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MINUTES
OF THE
TENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
FT. SMITH-OKLAHOMA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE
OF THE
METHODIST PROTESTANT
CHURCH

Which includes the Ft. Smith Conference organized in 1881 and the Oklahoma Conference organized in 1908.



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OCTOBER 28TH TO 30TH, 1926

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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
	Overby, J. L.

CONFERENCE ROLL OF ITINERANT MINISTERS

Ayers, T. D., Siloam Springs, Ark.*	McDonel, V. L., Idabel, Okla.*
Banks, W. C., Comanche, Okla.	Park, M. D., Idabel, Okla.
Burrows, J. W., Combs, Ark.*	Pace, J. B., Tehuacana, Texas*
Browsers, J. W., Hugo, Okla.	Shackelford, S. H., Muldrow, Okla.
Brewer, W. R., Quinton, Okla.	Whitten, J. G., Idabel, Okla.
Dickerson, T. L., Ozark, Ark.*	Wilson, Ivan R., Ozark, Ark.
Ely, T. C., Speer, Okla.*	Wright, Karl, Eagletown, Okla.
Ford, Mrs. M. B., Wynnewood, Okla.*	Dermois, F. C., Kansas City, Kans.*
Floyd, Nolan, Durant, Okla.	Harris, Doc, Clarksville, Ark.*
Galloway, G. W., Lamar, Ark.*	Black, Park, Mansfield, Ark.*
Land, J. L., Katie, Okla.	Rainwater, J. Z., Charleston, Ark.*
Land, J. J., Uncas, Okla.	Blundale, Van, Foster, Okla.
Mathews, M. L., Pleasant Hill, Okla.	Milburn, M. F., Comanche, Okla.*
Maggart, H. E., Lawton, Okla., Star Rt.	Mullinex, G. D., Cement, Okla.*
McElvany, W. R., Prague, Okla.*	Sutton, C. A., Hugo, Okla.
McMillan, G. O., Norman, Okla.	Weaver, N. B., Barber, Ark.
Parker, S. B., Eagletown, 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., Denver, Col.*	
Sidwell, Mrs. Ora, Lee Creek, Ark.	
Thompson, B. A., Mansfield, Ark.*	

Licentiate Ministers

Alexander, E. E., Marlow, Okla.
 Crawford, H. L., Meeker, Okla.
 Ferguson, J. E., Doyle, Okla.*
 Howard, J. O., Marlow, Okla.*
 Harlen, H. H., Ft. Smith, Ark.*
 Hobbs, T. J., Denning, Ark.*
 Howell, Paul, Tehuacana, Texas*
 Legg, J. E., Cement, Okla., R. 2*
 Mays, J. J., Idabel, Okla.
 Lee, Gervis, Ozark, Ark.

Superannuated Ministers

Ballard, W. D., Olusta, Okla.*
 Brice, F. S. C., Erick, Okla.*
 Curtner, L. M., Morris, 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.*
 Jones, H. A., _____*
 Nichols, R. R., Ozark, Ark.*
 Pace, B. F., Blanchard, Okla.*
 Pryor, J. A., Quinton, Okla.*
 Smith, W. H., Winslow, Ark.*
 Purcell, William, Lavaca, Ark.*
 Quaid, Thomas, Carnegie, Okla.*
 Cranbert, J. G.
 Halloway, J. M.
 Stacy, J. H.

*Denotes absence from Conference.

FT. SMITH-OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE ROLL OF LAYMEN

R. H. Daniel, Haworth, Okla.	Mrs. N. M. Killmer,
G. N. Rushing, Quinton, Okla.	Eagletown, Okla.
D. O. Mann, Marlow, Okla.	Miss Dona Smedley, Hartford, Ark.
Robert E. Lee, Haworth, Okla.	Mrs. C. P. Powell
C. E. Hood, Comanche, Okla.	J. H. Bridges, Haworth, Okla.
T. J. Baker, Alex, Ark.	B. S. Folsom, Milburn, Okla.
J. H. Owens, Haggerville, Ark.	C. B. Luttrell
Mrs. Guy Hendrick, Hugo, Okla.	Roy Milburn, Comanche, Okla.
O. J. Bartell, Meeker, Okla.	

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President Young People's Work—Rev. J. J. Land, Uncas, Okla.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders—Rev. M. L. Mathews, Pleasant Hill, Okla.; Rev. John L. Land, Katie, Okla.; M. A. McClain, Brady, Okla.

Corresponding Secretary of Young People's Work—Miss Dona Smedley, Hartford, Ark.

Send all money collected for President's salary, General Conference Claims, or Annual Conference Claims, and Westminster College Budget to Treasurer, W. G. Guest, Comanche, Okla.

Young People's Conference will be held at Shady Grove Camp Ground, Foster, Okla., July 11-17, 1927. Big Camp Meeting at Shady Grove, July 9th to 20th. Go and camp, work and pray for a great meeting.

Next Annual Conference will be held at Alix, Ark., 60 miles east of Ft. Smith, October 28-30, 1927. Young preachers, study hard and make good grades.

HISTORY OF FT. 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. Tunstall 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; 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 raising 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 twenty young men entering the ministry. We have in all some twenty-eight 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; J. W. Browers, 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 the 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 program 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.

At the Ninth Annual Session the following were re-elected to office: Rev. G. O. McMillan, President; Rev. J. W. Browers, Secretary; Rev. J. W. Quaid, Treasurer, and Rev. V. L. McDonald, President of Young People's Work. About fifteen young men and women volunteered for Life Service in this Conference. Our class of young preachers now studying for the ministry consists of twenty-one fine young men. Reports show a slight decrease in conversions and additions but the future outlook for the Church is encouraging.

At the Tenth Annual Session the following were re-elected to office: President, Rev. G. O. McMillan; Secretary, Rev. J. W. Browers; Treasurer, Mr. W. G. Guest; President of Young People's Work, Rev. J. J. Land. Our class of young men now studying for the ministry consists of thirty-four fine young men that we are proud of, some of them in school at Tehuacana, some are taking correspondence courses. Reports show a slight decrease in professions, but a good showing was made in additions, the outlook is good for this year. Let's work hard and pray much that we may make up for our losses.

Journal

The Tenth Session of the Ft. Smith-Oklahoma Annual Conference met at Haworth, Okla., on October 28, 1926.

Devotional services began at 10.20 A. M., Rev. J. L. Land leading in singing. President McMillan read 1st Cor., 9th Chapter; after prayer, Conference was formally opened for business. Secretary called roll, thirteen ministers answered the first roll call. After arranging the committees (see list of committees), the President called the visiting agents of our General Conference to the front and introduced to the Conference body Rev. T. H. Lewis, D.D., LL.D., Rev. J. M. Sheridan, D.D., J. T. Darling, Miss Mabel Shafer.

