Annual Conference in a war-time city, we thus express our sincere thanks for obligations undertaken and service rendered.
Certainly, there lives no soul so dead among us, that a spark within was not fanned into a flame when Dr. Baxter, Superintendent of the San Antonio District and a representative delegation of ministers of his district and other prominent pastors and christians of the opposite race, communed with us, worshiped with us, served us and evidently felt the common touch of the Holy Spirit, as they wept with us.

We are grateful for such evidence of the coming of the recognition of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of mankind. We are resolved, not to be found wanting in contributions toward the hastening of the arrival of that day.

The Conference is not unmindful of the fine spirit of friendship and brotherhood exercised by the Reverend Cooper and the good members of Bethel A. M. E. Church, in opening the doors of that edifice to the laymen of the Conference in an hour of need. We are resolved to do likewise, whenever and wherever called upon.

To the hosts and hostesses in the various homes, we are individually and collectively indebted, for service rendered, courtesies shown and sacrifices probably made that others might be comforted. We also thus express our gratitude to Mrs. Landry, leader of the Camp Fire Girls for providing facilities for the serving of meals to delegates.

Be it further resolved that we in this manner, express our pleasure in having with us Bishop Willis J. King, and his recently wedded wife, to Bishop Shaw and other dignitaries and representatives of the general church.

Also, we are grateful for the presence and service rendered by Mrs. R. N. Brooks, and for the thrilling voice of Mrs. Karl Downs, whose singing is widely acclaimed.

F. M. HUDSPETH,
MRS. O. L. CARSON.

PUBLISHING BOARD

Your publishing board reports 1,000 copies of the journal printed last year for \$400.00.

We further recommend that we publish for this year 1,500 copies at the same price with matter already set up in the printer's shop for some of the work.

We suggest that the Branch-Smith Printers of Fort Worth be given the job of printing again.

We recommend further that the price of \$400.00 be distributed to the districts as follows:

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Austin District | \$90.00 |
| Dallas District | 95.00 |
| San Antonio District | 95.00 |
| Victoria District | 60.00 |
| Waco District | 60.00 |
| | \$400.00 |

Faithfully submitted,

I. B. LOUD, Chairman,
C. R. GREENE, Secretary.
K. W. McMILLAN, Treasurer.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Whereas, the world is in a state of disillusion, belligerent and full of perplexed problems. We, your committee on Sabbath Observance are asking that the ministers and laymen of the West Texas Conference be sincere in Sabbath Observance and consider it as a matter of significance. This is a needy time for Sabbath

Observance, first because of the world's Crusade and second, the present evil that we face today. World War No. 2.

Therefore, be it resolved: that the ministers and laymen of the West Texas Conference give their full support in observing the laws of the Sabbath as it is laid down in God's Word by precepts and example.

Humbly submitted, Committee:

M. A. Freeman, Chairman,
C. L. King, B. A. Byars, Marjorie E. Brewer,
J. N. Hooey, E. N. King, Lonnie Proctor, and
Mrs. F. D. Hart.

HOSPITALS AND HOMES

The Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes met at 1 p. m. with Dr. S. L. Brown presiding.

The following recommendations were made:

First, that Dr. S. L. Brown serve as Chairman and Mrs. O. L. Carson as Secretary of the Board.

Second, that the evening of the second day of the Annual Conference be designated as the Annual Golden Cross Roll Call.

Five members were present and five voted for the recommendation.

Humbly submitted:

DR. S. L. BROWN, Chairman,
MRS. O. L. CARSON, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We are more firmly convinced than ever before that the legalized liquor traffic still remains America's Public Enemy Number One, and that the nation can never be secure in its public life, and domestic happiness as long as the saloon, the road-house, and tavern are licensed to sell alcoholic beverages, and the sovereign states join hands with the brewers and distilleries in selling their poisonous products under the guise of assisting the cause of temperance.

No one can honestly hold a brief for a cause that robs the child of its rights and security and causes a frightful mounting of delinquency among our youth, and makes criminals at a tender age, thus adding to the criminal record of the nation.

We view with alarm the rising tide of juvenile delinquency, and the increase of crime among youthful members of society, because of the presence of liquor vended in places of amusement, and recreation where they assemble.

We stand for the abolition of the whole traffic, and believe that prohibition is the only proper attitude of the civil government, and the Christian Church toward a thing so harmful, pernicious, and destructive as the legalized whiskey traffic. We hold now, as in the past that such a traffic can not be legalized without sin.

We insist that total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors is the obvious duty of every individual, and an obligation which rests with peculiar weight upon every christian. In the name of our Common Lord and Master, we call upon members of the church to put forth increasing and persistent effort to overthrow this mighty agency for evil.

Therefore be it Resolved that the West Texas Conference assembled in San Antonio, this 14th day of October, go on record as endorsing the total program of the Methodist Church as it relates to temperance and is fostered by the Board of Temperance.

Resolved second: That we call upon all of our people to practice total abstinence and by precept and example lead others to do the same.

Resolved third: That we designate Sunday, November 26th as World Temperance Sunday on which day each pastor will preach a sermon on temperance and take an offering for the Board in harmony with paragraphs 235 and 236 of the Discipline, and send the same to the treasurer who in turn will send said collection to Dr. A. R. Howard.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. PALMER, Chairman,
JAMES RUSSELL, Secretary,
J. H. MARSHALL,
S. A. KEESEE
F. J. HUTCHINSON.

A CALL TO EVANGELISM

A call to our membership for loyal christian service and the promotion of evangelism, which is set forth by the General Conference and promoted by the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church.

Purpose

It is the purpose of the church through the General Board of Evangelism, the Bishops, District Superintendents, Pastors and local church leaders by special evangelistic emphasis and service to aid our membership into larger spiritual growth, and development in christian living. The needs in this day and generation demand that we build a spiritual church with a soul-winning passion, and willingness to preach and to help save adults, young people and children to Christ and His church.

Methods and Recommendations

We know that success does not depend entirely on methods and programs but spiritual power is indispensable. However, our organized forces may become a strong medium through which divine power can come. Therefore it is the plan ordered by the General Conference to have annual conference boards in which will be a secretary of evangelism, and the same type of organization for each district and local church in which the Lay Leaders and Spiritual Life Secretaries of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are to be members.

We recommend Evangelistic Institutes in districts and Training Conferences in local churches in which our laymen may share with our ministry in the following:

1. Personal and family devotion.
2. Worship and intercessory prayer.
3. The use of the Bible and religious literature.
4. Training recruits in church membership and christian living. (For this we recommend the use of "The Membership Manual for Methodist Ministers," by Dr. W. K. Anderson.)
5. Home visitation evangelism, education and other methods.

Statements and Suggestions

Soul winning is the primary responsibility of the christian church, and it is Methodism's first love. Some one has said that "Intelligence is evangelism on fire." May each of us beseech our Heavenly Father for that induement of power, that we may go forth with burning hearts and passions to help save our adults and young people and direct them into christian service. And in training classes strive to lead many of our young people to some definite form of life service. And as one decides for the ministry, social service work, home or foreign missionary service, have him or her sign a "Life Service Card" and mail it to our office, 1106 South Orleans St., Memphis 6, Tennessee, for registration and follow up purposes.

Each local church should carefully build prospect lists with

names and addresses of all adults and young people on the families of our church and church schools, and those who attend or contribute to the church, those who move into the community, those in families in which our ministers officiate in marriages and funerals.

Personal workers should be selected with as much care as those of the official boards. They should be trained in personal evangelism, and sent out in teams of two men, two women, husband and wife or brother and sister to win the prospects, making use of the decision cards, which may be purchased from the General Board of Evangelism, of the Methodist Church, 708 Medical Arts Building, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

RESOLUTION

Whereas the increases in Ministerial Support have in a large number of cases provided inadequate support for some members of the Conference.

Be it resolved that the question of minimum support for pastors-District Superintendents be studied by the Commission on World Service and Finance for a period of one year.

Be it resolved that the Commission be directed to recommend that salaries of District Superintendents be a fixed ratio of the cash salaries of Pastors; the cash salaries as reported by Pastors at this, the 1944 Conference, be the basis for such computation.

TREASURER'S REPORT-RECEIPTS BY DISTRICTS

Austin District—Rev. A. D. Holden, Supt.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Austin ct.—T. H. Randolph..... | \$ 46.50 |
| Bartlett ct.—C. C. Brown..... | 142.50 |
| Belton ct—G. W. Kelley..... | 124.00 |
| Brownwood—J. N. Hooey..... | 280.00 |
| Simpson—T. M. Bruton..... | 725.00 |
| Wesley—F. D. Young..... | 1,159.00 |
| St. Peters—J. L. Wattley..... | 276.25 |
| Smithville—R. W. Baker..... | 73.00 |
| Fayetteville—C. L. King..... | 120.00 |
| Giddings—R. W. Baker..... | 38.00 |
| Georgetown—A. C. Holden..... | 221.00 |
| Lagrange—E. N. King..... | 101.00 |
| Littig-Reedville—S. D. Miller..... | 54.00 |
| Llano—Silas Mathias..... | 131.70 |
| Luling—B. A. Byars..... | 310.00 |
| San Angelo—A. G. Russell..... | 430.00 |
| San Marcos—J. F. Muse..... | 179.50 |
| St. Marks-Lockhart—D. B. Baker..... | 367.30 |
| Temple—Marcus Freeman..... | 451.00 |
| Winchester—C. J. Houston..... | 96.00 |
| Tilmon-Dale—R. W. Weaver..... | 185.75 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$5,511.50 |

Dallas District—Rev. J. H. Carruthers, Supt.

