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of the
EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
FT. SMITH-OKLAHOMA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

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of the
METHODIST PROTESTANT
CHURCH



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ROLL OF OUR HONORED DEAD

"Blessed are dead that die in the Lord."

Ables, A. A.	Lentz, J. M.
Armstrong, M. D., 1922	Leach, Thomas
Avery, B. F.	Moore, R. B.
Bryan, W. A.	Mackey, A. J.
Bounds, J. E.	Mason, Clark
Bourke, ———	Murdock, W. S.
Brooks, Finley	Patton, William
Bradford, John	Pate, ———
Burr, Polk	Powell, James
Burrows, J. P.	Phipps, J. F.
Carnett, T. E.	Roark, A.
Cole, R. B.	Sexton, Jake
Ford, Boaz	Simmons, W. G.
Floyd, H. T.	Smalley, A. J.
Foster, W. A.	Stumbaugh, A. J.
Fannon, J. W.	Shackleford, S. J.
Garris, N. B.	Stockton, John
Grubb, J. A.	Stephens, D. S., 1921
Gregory, J. A.	Terry, J. W.
Garrison, R. E.	Tunstall, R. V.
Hopkins, J. B.	Wallace, ———
Holdridge, J. W.	Wood, A. H.
Hughes, A. B.	Whittaker, William
Jacobs, W. F.	Whittaker, James
Johnson, W. M.	Wilson, W. B.
Lanston, Herman	Williams, James

CONFERENCE ROLL OF ITINERANT MINISTERS

Ayers, T. D.—Ozark, Ark.
 Banks, W. C.—Comanche, Okla.
 Bounds, R. W.—Comanche, Okla.
 Burrows, J. W.—Combs, Ark.
 Browers, J. W.—Quinton, Okla.
 Brewer, W. R.—Meeker, Okla.
 Copeland, J. W.—Chandler,
 Okla.*
 Curtner, L. M.—Morris, Okla.*
 Dickerson, T. L.—Ozark, Ark.
 Ely, T. C.—Hugo, Okla.
 Ford, Mrs. M. B.—Wynnewood,
 Okla.

Golloway, ————*
 Kelly, H. W.—Corsicana, Tex.*
 Land, J. L.—Payson, Okla.
 Mathews, M. L.—Eagletown,
 Okla.
 Maggart, H. E.—Apache, Okla.
 Moody, J. A.—Ft. Smith, Ark.*
 McElvany, W. R.—Prague, Okla.*
 McMillan, G. O.—Hugo, Okla.
 Overby, J. L.—Haworth, Okla.*
 Parker, S. B.—Idabel, Okla.
 Pettigrew, J. W.—Golden, Okla.*
 Price, J. B.—Broken Bow, Okla.*
 Quaid, J. W.—Hugo, Okla.
 Rhoten, A. J.—Haworth, Okla.
 Reby, A. T.—Okla. City, Okla.*
 Simmons, C. T.—Elmore City,
 Okla.

Simmons, Leroy—Foss, Okla.
 Sidwell, Mrs. Ora—Lee Creek,
 Ark.
 Thompson, B. A.—Mansfield,
 Ark.*

Superannuated

Quaid, Thomas—Carnegie, Okla.
 Ballard, W. D.—Olustee, Okla.*
 Brice, F. S. C.—Erick, Okla.*
 Doughty, D. J.—Ponca City,
 Okla.*

Honea, J. M.—Ozark, Ark.
 Killgore, J. A.—Fayetteville,
 Ark.*
 Lewis, T. E.—Ft. Smith, Ark.*
 Martin, J. J.—Hugo, Okla.
 Neal, Lee—Cedarville, Ark.*
 Nichols, R. R.—Denning, Ark.*
 Pace, B. F.—Blanchard, Okla.*
 Pryor, J. A.—Quinton, Okla.*
 Smith, W. H.—Winslo, Ark.*
 Purcell, William—Lavaca, Ark.*

Licentiates

Alexander, E. E.—Marlow, Okla.
 Crawford, H. L.—Eagletown,
 Okla.
 Floyd, Nolan—Durant, Okla.
 Fergurson, J. E.—Marlow, Okla.
 Howard, J. O.—Duncan, Okla.
 Harlan, H. H.—Winters, Texas*
 Hobbs, T. J.—Denning, Ark.
 Howell, Paul—Tehuacana, Tex.
 Legg, J. E.—Marlow, Okla.
 Land, J. J.—Uncas, Okla.
 Lee, Gervis—Eagletown, Okla.
 Mays, J. J.—Odell, Okla.
 McDonald, V. L.—Haworth,
 Okla.

Park, M. D.—Tehuacana, Texas*
 Pace, J. B.—Tehuacana, Texas
 Shackelford, S. H.—Paw Paw,
 Okla.
 Whitten, J. G.—Idabel, Okla.
 Wilson, Ivan R.—West Fork,
 Ark.*
 Wright, Carl—Eagletown, Okla.*

Unstationed

J. C. Cravens, ————*
 J. M. Holloway, ————*
 J. H. Stacy, Eufaula, Okla.*
 T. H. Prim, ————*
 A. E. Gamimage, ————*

* Denotes absence from Conference.