Time for the Conference sermon having arrived, Rev. E. M. Mouser, of Tehuacana, Texas, delivered a soul-stirring message.

Afternoon Session First Day

Devotional services began at 2 o'clock, led by Rev. Nolan Floyd. After devotional exercises President McMillan made his annual report. by motion his report was adopted (see President's Report). Committee on Delegates' Credentials made partial report, and by motion report was received and delegates seated. By motion, D. G. Weatherford was seated as honorary delegate.

Time for election of Conference officers having arrived, the President appointed Robert E. Lee, Gervis Lee, A. J. Rhoten, T. J. Whitten as tellers to hold the election. Vote was taken by ballot. First count gave G. O. McMillan the majority for President, and by motion vote was made unanimous.

Next vote was taken for Secretary. First count gave J. W. Browers 26, S. B. Parker 1, Gervis Lee 1, M. L. Mathews 1. By motion, vote was made unanimous for Browers.

G. W. Guest, of Comanche, was nominated for Treasurer. A motion was made and carried to cease nominations and elect Guest by acclamation.

The following were nominated and elected for Standing District Committee: A. J. Rhoten, J. J. Land, Carl W. Wright, Robert E. Lee, G. N. Rushing, H. E. Maggart.

C. E. Hood and G. N. Rushing were elected to serve on the Stationing Committee with the President.

By motion, the present Board of Church Extension was retained. They are M. L. Mathews, G. N. Willie, G. N. Rushing, H. E. Maggart, J. W. Browers.

By motion, Conference affirmed the election of Rev. J. J. Land as President of Young People's Work. He was elected by the Young People's Conference at Hugo.

At this time, Rev. E. M. Mouser, who represents the Westminster College at Tehuacana, Texas, was introduced and spent some time discussing the needs of our college he also offered a resolution regarding the financial needs of the school, and the resolution was referred to the Committee on Education (see Report of Committee on Education).

Conference then recessed for committee work.

Evening Hour

Song services began at 7 o'clock, and after a good song and prayer service, Miss Mabel Shaffer, of Kendallville, Ind., who represents the Woman's Home Missionary Society, gave a wonderful lecture on her work; she told us of many things which that noble society was doing for our homeland. At the close of her address Conference pledged their loyal support to the district officials of the society. (See Branch Officers, W. H. M. S.)

Second Day

Conference opened at 8 o'clock A. M., with devotional services led by G. N. Rushing and A. J. Rhoten. The Scripture read was I Cor. 13.

The Secretary then called roll, noting those present and those absent. The President appointed A. J. Rhoten, H. E. Maggart and A. J. Baker as a committee to correct the roll. (See Ministerial Roll.) After some discussion by Dr. Lewis and President McMillan on the condition of Superannuated Ministers, Conference adjourned for committee work.

At 11 o'clock Conference reassembled to hear Rev. J. M. Sheridan, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Home Missions. Dr. Sheridan brought a wonderful message in the interest of the four general boards; his address was inspiring and the whole Conference body was moved to action, for after the President read a letter from Miss Orva Banks, daughter of W. C. Banks, pastor at Comanche, who is in Western Maryland College preparing for foreign mission work, an offering was taken for Miss Banks amounting to \$25. The Secretary was asked to send the money to Miss Banks with a letter from the Conference.

Afternoon Second Day

Devotional services began at 1.45, after which Conference began hearing reports from the various committees. The Committee on Young People's Work made their report; motion was made to adopt, and after some discussion advising some changes, the report was adopted.

Motion was made and carried that C. A. Sutton, of Hugo, be recommended to the Board of Education as a suitable person to receive aid from the Board.

The question of buying the Presbyterian Church at Prague, Oklahoma, was brought up and after reading a letter from Rev. W. R. McElvany, Conference quickly raised \$400.00 to help buy the property. Dr. Sheridan gave \$100.00 for the Board of Home Missions.

Committee on Education made report, and after amending the report it was adopted. (See Report on Education.) Committee on Superannuated Ministers made their report. By motion same was adopted.

Conference then adjourned until the evening hour.

Evening Hour

After a good song and prayer service, Rev. J. W. Quaid, gave a forceful message from I Cor. 16:13.

Morning Session Third Day

Conference opened at 8.45 by singing "Crown Him Lord of All," and prayer by Rev. W. R. Brewer.

Committee on Literature and Libraries made report and after much discussion report was adopted. (See report.) President appointed Rev. J. J. Land as Conference Librarian. Conference then recessed for committee work until 11 o'clock. At that hour Rev. Melvin D. Park, a recent graduate of Westminster College, brought a splendid message, using for a subject "Man's God." About the close of Rev. Park's message the President was warned by a county officer that a quarantine against smallpox was about to be placed on the entire county of McCurtain and advised an adjournment of Conference, so business was quickly finished, as follows:

The Conference Treasurer made his report and by motion same was received. Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made report and by motion it was adopted. Camp Meeting Committee reported and by motion report was received. Board of Church Extension made report; by motion same was adopted. Committee on Official Character made report, and after voting an amendment to drop the name of J. A. Moody, the report was received. Committee on Missions reported and by motion same was adopted. Auditing Committee made report, and by motion it was adopted. Committee on Assessments brought in their report and by motion it was received.

Naming place for next Annual Conference was next to come up. Alix, Ark., and Comanche, Okla., were nominated; the vote gave majority to Alix.

Boundary Committee made report, and by motion same was adopted. Motion was made to order the Treasurer to pay Mrs. Butler past due salary for teaching in Oak School. Motion carried.

Stationing Committee made their report, and by motion same was adopted.

At this time the Conference body was beginning to scatter, so a motion was made and carried to give the President and Secretary authority to finish up the balance of the business. Conference adjourned by prayer, to Hugo, where the next day, Sunday, October 31st, Melvin D. Park was ordained to the ministry.

Conference will meet at Alix, Arkansas, in 1927. Work hard and be on hand with a good report.

REV. G. O. McMILLAN, *President.*

REV. J. W. BROWERS, *Secretary.*

REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

We the Committee on the Young People's Work wish to submit the following report:

We request that the pastors endeavor to organize a Christian Endeavor Society and Sunday School at each preaching place, and meet with them and help them to see that they are directly connected with the Church.

We recommend that the Corresponding Secretary of Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies answer all communications with Miss Dona Smedley, Hartford, Arkansas, Corresponding Secretary.

We recommend that there be a reading circle or expert Endeavor or progressive Christian Endeavor class in each society.

We recommend that there be a reading circle or teachers' training class in each Sunday School with the superintendent or pastor in charge.