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Abilene—T. J. D. Sims..... | \$ 124.00 |
| Corsicana—Joel S. Jordan..... | 68.00 |
| Denison—T. H. Foy..... | 206.00 |
| East St. Paul—Merrill Reed..... | 94.00 |
| Mt. Zion—Mrs. Fitzgerald..... | 16.00 |
| St. Paul—G. H. Caldwell..... | 1,750.00 |
| Trinity—J. A. Wills..... | 200.34 |
| Warren—J. J. Hardeman..... | 206.00 |
| Wesley—Mrs. Bradley..... | 10.00 |
| El Paso—D. H. Hansboro..... | 250.00 |
| Ennis—G. L. Johnson..... | 81.00 |
| Ferris-Lanct.—T. R. Watkins..... | 181.28 |
| Cowan—E. H. Carter..... | 65.00 |
| Cogswell—E. M. Douglas..... | 72.00 |
| St. Andrews—K. W. McMillan..... | 2,050.00 |
| Thompson—J. H. Marshall..... | 252.57 |
| Lubbock—B. F. Lee..... | 53.00 |
| Mexia-Jones—J. B. Richardson..... | 147.00 |
| Mexia ct.—A. D. Porter..... | 86.61 |
| McKinney—Nathan Pinkard..... | 25.00 |
| Milford-Italy—Esau Smith..... | 110.00 |
| Odessa—C. H. Pearson..... | 60.00 |
| Pelham ct.—C. R. Greene..... | 217.40 |
| Pilot Point—Rev. Franklin..... | 36.25 |
| Sherman—L. R. Proctor..... | 180.00 |
| Wichita Falls—J. H. Brown..... | 140.00 |
| Waxahachie—F. L. Blair..... | 49.00 |
| | \$6,730.45 |

San Antonio District—Rev. I. B. Loud, Supt.

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|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Beeville—A. D. Minor..... | \$ 148.00 |
| Belmont ct.—Belt Prince..... | 205.00 |
| Corpus Christi—R. L. Palmer..... | 582.42 |
| Eades ct.—Elmo Watson..... | 41.00 |
| Floresville—G. V. Cavitt..... | 156.50 |
| Gonzales—M. C. Stone..... | 280.00 |
| Eagle Pass—J. B. Phoenix..... | 2.00 |
| Harlingen ct.—G. F. Alexander..... | 229.00 |
| Hondo-Uvalde—Leo Haywood..... | 232.00 |
| Kerrville—W. M. Ellison..... | 237.00 |
| Kingsville—F. M. Hudspeth..... | 132.00 |
| Nixon ct.—C. J. Polk..... | 152.50 |
| Pearsall—Henry Tollerson..... | 117.00 |
| Olmos—Alzo Lott..... | 94.00 |
| Runge—J. N. North..... | 69.00 |
| East St. Paul—W. W. Baker..... | 872.00 |
| Jacobs Chapel—L. E. Muse..... | 559.34 |
| Jones Chapel—Saul White..... | 347.00 |
| St. Luke—W. M. Ellison Jr..... | 100.40 |
| St. Paul—R. S. Mosby..... | 2,047.00 |
| Sanford—R. W. Allen..... | 300.00 |

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|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Harpers-Seguin—B. W. Anderson | 23.00 |
| Seguin—F. J. Hutchinson | 332.50 |
| | \$7,258.66 |

Victoria District—Rev. B. F. Stewart, Supt.

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Altair—Jack Caesar | \$ 84.50 |
| Cologne ct.—D. C. Carroll | 97.00 |
| Columbus—C. W. Franklin | 260.00 |
| Columbus ct.—T. W. Stephens | 67.00 |
| Cuero—E. L. Spencer | 313.55 |
| Edna ct.—M. C. Ellison | 368.50 |
| Ganada ct.—Turner Snow | 34.00 |
| Goliad—W. M. Franklin | 117.00 |
| Hallettsville—S. N. Harvey | 317.75 |
| Oakland ct.—J. W. V. Hutchinson | 133.20 |
| Port Lavaca—Mrs. B. M. Pleasant | 57.50 |
| Schulenburg—E. T. Fuller | 214.40 |
| Sublime—W. M. Booker | 34.50 |
| Victoria—Obie Coe | 415.50 |
| Wharton ct.—O. K. Brewster | 219.90 |
| Yoakum-Shiner—T. H. Bryant | 84.00 |
| District Supt. (B. F. Stewart) | 24.00 |
| | \$2,847.30 |

Waco District—Rev. J. H. Childs, Supt.

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|------------------------------------|------------|
| Aquilla—Zebra King | \$ 38.00 |
| Bowman—Marshall Majors | 58.00 |
| Calvert—James Ross | 74.00 |
| Chilton—H. S. Byars | 84.00 |
| Groesbeck—P. H. Phillips | 99.00 |
| Hubbard—J. W. Morgan | 168.00 |
| Marlin—J. H. R. Dudley | 288.00 |
| Mart ct.—S. A. Keesee | 183.00 |
| Milam Grove—W. M. Mosely | 131.00 |
| Moody-Gatesville—I. C. Greer | 128.00 |
| Rocky-Cedar—M. B. Burkley | 120.00 |
| Satin-Majors—S. G. Graham | 120.00 |
| Springhill-Frosa—Dee Tucker | 34.00 |
| Valley Mills—S. W. Curtis | 105.00 |
| Jones—I. H. Pierce | 193.00 |
| Mt. Zion—W. L. Shaw | 210.00 |
| St. James—Z. W. Holmes | 585.00 |
| Bracks—H. E. Kuykendall | 113.00 |
| Rosebud ct.—B. D. Lindsay | 28.00 |
| New Zion—Eric Perenell | 13.00 |
| | \$2,772.00 |

TREASURER'S CASH REPORT

October 15, 1944

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE METHODIST CHURCH

RECEIPTS:

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Austin district..... | \$ 701.05 |
| Dallas district..... | 1051.86 |
| San Antonio district..... | 1814.00 |
| Victoria district..... | 691.00 |
| Waco district..... | 911.00 |
| | \$5169.81 |
| Publishing House..... | \$1144.14 |
| Chartered Fund..... | 80.00 |
| Rev. J. H. Strait (Coll)..... | 71.61 |
| Rev. M. C. Ellison (Coll)..... | 45.00 |
| Board of Temperance (W. J. Howard)..... | 42.01 |
| Mrs. J. M. North (W.S.C.S.)..... | 100.00 |
| Ministers Wives..... | 221.00 |
| S. H. College (Friday night)..... | 1150.00 |
| S. H. C. Pastors Report..... | 154.00 |
| Meet the Negro (Books)..... | 262.00 |
| Balance on hand Sept. 8th..... | 515.28 |
| | \$8,954.85 |

EXPENDITURES:

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Sam Houston College..... | \$2000.00 |
| Bishop R. N. Brooks (Area Office Exp.)..... | 109.00 |
| Conf. Claim..... | 1812.00 |
| Permanent Fund..... | 300.00 |
| Board of Pensions..... | 1224.14 |
| T. B. Echols..... | 500.00 |
| F. E. Lewis (Mason Funeral)..... | 25.00 |
| J. A. Wills..... | 25.00 |
| C. R. Greene..... | 25.00 |
| J. H. Strait..... | 71.61 |
| M. C. Ellison..... | 45.00 |
| A. R. Howard..... | 42.01 |
| Telegrams, etc. | 8.49 |
| Episcopal Fund..... | 1200.00 |
| Elisha Thompson (San Antonio Parson)..... | 185.00 |
| Genl. Conf. Expense..... | 145.00 |
| Juris. Conf. Expense..... | 145.00 |
| Over Sea Relief..... | 150.00 |
| G. V. Cavitt (Maintenance)..... | 25.00 |
| Pensions Pastors Wives..... | 236.00 |
| | \$8,273.27 |

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| Total amount received..... | \$8,954.85 |
| Total amount expended..... | 8,273.27 |
| | \$ 681.58 |
| Balance on hand, October 30, 1944..... | \$ 681.58 |

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

TREASURER'S VOUCHER REPORT

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE METHODIST CHURCH

October 12, 1944

RECEIPTS:

| | | |
|---|-----------|--------------------|
| Austin District..... | \$4810.45 | |
| Dallas District..... | 5538.59 | |
| San Antonio District..... | 5444.66 | |
| Victoria District..... | 2155.40 | |
| Waco District..... | 1861.00 | |
| | | \$19,810.10 |
| Received from Maintenance..... | | \$ 1,872.50 |
| Received from Mason Children..... | | 213.60 |
| Received Board Church Extension..... | | 400.00 |
| Received San Antonio Dist. Parsonage..... | | 500.00 |
| Received Religious Cultivation..... | | 300.00 |
| Received from Lay Activities..... | | 23.00 |
| Balance on hand from last Conference..... | | 210.01 |
| | | \$23,329.21 |

EXPENDITURES:

O. W. Auman:

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| World Service..... | \$4016.00 | |
| Episcopal Fund..... | 300.00 | |
| Over Sea Relief..... | 116.66 | |
| General Conf. Expense..... | 550.00 | |
| Board of Temperance..... | 157.50 | |
| | | \$ 5,140.16 |

Board of Education:

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| S. H. College Emergency..... | \$5000.00 | |
| Race Relation..... | 3079.61 | |
| Youth Fund..... | 40.22 | |
| Youth Fund (W.S.C.S.)..... | 40.22 | |
| Religious Cultivation..... | 295.00 | |
| | | \$ 8,455.05 |

Board of Pensions:

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Conference Claimants..... | \$ 724.00 | |
| Permanent Fund..... | 100.00 | |
| | | \$ 824.00 |

Bishop R. E. Jones:

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Harry Hosier..... | \$1000.00 | |
| Gulfside..... | 700.00 | |
| Area Council..... | 300.00 | |
| Evangelism..... | 150.00 | |
| | | \$ 2,150.00 |

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Bishop R. N. Brooks:

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Area Council Expense..... | \$ 700.00 |
| Area Office Expense..... | 100.00 |

\$ 800.00

T. B. Echols:

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Salary: | \$1262.42 |
| Travel | 200.00 |

\$ 1,462.46

Maintenance:

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Fourth Quarter (1943)..... | \$ 452.50 |
| First Quarter (1944)..... | 452.50 |
| Second Quarter (1944)..... | 452.50 |
| Third Quarter (1944)..... | 440.00 |

\$ 1,797.50

Miscellaneous Expenditures:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| San Antonio District | \$ 321.00 |
| Austin District | 10.00 |
| Dallas District | 297.25 |
| Branch-Smith Prtg. Co. (C.M.)..... | 400.00 |
| Lay Activities..... | 35.00 |
| Insurance (Bond. Treas.)..... | 12.50 |
| W. S. C. Service | 5.00 |
| A. M. Mason Children..... | 50.00 |
| Grant Chapel Church..... | 200.00 |
| Bowman Chapel Church..... | 200.00 |
| San Antonio Dist. Parson..... | 500.00 |
| Office Expense | 327.18 |

\$ 2,357.93

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|--------------------|-------------|
| RECEIPTS | \$23,329.21 |
| EXPENDITURES | 22,987.10 |

BALANCE..... \$ 342.11

K. W. McMILLAN, Treasurer.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

The Auditing Committee has examined the books, bank statements, and cancelled vouchers of the Treasurer of the following funds:

World Service & Episcopal Fund
Board of Education
Board of Pensions
Area Council Expense
Maintenance
Miscellaneous Accounts
Lay Activities
Gulf Side

All of the above treasurer's accounts and books were found to be correct and are approved.