EIGHTH ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS

CONFERENCE ROLL OF LAYMEN

Brown Swearingen—Lee Creek, Ark.	Mrs. A. J. Rhoten—Haworth, Okla.
John Richerson—Boswell, Okla.	L. R. Allen—Hugo, Okla.
M. A. McClain—Brady, Okla.	E. L. Alexander—Marlow, Okla.
D. B. Baskin—Harmony, Ark.	J. J. Mays—Odell, Okla.
Russ Davidson—Comanche, Okla.	Hamilton Maggart—Idabel, Okla.
Jeff Baker—Denning, Ark.	O. J. Bartell—Chandler, Okla.
Earl McNabb—Sentinel, Okla.	Buel Rushing—Quinton, Okla.
Carl W. Wright—Wynnewood, Okla.*	W. E. Ray—Milburn, Okla.
J. H. Bridges—Eagletown, Okla.	C. L. Martin—Shiloh, Ark.
	J. H. Owens—Haggerville, Ark.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Willie Neal—Cedarville, Ark.	Myrtle Thomas—Kinta, Okla.
Sam Howell—Comanche, Okla.	Carl W. Wright—Wynnewood, Okla.
Wallace Gann—Lee Creek, Ark.	Beckie Hughes, Wynnewood, Okla.
Wilford Rule—Natural Dam, Ark.	
Elbert Bartholomew—Natural Dam, Ark.	A. W. Simus—Marlow, Okla.
M. M. Fenderson—Meeker, Okla.	H. J. Medford—Haworth, Okla.
Charlie Daniels—Prague, Okla.	John Moss—Foss, Okla.
Jeff Baker—Alex, Ark.	O. E. Schillers—Doxey, Okla.
Jeff Blanset,—Altus, Ark.	Newt Willey—Ozark, Ark.
L. E. Bacher—Uncas, Okla.	N. G. Green—Ozark, Ark.
M. Bales—Elmore City, Okla.	C. C. Baskins—Harmony, Ark.
Bud Moss—Katie, Okla.	R. Brown—Waterloo, Ark.
G. N. Rushing—Quinton, Okla.	C. P. Balch—Hugo Okla.
Willis Phipps—Quinton, Okla.	Mr. Taylor—Armada, Ark.
J. O. Howard—Duncan, Okla.	

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C. A. Suttin—Hugo, Okla.	Ray Yarbough—Uncas, Okla.
Willis Phipps—Quinton, Okla.	Berry Honeycutt—Meeker, Okla.
Reca McKee—Quinton, Okla.	Eddie Pangburn—Prague, Okla.
Buel Rushing—Quinton, Okla.	Matt Bartholomew—Strichler, Ark.
H. J. Medford—Haworth, Okla.	Clara Ramey—Lee Creek, Ark.
M. E. Morris—Addington, Okla.	Prudence Choat—Comanche, Okla.
Mr. McNeal—Hennepin, Okla.	Willie Neal—Cedarville, Ark.
Anna Minyard—Elmore City, Okla.	

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- President—Rev. G. O. McMillan, Hugo, Okla.
- Secretary—Rev. J. W. Browers, Quinton, Okla.
- Treasurer—Rev. J. W. Quaid, Hugo, Okla.
- Committee on Itinerancy and Orders—Rev. M. L. Mathews, Eagle-
town, Okla.; Rev. John L. Land, Payson, Okla.; M. A. McClain,
Brady, Okla.
- President of Young People's Work—Rev. J. W. Quaid, Hugo, Okla.
- Send all money collected on both General and Annual Confer-
ence Claims to Treasurer, Quaid, and request receipt for same.
- The next session of Annual Conference will be held at Quint-
ton, Okla.
- Get behind our college at Tehuacana, Texas, with your support.
Send your boys and girls to Westminster College for their education.

HISTORY OF FORT SMITH-OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

The Ft. Smith-Oklahoma Conference, as it has Christened itself, has had a varied history. The Ft. Smith part was organized into a separate Conference out of the North Arkansas Conference in the year of 1881. There had been Methodist Protestants in this section of Arkansas before the Civil War. The first president of the Ft. Smith district, Rev. Clark Mason, lies buried on the Fayetteville circuit. Some splendid work was done by such men as Mason, Stumbaugh, Bartholomew, Mackey, Wilson, Jacobs, and a host of others. The only charter members now alive are Rev. R. R. Nichols, of Denning, Ark., and Rev. T. E. Lewis, of Ft. Smith, Ark.

The Oklahoma part of this new Conference has had quite as varied a past. The first district of the present state of Oklahoma to be organized was the northeastern part, known as the Indian Mission Conference, which was organized about the year 1887. W. B. Tinsell was a leading man in this conference. A little later the Oklahoma Conference, the Southern Oklahoma Conference, the Chickasaw Mission and later the Choctaw Mission was organized. Among the leading men in these districts were B. L. Hancock, J. E. Bounds, B. J. Doughty, and a host of others. These Oklahoma Districts were merged by the General Conference in 1908.

General Conference of 1916, recommended the merging of the Oklahoma and Ft. Smith districts which was done in a splendid and harmonious session at Shiloh, near Mansfield, Ark., Nov. 1-4, 1917.

There is a splendid outlook in this division of our great church. As I think of the apple crowned hills of Arkansas, the prize fruit country of the Union, with the beautiful little city of Fayetteville, sitting like a pearl among the Ozarks, I say, "Lord help us to measure up to the opportunity in this section." Then I hie away to the westward across the great Arkansas River valley, most fertile of the regions of the Southwest with Ft. Smith the giant young Metropolis sitting mid-way between Kansas City and the Gulf, bidding fair to dispute with any the kingdom of the Southwest. I find also in this section gas, oil, coal, timber, and cotton, the fleecy staple that has made man rich in a single year. In this section are Miami, the prince of mining towns, where we have a Mission; Tulsa, the chief of oil towns, whose growth and wealth are marvelous; Oklahoma City lies just to the west of this region, not even Kansas could rival the wheat fields of Central Oklahoma. To the west are cattle ranging sections with their fertile river valleys. To the south is Lindsey, the greatest broom-corn market in the world, surrounded by fertile river valleys with wealth and natural resources.

What is the Spiritual outlook? We have some fifteen or sixteen young men entering the Ministry. We have in all some sixty-five ministers on our rolls. We believe in them and they believe

in the Church of Mutual Rights. Many splendid movements are being set on foot and you will hear ere long from the Ft. Smith-Oklahoma Conference. People are beginning to demand a right to exercise their intelligence in Church affairs as well as in other lines of human endeavor.

Rev. M. L. Mathews served as President of the Ft. Smith-Oklahoma Conference from November, 1917, to November, 1920. Under the wise and untiring efforts of President Mathews, the Conference made great progress, as is shown by the Annual Reports of 1917 to 1920. Since the uniting of the Conference, Mr. E. W. Mackey, Rev. J. A. Phipps, and Rev. G. O. McMillan, have served as Conference Stewards.