We recommend that the pastors attend the Young People's Conference and insist that his young people attend, meeting July 11th to the 17th of July, at Shady Grove, Rev. Lawrence Little in charge.

J. J. LAND,
IDA DILL,
I. R. WILSON.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Not assessed	\$3,000.00
General Conference Budget, assessed	2,000.00
Paid in	401.92
Paid out to General Conference Treasurer	401.92
Annual Conference Budget, assessed	500.00
Paid in	129.22
Paid out	230.92
President's Salary, assessed	1,500.00
Paid	1,160.00
Total assessed for all purposes	4,000.00
Total paid for all purposes	1,956.84
Total paid out by Treasurer	1,855.84
Balance in hands of Treasurer	101.00

REV. J. W. QUAID, *Treasurer.*

FT. SMITH-OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

REPORT ON LIBRARY AND LITERATURE

We, your Committee on Library and Literature, wish to submit the following report:

We recommend that the books of our circulating library be kept in use by requiring that any member of our Conference who receives one of the books to give a receipt for same to the Conference librarian or to the person from whom he received it, and that the person who cannot show a receipt for a book which he has received be held responsible for the value of the same.

(1) That there be a Conference Librarian appointed by the President to start the circulating of our library and to keep it going as provided below.

(2) We recommend that the books of our library be recalled and turned over to said Librarian for the purpose of a new distribution under the following plan:

We further recommend that our own Sunday School literature be used and that our church papers be introduced into every home possible.

We further recommend that our people be encouraged to patronize our publishing house as far as possible by purchasing their books and periodicals from them.

J. J. LAND,
A. J. RHOTEN,
MELVIN D. PARK,
J. H. OWEN.

FT. SMITH-OKLAHOMA BRANCH, WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Branch officers: President, Mrs. W. C. Banks, Comanche, Okla.; Vice-President, Mrs. Ola Mathews, Comanche, Okla.; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Anna Hill, Lawton, Okla.; Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Mrs. Guy Hendrick, Hugo, Okla.; Thank Offering Secretary, Mrs. H. E. Maggart, Lawton, Okla., Star Route; Treasurer, Mrs. C. P. Balch, Route No. 1, Hugo, Okla.

Send all money for Woman's Home Missionary Society to Mrs. Balch, and be sure and tell her who it is from and what it is for.

Report of Treasurer for last year:

Dues received from—Lawton	\$ 4.49
Spring Creek	14.20
Comanche	10.30
Hugo	18.18
Total	\$47.17

Mrs. C. A. SUTTON, Treasurer.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Brethren of the Tenth Sessions of the Ft. Smith-Oklahoma Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Another year has been added to our Conference history. The wise providence of a loving Father has been graciously bestowed upon us, and our ministerial ranks have not been broken by death.

God has blessed us with many good revivals and our ranks have been strengthened by additions to our beloved Church, for which we give thanks.

Many have been the problems with which we have had to deal, but many have been solved in some way. One of our chief problems, and one that has been of chief concern with me, is our financial problems. This seems to be a problem in every church as well as our own. Our pastors are not receiving an adequate support for their services. What is the cause? Is it because Methodist Protestants are poor? My answer is, "No." Methodist Protestants have farms, stores, garages, homes, autos, and vocations just like other people.

Is it because we have no financial system that can be worked? My answer again is "No." We have a good Bible system. "Let everyone of you, on the first day of the week . . . as God hath prospered him." This is the best system in the world for Christian people, or any other kind. Then in addition to this we have plans to assist this system, such as the assessment plan, the every-member canvass plan, the envelope plan, and others.

I think our greatest trouble is in not working any plan. Any plan needs to be worked regularly and systematically to make it successful. If we are to have a pastor twelve months in the year, and church services twelve months in the year, then we need a financial plan that will take care of the work twelve months in the year, for pastors and workers need to live twelve months in the year. It is true that in our rural districts that money is available only once in the year to any appreciable amount, but this need not interfere with financing a church. Farmers should include in their program sufficient funds to care for their church as well as their families. In fact if we are to follow the Lord's commands in the matter we are to provide for His work out of the first things, and He has promised that all other things would be added.

Approximating our constituency at 2,500, we paid on an average last year, \$7.00 per member for all church work. This includes the amount spent for buildings, fuel, lights, literature, pastor's support, and all benevolences. That may seem very good, but the Presbyterians gave twice that amount for Foreign Missions alone. There is a much smaller denomination than ours, and equally as poor, that gave according to their own figures, for all church work, an average of \$40 per member last year. What if the Methodist Protestants in this Conference were to do as much? We could pay each pastor a salary of \$3,000 per year, pay our Superannuates \$500 each, pay our budgets of \$8,000, and have \$24,000 left to build one of the greatly needed churches in some of our strongly populated centers.

Pastors who meet with their churches only once in each month cannot care for the finances of the church as they should. That depends largely upon the Finance Committee in his absence. My suggestion would be for each pastor to call a meeting of his Finance Committee at intervals and suggest plans for raising the money necessary to carry on the work. Then said pastor should see that these Stewards make some effort to work the plan. To begin at the beginning of the year and work as best we can throughout the year constantly, will mean that we will find at the end of the year that the finances are not so hard to get after all.

The general outlook for the Church is promising for another year. Assessments for pastors' salaries have been increased in many of our churches. There seems also an increased interest in the future of the Church. One of the most promising and encouraging features in our work is the large number of young preachers entering our ranks. Brethren, we have the laborers. God has blessed us in this matter beyond any denomination in this Conference territory. We have approximately thirty young people answering the call, "Here am I, send me." But these young people will need to train and prepare for the tasks that are theirs. No young man or woman should plan to do important work until they have qualified to do it. Our Lord spent thirty years preparing for three and one-half years of intensive evangelistic work. A call to preach the gospel is a call also to preparation. Paul said: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." For those who are unable to enter school, I suggest the "reading circle," on a larger scale than at present. I believe the plan instituted by Dr. Lewis, and now in operation in our Conference, is good and ought to be enlarged upon. All of our pastors would do well to get into the reading circle. I would further suggest that the Conference establish a circulating library for this reading circle.

I would further recommend for the benefit of all pastors, that they attend whenever possible at all, all State and District Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Conventions. These are within themselves a splendid school of methods and enthusiasm for old and young alike. Only one of our pastors attended the State Sunday School Convention, and not one did I see at the State C. E. Convention of Oklahoma.