All disbursements were supported by cancelled bank vouchers, properly endorsed.

All cash receipts, as shown by cash books of above named accounts agreed with bank deposits as shown by bank statements furnished to the Auditing Committee.

W. R. BRYANT, Chairman,
I. B. LOUD,
OBIE COE,
J. H. CHILDS
A. D. HOLDEN,
—Auditing Committee.

APPORTIONMENT BY DISTRICTS
West Texas Conference of the Methodist Church, 1944-45

| Name of District | Cru- sade | W. Serv- ice | S.H.C. | Race- Rela. | Gulf- Side | Area Exp. | Conf. Min. | Gen. Adm. | Juris. Exp. | 4 Sun. Rally Day | Per. Fund | Rel. Ed. | Conf. Offic. | Bd. & Coms. | Lay Activ. |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Austin..... | 10000 | 900 | | 600 | 130 | 225 | 65 | 30 | 30 | 155 | 110 | 150 | 150 | 65 | 425 |
| Dallas..... | 12000 | 1070 | | 712 | 145 | 225 | 75 | 34 | 34 | 170 | 122 | 173 | 168 | 75 | 500 |
| San Antonio..... | 12000 | 1070 | | 712 | 145 | 225 | 75 | 34 | 34 | 170 | 122 | 173 | 168 | 75 | 500 |
| Victoria..... | 6250 | 678 | | 486 | 90 | 160 | 40 | 24 | 24 | 90 | 73 | 127 | 107 | 40 | 325 |
| Waco..... | 6250 | 700 | | 490 | 90 | 165 | 45 | 24 | 24 | 90 | 73 | 127 | 107 | 45 | 325 |
| Total..... | 46500 | 4418 | | 3000 | 600 | 1000 | 300 | 146 | 146 | 675 | 500 | 750 | 700 | 300 | 2075 |

Grand Total for all Causes: \$61,400.00
 Gen. Conf. Expense\$ 145.00
 Juris. Conf. Expense 145.00
 World Service 4,418.00
 Crusade 46,500.00
 Annual Conference Ben. 10,192.00
 \$61,400.00

Ratio of Distribution:
 General Benevolence83%
 Annual Conference17%

NOTE:

Conference Claimants will be 5% of the Pastor's Cash Salary.
 Episcopal Fund will be 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ % of the Pastor's Cash Salary.
 Total World Service asking \$4,418.00.

Faithfully Submitted,
 F. D. Young, Chairman
 K. W. McMilan, Treasurer
 J. S. Henry, Secretary

THE STATISTICAL REPORT
Austin District, West Texas Conference, for 1944

| CHARGES | MINISTERIAL SUPPORT | | CHURCH MEMBERSHIP | | | | | SUNDAY SCHOOLS | | CHURCH PROPERTY | | | | | | DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES | | |
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| Austin Ct.----- | 300 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 12 | 2 | 1,500 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Bartlett Ct.----- | 300 | 82 | 0 | 4 | 27 | 4 | 6 | 23 | 12 | 2 | 1,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 15 | 5 | 1 |
| Belton Ct.----- | 450 | 115 | 9 | 3 | 98 | 52 | 3 | 83 | 54 | 2 | 10,000 | 500 | 35 | 0 | 35 | 40 | 11 | 1 |
| Brownwood Ct.----- | 766 | 130 | 0 | 9 | 55 | 15 | 9 | 80 | 50 | 2 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 950 | 350 | 120 | 70 | 25 | 10 |
| Dale—Smithville----- | 600 | 156 | 4 | 0 | 140 | 5 | 6 | 106 | 50 | 2 | 2,500 | 350 | 0 | 0 | 129 | 107 | 8 | 6 |
| Fayetteville—Lampassas----- | 700 | 80 | 3 | 1 | 153 | 40 | 0 | 82 | 82 | 4 | 5,000 | 1,000 | 200 | 0 | 60 | 70 | 10 | 5 |
| Georgetown Ct.----- | 770 | 107 | 12 | 0 | 53 | 8 | 17 | 82 | 52 | 3 | 5,100 | 800 | 173 | 3,300 | 42 | 63 | 27 | 8 |
| Giddings----- | 300 | 90 | 2 | 1 | 40 | 1 | 1 | 32 | 12 | 1 | 1,000 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 30 | 35 | 10 | 5 |
| La Grange Ct.----- | 300 | 115 | 5 | 5 | 108 | 0 | 3 | 40 | 16 | 3 | 4,000 | 500 | 300 | 0 | 25 | 52 | 10 | 7 |
| Llans—Mason----- | 250 | 41 | 7 | 4 | 17 | 1 | 12 | 19 | 18 | 1 | 700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 16 | 11 | 8 |
| Lulino Ct.----- | 1,100 | 200 | 12 | 20 | 177 | 52 | 14 | 240 | 100 | 2 | 20,000 | 2,000 | 98 | 0 | 121 | 243 | 70 | 10 |
| San Angelo----- | 1,200 | 215 | 16 | 0 | 142 | 0 | 25 | 83 | 40 | 1 | 12,500 | 2,500 | 667 | 1,439 | 914 | 400 | 17 | 10 |
| San Marcus Ct.----- | 650 | 162 | 12 | 6 | 95 | 0 | 6 | 173 | 100 | 3 | 4,483 | 600 | 483 | 70 | 58 | 120 | 15 | 6 |
| St. Marks—Lockhart----- | 988 | 205 | 20 | 0 | 175 | 46 | 1 | 82 | 35 | 1 | 6,000 | 1,000 | 725 | 0 | 230 | 281 | 66 | 8 |
| St. Peters—Austin----- | 600 | 124 | 8 | 5 | 75 | 3 | 5 | 46 | 42 | 1 | 5,000 | 0 | 500 | 3,100 | 89 | 180 | 128 | 5 |
| Simpson----- | 1,500 | 223 | 49 | 9 | 309 | 46 | 4 | 189 | 75 | 1 | 8,500 | 4,000 | 2,096 | 0 | 337 | 377 | 131 | 10 |
| Temple—Davilla----- | 1,200 | 222 | 42 | 0 | 193 | 30 | 0 | 105 | 60 | 2 | 13,250 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 | 300 | 219 | 12 | 5 |
| Tilmon----- | 400 | 129 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 10 | 1 | 40 | 20 | 2 | 1,000 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 20 | 15 | 2 | 1 |
| Winchester----- | 375 | 119 | 1 | 0 | 97 | 6 | 0 | 45 | 21 | 3 | 3,100 | 300 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 20 | 0 | 1 |
| Wesley—Austin----- | 1,700 | 304 | 22 | 1 | 611 | 50 | 1 | 257 | 75 | 1 | 75,000 | 4,000 | 5,200 | 0 | 107 | 700 | 624 | 20 |
| Zion----- | 100 | 50 | 3 | 0 | 28 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 8 | 1 | 500 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 15 | 4 | 1 |
| Littig—Reedville----- | 90 | 51 | 14 | 1 | 12 | 13 | 0 | 12 | 12 | 1 | 1,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 24 | 13 | 2 |
| TOTAL----- | 14,639 | 2,982 | 241 | 69 | 2,678 | 385 | 134 | 1,877 | 957 | 41 | 206,633 | 21,650 | 13,587 | 8,250 | 2,648 | 3,067 | 1,210 | 121 |

THE STATISTICAL REPORT
Dallas District, West Texas Conference, for 1944

| CHARGES | MINISTERIAL SUPPORT | | CHURCH MEMBERSHIP | | | | | SUNDAY SCHOOLS | | CHURCH PROPERTY | | | | | | DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
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| Abilene | 500 | 81 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2,400 | 1,500 | 335 | 0 | 103 | 44 | 9 | 5 |
| Corsicana | 700 | 70 | 10 | 10 | 80 | 4 | 1 | 25 | 15 | 1 | 2,500 | 900 | 300 | 0 | 125 | 40 | 15 | 4 |
| Denison | 700 | 117 | 5 | 4 | 68 | 40 | 1 | 44 | 23 | 1 | 4,000 | 2,000 | 1,100 | 0 | 125 | 60 | 10 | 10 |
| Dallas: Mt. Lion | 100 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| East St. Paul | 208 | 42 | 23 | 0 | 35 | 7 | 11 | 39 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 20 | 20 | 5 | 3 |
| St. Paul | 2,600 | 528 | 10 | 33 | 1,174 | 30 | 20 | 325 | 100 | 1 | 50,000 | 4,000 | 4,070 | 4,000 | 2,842 | 1,496 | 15 | 37 |
| Trinity | 693 | 110 | 4 | 1 | 109 | 18 | 21 | 69 | 43 | 1 | 6,600 | 1,800 | 397 | 0 | 169 | 96 | 6 | 8 |
| Warren | 850 | 201 | 10 | 0 | 40 | 57 | 0 | 76 | 40 | 1 | 8,000 | 4,000 | 1,180 | 1,965 | 60 | 25 | 25 | 1 |
| Wesley | 400 | 34 | 6 | 4 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 15 | 1 | 1,000 | 800 | 250 | 0 | 20 | 25 | 5 | 4 |
| El Paso | 900 | 174 | 3 | 2 | 174 | 0 | 1 | 53 | 30 | 1 | 8,000 | 0 | 350 | 0 | 150 | 80 | 15 | 3 |
| Ennis | 324 | 55 | 4 | 0 | 26 | 5 | 0 | 47 | 44 | 1 | 400 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 48 | 10 | 10 | 1 |
| Ferris—Lancaster | 560 | 102 | 0 | 8 | 42 | 4 | 0 | 46 | 30 | 2 | 5,000 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 40 | 80 | 10 | 8 |
| Fort Worth: Cogswell | 120 | 63 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 14 | 1 | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 12 | 1 | 1 |
| Cowan | 200 | 47 | 4 | 0 | 47 | 6 | 1 | 30 | 15 | 1 | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 30 | 5 | 2 |
| St. Andrews | 2,600 | 580 | 171 | 17 | 1,400 | 100 | 100 | 1,062 | 250 | 1 | 16,000 | 3,000 | 4,000 | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,100 | 53 |
| Thompson | 1,200 | 175 | 26 | 10 | 80 | 12 | 10 | 50 | 50 | 1 | 10,000 | 1,500 | 780 | 670 | 258 | 224 | 0 | 0 |
| Lubbock | 200 | 63 | 2 | 0 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 21 | 19 | 1 | 2,600 | 0 | 2,000 | 600 | 70 | 40 | 10 | 8 |
| Mexia: Jones | 600 | 160 | 8 | 15 | 235 | 64 | 4 | 201 | 173 | 3 | 6,200 | 400 | 2,788 | 1,930 | 50 | 40 | 25 | 1 |
| Mexia Ct. | 720 | 120 | 7 | 0 | 90 | 3 | 3 | 34 | 34 | 1 | 1,000 | 500 | 15 | 0 | 25 | 50 | 20 | 3 |
| Milford—Italy | 350 | 52 | 1 | 1 | 72 | 5 | 0 | 50 | 20 | 2 | 1,000 | 500 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 20 | 3 | 2 |
| McKinney | 20 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 1 | 28 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 20 | 5 | 2 |
| Odessa | 240 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 27 | 15 | 1 | 1,100 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 20 | 20 | 2 | 0 |
| Pelham Ct. | 600 | 190 | 5 | 4 | 182 | 7 | 13 | 183 | 75 | 3 | 13,000 | 1,900 | 42 | 0 | 68 | 90 | 6 | 65 |
| Pilot Point | 35 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 500 | 500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 4 | 1 |
| Sherman | 580 | 98 | 7 | 4 | 40 | 15 | 3 | 18 | 10 | 1 | 2,000 | 1,500 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 25 | 4 | 4 |
| Waxahachie | 242 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 12 | 1 | 2,000 | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 15 | 10 | 1 |
| Wichita Falls | 445 | 100 | 5 | 0 | 44 | 11 | 0 | 36 | 30 | 1 | 3,000 | 600 | 50 | 90 | 100 | 147 | 25 | 8 |
| TOTAL | 17,387 | 3,296 | 310 | 113 | 4,099 | 408 | 317 | 4,646 | 1,123 | 30 | 148,300 | 26,400 | 18,062 | 9,255 | 5,474 | 3,743 | 1,345 | 236 |