At the November, 1920, Conference the following officers were elected: O. W. Milburn, President; M. L. Mathews, Treasurer, and G. O. McMillan, Secretary.

At the October, 1921, Conference, the following officers were elected: M. L. Mathews, President; G. O. McMillan, Secretary; R. Underwood, Treasurer. This Conference reported 110 conversions, and 750 additions to the Church during the year just closed with 20 students in Westminster College.

At the Sixth Annual Session, the following officers were elected: John W. Quaid, President; G. O. McMillan, Secretary; A. J. Rhoten, Treasurer. Six young men and four young women volunteered for the ministry and other christian service at this Conference. The reports show over 900 conversions, and 484 additions to the Church. A healthy increase in all lines is shown and no charge was left unsupplied.

At the seventh Annual Session the following officers were elected: John W. Quaid, President; J. W. Browers, Secretary; A. J. Rhoten, Treasurer. Seven fine young men and women volunteered for life service at this Conference. Reports show ——— conversions and ——— additions. No Charge was left unsupplied.

Let this be our slogan: "Everything over the top this year in a financial way." Don't forget the four days during the year for the General Church offering. Do your best to put on a programme for each of these days.

At the eighth Annual Session the following officers were elected: President, Rev. G. O. McMillan; Secretary, Rev. J. W. Browers; Treasurer, Rev. J. W. Quaid. A number of young people volunteered for life Service at this Conference. Our Class of young preachers consists of twenty young men. Reports show nearly one thousand conversions this year. With some five hundred additions to the church.

Journal

The eight annual session of the Ft. Smith-Oklahoma Annual Conference met on the 22nd day of October, 1924, at the Methodist Protestant Church, Hugo, Okla.

Conference opened at ten fifteen, by song and Scripture reading, I Cor. 3, by President, John W. Quaid. Short prayers by members of the Conference.

President then declared Conference open for business. Secretary called the roll. Seventeen ministers answered the roll call. Eleven Lay Delegates were then seated.

Rev. R. B. Moreland, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Hugo, then addressed the Conference for the Hugo Pastor's Association. He was followed by R. L. Jones, Mayor of Hugo, who gave a warm address of welcome.

The time having arrived for the Conference Sermon, the Comanche Quartet favored the Conference with a special selection, Rev. J. W. McQuaid, President of the Conference, delivered a heart searching message, from the text: John 15: 14. After which the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered to a large crowd.

First Day Afternoon

Conference convened at one thirty, with devotional service, conducted by Rev. John Pace of Uncas, Okla. After calling of the roll by Secretary, Conference took up the election of officers for the ensuing year. Rev. A. J. Rhoten, Rev. John L. Land and V. L. McDonald were appointed tellers. Rev. G. O. McMillan and Rev. J. W. Quaid were nominated for president. First ballot showed a vote of thirty-four for McMillan and five for Quaid. McMillan was declared elected. J. W. Browers and J. W. Quaid were nominated for Secretary. Ballots showed twenty votes for Browers and sixteen for Quaid. Browers was declared elected. By motion the secretary was ordered to cast the vote for Rev. J. W. Quaid to act as treasurer of the Conference.

By motion the retiring President was given authority to nominate the standing district committee. T. D. Ayers, C. T. Simmons, A. J. Rhoten, Earl McNabb, G. N. Rushing, H. J. Medford were nominated and by motion were elected.

Brown Swearingen, O. J. Bartell were elected to serve with the President on stationing committee. Rev. T. L. Dickerson was elected trustee of Waterlula Camp Ground.

By motion the present board of trustees of the ozark Academy were elected for the ensuing year.

M. L. Mathews, E. L. Alexander, H. E. Maggart, J. W. Browers, J. N. Willey were nominated and by motion were elected on the Board of Church Extension. By motion the newly elected president

was excused from taking up his duties until the following day. J. W. Quaid remained in the Chair.

Rev. T. H. Lewis, President of the General Conference, then presented the overtures of the General Conference to this Annual Conference and by motion these overtures were confirmed as handed down from General Conference.

At this time Rev. H. E. Maggart donated five dollars to purchase five hundred copies of the General Conference Sermon, preached by Dr. Lewis, to be delivered with the minutes to the people of this Conference.

By motion our President was authorized to attend the Annual Conference Presidents' Council this year.

Rev. J. A. Phipps, Dean of Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas, was introduced and spoke in interest of the College.

Motion was made to reaffirm the obligation taken last year in regard to supporting a chair in Westminster College. After some discussion the motion lost.

The following persons made pledges to the College for the amount set opposite their names: H. E. Maggart, \$25.00; J. J. Land, \$25.00; J. W. Quaid, \$25.00; C. T. Simmons, \$10.00; M. A. McClaim, \$15.00; E. L. Alexander, \$25.00; T. D. Ayers, \$25.00; L. R. Allen, \$25.00; J. O. Howard, \$10.00; J. B. Pace, \$10.00; Mrs. J. W. Quaid, \$10.00; Mrs. Ora Sidwell, \$10.00; Miss Smedley, \$5.00; F. E. Shanks, \$5.00; Cleve Martin, \$5.00; R. W. Bounds, \$5.00; R. T. Stevens, \$5.00; Mrs. M. B. Ford, \$25.00.

Conference then adjourned until the evening hour.

At the evening hour Rev. Thomas H. Lewis, President of the General Conference, brought a wonderful message from John 21:17.

Second Day Forenoon

Conference convened at nine fifteen. Devotional services led by Rev. J. O. Howard, pastor of Madden Grove Church.

The roll was called and the minutes of the first days' proceedings were read and approved. Harold Singer, Field Secretary of the Oklahoma Christian Endeavor, was introduced.

Rev. A. J. Rhoten was called on by the President to take the chair for a short period. Dr. T. H. Lewis, at this time, addressed the Conference on the subject of "Church Ideas."