I think the time has come that we are either to take a backward step, or get into some of our larger cities of the Conference territory. Only this year some of our best families are moving to Tulsa, Okla. Fort Smith, Ark., has a number of Methodist Protestants. The same can be said of Oklahoma City, Ardmore, Duncan, Durant, and other places. There are a number of students and teachers in Norman, attending and teaching in the State University. Other churches are caring for their own. We are not. It will take money to get into these places, but the dividends will be great once we do get in. The life of our Conference depends upon us caring for our members who move to the larger cities for schools and positions. What shall we do about it? Continue to be a recruiting station for other churches, or make some sacrifices to care for our own and give it the needed prestige? If ours is a representative church, we must needs have it represented in other

places than the rural school houses. The young men in our Conference will need some fields in which to work when they have finished school. Shall we say to them we have no place for you, or shall we make some places? My suggestion would be that we at least make plans for entering at least one new place during the coming year. This will need to be worked out by a committee.

During the year just closing we have built three new church buildings, and remodeled one and also remodeled the parsonage at Hugo. We had the best Easter offering of any previous year in the history of the Conference.

My official acts have been few. November 1st, I appointed J. W. Browers to Quinton. November 8th, I released Ivan R. Wilson from Uncas, and on same date appointed J. J. Land to Uncas. November 10th, I appointed Ivan R. Wilson to Dill Charge. November 15th, I appointed Karl Wright to Tom Mission. About the same date I went with J. L. Land to Brady Charge, and helped him to locate. November 20th, I appointed N. B. Weaver to Cove Creek Charge. November 20th, I appointed Gervis Lee to Valley Charge. November 1st, I appointed M. L. Mathews to Haworth Charge. In March I appointed W. R. Brewer to Hortons Chapel Church, and on same date released W. R. McElvany from same. February 20th, I appointed J. J. Partain to Gans and Mansfield Churches. July 15th, I appointed M. M. McConnell, J. H. Seawright, and L. E. Alexander as Trustees for Shady Grove Camp Ground, and on same date had deed made to them for grounds.

I have visited most of the churches in the district from one to four times. A few of the weaker appointments I have failed to visit at any time. This caused chiefly from lack of finances. This same cause kept me from making the third quarterly conferences. I have attended the State C. E. Convention, Westminster College Commencement, and a number of district rallies and conventions. In September I attended the United Brethren Annual Conference at Oklahoma City.

We have held our first Denominational Young People's Convention for this Conference. This has brought much enthusiasm to our young people and pastors. The success of this convention has been made possible by the splendid co-operation of some zealous workers in our own Conference, and the great messages from our great church leaders. God bless them all. My hope is that this is the beginning of better things for us.

The past year, though discouraging at times, has been one of splendid fellowship with the brethren of the Conference. God bless each one of you. It is a real joy to me to meet you and greet you in your homes and your fields of labor. Life is made better for me when I meet you. No Conference has a finer group of preachers so far as being congenial to work with is concerned.

I know not what the future holds for us. I do not know the wishes of this Conference in regard to your chief executive for another year. I appreciate the honor you have conferred upon me for the past two years. My parting blessing at this closing of another year is that we may be loyal, prayerful, co-operating in all things for the glory of Christ and the advancement of our beloved Church.

G. O. McMILLAN.

COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATES

The Committee on Superannuates wishes to make the following report:

We regret to state that there is no Superannuated Society in this Conference. The Conference Treasurer has on hand \$13.00 for this purpose; this sum came from the action of the Conference two years ago when an assessment of ten cents per year for each layman and \$1.00 for each minister. This was to be collected by the pastors and paid to the Conference Treasurer. We recommend that a Superannuate Board of Managers be organized by this Annual Conference which shall consist of three ministers and two laymen.

We call attention to the fact that the General Conference has established a Superannuate Fund Society and that four per cent of the General Conference budget is given to this fund with the understanding that in the future the interest on this fund will be distributed to the various Annual Conferences for distribution to the superannuates.

A. J. RHOTEN, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

Itinerancy and Orders—M. L. Mathews, J. L. Land, O. J. Bartell.

Statistics—J. W. Browers, S. B. Parker, C. E. Hood.

Camp Meetings—M. L. Mathews, H. E. Maggart, Dan Mann, J. J. Mays.

Assessments—J. L. Land, W. C. Banks, J. W. Quaid, G. N. Rushing.

Literature and Libraries—J. J. Land, J. G. Whitten, A. J. Rhoten, M. D. Park, J. H. Owen.

Boundaries—Nolan Floyd, H. E. Maggart, T. J. Baker.

Resolutions—S. B. Parker, Dan Mann, H. L. Crawford, Dona Smedley.

Education—W. C. Banks, S. B. Parker, M. D. Park, Mrs. Guy Hendrick.

Pulpit—M. L. Mathews, A. J. Rhoten, Robert E. Lee.

Young People—J. J. Land, Ida Dill, Ivan R. Wilson.

Missions—W. C. Banks, Mrs. N. M. Killmer, Nolan Floyd, Mrs. Guy Hendrick, Mrs. C. P. Powell, S. H. Shackelford.

Superannuates—A. J. Rhoten, Ora Sidwell.

Delegates' Credentials—Karl Wright, E. E. Alexander, H. L. Crawford.

Auditing—Dan Mann, Gervis Lee, Robert E. Lee.

Appeals—J. W. Quaid, O. J. Bartell.

Official Character—H. E. Maggart, S. B. Parker, W. R. Brewer, Hardy Daniel.

STATIONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Anna—Mrs. Ora Sidwell; W. H. Smith, Associate.
 Boswell—Karl Wright.
 Brady—J. L. Land.
 Bold Springs—V. Blundale.
 Beach Grove—T. L. Dickerson.
 Cauthron—N. B. Weaver.
 Comanche—W. C. Banks.
 Cove Creek—Ivan Wilson.
 Dill—H. E. Maggart.
 Denning—T. L. Dickerson.
 Daylight—Mrs. M. B. Ford.
 Eagletown—S. B. Parker.
 Ft. Smith—Nolan Floyd.
 Hugo—J. W. Browers.
 Hope—J. L. Land.
 Hortons Chapel—H. L. Crawford.
 Haworth—A. J. Rhoten.
 Idabel—M. D. Park.
 Mansfield—N. B. Weaver.
 Madden Grove—J. O. Howard.
 Prague—W. R. McElvany.
 Pine Grove—J. J. Mays.
 Paw Paw—S. H. Shackelford.
 Quinton—W. R. Brewer.
 Pleasant Hill—M. L. Mathews.
 Rocky Ford—J. E. Legg.
 Good Water—J. G. Whitten.
 Speer Mission—C. T. Ely.
 Shady Grove—E. E. Alexander.
 Stony Point—H. E. Maggart; A. C. Hill, Stella Scott, Associates.
 Shiloh—B. A. Thompson.
 Uncas—J. J. Land.
 Valley—Doc Harris.
 Students in School—J. B. Pace, Parks Black, Paul Howell, C. A. Sutton,
 Gervis Lee.
 Subject to Appointment by President—H. H. Harlen, V. L. McDonald;
 T. J. Hobbs, J. E. Ferguson, F. C. Dermois, J. Z. Rainwater, M. F.
 Milburn, G. D. Mullinex, T. D. Ayers, J. W. Burrows, G. W. Galloway,
 J. W. Pettigrew, J. B. Price, A. T. Reby, "Evangelist" J. W. Quaid.