THE STATISTICAL REPORT
San Antonio District, West Texas Conference, for 1944

| CHARGES | MINISTERIAL SUPPORT | | CHURCH MEMBERSHIP | | | | | SUNDAY SCHOOLS | | CHURCH PROPERTY | | | | | | DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
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| Beeville | 659 | 101 | 16 | 5 | 70 | 16 | 4 | 47 | 30 | 1 | 3,500 | 1,500 | 456 | 0 | 100 | 110 | 19 | 7 |
| Belmon Ct. | 400 | 170 | 25 | 1 | 193 | 10 | 28 | 100 | 46 | 3 | 2,000 | 1,100 | 30 | 0 | 100 | 172 | 50 | 10 |
| Corpus Christi | 1,500 | 230 | 41 | 26 | 202 | 20 | 20 | 68 | 47 | 1 | 6,000 | 1,000 | 2,700 | 0 | 327 | 194 | 106 | 53 |
| Eades Ct. | 100 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 54 | 10 | 0 | 35 | 12 | 2 | 1,000 | 500 | 90 | 390 | 10 | 60 | 22 | 3 |
| Floresville | 487 | 119 | 11 | 5 | 64 | 5 | 1 | 36 | 46 | 2 | 3,500 | 750 | 36 | 0 | 10 | 50 | 25 | 4 |
| Pleasanton | 380 | 96 | 2 | 1 | 36 | 4 | 1 | 27 | 17 | 1 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 100 | 50 | 60 | 44 | 10 | 2 |
| Gonzales | 750 | 182 | 17 | 0 | 167 | 12 | 33 | 132 | 81 | 3 | 5,500 | 1,200 | 490 | 0 | 12 | 140 | 34 | 27 |
| Harlingen | 1,094 | 115 | 4 | 8 | 87 | 5 | 8 | 53 | 21 | 1 | 4,000 | 0 | 450 | 0 | 48 | 27 | 2 | 0 |
| Harpers Chapel | 300 | 100 | 1 | 1 | 60 | 15 | 4 | 22 | 12 | 1 | 1,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 30 | 10 | 5 |
| Hondo—Uvalde | 500 | 254 | 0 | 2 | 66 | 13 | 0 | 23 | 18 | 1 | 3,000 | 150 | 120 | 120 | 38 | 18 | 30 | 5 |
| Kerrville | 750 | 153 | 5 | 0 | 50 | 21 | 0 | 45 | 25 | 1 | 3,000 | 1,000 | 105 | 200 | 77 | 55 | 38 | 1 |
| Kingsville | 900 | 152 | 2 | 9 | 150 | 49 | 5 | 59 | 20 | 1 | 2,500 | 1,200 | 1,000 | 0 | 459 | 76 | 135 | 4 |
| Nixon | 400 | 77 | 11 | 5 | 64 | 5 | 1 | 49 | 15 | 3 | 1,500 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 72 | 129 | 45 | 4 |
| Pearsall Ct. | 200 | 75 | 3 | 1 | 85 | 10 | 8 | 49 | 18 | 1 | 1,000 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 43 | 35 | 1 |
| San Antonio—E. St. Paul | 852 | 170 | 0 | 7 | 135 | 48 | 3 | 39 | 20 | 1 | 5,000 | 2,500 | 350 | 1,650 | 95 | 200 | 50 | 5 |
| Jacob | 1,500 | 281 | 30 | 15 | 400 | 25 | 25 | 134 | 24 | 1 | 8,000 | 2,000 | 4,000 | 0 | 500 | 300 | 290 | 59 |
| Jones | 900 | 127 | 8 | 24 | 110 | 8 | 1 | 56 | 40 | 1 | 5,000 | 18,00 | 1,400 | 0 | 100 | 140 | 34 | 22 |
| St. Luke | 200 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2,500 | 500 | 100 | 0 | 30 | 36 | 11 | 2 |
| St. Paul | 2,400 | 530 | 16 | 82 | 1,147 | 208 | 3 | 613 | 105 | 1 | 80,000 | 2,500 | 1,300 | 0 | 600 | 1,162 | 1,385 | 25 |
| Sanford | 900 | 120 | 24 | 2 | 154 | 3 | 2 | 102 | 62 | 1 | 2,500 | 2,250 | 251 | 1,205 | 80 | 50 | 47 | 6 |
| Seguin—Olmos | 900 | 167 | 23 | 1 | 248 | 100 | 3 | 76 | 45 | 1 | 5,000 | 1,500 | 309 | 50 | 130 | 225 | 20 | 0 |
| Runge | 98 | 54 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 4 | 0 | 17 | 10 | 1 | 1,000 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 8 | 12 | 20 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 15,970 | 3,391 | 240 | 200 | 3,588 | 594 | 150 | 1,792 | 614 | 30 | 150,000 | 22,710 | 13,137 | 3,965 | 2,806 | 3,213 | 2,418 | 247 |

APPORTIONMENT BY DISTRICTS
Victoria District, West Texas Conference, for 1944

| CHARGES | MINISTERIAL SUPPORT | | CHURCH MEMBERSHIP | | | | | SUNDAY SCHOOLS | | CHURCH PROPERTY | | | | | | DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES | | |
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| Altair Ct.----- | 210 | 108 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 10 | 0 | 61 | 61 | 2 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 100 | 0 | 10 | 20 | 1 | 1 |
| Cologne Ct.----- | 500 | 120 | 6 | 2 | 139 | 12 | 4 | 45 | 35 | 2 | 4,000 | 400 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 60 | 5 | 5 |
| Columbus----- | 890 | 123 | 12 | 3 | 75 | 22 | 12 | 75 | 60 | 1 | 5,000 | 1,250 | 300 | 0 | 70 | 125 | 3 | 8 |
| Columbus Ct.----- | 410 | 87 | 27 | 0 | 117 | 13 | 3 | 77 | 40 | 3 | 7,500 | 250 | 75 | 0 | 40 | 40 | 3 | 5 |
| Cuero----- | 1,100 | 164 | 8 | 8 | 170 | 16 | 4 | 77 | 64 | 2 | 3,800 | 2,000 | 300 | 330 | 105 | 85 | 75 | 17 |
| Edna Ct.----- | 898 | 216 | 11 | 1 | 211 | 10 | 1 | 135 | 72 | 3 | 6,400 | 900 | 20 | 0 | 57 | 110 | 3 | 16 |
| Ganada----- | 175 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 14 | 0 | 27 | 20 | 1 | 800 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 76 | 5 | 6 |
| Goliad----- | 400 | 110 | 3 | 2 | 40 | 10 | 2 | 20 | 12 | 1 | 800 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 1 | 2 |
| Oakland Ct.----- | 500 | 169 | 27 | 8 | 327 | 0 | 2 | 129 | 126 | 2 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 201 | 2 | 8 |
| Port Lavaca----- | 72 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Schulenberg----- | 400 | 150 | 2 | 2 | 70 | 10 | 2 | 10 | 20 | 2 | 1,500 | 800 | 300 | 0 | 15 | 50 | 10 | 5 |
| Sublime----- | 300 | 110 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 800 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 3 |
| Victoria----- | 1,200 | 265 | 4 | 18 | 264 | 3 | 4 | 66 | 42 | 1 | 5,000 | 3,000 | 50 | 0 | 436 | 132 | 100 | 24 |
| Wallden—Weimer----- | 100 | 64 | 2 | 8 | 50 | 30 | 30 | 47 | 30 | 2 | 1,000 | 0 | 300 | 0 | 15 | 25 | 22 | 1 |
| Wharton—El Campo----- | 602 | 72 | 3 | 1 | 147 | 24 | 1 | 71 | 58 | 2 | 2,300 | 900 | 85 | 0 | 20 | 30 | 2 | 3 |
| Yoakum—Shiner----- | 600 | 120 | 4 | 2 | 85 | 15 | 0 | 40 | 20 | 2 | 2,000 | 1,000 | 400 | 0 | 160 | 60 | 15 | 7 |
| Hallettsville Ct.----- | 700 | 167 | 7 | 3 | 190 | 13 | 10 | 46 | 27 | 2 | 5,000 | 500 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 100 | 10 | 10 |
| TOTAL----- | 9,057 | 2,103 | 117 | 58 | 1,775 | 210 | 76 | 976 | 691 | 30 | 50,100 | 15,000 | 1,990 | 330 | 945 | 1,598 | 262 | 139 |