By motion the secretary was permitted to print the Methodist Protestant Quadrilateral on the back of minutes.

Dr. Frank W. Stephenson, Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of his Board. By motion Conference adopted the paper on "Articles of Corporation" presented by Dr. Stephenson. (See articles of Corporation).

Rev. G. O. McMillan, the newly elected President, made his speech of acceptance, offering some splendid plans for carrying on the work of the Conference for the ensuing year. By motion his plans were adopted. They are as follows:

Recommendations to the Pastors and Laymen of the Fort Smith-Oklahoma Annual Conference M. P. Church.

Dear Brethren: It is with a feeling of responsibility that I accept the office to which you have elected me. I am aware of the fact that it is a responsible place to fill, and I shall only succeed as you are successful. I shall try to fill the place as an executive or as a general directing the great work we are called upon to do, while you are to be the officers to execute the orders of this Annual Conference. Together we stand, but divided we fall.

Our Program

This Conference will outline a program for the year's work. That program will amount to nothing unless each pastor and layman makes it his business to see that the program is carried out. I suggest that our program for the year be:

1. A thousand conversions and additions to the church.
2. Pastors devoting all or most of their time to the work of the church, instead of to secular work.
3. The church rendering a more adequate support to their pastor that he may devote his time to the needs of the church to which he has been assigned.
4. Collecting every dollar of the budget, beginning as soon as the pastor is on his work.
5. The Methodist Recorder in 200 homes in the Conference.
6. A Sunday school and Christian Endeavor society in each church in the Conference.
7. New church houses built and old ones repaired, and a parsonage provided on his work.
8. Earnest prayers by all that this may be the greatest year we have ever had in the work of Christ and Democratic Methodism in this Conference.
9. Faithful co-operation with all the general Agents in carrying out the program of the entire denomination for the promotion of the church work.
10. It is my desire that each pastor keep a correct record of all his work and the finances of his charge, and report monthly to the President.

G. O. McMILLAN.

The time having arrived for the morning preaching services, Rev. Charles H. Beck brought a message on systematic giving. Reading from I Cor. 16:2.

Second Day Afternoon Session

Conference convened at two o'clock. Devotional service led by J. W. Browers. This afternoon and evening was devoted to Young People's work.

President McMillan spoke at length on the work of the Cradle Roll Department, followed by Mrs. Laine, who spoke on the work of the Primary department. Conference then adjourned for a few minutes to permit the ladies to hold a Conference on Ladies' Missionary work.

Conference reconvened to hear Mrs. Combs discuss some of the problems connected with the Intermediates. Following her address a quartet, composed of Land, Land, Simmons and Lee, rendered a special number.

Mr. Bailey, superintendent of the First Christian Sunday School of Hugo, gave some pointers for the Sunday School Superintendents.

Mrs. G. O. McMillan gave a demonstration of her work with the Juniors.

Mr. Wisler spoke on the subject of "How to Win and Hold Men." After some special music rendered by Miss McMillan and Mr. Bailey, Conference adjourned until the evening hour.

The Evening session was devoted to Young People's Work. After the opening exercises Miss Berta Medcalf gave an address on "What C. E. Means to the Church." Harold Singer then brought a message on "The Friends of Christ Campaign." Followed by some wonderful music rendered by the girls' choir of Hugo M. P. Church.

Dr. Frank W. Stephenson brought a heart searching message on the subject, "Getting the Right Start." After which Rev. McMillan made a strong appeal for Life Service Recruits. Several came forward offering themselves for full time service. After the benediction the Intermediate C. E. Society of the Hugo M. P. Church served ice cream to the entire Conference body.

Third Day Morning Session

Conference convened at nine o'clock. Devotional led by Gervis Lee.

After the roll call, minutes of the second day's proceedings were read and approved. Conference then recessed for committee work.

Conference reconvened at ten twenty-five, to hear Miss Laura Reed speaking in the interest of the Women's Home Missionary Society. By motion Conference voted unanimously to open up their churches admitting Miss Reed to come in and work in the interest of the Society. Dr. Stephenson again addressed the Conference on subjects of interest to the entire denomination.

The time for the morning preaching service having arrived, Rev. W. R. Brewer, one of our Conference Evangelists, brought a message from the text, Exodus 4:2.

Afternoon Third Day

Conference convened at one forty-five with devotion led by Rev. John Pace.

Treasurer made report. The motion to adopt the report was lost. Motion made to receive the report but held open for corrections by secretary. (See report A.)

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made partial report and by motion same was adopted. (See report B.)

By motion the president and secretary were authorized to settle with the Methodist Protestant Board of Publication for printing of last year's minutes, on basis of a fair price.

Committee on Literature and periodicals made report and by motion report was received. (See report C.)

Rev. J. W. Quaid, the retiring President, made report of his year's work and by motion his report was received. (See report D.)

The following gave the amount set opposite their names to make up the deficiency in the President's salary: S. H. Shackelford, \$10.00; J. G. Whitten, \$3.00; H. E. Maggart, \$5.00; G. O. McMillan, \$5.00; J. W. Browers, \$5.00; Brown Swearingen, \$2.00; R. L. Allen, \$1.00; R. T. Stevens, \$1.00; J. W. Burroughs, \$.50; W. C. Banks, \$5.00; Mrs. Ora Sidwell, \$5.00; M. A. McClain, \$10.00; C. T. Simmons, \$1.00; J. E. Ferguson, \$2.50; J. E. Legg, \$1.00; Davidson Bros. of Comanche, Okla., \$5.00; John Pace, \$2.50.

Committee on boundaries made report. By motion the report was referred back to committee for more complete report.

Committee on Official Character made report. Motion made to receive report lost. Committee on Superannuated Ministers made report and by motion the report was adopted. (See report E.)

At this time the election of President for Young People's Work was taken up. Rev. J. W. Quaid and Rev. S. B. Parker were nominated. Quaid was elected by a small majority. By motion Conference adjourned until the evening hour.