G. O. McMILLAN,
 G. N. RUSHING,
 C. E. HOOD,

Committee.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

We beg to report that we have \$200.00 in treasury and we ask an assessment of \$400.00 be laid on charges for this year.

We will assist \$25.00 per month on salary for a missionary to go into some town or city, President to select missionary and city, and that the chairman of this Board be allowed to visit churches to collect said \$400.00

M. L. MATHEWS, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY AND ORDERS

We, your Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, recommend that Melvin D. Park be ordained. That J. O. Howard and H. L. Crawford be retained in third year work. That Karl Wright, J. G. Whitten, and J. J. Mays be advanced to the 3rd year's course. That N. B. Weaver be placed in third year course. That H. H. Harlen and J. E. Legg be retained in second year course. That E. E. Alexander, Gervis Lee, Ivan R. Wilson, be passed to second year course. That V. L. McDonald, S. H. Shackelford, J. T. Hobbs, J. E. Ferguson, Doc Harris, F. C. Dermoise and J. Z. Rainwater be retained in first year course.

We recommend as students in school, J. B. Pace, Parks Black, Paul Howell, Van Blondale, and C. A. Sutton. That Stella Scott, A. T. Hill, G. D. Mullenex, and M. F. Milburn be placed in first year course and used at discretion of the President.

That J. O. Howard, H. L. Crawford, Ivan R. Wilson, Karl Wright, J. J. Mays, J. G. Whitten, E. E. Alexander, J. E. Legg, S. H. Shackelford have their administrative license renewed. That N. B. Weaver and C. A. Sutton be given administrative license.

M. L. MATHEWS,
J. L. LAND,
O. J. BARTELL,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The Methodist Protestant Church has four educational institutions: Adrian College is located at Adrian, Michigan, a four-year, full senior college. Its enrollment of students is constantly increasing, and it is now carrying on a campaign to raise five hundred thousand dollars for endowment.

Western Maryland College is located at Westminster, Maryland. It is also a four-year, full senior college, enrolling five hundred students, and has just completed an effort to raise six hundred and fifty thousand dollars for endowment.

Westminster Theological Seminary is located at Westminster, Maryland, and is specially for educating candidates for the ministry.

The fourth institution and the one most directly interesting to our Conference is Westminster College, located at Tehuacana, Texas. This is a junior college, with two full college years, under the endorsement of the State Board of Education.

This college is now striving to secure the assistance of this Conference in raising a fund to sustain the annual current expenses, and unless this can be done the college will have to close. Your committee, therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, submitted by the agent of the college, Rev. E. M. Mouser.

In keeping with the request of the Board of Regents of Westminster College, we offer the following:

First. *Be it Resolved*, That this, the Ft. Smith-Oklahoma Conference, pledge to Westminster College five thousand dollars, to be paid in four annual payments of one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars each, and that these payments be made each quarter of the Conference year, the first payment to be made January 1st.

2nd. *Be it Resolved*, That the President of this Conference be empowered to appoint a special committee to make the apportionments to the different charges in this district, and that each pastor with his official board put on campaign to raise said apportionments on their charges.

3rd. *Be it further Resolved*, respectively, That the general agent of Westminster College be given permission to visit the charges and assist in collecting the budget for Westminster College, and that this Conference request its President to encourage the churches throughout his district to support the College, with both their means and by encouraging pupils to attend.

4th. *Be it also Resolved*, That these resolutions be printed upon pages of your minutes, together with the apportionments made by the College Budget Committee.

We also recommend that the following assessments, to be placed on the pastoral charges for this year, and to continue for the three following years, making a total of one thousand dollars a year for four years:

Anna, \$40; Bold Springs, \$16; Brady, \$36; Comanche, \$28; Cement, \$35; Cove Creek, \$21; Daylight, \$45; Dill, \$40; Denning, \$37; Ft. Smith, \$70; Eagletown, \$35; Hugo, \$108; Haworth, \$49; Mt. Hope, \$6; Hope, \$28; Horton Chapel, \$28; Prague, \$10; Idabel, \$35; Madden Grove, \$12; Marshall Hill, \$4; Mansfield, \$56; Quinton, \$45; Red Land, \$43; Rocky Ford, \$10; Sardis, \$8; Shiloh, \$35; Uncas, \$28.

W. C. BANKS, *Chairman*;

S. B. Parker,

MELVIN D. PARK.

FT. SMITH-OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL CHARACTER

We recommend, after examining the reports of the following brethren, that their official standing be passed:

G. C. McMillan, M. L. Mathews, L. M. Curtner, H. E. Maggart, T. C. Ely, J. W. Browers, Mrs. Ora Sidwell, W. R. Brewer, J. W. Burrows, J. J. Land, J. W. Quaid, W. C. Banks, John L. Land, Nolan Floyd, T. L. Dickerson, B. A. Thompson, J. W. Pettigrew, A. J. Rhoten, J. G. Whitten, Mrs. M. B. Ford, J. B. Price, W. R. McElvany, G. W. Halloway, T. D. Ayers, S. H. Shackelford, H. H. Harlen, Karl Wright, J. O. Howard, J. E. Legg, Ivan R. Wilson, N. B. Weaver, H. L. Crawford, E. E. Alexander, J. J. Mays, Gervis Lee (in school), Paul Howell, J. B. Pace, Park Black.

The following named brethren made no report to this Conference, therefore we could not pass their official character: A. T. Reby, J. E. Ferguson, J. T. Hobbs, V. L. McDonald, F. C. Dermois, Doc Harris and J. Z. Rainwater.

H. E. MAGGART,

W. R. BREWER,

R. H. DANIEL,

S. B. PARKER,

Committee.

COMMITTEE ON CAMP GROUNDS

We, your Committee on Camp Grounds, recommend:

That Gervis Lee be appointed trustee of Wata Lulu Camp Ground.

We endorse the plan adopted by the trustees of Shady Grove Camp Ground for raising funds for building tabernacle. Also the election of Juine Seawight, E. E. Alexander, and M. M. McConnell as trustees of said camp ground. We also nominate Rev. H. E. Maggart as camp meeting director for Shady Grove Camp Meeting. The date for this camp meeting is July 9th-20th, 1927.

M. L. MATHEWS,

H. E. MAGGART,

Committee.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the Treasurer's books and as far as we can find from the material in his hands, his books balance.