THE STATISTICAL REPORT
Waco District, West Texas Conference, for 1944

| CHARGES | MINISTERIAL SUPPORT | | CHURCH MEMBERSHIP | | | | | SUNDAY SCHOOLS | | CHURCH PROPERTY | | | | | | DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
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| Qquilla Ct.----- | 200 | 100 | 5 | 0 | 42 | 8 | 1 | 18 | 10 | 1 | 800 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 20 | 2 | 1 | |
| Bremond----- | 248 | 66 | 5 | 2 | 62 | 3 | 3 | 70 | 30 | 1 | 2,500 | 1,000 | 550 | 60 | 24 | 5 | 0 | |
| Bonman—Reagan----- | 350 | 49 | 1 | 0 | 63 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 14 | 1 | 2,000 | 150 | 80 | 18 | 20 | 2 | 6 | |
| Calvert----- | 500 | 95 | 13 | 6 | 106 | 9 | 1 | 70 | 30 | 1 | 3,000 | 1,000 | 1,500 | 35 | 30 | 20 | 5 | |
| Chilton Ct.----- | 500 | 120 | 20 | 34 | 90 | 37 | 16 | 85 | 71 | 2 | 4,150 | 1,500 | 508 | 760 | 44 | 4 | 5 | |
| Gatesville----- | 300 | 100 | 6 | 1 | 42 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 20 | 1 | 800 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 25 | 1 | 2 | |
| Groesbeck----- | 400 | 84 | 13 | 1 | 60 | 25 | 12 | 40 | 26 | 1 | 2,200 | 900 | 0 | 18 | 23 | 2 | 5 | |
| Hubbard—Hillsboro----- | 400 | 110 | 16 | 8 | 88 | 20 | 8 | 60 | 25 | 2 | 3,000 | 500 | 125 | 51 | 50 | 12 | 10 | |
| Marlin----- | 1,200 | 233 | 23 | 15 | 307 | 22 | 8 | 129 | 30 | 1 | 10,000 | 3,000 | 1,000 | 3,310 | 364 | 100 | 4 | 15 |
| Mart Ct.----- | 700 | 131 | 19 | 0 | 97 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 39 | 2 | 3,200 | 1,000 | 100 | 0 | 242 | 70 | 20 | 9 |
| Milam Grove Ct.----- | 490 | 100 | 10 | 5 | 129 | 0 | 13 | 177 | 60 | 2 | 2,500 | 1,000 | 0 | 20 | 50 | 5 | 3 | |
| Rocky—Cedar----- | 600 | 101 | 26 | 3 | 130 | 34 | 0 | 80 | 50 | 2 | 2,000 | 500 | 0 | 40 | 45 | 2 | 10 | |
| Satin—Majors----- | 400 | 110 | 18 | 0 | 205 | 25 | 0 | 104 | 80 | 2 | 3,000 | 250 | 0 | 10 | 50 | 25 | 6 | |
| Springfield—Frosa----- | 200 | 27 | 2 | 0 | 42 | 16 | 0 | 39 | 32 | 1 | 800 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 17 | 1 | 0 | |
| Valley Mills----- | 400 | 61 | 10 | 2 | 60 | 13 | 1 | 25 | 25 | 1 | 2,000 | 500 | 0 | 20 | 57 | 3 | 5 | |
| Waco—Jones Chapel----- | 700 | 134 | 1 | 6 | 80 | 0 | 16 | 52 | 30 | 1 | 3,000 | 1,400 | 410 | 465 | 100 | 40 | 6 | 5 |
| Mt. Zion----- | 900 | 155 | 0 | 15 | 154 | 3 | 8 | 55 | 36 | 1 | 5,000 | 3,000 | 0 | 55 | 80 | 11 | 8 | |
| St. James----- | 1,800 | 337 | 34 | 16 | 280 | 170 | 12 | 130 | 66 | 1 | 85,000 | 3,000 | 4,000 | 13,000 | 200 | 150 | 216 | 10 |
| TOTAL..... | 10,288 | 2,113 | 212 | 157 | 2,114 | 388 | 99 | 1,276 | 674 | 24 | 134,950 | 31,300 | 8,273 | 17,535 | 1,414 | 895 | 341 | 105 |

THE STATISTICAL REPORT
Recapitulation Blank, West Texas Conference, for 1944

| CHARGES | MINISTERIAL SUPPORT | | CHURCH MEMBERSHIP | | | | | SUNDAY SCHOOLS | | CHURCH PROPERTY | | | | | | DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES | | | |
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| RECAPTULATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Austin District----- | 14,639 | 2,982 | 241 | 69 | 2,678 | 385 | 134 | 1,877 | 957 | 41 | 206,633 | 21,650 | 13,567 | 8,250 | 2,648 | 3,067 | 1,210 | 121 | |
| Dallas District----- | 17,387 | 3,296 | 310 | 113 | 4,099 | 408 | 377 | 4,646 | 1,123 | 30 | 148,300 | 26,400 | 18,062 | 9,255 | 5,474 | 3,743 | 1,245 | 236 | |
| San Antonio District----- | 15,970 | 3,391 | 240 | 200 | 3,588 | 594 | 150 | 1,792 | 614 | 30 | 150,000 | 22,710 | 13,137 | 3,965 | 2,806 | 3,213 | 2,418 | 247 | |
| Victoria District----- | 9,057 | 2,103 | 117 | 58 | 1,775 | 210 | 76 | 976 | 691 | 30 | 50,100 | 15,000 | 1,990 | 330 | 945 | 1,598 | 262 | 139 | |
| Waco----- | 10,288 | 2,113 | 212 | 157 | 2,141 | 388 | 99 | 1,276 | 674 | 24 | 134,950 | 31,300 | 8,273 | 17,535 | 1,414 | 895 | 341 | 105 | |
| TOTAL----- | 67,341 | 13,885 | 1,120 | 597 | 14,281 | 1,985 | 836 | 10,567 | 4,059 | 155 | 689,983 | 117,060 | 54,549 | 39,335 | 13,555 | 12,516 | 5,476 | 848 | |

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS

To the Bishop and Conference:

Death has made six visits to the West Texas Conference this year, taking from our midst the following Brethren:

| Name | Date of Death | Place of Burial |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Rev. M. W. Stephens | Oct. 20, 1943 | San Antonio, Texas |
| Rev. J. B. Eggleston | Oct. 27, 1943 | Yoakum, Texas |
| Rev. J. W. Warren | Nov. 23, 1943 | San Antonio, Texas |
| Rev. D. F. Vance | Dec. 1943 | Austin, Texas |
| Rev. B. J. Easter | May 4, 1944 | San Antonio, Texas |
| Rev. N. J. Moore | August, 1944 | Winchester, Texas |

We join in grief with the bereaved families in this dark hour of deep grief and sorrow. We pray that God, in whom they have always trusted, will be called upon in faith by them in this hour. He will rob them of their grief and leave only pleasant memories if they will only trust him.

We do not think of them as dead—they cannot die—it will be impossible for death to hold them. They have given nearly two hundred years of service to the West Texas Conference. We can't forget them.

As when the fog, dust and sand have been removed from a window, making way for the entrance of light and sunshine, death has removed the fog from our feeble understandings, the dust and sand from our reasonings, filling us with a new reality of the value of these great souls.

They have only been called from labor to reward and now lie down to pleasant dreams.

W. W. BAKER,
I. H. PIERCE,
JOEL JORDAN,

MRS. FRED YOUNG,
MRS. A. D. HOLDEN,
MRS. C. E. WHITTAKER.

OUR HONORED DEAD

| NAME AND DATE OF DEATH | PLACE OF BURIAL | Entered Ministry | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----|
| | | Years in Ministry | |
| J. B. Ferguson, Jan. 6, 1874 | Bell County | 1854 | 20 |
| J. S. Stricklin, Mar. 25, 1878 | Girard, Kansas | | 1 |
| E. S. Havens, Feb. 29, 1875 | | 1870 | 3 |
| Reubin Coleman, Dec. 3, 1875 | 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, Oct. 1, 1882 | Flatonia | 1872 | 10 |
| Jackson Johnson, Oct. 1, 1882 | Manor | 1875 | 7 |