At the evening hour Rev. J. M. Honea, one of our Superannuated Ministers, brought an old-time Gospel Message that warmed the hearts of all present. His message was followed by a good old-time hand shake. After which Conference convened for a short night session. Committee on Boundaries made report and by motion the report was referred back to the committee for some changes.

Conference now entered into the selection of a place for next Conference meeting. Quinton was nominated and unanimously elected. Committee on Official Character made report and by

motion the report was referred back to committee for more definite report. Committee on Resolutions made report and by motion report was received. (See report F.)

Committee on Official Character again made report. By motion the report was adopted. (See report G.) Committee on Boundaries made their revised report and by motion same was adopted. (See report H.) By motion Conference adjourned its night session.

FOURTH DAY MORNING SESSION

Conference convened at eight thirty with devotional service led by T. J. Hobbs. After roll call minutes of third day's work were read and approved. By motion Conference recessed for committee work.

Conference reconvened at nine thirty. Statistical Committee made their report. After some corrections report was adopted. (See table in back of Minutes.)

Committee on Education made report and after an address by Rev. S. B. Parker the report was adopted. (See report I.)

At this time Rev. T. D. Ayers took charge and conducted a memorial service for our deceased ministers, Rev. W. A. Foster late of Crosses, Ark., and Rev. R. E. Garrison late of Uncas, Okla. Rev. W. C. Banks spoke in terms of tender love of Bro. Foster's life. Rev. W. C. Banks and others spoke in high terms of these fallen veterans of the cross.

At the close of this service, while the Conference stood with bowed heads, the Secretary called the roll of the Honored Dead.

The time having arrived for the morning preaching service, Rev. H. E. Maggart, pastor of the Hope Church, brought the message using for the text Matt. 22:42. After which Conference entered into a short business session.

Committee on Assessments made report. By motion the report was adopted with an amendment to prorate the assessments on a percentage basis. (See report J.) By motion Conference adjourned for noon.

AFTERNOON FOURTH DAY

Conference convened at three thirty and proceeded to finish the business of this year's session. Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made their final report and by motion same was adopted. (See report B.)

The election of a Board of Trustees for District Parsonage was taken up. J. W. Browers, C. A. Suttan and J. W. Quaid were nominated and elected. By motion T. C. Ely and Bro. Galloway were reinstated into this Conference as itinerant ministers. By motion the chairman was given the authority to appoint a committee to investigate the charges preferred against A. E. Gammage

and that his character be arrested pending investigation. T. D. Ayers, J. L. Land and L. B. Thompson were appointed. By motion the Conference took up the election of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders. J. W. Browers and Jeff Baker were appointed nominating committee. Their report called for Rev. M. L. Matthews, Rev. John L. Land and M. A. McClain. They were elected for a term of three years.

By motion conference voted to pay the secretary thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per year for his services. Committee on Temperance made report and by motion same was adopted. (See report K.)

Stationing committee made report and by motion report was adopted. (See report L.)

This ending the business of this year's session, Conference adjourned with prayer led by R. W. Bounds. To meet at the M. P. Church of Quinton, 1925.

At the evening hour Rev. S. B. Parker, a student from Westminster College brought a splendid message on the subject, "The Wonderfulness of God's love."

Sunday Services

After Sunday School which began at nine forty-five, Rev. Charles H. Beck, D. D., of Pittsburgh, Pa., preached the ordination sermon. After which Rev. W. R. Brewer, Rev. S. B. Parker, and Rev. Mrs. Ora Sidwell were ordained.

After the meeting of the Christian Endeavor Societies, which began promptly at six thirty, Rev. J. W. Browers, pastor of the Quinton Church, preached on the subject, "How to Win Men." Using for a text, 2 Cor. 5:11.

J. W. BROWERS, Secretary. G. O. McMILLAN, President.

Committees

Pulpit—Rev. G. O. McMillan.

Itinerancy and Orders—M. L. Mathews, J. L. Land, Brown Swearingen.

Assessments—M. L. Mathews, LeRoy Simmons, Dewey Baskins.

Literature and Periodicals—W. C. Banks, C. T. Simmons, L. R. Allen.

Boundaries—T. L. Dickerson, Nolen Floyd, Jeff Baker.

Official Character—T. D. Ayers, Earl McNabb, E. L. Alexander.

Education—J. W. Quaid, R. L. Allen.

Statistical—J. W. Browers, Buel Rushing.

Resolution—Gervis Lee, and Mrs. Ora Sidwell.

State of Superannuates—H. E. Maggart, L. M. Curtner, J. J. Mays.

State of Itinerant—W. C. Banks, and Mrs. A. J. Rhoten.

Temperance—T. D. Ayers, and R. W. Bounds.

Stationing—Brown Swearingen, O. J. Bartell, G. O. McMillan, and J. W. Quaid.

District Groups for Financial Drive

District 1—Hugo, Boswell, Idabel, Haworth, Redland, and Eagletown.

District 2—Brady, Daylight, Bald Springs.

District 3—Commanche, Hope, Madden Grove, Cement, and Dill.

District 4—Prague, Uncas, and Quinton.

District 5—Ft. Smith, Mansfield, Shiloh, Cove Creek, Denning Valley, Anna, Sardis, Beech Grove and St. Paul.

Report A. Treasurer's Report

General Conference apportionment.....	\$ 3,000.00	Paid—\$	320.34
Annual Conference Apportionment.....	1,425.00	Paid—	350.04
Balance on hand from last Year.....	77.95		
			65.00
President's Salary Assessed.....	1,440.00	Paid—	1,181.16
			246.16
Assessments on W. C. Budget.....	750.00	Paid—	16.00

A. J. RHOTEN, Treasurer.

Report B.

We your committee on Itinerancy and Orders submit the following report.

1. That Ora Sidwell, S. B. Parker, W. R. Brewer, be ordained.
2. We recommend that J. J. Land, Nolen Floyd, be passed to the third years' course of study and be give nadministrative license if given work.