GERVIS LEE,

D. O. MANN,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARY

Anna Circuit—Natural Dam, Cove City, Liberty, Cedarville, Freedom, Sardis.
 Boswell Circuit—Leflore, Carns, Mahew.
 Bold Springs Circuit—Bold Springs, Nelda.
 Comanche—Comanche.
 Cove Creek Circuit—Waterlula, Hunt Town, Marbel Hill, Cove Creek.
 Beech Grove Circuit—Oak Academy, Central.
 Brady Circuit—Brady, Katie.
 Cauthron Circuit—Cauthron, Lucas, Center Point, Mansfield.
 Dill Circuit—New Hope, Spring Creek.
 Denning Circuit—Denning, Alex, Mt. Bethel.
 Daylight Circuit—Daylight, Rhody.
 Eagletown—Eagletown.
 Rocky Ford Circuit.
 Stony Point—Stony Point.
 Ft. Smith Circuit—Mt. Hope, Gans, Brent, Mazzard.
 Paw Paw—Paw Paw.
 Haworth Circuit—Haworth, Red Land, Macedonia.
 Hugo—Hugo.
 Hope—Hope.
 Idabel—Idabel.
 Good Water—Good Water, Pleasant Grove, Marshall Hill, Rock Hill.
 Madden Grove—Madden Grove.
 Prague—Prague.
 Quinton Circuit—Quinton, Tipton Ridge, Fairview.
 Spear Mission.
 Shiloh—Shiloh.
 Uncas—Uncas.
 Valley Circuit—Annas Chapel, Howard Chapel.
 Hortens Chapel—Hortens Chapel.
 Pine Grove—Pine Grove Mission.
 Pleasant Hill—Pleasant Hill, Tom.
 Shady Grove—Shady Grove.

NOLAN FLOYD,
 H. E. MAGGART,
 T. J. BAKER,

Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

First, we wish to give you the name of the Secretary, Rev. Fred C. Klein, who we learn has been quite ill for the past three or four months. We wish to extend to him our sympathy.

Second, that we as a Methodist Protestant Church have work in the following countries: Japan, China, and India. The work in Japan is making very satisfactory progress, there is a regular organized Annual Conference with a large number of native ministers, besides the missionaries from this country. They have a boy's school in Nagoya of 1,100 students, 300 of whom were converted and joined the church last year. Also we have a girls' school in Yokohama with 400 students. In China our work is in Kalgon, both boys' and girls' school.

We recommend that each church should hold the Children's Day service and an offering should be taken for Foreign Missions; it also counts on our General Conference Budget.

A native recently gave \$500.00 to build a Methodist Protestant Church, and a lady in Pittsburgh made a gift of the same amount.

In India we have a mission school that is making fine progress.

HOME MISSIONS

We wish also to call your attention to what has been done by our Home Missionary Board. The Board has assisted in the erection of more than 100 churches, located in twenty-two different States; they have also assisted in the support of 17 pastors and two Conference Presidents. Three of the pastors and one of the Presidents are in the Ft. Smith-Oklahoma Conference. We are receiving \$1,900.00 per year for this purpose.

The Easter offering goes to the Board of Home Missions, and will be counted on our General Conference assessment. We request and urge that all the churches make a strong pull for a good offering Easter. A special effort should be made to get new members into the church at that time also.

We also recommend that Dr. J. M. Sheridan, the Secretary of the Board, be given our hearty support in the great work he is doing. During the one year that Dr. Sheridan has been in office he has succeeded in paying \$20,000.00 of the Board's debts, and under his management we believe the entire indebtedness will be wiped out.

We wish also to urge all pastors that have a Woman's Home Missionary Society to give to it their hearty support, and if no society exists on your work, get help from the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Guy Hendrick, Hugo, Okla., and organize one at once.

NOLAN FLOYD,
MRS. N. M. KILLMER,
MRS. GUY HENDRICK,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to submit the following:

Whereas, we feel that every member of the Ft. Smith-Oklahoma Annual Conference should take this method to thank the good people of the town of Haworth and the people around there who were so kind and showed such a spirit of hospitality while we were in their midst, may God's richest blessings be upon you all is our prayer. We also wish to thank the people of the Christian Church for the use of their building to hold our Conference in.

We also recommend that a copy of this be spread on our minutes.

S. B. PARKER,
DAN MANN,
DONA SMEDLY,
H. L. CRAWFORD,
Committee.

ASSESSMENTS REPORT

Charge	Pres. Sal.	Gen. Con. Budget	Annual Con. Budget	College	Sup. Min.
Alix _____	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$6.00	\$18.00	\$6.00
Anna _____	10.00	7.50	2.00	6.00	2.00
Brady _____	35.00	25.00	7.00	21.00	7.00
Bold Springs _____	10.00	7.50	2.00	6.00	2.00
Cauthron _____	15.00	11.00	3.00	9.00	3.00
Cedarville _____	15.00	11.00	3.00	9.00	3.00
Center Point _____	15.00	11.00	3.00	9.00	3.00
Comanche _____	65.00	42.00	13.00	39.00	13.00
Cove Creek _____	15.00	11.00	3.00	9.00	3.00
Daylight _____	50.00	33.00	10.00	30.00	10.00
Eagletown _____	60.00	38.00	12.00	36.00	12.00
Freedom _____	10.00	7.50	2.00	9.00	2.00
Good Water _____	25.00	17.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Haworth _____	25.00	17.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Horton Chapel _____	50.00	33.00	10.00	30.00	10.00
Hope _____	45.00	29.00	9.00	28.00	9.00
Howards Chapel _____	10.00	7.50	2.00	6.00	2.00
Hunt Town _____	15.00	11.00	3.00	9.00	3.00
Hugo _____	150.00	95.00	30.00	90.00	30.00
Idabel _____	50.00	32.00	10.00	30.00	10.00
Katie _____	25.00	17.00	7.00	15.00	7.00
Lee Creek _____	20.00	13.00	4.00	12.00	4.00
Liberty _____	20.00	13.00	4.00	12.00	4.00
Lucas _____	20.00	13.00	4.00	12.00	4.00
Mansfield _____	15.00	11.00	3.00	9.00	3.00
Mazzard _____	30.00	20.00	6.00	18.00	6.00
Madden Grove _____	20.00	13.00	4.00	12.00	4.00