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| NAME AND DATE OF DEATH | PLACE OF BURIAL | Entered Ministry | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----|
| | | Years in Ministry | |
| Jackson Caesor, Sept. 21, 1883..... | Wharton | 1879 | 4 |
| Larkin Carper, April 26, 1885..... | San Antonio | 1870 | 15 |
| Elijah Nesbitt, Sept. 26, 1885..... | Sprinkle | 1875 | 10 |
| Caesor King, Aug. 16, 1885..... | Georgetown | 1874 | 11 |
| J. W. Robinson, Sept. 1, 1888..... | Austin | 1874 | 11 |
| Washington Goodwin, May 3, 1890..... | Manor | 1876 | 14 |
| J. H. Brawley, April 20, 1893..... | Luling | 1887 | 6 |
| G. W. Brothers, Aug. 20, 1893..... | Cuero | 1883 | 10 |
| Toney Auyustis, June 10, 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, May 20, 1902..... | Cuero | 1877 | 25 |
| L. H. Harvey, July 4, 1902..... | Cuero | 1896 | 6 |
| A. S. Betheny, June 30, 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, 1908..... | Davilla | 1894 | 9 |
| Samuel Gates, Feb. 25, 1905..... | Austin | 1874 | 31 |
| Anderson Brack, Sept. 10, 1905..... | Waco | 1874 | 31 |
| Mack Henson, June 17, 1905..... | Austin | 1874 | 31 |
| Andrew Foster, Nov. 26, 1906..... | Victoria | 1880 | 36 |
| James Jorman, Dec. 9, 1908..... | Seguin | 1877 | 29 |
| B. L. Adams, Mar. 19, 1908..... | Littig | 1893 | 15 |
| Gabrial Wilson, July 16, 1908..... | Calvert | 1875 | 33 |
| Thomas Watkins, April 10, 1908..... | Marlin | 1886 | 32 |
| Willis Graves, May 10, 1908..... | Waco | 1876 | 32 |
| G. A. Shanklin, Dec. 19, 1900..... | Hubbard City | 1881 | 19 |
| J. T. Jacobs, Mar. 11, 1911..... | San Antonio | 1882 | 29 |
| W. H. Davis, Sept. 12, 1910..... | Seguin | 1882 | 29 |
| Jefferson Buel, June 10, 1910..... | Waco | 1877 | 29 |
| C. P. Westbrook, Dec. 30, 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 | 25 |
| M. C. Caviness, June 28, 1912..... | Lockhart | 1887 | 25 |
| J. H. Holden, May 1, 1912..... | Hondo | 1887 | 25 |
| Lee Reed, May 14, 1913..... | San Antonio | 1881 | 25 |
| E. E. Henderson, Sept. 9, 1913..... | Luling | 1881 | 32 |
| Alfred Dickerson, June 9, 1913..... | Sprinkle | 1897 | 26 |
| F. L. Kirkpatrick, Dec. 7, 1915..... | Austin | 1897 | 18 |
| Granville Norman..... | Los Angeles | | 7 |
| Joseph Hariford, 1917..... | Victoria | 1894 | 23 |
| J. S. Wyatt, Dec. 31, 1916..... | Winchester | 1887 | 30 |
| Christopher Young..... | Victoria | 1875 | 43 |
| G. W. Townsend, 1916..... | Victoria | 1883 | 33 |
| W. E. Blackson, February, 1916..... | Austin | 1899 | 18 |
| W. H. Mosby, 1916..... | | | |
| John Bickham, February, 1916..... | Gonzales | 1891 | |
| R. S. Lovinggood, January, 1916..... | Austin | 1900 | 16 |
| L. R. Parker, 1916..... | Smithville | 1901 | |
| A. T. Jackson, 1918..... | Dallas | 1887 | 34 |
| Ephraim Jones, April, 1918..... | Seguin | | 21 |
| P. B. Bennett, 1918..... | Waco | 1887 | 31 |
| Riley Soda, 1918..... | Beeville | | |
| C. C. Scruggs, 1919..... | | | |
| R. D. Dennis, 1919..... | Calvert | | |
| A. Lockhart, 1921..... | Waco | | |
| E. L. Jackson, 1921..... | Temple | | |
| C. H. Franklin, 1921..... | San Antonio | | |
| J. W. Wormley, 1921..... | Winchester | | |
| G. W. Nevils, 1922..... | La Grange | | |
| Primus Gates, 1922..... | La Grange | | |
| A. L. Carper, 1924..... | San Antonio | | |
| S. D. Humphrey, 1922..... | Marlin | | |
| D. C. Hailey, 1924..... | Waxahachie | | |
| B. J. Goff, 1925..... | Waco | | |
| D. C. Lacy, Dec. 25, 1925..... | Mexia | | |
| Harry Swann, 1925..... | Victoria | | |
| W. H. Stevens, 1925..... | Winchester | | |

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| W. H. Purnell, 1925 | Waco | |
| Moses Smith, 1925 | Austin | |
| Moten Lott, 1925 | Austin | |
| W. M. Mooney, 1925 | Cuero | |
| J. C. Mayes, 1925 | Temple | |
| Albert Johnson, 1926 | Luling | |
| C. N. Strait, 1927 | Georgetown | |
| J. C. Eusan, 1927 | San Antonio | |
| J. H. Swann, June 11, 1928 | Yoakum | |
| N. H. Townsend, August, 1928 | | 1893 |
| N. H. Qualls, June 10, 1928 | Ennis | |
| S. W. Harvey, Aug. 10, 1928 | Waco | 1881 |
| J. W. Wright, 1929 | | 1881 |
| J. L. S. Edmondson, Oct. 13, 1929 | San Antonio | |
| M. S. Jordan | Cuero | |
| Benjamin F. Wright, Oct. 15, 1930 | Fayetteville | |
| J. H. Hutchinson | Austin | |
| Alfred Brown, 1931 | Shiner | |
| Williams Reed, 1931 | Waco | |
| C. B. Melton, 1931 | Kerrville | |
| George Pleasant, 1931 | | 1883 |
| J. W. Weakley, 1932 | Luling | |
| G. M. Mc ^{en} , 1932 | Waco | |
| C. Schuler, 1932 | Luling | |
| S. E. Jones, 1933 | Cuero | |
| D. L. Mosby, 1933 | Victoria | |
| I. H. Napier, 1933 | San Antonio | |
| John Coe, 1933 | Marlin | |
| J. E. Brown, 1934 | Lampasas | 1909 25 |
| E. E. Cooper, 1934 | Oakland | 1888 |
| Enoch Cogswell, 1934 | Mart | 1887 |
| L. W. Roberts, 1935 | Milford | 1908 27 |
| J. W. Stone Jr., 1935 | Hubbard | 1916 19 |
| C. S. Williams, 1935 | Marshall | 1903 33 |
| J. W. Stone Sr., 1937 | Lockhart | |
| C. H. Hamilton, 1937 | | |
| George Waters, 1937 | | |
| James Coe II, 1938 | Luling | |
| I. T. Sanford, 1938 | Waco | |
| H. A. Jones, 1938 | Austin | |
| A. D. Jacques, 1939 | Pine Bluff, Arkansas | |
| P. E. Donnell, 1939 | | |
| L. L. Strait, 1939 | Gonzales | |
| A. M. Cuerington, 1939 | Cameron | |
| G. M. Mallory, 1939 | Waco | |
| W. A. Robinson, 1940 | Smithville | |
| T. J. Jackson, 1940 | Dale | |
| S. S. Hudspeth, 1940 | Lockhart | |
| E. C. Henderson, 1941 | Schulenburg | |
| George Bailey, 1941 | San Marcos | |
| A. M. Mason, 1941 | San Antonio | |
| J. W. Downs, 1941 | Austin | |
| M. Fountain, 1932 | Waco | |
| S. D. Mosely, 1942 | Temple | |
| J. D. Mackey, 1942 | Luling | |
| J. T. Carper, 1942 | Houston | |
| L. H. Richardson, 1942 | San Antonio | |
| E. T. Allen, 1943 | Granbury | |
| J. G. Browne, 1943 | Waco | |
| C. E. Whitiker, 1943 | Austin | |
| M. L. Wyatt, 1943 | San Angelo | |
| B. F. Braden, 1940 | | |
| M. W. Stephens, Oct. 20, 1943 | San Antonio | |
| J. B. Eggleston, Oct. 27, 1943 | Yoakum | |
| J. W. Warren, Nov. 23, 1943 | San Antonio | |
| D. F. Vance, Dec. 1943 | Austin | |
| B. J. Easter, May 4, 1944 | San Antonio | |
| N. J. Moore, Aug., 1944 | Winchester | |

IX.

HISTORICAL

CONFERENCE HISTORY

The Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in annual Conference relations in New Orleans, La., December 25, A. D. 1865, by Bishop Thompson. The Conference then organized included Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, and was named the "Mississippi Mission 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, 1874, that the "West Texas Conference" was organized, with Bishop Thomas 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 at the organization were: G. W. Honey, Jacob Miller, Mack Henson, Daniel Gregory, Samuel Allen, W. O. Sheety, Larkin Capper, Archie Johnson, J. T. Hill, T. T. Leach, T. G. Lacy, Alex Campbell, London Morris, Isaac Wright, Cyrus Hackett, Daniel Harper and Charles Scruggs. All have finished their course and rest from their labors. This Conference to date has five districts, 107 Pastoral Appointments, and a school that is a credit to the denomination, viz., Samuel Huston College, located at Austin, Texas.

Sessions of the Mississippi Conference

| BISHOP | SECRETARY | PLACE AND YEAR |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Edward Thompson | J. P. Newman | New Orleans, Dec. 25, 1865 |
| Mathew Simpson..... | J. P. Newman..... | New Orleans, Dec. 13, 1866 |
| E. R. Ames..... | J. B. Lynch..... | New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1867 |

Sessions of the Texas Conference

| BISHOP | SECRETARY | PLACE AND YEAR |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Mathew Simpson..... | Joseph Welch..... | Houston, Jan. 3, 1867 |
| E. R. Ames..... | G. W. Honey | Houston, Jan. 3, 1868 |
| Mathew Simpson..... | Joseph Welch | Austin, Jan. 21, 1869 |
| Levi Scott..... | G. W. Honey | Houston, Jan. 14, 1869 |
| E. S. James..... | G. W. Honey..... | Austin, Dec. 6, 1871 |
| I. W. Wiley..... | W. B. Fayle | Galveston, Jan. 8, 1872 |
| Thomas Bowman..... | W. B. Fayle | Marshall, Jan. 7, 1873 |