We further recommend that H. H. Harlan, Carl Wright, H. L. Crawford, J. O. Howard, be passed to second year's course of study and given administrative license if given work.

We also recommend that Gervis Lee, J. J. Mays, S. H. Shackelford, J. O. Whitten, J. E. Legg, V. L. McDonald, E. E. Alexander and J. E. Fergusson, be admitted to first year's couese of study and given administrative license if given work.

We also recommend that F. E. Shanks be referred back to the quarterly Conference. That no candidate shall be passed unless he or she shall pursue some prescribed course of study, either the course laid down in the Discipline or some course of study offered by some standard Bible School, either in correspondence course or attendance.

We further recommend Paul Howell and John B. Pace to Westminster College as suitable persons to receive aid from the Board of Education.

Committee:

M. L. MATHEWS,
J. L. LAND,
BROWN SWEARINGEN.

Report C.

We your committee on Literature and Periodicals recommend:

1. That we use our own Sunday School Literature whenever possible.
2. That each pastor preach the need of good and wholesome literature.
3. That each pastor be required, by the stationing authority of the Conference, to be a subscriber to one of our Church Papers and canvass each member of his or her charge and urge them to take one of our papers.
4. That we do our best to reach the goal suggested by our President.

Committee:

W. C. BANKS,
C. T. SIMMONS.

Report D.

To the eighth session of the Ft. Smith-Oklahoma Annual Conference convening at Hugo, Oklahoma.

The following is the report of my work for the Conference year 1923-24.

Through many trials, hardships and disappointments we come to the end of another Conference year, but we find many great victories have been won of which we are proud and thankful to God. We realize if we go in obedience to the voice of God, though we do meet with many disappointments, hardships and trials, we have victory in the end in the strength of the source of our help. Conditions in this Conference are much better than in the past. Today we have some twenty young men entering the ministry. Just a few years ago we had one or two. The spiritual condition is splendid. The financial condition is much improved. Many real revivals have been held with great results. A great many conversions and accessions are reported. I have been on the job all of the time. I have taken a vacation for nothing. I am somewhat disappointed with what I have been able to accomplish. Practically none of the program made at the last session of the Conference has been carried out, but I have done my best on the program. I have preached three hundred and eleven times during the year. I have held fifty-five quarterly Conferences, about one hundred and twenty souls have been saved under my preaching this year. I have traveled 14,032 miles. I have received \$1246.16 on salary. Balance due on salary \$153.84. We have not made a big effort to occupy new territory but have made a strenuous effort to hold and develop what we already had. This has been done very successfully. We have organized a few new churches, but few if any have become extinct. One new church building has been completed, two have been remodeled,

plans for three more have been laid. Work has begun on one of them. Death has claimed one of our Brethren, Bro. R. E. Garrison. My administrative acts are as follows: Dec. 1, I released V. L. McDonald from Boswell Circuit; on Jan. 19, I released J. A. Moody from Cedarville; Jan. 15, I appointed H. S. Shackelford associate pastor on Ft. Smith Circuit; I appointed F. E. Shanks to Boswell Circuit as supply pastor. The suggestions I aimed on making to this Conference have been made by the President in his plans of work.

Humbly Submitted,

J. W. QUAID.

Report E.

Your committee on conditions of Superannuated Ministers:

Whereas, As a Conference it seems that we are neglecting our old and worn-out ministers and we recommend that the Ft. Smith-Okla. Conference be assessed a stipulated sum of four hundred dollars annually to be pro-rated to each charge according to membership, and that each pastor be required to set aside an endowment that we as a Conference may be able to help our old and worn-out ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. MAGGART,

J. J. MAYS.

Report F.

We your committee on Resolutions beg to submit the following report:

Whereas, God in his all wise providence has permitted us, the Ft. Smith-Okla. Conference, to meet in the City of Hugo, we wish to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the citizens for the generous hospitality with which they have entertained us. Also for the help on program from other churches and service rendered by Hugo Daily Press. May God bless you is our prayer.

Committee:

ORA SIDWELL,

GERVAS LEE.

Report G.

We your committee on official character recommend that the character of the following brethren be passed. They having made official report to this Annual Conference. S. H. Shackelford, B. A. Thompson, A. J. Rhoten, J. G. Whitten, J. L. Land, M. L. Mathews, H. S. Maggart, C. T. Simmons, Nolan Floyd, T. D. Ayers, Ora Sidwell, W. C. Banks, H. L. Crawford, F. E. Shanks, J. W. Copeland, LeRoy Simmons, T. L. Dickerson, John B. Pace, G. O. McMillan,

J. J. Land, J. W. Burrows, J. O. Howard, J. W. Browers, M. B. Ford, J. W. Pettigrew, T. J. Hobbs, J. W. Quaid, L. M. Curtner, J. A. Kilgore, S. B. Parker, M. D. Parks, Ivan R. Wilson, H. H. Harland, Carl Wright, V. L. McDonald. We further recommend that the official character of J. A. Moody fail to pass, on account of him failing to be faithful to his appointment, namely: He quit Shiloh work and did not ask for a release. He wrote a disrespectful letter to the president in answer to an appeal to him for the president's salary.

Committee:

T. D. AYERS,
EARL McNABB,
E. L. ALEXANDER.

Report H.