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Marble Hill	10.00	7.50	2.00	6.00	2.00
Marshall Hill	20.00	13.00	4.00	12.00	4.00
Macedonia	25.00	17.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Mt. Bethel	10.00	7.50	2.00	6.00	2.00
Needa	10.00	7.50	2.00	6.00	2.00
Natural Dam	5.00	3.50	1.00	3.00	1.00
New Hope	40.00	26.00	8.00	24.00	8.00
Paw Paw	40.00	26.00	8.00	24.00	8.00
Pleasant Hill	30.00	20.00	6.00	18.00	6.00
Pine Grove	10.00	7.50	2.00	6.00	2.00
Prague	50.00	33.00	10.00	30.00	10.00
Pleasant Grove	20.00	17.00	4.00	12.00	4.00
Quinton	65.00	41.00	13.00	39.00	13.00
Rocky Ford	25.00	17.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Red Land	35.00	23.00	7.00	21.00	7.00
Rock Hill	20.00	13.00	4.00	12.00	4.00
Sardis	10.00	7.50	2.00	6.00	2.00
Shiloh	60.00	38.00	15.00	36.00	15.00
Shady Grove	25.00	17.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Stony Point	45.00	29.00	9.00	27.00	9.00
Spring Creek	25.00	17.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Tom	15.00	11.00	3.00	9.00	3.00
Uncas	40.00	27.00	8.00	24.00	8.00
Water Lula	15.00	11.00	3.00	9.00	3.00

Total Assessment for President's Salary, \$1,500.00. For General Conference Budget, \$1,000.00; \$4,000.00 not assessed. For Annual Conference Budget, \$350.00. For Westminster College, \$1,000.00. For Superannuated Ministers, \$350.00.

J. L. LAND,
W. C. BANKS,
J. W. QUAID,
G. N. RUSHING,
Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

G. N. Rushing—Quinton, Okla.
A. B. Tyus—Hugo, Okla.
Elfha Tigue—Lawton, Okla.
V. L. McDonald—Idabel, Okla.
Jamey Sewright—Marlow, Okla.
T. J. Baker—Altus, Ark.
O. F. Garvin—Katie, Okla.
Mr. Pope—Brady, Okla.
Sam Huckills—Comanche, Okla.
Mrs. Henry Morris—Water Lula, Ark.

John Moss—Foss, Okla.
 L. B. Luttrell—Eagletown, Okla.,
 Rex Mathews—Idabel, Okla., R. No. 2.
 Forest Bridges—Broken Bow, Okla.
 John Scott—Tom, Okla.
 C. A. Harmon—Gans, Okla.

C. E. PRESIDENTS

W. G. Guest—Comanche, Okla.
 Roy Milburn—Comanche, Okla.
 Mrs. Ola Mathews—Comanche, Okla.
 Jewell Thompson, Quinton, Okla.
 Buel Studebaker—Quinton, Okla.
 Lillie Russell—Quinton, Okla.
 Mrs. Guy Hendrick—Hugo, Okla.
 Miss Gertie Temple—Hartman, Ark.
 Miss Opal Fitch—Foss, Okla.
 Miss Geneva Boyd—Dixie, Okla.
 Miss Furn Graham—Eagletown, Okla.
 Mrs. L. W. Watkin—Broken Bow, Okla.
 Trig Bowen—Meeker, Okla.
 Maggie Yarbrough—Uncas, Okla.
 M. M. Fenderson—Meeker, Okla.
 Geo. M. Jacques—Uncas, Okla.

STATISTICAL REPORT

J. W. BROWERS, Secretary

Numerical

Number of Ministers (Ordained).....	40
Number of Preachers(Not Ordained).....	26
Number of Charges.....	33
Members on Roll last Conference.....	2,240
Received	267
Members on Roll this Conference.....	2,000
Professions	466
Baptisms	208
Number of Sunday Schools.....	45
Number of Officers and Teachers.....	273
Number of Members last Conference.....	3,293
Present Membership	2,382
Number of C. E. Societies.....	24
Present Membership	740

FT. SMITH-OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

Property

Number of Church Buildings.....	28
Value of Church Buildings.....	\$34,300.00
Debt on Church Buildings.....	650.00
Insurance on Church Buildings.....	15,700.00
Number of Parsonages	5
Value of Parsonages	\$ 8,000.00
Debt on Parsonages	735.00
Insurance on Parsonages	6,200.00
Other Holdings	401.00
Church Extension Funds	200.00
Conference Property—Camp Grounds, Homes, etc.....	700.00

Financial: Local Church

Paid Pastors—Including Parsonage Rent.....	\$ 6,865.00
Paid on Church Buildings	1,990.00
Paid on Church Debt	60.80
Paid on Church Improvement	1,195.72
Raised for Current Expenses	1,036.15
Raised by Sunday Schools.....	1,417.45
Raised by C. E. Societies.....	262.85
Raised by Ladies' Aids.....	72.15

Annual Conference

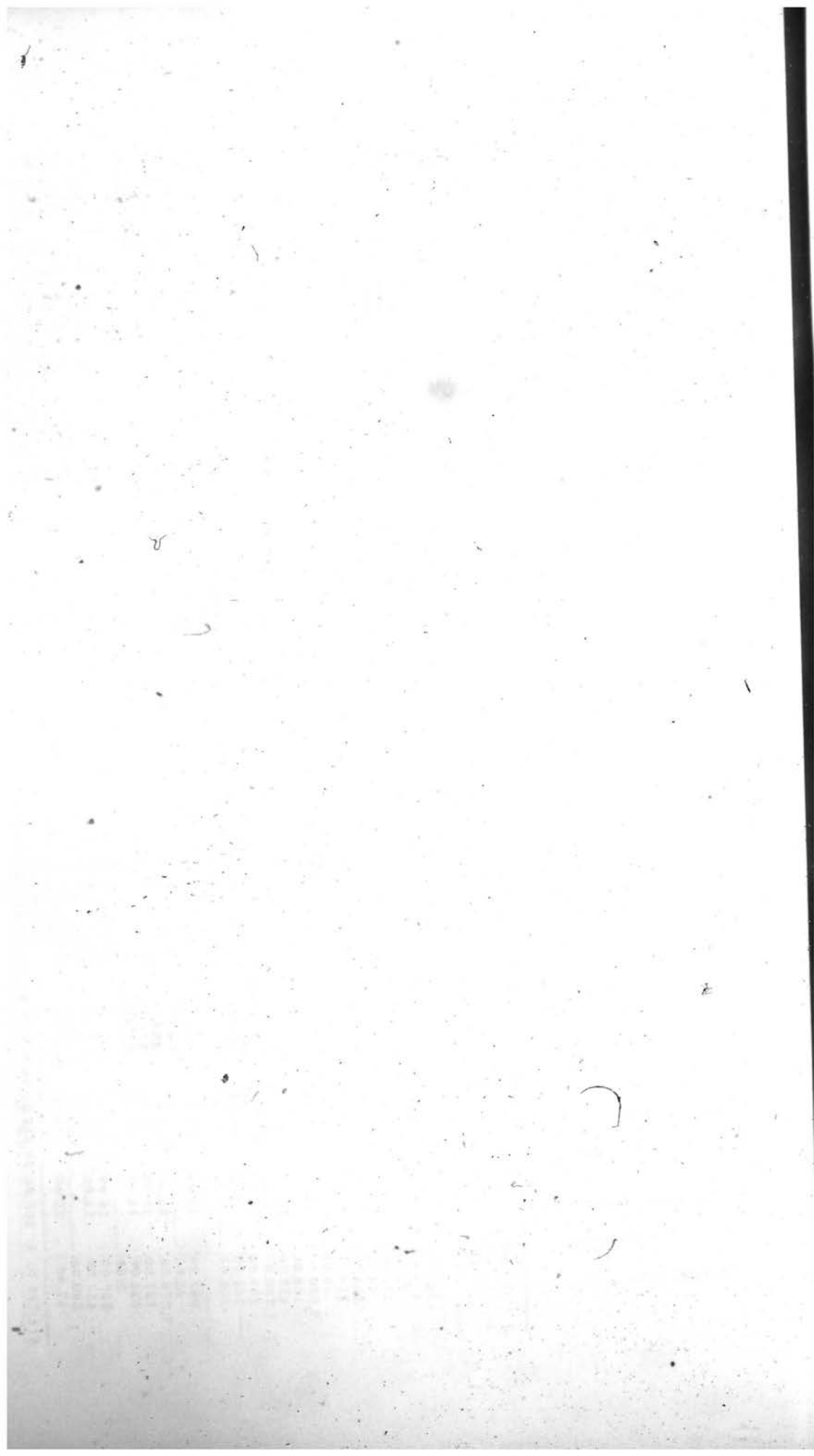
Paid on Annual Conference Budget.....	\$ 135.00
Paid President (If not included in Budget).....	1,160.00
Raised for Superannuates (If not in A. C. B.).....	1.50