Sessions of the West Texas Conference

| BISHOP | SECRETARY | PLACE AND YEAR |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Thomas Bowman..... | G. W. Honey..... | Austin, Jan. 23, 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 |
| Thomas 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 |
| Thomas 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, 1892 |
| J. N. Fitzgerald..... | J. T. Gibbons..... | Dallas, Dec. 15, 1893 |
| H. W. Warren..... | Andrew Foster..... | Columbus, Dec. 5, 1894 |
| E. G. Andrews..... | Andrew Foster..... | Calvert, Dec. 2, 1895. |
| W. X. Ninde..... | Andrew Foster..... | Cuero, Dec. 8, 1896 |
| W. F. Mallalieu..... | N. J. Johnson..... | Waco, Dec. 8, 1897 |
| C. H. Fowler..... | N. J. Johnson..... | Denison, Dec. 6, 1898 |
| 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. Pinkney..... | Dallas, Dec. 8, 1901 |
| W. F. Mallalieu..... | Andrew Foster..... | Luling, Dec. 8, 1902 |
| J. M. Walden..... | Andrew Foster..... | Waco, Dec. 16, 1903 |
| L. B. Wilson..... | Andrew Foster..... | Fort Worth, Dec. 14, 1904 |
| Henry Spellmyer..... | 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. Quayle..... | T. H. Wyatt..... | Victoria, Nov. 26, 1908 |
| T. B. Neeley..... | T. H. Wyatt..... | Waco, Nov. 25, 1909 |
| D. H. Moore..... | T. H. Wyatt..... | Austin, Nov. 6, 1910 |
| T. B. Neeley..... | T. H. Wyatt..... | San Antonio, Nov. 23, 1911 |
| Robert McIntyre..... | T. H. Wyatt..... | Luling, Dec. 11, 1912 |
| Robert McIntyre..... | T. H. Wyatt..... | Calvert, Dec. 10, 1913 |
| W. O. Sheppard..... | T. H. Wyatt..... | Austin, Dec. 10, 1914 |
| W. O. Sheppard..... | T. H. Wyatt..... | Victoria, Dec. 9, 1915 |
| R. J. Cooke..... | J. W. Warren..... | Waco, Dec. 13, 1916 |
| W. O. Sheppard..... | J. W. Warren..... | Cuero, Dec. 10, 1917 |
| Chas. B. Mitchell..... | J. W. Warren..... | Fort Worth, Dec. 18, 1918 |
| Chas. B. Mitchell..... | J. W. Warren..... | Yoakum, Nov. 12, 1919 |
| R. E. Jones..... | S. N. Harvey..... | Georgetown, Dec. 8, 1920 |
| R. E. Jones..... | F. W. Brown..... | San Antonio, 1921 |
| R. E. Jones..... | C. W. Franklin..... | Austin, 1922 |
| R. E. Jones..... | C. W. Franklin..... | Fort Worth, 1923 |
| F. T. Keeney..... | C. W. Franklin..... | Waco, 1925 |
| C. L. Meade..... | C. W. Franklin..... | Victoria, 1926 |
| R. E. Jones..... | C. W. Franklin..... | San Antonio, 1927 |
| R. E. Jones..... | C. W. Franklin..... | Austin, 1924 |
| R. E. Jones..... | J. H. R. Dudley..... | Dallas, 1928 |
| Wallace E. Brown..... | J. H. R. Dudley..... | Austin, 1929 |
| Chas. E. Locke..... | J. H. R. Dudley..... | Columbus, 1930 |
| R. E. Jones..... | J. H. R. Dudley..... | Fort Worth, 1931 |
| R. E. Jones..... | J. H. R. Dudley..... | Waco, 1902 |
| R. E. Jones..... | W. W. Baker..... | San Antonio, 1933 |
| Chas. L. Meade..... | W. W. Baker..... | Marlin, 1934 |
| R. E. Jones..... | W. W. Baker..... | Dallas, 1935 |
| A. P. Shaw..... | W. W. Baker..... | Austin, 1936 |
| A. P. Shaw..... | W. W. Baker..... | Waco, 1937 |
| R. E. Jones..... | J. H. R. Dudley..... | Fort Worth, 1938 |
| A. P. Shaw..... | J. H. R. Dudley..... | San Antonio, 1939 |
| R. E. Jones..... | J. H. R. Dudley..... | Dallas, 1940 |
| R. E. Jones..... | J. H. R. Dudley..... | Austin, 1941 |
| A. P. Shaw..... | C. R. Greene..... | Waco, 1942 |
| R. E. Jones..... | C. R. Greene..... | Fort Worth, 1943 |
| R. N. Brooks..... | C. R. Greene..... | San Antonio, 1944 |



THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Held Its Annual Meeting

ST. PAUL METHODIST CHURCH, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

OCTOBER 10, 1944

MRS. K. W. McMILLAN, President
1061 East Rosedale
Fort Worth, Texas

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
CONFERENCE OFFICERS

- President: Mrs. K. W. McMillan, 1061 East Rosedale, Fort Worth
 Vice President: Mrs. C. E. Whitiker, 1809 Cedar, Austin
 Recording Secretary: Mrs. L. P. Williams, Rt. 1, Box 137, Waelder, Texas
 Corresponding Sec.: Mrs. V. E. Curry, 1111 E. Leuda, Fort Worth
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 Secretary Missionary Education: Mrs. C. S. Edmonds, 709 Cuney Way, San Antonio
 Secretary Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Mrs. Mary Wallace Fowler, Rt. 1, Loraine, Texas
 Secretary Wesleyan Service Guild: Mrs. Clara Watkins, 3305 East 14½ St., Austin
 Secretary Student Work: Mrs. R. J. Irvin, 1501 Bourbon St., Dallas
 Secretary Youth Work: Miss Rubye McKenzie, Box 121, LaGrange, Texas
 Secretary Children's Work: Mrs. M. M. Loud, 625 Dawson St., San Antonio
 Secretary Lit. and Publications: Mrs. A. B. Hudspeth, Kingsville, Texas
 Secretary Supplies: Mrs. A. W. Crain, 905 S. 9th St., Waco

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Spiritual Life:
 Mrs. F. D. Young, 1207 Hackberry, Austin
 Miss Carmen Lowry, Eliza Dee Home, Austin
 Mrs. M. B. Jackson, 419 Center St., San Antonio
- Status of Women:
 Mrs. O. B. Coe, 405 S. Wheeler St., Victoria, Texas
 Mrs. J. B. Phoenix, 639 Arthur St., San Antonio, Texas
 Mrs. L. V. Byars, 113 E. Walnut St., Lockhart, Texas
- Missionary Personnel:
 Mrs. B. J. Hardemon, Waco, Texas
 Mrs. R. L. North, 605 Gevers, San Antonio, Texas
 Mrs. E. E. Mosely, 1017 So. 10th St., Temple, Texas

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

- Austin District: Mrs. C. E. Calahan, 1019 E. 10th St., Austin, Texas
 Dallas District: Mrs. R. N. Davenport, Rt. 1, Hubbard, Texas
 San Antonio District: Mrs. Annie Ware, Box 226, Seguin, Texas
 Victoria District: Mrs. O. B. Coe, 405 S. Wheeler St., Victoria, Texas
 Waco District: Mrs. W. L. Smith, 2304 Colcard St., Waco, Texas

DISTRICT TREASURERS

- Austin District:
 Dallas District: Mrs. Mabel Allen, 2903 Lee St., Fort Worth, Texas
 San Antonio District: Mrs. Pearl Sance, Seguin, Texas
 Victoria District: Mrs. A. M. Countee, Cuero, Texas
 Waco District:

San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 10, 1944

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met in its Annual Session in St. Paul Methodist Church at 9:15 a. m., with Mrs. F. D. Young in charge of the devotions and the inspirational worship service. After which Mrs. K. W. McMillan took charge and began the business work of the meeting.

SOUVENIRS:

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Wesley Church, Austin, saw to it that each member present as well as visitors was furnished with an attractive souvenir which was the badge for the day's meeting. Book marks were also distributed from St. Andrews Fort Worth organization to those who did not attend the School of Missions in Austin, Sept. 4-8.

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

The President asked the auditing committee to retire and audit the accounts of Mrs. A. E. Marshall, the Conference Treasurer, so as to be able to report in the afternoon session.

REPORTS:

The following conference officers made reports: Mrs. C. E. Whitiker, Mrs. C. S. Edmonds, Mrs. V. E. Curry, Mrs. H. E. Hammonds, Mrs. R. J. Irvin, Miss Rubye McKenzie, Mrs. M. M. Loud, Mrs. E. L. Mayfield, Mrs. A. M. Crain. Miss Lowry brought greetings from the Eliza Dee Home. It might be said that reports from the conference officers were very encouraging and helpful.

DISTRICT OFFICERS REPORTED:

The following District Presidents reported: Mrs. C. E. Calahan, Mrs. R. N. Davenport, Mrs. R. L. North. These reports showed increases in membership in each district and monies raised other than for the Society. Mrs. North reported \$100.00 for Conference Claimants and a grand total of \$600.00 for all purposes.

Mrs. Mary Fowler was introduced and made timely remarks in the interest of the several phases of the work of the Society.

NOONDAY MESSAGE:

The President, Mrs. K. W. McMillan brought the message from the topic: "Needed, World Christians." This message was highly spiritual and informing as we listened to the President tell of the possibilities of the organization and what women might do in saving the world from its horrors.

Announcements were made and we adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

MRS. K. W. McMILLAN, President,
MRS. L. P. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

At 2:30 p. m., the auditing committee made its report and recommendations:

1. That the books be audited each year, one day before the annual meeting opens its session.

2. That the Treasurer deposit funds of the organization in some reputable bank for keeping in the name of the W. S. of C. S. of the Methodist Church. These recommendations were adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Amount collected for the year..... | \$843.29 |
| Disbursed for the year | 648.05 |
| Balance | \$195.24 |
| Additional expense | 20.50 |
| Balance on hand and bank | 174.74 |

JOURNAL READ:

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Dr. T. B. Echols was asked to preside and hold the election for the organization.

The nominating committee brought in their report and nominated the list of officers. On motion this list was accepted and declared elected during good behavior.

HIGH POINTS FROM THE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS:

Mrs. Fowler gave high points of the School of Missions as well as Mrs. Frasier, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Calahan and Mrs. Davenport.

Reports from Gulfside school as well as at Austin were made and received with gratitude.

Mrs. A. E. Marshall gave a brief resume of the Jurisdictional Meeting held in Greensboro, N. C.

EXECUTIVE MEETING:

The President called for an executive meeting immediately following the adjournment of the meeting. Dr. Echols had charge of the consecration service and gave the charge to the Conference Officers.

The society stood and sang "God of Grace and God of Glory." The closing prayer and the benediction were given by Dr. T. B. Echols.

See Roll for the New Officers.

MRS. K. W. McMILLAN, President,
MRS. M. B. JACKSON, Acting Secretary.

San Antonio, Texas, October 13, 1944.

The Ministers' Wives Club of the West Texas Annual Conference met at 5:00 p. m. The meeting was called to order by Rev. K. W. McMillan. Devotion was led by Rev. McMillan. Mrs. Hudspeth was asked to serve as temporary chairman until the funds for the immediate relief were collected. The sum of \$236.00 was received for this purpose, the same being turned over to Rev. McMillan. Mrs. R. N. Brooks then took charge, and very interesting remarks were made by Mrs. Brooks concerning the work of the organization. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Hudspeth—President
Mrs. J. H. Carruthers—Vice President
Mrs. I. B. Loud—Secretary
Mrs. F. D. Young—Treasurer

The clubs were then organized by districts. It was unanimously agreed that the wives of the District Superintendents serve as District Presidents. The officers by districts are as follows:

Austin District:

Mrs. A. D. Holden, President
Mrs. A. G. Russell, Vice President
Mrs. Mosely, Secretary
Mrs. Bruton, Treasurer

Dallas District:

Mrs. J. H. Carruthers, President
Mrs. A. J. Reed, Vice President
Mrs. J. M. Proctor, Secretary
Mrs. G. L. Johnson, Treasurer

Waco District:

Mrs. J. H. Childs, President
Mrs. Kuykendall, Vice President
Mrs. J. W. Morgan, Secretary
Mrs. B. D. Lindsay, Treasurer

The San Antonio District Club being already organized, no officers were elected.

It was voted that all monies raised hereafter be paid for the permanent fund. It was suggested that a committee of the conference president and the district presidents investigate as to what distribution was made of monies paid in by the Ministers' Wives and Daughters sometimes previous.