We the committee on boundaries beg leave to report the following:

Anna Circuit—Natural Dam, Peaceful Home, Cove City, Eighty Six, Cedarville, and Breedom.
Boswell Circuit—Leflore, Carnes, and Mayhew.
Brady Circuit—Brady and Katy.
Bold Spring Circuit—Bold Springs, Durwood.
Commanche—Commanche.
Cove Creek Circuit—Waterlula, Hunt Town, Marble Hill, Cove Creek.
Beech Grove Circuit—Oark Academy, Central.
Denning Circuit—Denning, Alex, and Mt. Bethel.
Dill Circuit—New Hope, Bethel, Spring Creek.
Day Light Circuit—Daylight and Rody.
Eagletown Circuit—Eagletown, Rock Hill.
Cement Circuit—Rock Ford, Stony Point, Chechi, Cedar.
Ft. Smith Circuit—Bethel, Mt. Hope, Gans, Pawpaw.
Haworth Circuit—Haworth, Macedonia, Pleasant Hill.
Hugo—Hugo.
Hopt Circuit—Hope, Shady Grove.
Idabell Circuit—Idabell, Marshall Hill.
Madden Grove—Madden Grove.
Mansfield Circuit—Mansfield, Lucas, Cauthron, Center Point.
Prague Circuit—Horton's Chapel, Shady Grove.
Quinton Circuit—Quinton, Tipton Ridge, Lona.
Redland Circuit—Redland, Good Water, and Pleasant Grove.
Shiloh—Shiloh.
Sardis—Sardis.
St. Paul—St. Paul.
Uncas—Uncas.
Valley Circuit—Haggardville, Anna's Chapel, Howard's Chapel.

Report I.

The committee on Education desires to report as follows:

Whereas, We have some twenty or twenty-five young men on the Conference Course of study, and many of them poorly qualified, Be it resolved, that we urge these men to educate themselves in a literary way so far as possible. That they go to one of our schools if possible, Westminster College or Kansas City University. If it is not possible to enter school, we recommend that each one either take some correspondence course or some work under some of our qualified pastors, wherever possible. We recommend that this Conference grant to the financial agent of Westminster College the privilege of putting on a financial campaign for funds for the College. That each minister encourage the young men, entering the ministry, to qualify by preaching occasionally on education.

Committee:

J. W. QUAID,

L. R. ALLEN.

Report J

We your committee on assessments report as follows:

Name of Charge	A. C. Bdg.	G. C. Bdg.	Pies. Sal.	Oark School
Anna	\$ 50.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 15.00
Boswell	10.00	75.00	30.00	5.00
Brady	50.00	150.00	60.00	10.00
Bold Springs	10.00	100.00	40.00	5.00
Beech Grove	10.00	25.00	10.00	15.00
Commanche	30.00	120.00	40.00	10.00
Cove Creek	40.00	150.00	70.00	15.00
Cement	30.00	120.00	50.00	10.00
Dill	30.00	140.00	55.00	10.00
Daylight	30.00	120.00	60.00	5.00
Denning	50.00	120.00	70.00	15.00
Eagletown	60.00	125.00	60.00	5.00
Ft. Smith	20.00	175.00	75.00	10.00
Haworth	60.00	240.00	60.00	5.00
Hugo	70.00	260.00	150.00	10.00
Hope	40.00	150.00	40.00	5.00
Idabel	50.00	150.00	50.00	10.00
Madden Grove	20.00	25.00	25.00	5.00
Mansfield	50.00	175.00	60.00	10.00
Prague	50.00	250.00	80.00	10.00
Quinton	60.00	250.00	60.00	10.00
Redland	50.00	250.00	60.00	5.00
Shiloh	40.00	125.00	50.00	10.00
Sardis	30.00	100.00	40.00	5.00
St. Paul	20.00	40.00	20.00	5.00
Uncas	20.00	100.00	40.00	10.00
Valley	20.00	75.00	30.00	10.00
Total	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$240.00

It is further recommended that the Christian Endeavor Societies raise an additional one thousand dollars on General Conference Claims which will amount to about twenty-five dollars to each Society.

The Annual Conference Budget is to be divided as follows: Thirty-five per cent to President's Home, fifteen per cent to Church Extension, ten per cent to Conference Expenses, and forty per cent to Superannuate fund.

Committee:

M. L. MATHEWS,
LeROY SIMMONS.

Report K.

Brethren of the Ft. Smith-Okla. Annual Conference.

Prohibition is under heavy fire from the enemy. Every method possible is brought to bear to annul the Volstead Act. The brewers, moonshiners, bootleggers, and enemies of prohibition are always on the job. They are trying to elect officers of state and nation with a wet platform. It is high time for us to arise in a united body and declare ourselves against the giant demon drink as well as many other kinds of intemperance. Many of the newspapers have sold out to the whiskey element and many of our Church people have sold out to the movies and other worldly amusements that are questionable. Therefore let us speak out boldly against immorality, obscene pictures, newspapers, lectures, wet jokes, and any other form of indecency and methods used to lower the standards of moral and temperance in this, our America. Our boys and girls are to be the future citizens of America, therefore we should lay a good foundation for their future training. They cannot get their training from the intemperance. We must place over our children in the day school as well as the Church School, teachers who will give moral training as well as intellectual training. See that the trustees of your school employ teachers of good moral character and if unable to employ Christian teachers, see to it that no teacher is employed that frequently visits the dance hall or movies.

Committee:

T. D. AYERS,
J. E. LEGG.

Report L.

Report of Stationing Committee

Anna—Mrs. Ora Sidwell.
Brady—C. T. Simmons.
Boswell—J. B. Price.
Bold Springs—Nolan Floyd.
Beech Grove—Unsupplied.

Commanche—W. C. Banks.
 Cove Creek—T. D. Ayers.
 Cement—H. E. Maggart, J. E. Legg, Associate.
 Denning—T. L. Dickerson.
 Dill—Leroy Simmons.
 Daylight—Mrs. M. B. Ford.
 Eagletown—H. L. Crawford, Karl Wright, Associate.
 Ft. Smith—S. H. Shackelford.
 Haworth—M. L. Mathews, Gervis Lee, Associate.
 Hugo—J. W. Quaid.
 Hope—H. E. Maggart, E. E. Alexander, Associate.
 Idabel—S. B. Parker.
 Madden Grove—J. O. Howard.
 Mansfield—Unsupplied.
 Prague—J. L. Land.
 Quinton—J. W. Browers.
 Red Land—J. G. Whitten.
 Shiloh—B. A. Thompson.
 Sardis—Ivan R. Wilson.
 St. Paul—J. W. Burrows.
 Uncas—J. J. Land.
 Valley—Unsupplied.
 Conference Evangelists—R. W. Bounds, W. R. Brewer.
 Sunday School Missionary—T. J. Hobbs.
 Students in School—M. D. Park, J. B. Pace, Paul Howell, Gervis
 Lee, H. L. Crawford.
 Subject to appointment by President—A. J. Rhoten, H. W. Kelly,
 J. W. Copeland, W. R. McElvany, L. M. Curtner, J. A. Moody,
 J. L. Overby, A. T. Reby, H. H. Harlan, V. L. McDonald, J. E.
 Ferguson, J. J. Mays, J. W. Pettigrew.
 Unstation List—T. H. Prim, A. E. Gammage, J. G. Cravens, J. M.
 Holloway, J. H. Stacy.