General Conference

Paid on General Conference Budget (This includes amount raised for Easter, Children's Day, Rally Day, etc.)	\$ 535.00
Raised by W. H. M. Society.....	47.17
Total Amount raised	\$9,777.79

STATISTICAL TABLE

Totals	Gen. Conf. Budget Paid	Local Expenses Paid....	Pastor's Salary	President's Salary Paid	An. Conf. Budget Paid	CHARGE	PASTORS	No. Organized Churches	No. Members last Conf.	Present Membership	No. Conversions	No. Sunday Schools	Present Enrollment	No. C. E. Societies.....	No. Members	No. Church Buildings....	No. Parsonages	Value Ch. Property.....
\$ 168.00		\$ 125.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 13.00	\$	Anna.....	Ora Sidwell	6	235	218	12	4	205	2	65	1	1	\$ 1,000.00
637.70	10.50	223.00	34.00	2.00	6.50	Boaswell.....	Unsupplied	3	18	18	37	2	68					
				58.00		Brady.....	J. L. Land	2	60	58								
430.00	5.50	50.00	372.00	42.00		Bold Springs.....	Unsupplied	2	50	50	21	2	60		116	1	1	3,200.00
978.00	21.00	333.00	557.00	56.00	8.00	Beech Grove.....	Unsupplied	1	92	113	21	1	122	3	124	2		1,000.00
62.00		20.00	27.00	15.00	10.00	Commanche.....	W. C. Banks	4	126	100	8	2	70	1	42	1		800.00
450.00	10.00	50.00	336.00	40.00		Cove Creek.....	Jervis Lee	2	95	100	1	2	80	2	45			101.00
44.00	7.00	190.00	210.00	35.00	2.00	Cauthron.....	T. D. Ayers	3	75	75	17	3	45		3			1,300.00
266.00	25.00	35.00	100.00	35.00	4.00	Denning.....	Ivan R. Wilson	2	25	30	15	1	35					
218.00	4.00	65.00	100.00	47.00	2.00	Daylight.....	M. B. Ford	2	140	172	50	2	165	1	45			2,000.00
50.00		275.00	221.00	117.00	4.50	Eagletown.....	H. L. Crawford	1	75	60	2	2	65	1	18	2		8,500.00
2,960.00	79.00	1,356.00	1,250.00	32.00		Ft. Smith.....	H. H. Harlen	2	280	277	23	1	201	3	61	1	1	1,500.00
168.00		125.00	32.00	13.00		Hugo.....	J. W. Quaid	1	75	84	15	1	60		25	3		3,300.00
417.00	26.00	80.00	237.00	37.00	5.00	Hope.....	H. E. Maggart	1	37	61	26	3	120	1	75			2,700.00
1,700.00	47.00	1,308.00	300.00	45.00		Haworth.....	M. L. Matthews	1	15	37	2	1	75		15	1		
236.00	17.00	65.00	72.00	37.00		Idabel.....	S. B. Parker	1	15	14	5	1	30		1			1,200.00
208.00	2.00	141.00	50.00	11.00		Mansfield.....	J. J. Partain	6	14	16	1	1	100	1	15	1		
108.00		10.00	73.00	18.00	7.50	Madden Grove.....	J. L. Howar	2	50	50			12					
						Prague.....	W. R. McElvany	2	12	12			200	2	37	2	1	5,000.00
903.20	75.00	273.00	476.00	59.00	18.75	Pine Grove.....	J. B. Price	1	124	142	44	3	200	2	58	3		3,300.00
21.00			14.00	7.00		Quinton.....	J. W. Browers	3	144	144	40	4	200	2	58		1	300.00
1,278.00	55.00	931.00	233.00	54.00	4.40	Red Land.....	J. G. Whitten	2	21	15	9	1	40		1			500.00
127.00	10.00	20.00	82.00	15.00		Rocky Ford.....	J. E. Legg	2	42	30			60	1	14	1		
124.00	14.00	85.00	25.00			Rock Hill.....	A. J. Rhoten	3	33	5	5							
2.00				2.00		Speer Mission.....	T. C. Ely	1	66	65	1	1	65	1	22			1,000.00
500.00	16.00	120.00	295.00	64.00	5.00	Stony Point.....	H. E. Maggart	1	33	40	16	1	60	1	130	1		
417.00	14.00	50.00	278.00	56.00	18.75	Shilo.....	B. A. Thompson	1	53	55	3	1	35					1,200.00
399.00		20.00	65.00	37.00		Sardis.....	L. M. Curtner	1	10	17	3	1	50	1	37	1		1,000.00
17.00	25.00	50.00	218.00		26.00	Uncas.....	J. J. Land	2	44	46								
						Valley.....	Unsupplied											
\$14,735.00	\$ 535.00	\$6,035.00	\$6,865.00	\$1,160.00	\$135.00	Totals	Totals	66	2,240	2,000	220	45	2,400	25	750	28	5	\$42,300.00



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