It was decided that the minimum amount to be paid by each member be \$5.00. It was agreed to include the Ministers' Wives and Daughters as members of the club.

Remarks by the newly-elected president. It was voted that money be furnished to purchase a journal.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the next session of the Annual Conference.

MRS. R. N. BROOKS, presiding,
MRS. J. H. CARRUTHERS, Acting Secretary

The following women paid \$5.00 Ministers Wives:

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| Mrs. M. M. Muse | Mrs. J. B. Eggleston | Mrs. J. H. Carruthers |
| Mrs. M. W. Stephens | Mrs. J. W. Morgan | Mrs. Byars |
| Mrs. A. G. Russell | Mrs. B. D. Lindsay | Mrs. W. M. Mosely |
| Mrs. I. B. Loud | Mrs. H. S. Byars | Mrs. T. M. Bruton |
| Mrs. W. W. Baker | Mrs. T. H. Bryant | Mrs. A. D. Holden |
| Mrs. J. M. North | Mrs. Alzo Lott | Mrs. R. W. Weaver |
| Mrs. Leo Haywood | Mrs. W. M. Franklin | Mrs. M. J. Moore |
| Mrs. R. N. Brooks | Mrs. I. H. Pierce | Mrs. C. L. King |
| Mrs. Eusan | Mrs. C. C. Brown | Mrs. A. J. Reed |
| Mrs. Obie Coe | Mrs. S. N. Harvey | Mrs. A. C. Holden |
| Mrs. T. R. Watkins | Mrs. G. L. Johnson | Mrs. Harriet Hammond |
| Mrs. J. J. Hardeman | Mrs. P. H. Phillips | Mrs. F. D. Young |
| Mrs. E. V. McMillan | Mrs. Sarah Ellison | Mrs. Duncan |
| Mrs. A. D. Jackson | Mrs. C. E. Whitiker | Mrs. T. H. Randolph |
| Mrs. T. H. Wyatt | Mrs. Mary Baker | Mrs. J. H. Marshall |
| Mrs. Elvira Blackmore | Mrs. F. M. Hudspeth | |

The following women paid \$3.00; \$2.00; \$1.00:

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| Mrs. E. L. Spencer | \$3.00 |
| Mrs. R. Mallory | 1.00 |
| Mrs. C. W. Franklin | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Zebra King | 1.00 |
| Mrs. S. E. Jones | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Waters | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Ross | 1.00 |
| Mrs. L. E. Grant | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Sarah Douglas | 1.50 |

XI.

PASTORAL RECORDS

| | Born | Admitted on Trial | Full Membership |
|--------------------------|-------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Alexander, G. F..... | 1890 | 1920 | 1922 |
| Allen, R. W..... | 1896 | 1923 | 1925 |
| Baker, D. B..... | 1884 | 1921 | 1923 |
| Baker, W. W..... | 1899 | 1921 | 1923 |
| Blair, Frank | 1892 | 1925 | 1927 |
| Brewster, O. K..... | 1904 | 1941 | 1943 |
| Brown, J. H..... | 1884 | 1926 | 1929 |
| Bruton, T. M..... | 1892 | 1924 | 1926 |
| Byars, B. A..... | 1888 | 1920 | 1922 |
| Byars, H..... | ..... | 1940 | 1940 |
| Burkley, M. B..... | 1879 | 1924 | 1926 |
| Brown, C. C. .... | ..... | 1939 | 1939 |
| Bryant, T. H..... | 1889 | 1925 | 1927 |
| Barnwell, F. R..... | 1880 | 1941 | 1942 |
| G. H. Caldwell ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Carroll, D. C..... | 1898 | 1930 | 1934 |
| Carruthers, J. H..... | 1902 | 1929 | 1931 |
| Cavitt, G. V..... | 1882 | 1910 | 1914 |
| Childs, J. H..... | 1876 | 1915 | 1918 |
| Coe, Obie | 1902 | 1924 | 1926 |
| Cook, V. A..... | ..... | 1915 | 1917 |
| Curtis, S. W..... | 1908 | 1943 | ..... |
| Douglas, E. M..... | 1916 | 1941 | 1943 |
| Dudley, J. H. R..... | 1893 | 1917 | 1919 |
| Downs, Karl | 1900 | 1927 | 1929 |
| Dixon, Ernest | 1921 | 1943 | ..... |
| Echols, T. B..... | 1894 | 1922 | 1924 |
| Ellison, M. C..... | 1890 | 1922 | 1925 |
| Ellison, Wm. Sr..... | 1879 | 1912 | 1916 |
| Ellison, Wm. Jr..... | 1903 | 1929 | 1931 |
| Franklin, C. W..... | 1885 | 1912 | 1914 |
| Freeman, Marcus | 1905 | 1927 | 1929 |
| Foy, T. H..... | 1884 | 1915 | 1918 |
| Fuller, E. T..... | 1900 | 1937 | 1940 |
| Graham, S. G..... | 1890 | 1916 | 1919 |
| Greene, C. R..... | 1900 | 1929 | 1931 |
| Greer, I. C..... | 1900 | 1933 | 1935 |
| Hansboro, D. H..... | 1902 | 1937 | 1939 |
| Hardemon, J. J. | 1891 | 1912 | 1916 |
| Harvey, S. N..... | 1880 | 1905 | 1907 |
| Haynes, Leonard Jr. | 1923 | 1940 | 1942 |

| | Born | Admitted on Trial | Full Membership |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Holden, A. C..... | 1893 | 1929 | 1931 |
| Holden, A. D. | 1891 | 1923 | 1925 |
| Holmes, Zan | 1904 | 1927 | 1929 |
| Hooey, J. H..... | 1885 | 1914 | 1916 |
| Hudspeth, F. M. | 1897 | 1925 | 1929 |
| Hutchinson, F. J..... | 1884 | 1914 | 1916 |
| Hutchinson, J. W. V. | 1886 | 1913 | 1915 |
| Houston, C. J. | 1904 | 1928 | 1932 |
| Haywood, Leo | 1904 | 1943 | ..... |
| Jordan, Joel S. | 1907 | 1927 | 1929 |
| Johnson, George L..... | 1900 | 1943 | ..... |
| Jones, Sercy ..... | ..... | 1939 | 1942 |
| Keesee, S. A. | 1907 | 1929 | 1931 |
| Kelley, G. W..... | 1890 | 1929 | 1931 |
| King, E. N..... | 1900 | 1935 | 1937 |
| King, C. L. | 1893 | 1940 | 1942 |
| King, Zebra | 1898 | 1943 | 1943 |
| Kuykendall, H. E..... | 1898 | 1923 | 1927 |
| Lee, B. F..... | 1897 | 1922 | 1924 |
| Loud, I. B..... | 1910 | 1933 | 1935 |
| McMillan, K. W..... | 1879 | 1900 | 1902 |
| McMillan, Oscar I..... | 1916 | 1941 | 1943 |
| Muse, L. E..... | 1892 | 1922 | 1924 |
| Muse, J. F..... | 1881 | 1911 | 1913 |
| Moore, T. S. .... | ..... | 1891 | 1893 |
| Morgan, J. W..... | 1904 | 1939 | 1941 |
| Marshall, J. H. | 1889 | 1925 | 1927 |
| Majors, Marshall | 1892 | 1925 | 1927 |
| Mosby, R. S..... | 1894 | 1919 | 1921 |
| Miller, S. D..... | 1898 | 1940 | 1942 |
| Miles, L. W. .... | ..... | 1933 | 1935 |
| Owens, Garfield | 1910 | 1939 | 1943 |
| Palmer, R. L..... | 1899 | 1925 | 1927 |
| Proctor, L. R..... | 1909 | 1940 | 1943 |
| Phillips, P. H. | 1898 | 1921 | 1923 |
| Pierce, I. H. | 1898 | 1924 | 1926 |
| Phoenix, J. B. | 1887 | 1922 | 1924 |
| Porter, A. D..... | 1891 | 1917 | 1919 |
| Randolph, T. H..... | 1898 | 1940 | 1942 |
| Reed, Merrill | 1916 | 1943 | ..... |
| Richardson, Johnnie | 1910 | 1943 | ..... |
| Russell, A. G..... | 1894 | 1922 | 1925 |
| Ross, James | 1880 | 1939 | 1939 |

| | Born | Admitted on Trial | Full Membership |
|------------------------|------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Stone, M. C..... | 1912 | 1943 | ..... |
| Shaw, W. L. | 1906 | 1927 | 1929 |
| Sims, T. J. D..... | 1887 | 1921 | 1923 |
| Spencer, E. L. | 1897 | 1936 | 1936 |
| Stewart, B. F..... | 1894 | 1936 | 1940 |
| Snow, Turner | 1888 | 1939 | 1939 |
| Tucker, Dee | 1884 | 1927 | 1929 |
| Tollerson, Henry | | 1936 | 1938 |
| Wattley, J. L..... | 1891 | 1919 | 1921 |
| White, Saul | 1895 | 1937 | 1939 |
| Wills, J. A. | 1886 | 1925 | 1927 |
| Watkins, T. R..... | | 1943 | ..... |
| Woods, Penza | | 1943 | ..... |
| Weaver, Richard | 1898 | 1943 | ..... |
| Young, F. D..... | | 1924 | 1926 |

PASTORAL RECORD OF RETIRED PREACHERS

| | | | |
|----------------------|------|------|----------|
| Appling, R. A. | | 1910 | 1912 |
| Calahan, F. C..... |  |  | ..... |
| Duncan, R. H. | | 1896 | 1900 |
| Deslandes, G. A..... | | 1900 | 1902 |
| Houston, W. B. | | 1939 | C. Conf. |
| Lott, W. B. | 1869 | 1900 | 1903 |
| Moore, T. S..... | | 1891 | 1893 |
| Maye, J. W..... | | 1920 | 1920 |
| Medlock, J. D. | | 1900 | 1902 |
| McKinney, H. L..... |  |  | ..... |
| Mosely, W. M. | 1883 | 1927 | 1929 |
| Stevens, N. W. | | 1926 | 1929 |
| Strait, J. H..... | 1886 | 1921 | 1926 |
| White, W. M. | | 1917 | 1919 |
| Willis, H. C..... | | 1926 | 1929 |
| Smith, Esau | 1876 | 1917 | 1925 |
| Stephens, N. W..... | | 1912 | 1916 |
| Wyatt, T. H..... | 1869 | 1894 | 1894 |