Committee:

G. O. McMILLAN,
 BROWN SWEARINGEN,
 J. W. QUAID,
 O. J. BARTELL.

ARTICLES OF CORPORATION

In order that we may act in harmonious co-operation with the budget Council appointed by the recent General Conference in raising the Budget of \$5,000 the Fort Smith-Oklahoma Annual Conference hereby resolves,

1. That the assessment of the apportionment for the Budget laid to this conference shall be assessed upon the charges as a separate assessment, and on the basis of financial ability and membership.

2. That the presidents, secretary and treasurer of this conference shall constitute the Annual Conference Budget Council. These persons shall have power to add to their number as many as may seem convenient and necessary. The Council thus constituted shall adopt plans for raising the Budget throughout the district. These plans shall be submitted to the conference for approval, and when approved it shall be obligatory upon all pastors to put them into effect and do everything in their power to make them successful.

3. The president, as chairman of the Council, shall make it his special business to direct the operations of the plans for raising the budget. Whenever it appears that no satisfactory progress is being made by pastors, the president or some other member of the Council shall, by correspondence or by personal visit endeavor to supplement the work of the pastor. The Council may at any time call for the service of the Budget Councilor to help in this work.

4. Every pastor shall report monthly to the Annual Conference Budget Council the progress of the work on his charge in the matter of the budget. At the end of the year if he has not raised the amount of the budget he shall state in open conference what effort he has made and how far he succeeded. The conference shall then take such action as may seem judicious.

5. The Annual Conference Budget Council shall report monthly to the Budget Councilor for that district. This report may be made by the president or the secretary or the treasurer, as may be determined by the Council itself, and may consist of duplicates of reports received from pastors or in some other form.

6. The Annual Conference Budget Council shall give free access and assistance to the Budget Councilor in his efforts to reach pastors and churches with literary and other helpful suggestions and plans, so that nothing will conflict with plans already adopted by the Annual Conference.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OVERTURES TO ALTER CONSTITUTION

Resolved, That the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, in session at Tiffin, Ohio, May 21, 1924, hereby adopts and submits to the Annual Conferences the following overtures for altering the Constitution:

1—overture—Article 4, Section 3—Strike out and amend so that the whole section shall read: Each church shall have power to purchase, build, lease, sell, rent or otherwise dispose of church property for the use and benefit of the Methodist Protestant Church when authorized by the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the qualified members of the Church; providing that said vote be given in person at a meeting publicly called for the purpose four weeks in advance.

2—Overture—Article 8, Section 3—Strike out the whole section and insert instead as section three: "The representatives to which each district may be entitled shall be elected on Friday at two o'clock P.M. at the meeting of the Annual Conference next preceeding the sitting of the General Conference by the ministers and delegates belonging to said Annual Conference. The ministers and delegates shall vote as one body and a majority of the whole vote shall constitute an election. But if a majority of the ministers or a majority of the delegates demand it the ministers and delegates shall vote separately and a concurrence of a majority of both ministers and delegates shall be necessary to constitute an election."

3—Overture—Article 8, Section 5—Strike out the words "five members" and insert in the same place instead the following: "A majority of the Ministers or a majority of the delegates present."

4—Overture—Article 11—Under the paragraph entitled, "Conference Steward," strike out the word, steward, in the title and also in the first line and insert instead in both places the word "treasurer."

5—Overture—Article 14, Section 3—Strike out in lines ten and eleven the words, "Or who have ceased to take an interest in the church." At the end of the section after the period add the following: "But any person whose name has been dropped shall upon application to the pastor, have his name restored."

PASTOR

STATISTICAL TABLE		CHARGE	PASTOR
Value Ch. Property.....	\$ 1,000	Anna.....	Ora Sidwell
No. Parsonages	1	Bozell.....	F. E. Shanks
No. Church Buildings....	1	Brady.....	C. T. Simmons
No. Members	55	Bald Springs.....	W. C. Banks
No. C. E. Societies.....	3	Commance.....	Ora Sidwell
Present Enrollment.....	150	Cedarville.....	H. L. Crawford
No. Sunday Schools.....	3	Cou Creek.....	Beech Grove
No. Conversions	42	Denning.....	T. L. Dickerson
Present Membership	351	Dill.....	LeRoy Simmons
No. Members last Conf.	235	Daylight.....	Mrs. M. B. Ford
No. Organized Churches	4	Cement.....	J. B. Price
	3	Eagletown.....	J. G. Whitten
	2		M. L. Mathews
	4		S. H. Shackelford
	4		H. H. Harland
	1		A. J. Rhoten
	1		G. O. McMillan
	1		H. E. Maggart
	3		J. G. Whitten
	1		M. L. Mathews
	4		J. O. Howard
	4		T. D. Avers
	4		M. L. Mathews
	2		J. L. Land
	3		J. W. Browers
	1		J. A. Moody
	1		L. M. Currier
	1		J. B. Pace
	2		J. J. Land
Totals	62	Totals	Totals
An. Conf. Budget Paid	\$ 83.00		
President's Salary Paid	\$ 34.75		
Pastor's Salary	\$ 226.00		
Local Expenses Paid....	\$ 70.00		
Gen. Conf. Budget Paid	\$ 10.00		
Totals	\$ 424.35		