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Rev. J. A. Wade, Rev. J. M. Stevenson, Rev. W. R. Clower, Mr. J. U. Wells, and Mr. J. H. Hearne.

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#### Name of Church

Name of Person

Address

Barges Chapel Wingfield's Chapel Liberty Hill Union Grove Gravel Hill Langley Chapel Wrights Chapel Macedonia County Line Antioch Morning Star Emerson Wears Chapel New Prospect Felsenthal Whites Chapel Lydesdale Ebenezer Simmons Chapel Macedonia. Mt. Carmel Shockey Chapel Mountain Home

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#### THE JOURNAL

The Arkansas Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church met in its 52nd annual session with Village church, Village, Ark., Rev. T. W. Nunn Pastor, Oct. 30th, 1931, to Nov. 2, 1931, inclusive, at ten o'clock a.m.

The conference was called to order by the president, the Rev. W. R. Clower. Dr. Frank W. Stevenson conducted the devotional exercises, as follows: Song, "Higher Ground." Scripture lesson, Paul's letter to Philemon. Prayer, Dr. Stevenson.

Roll called and corrections made. By motion the bar of the conference was fixed to include the first window beyond the side door of building. Motion carried. At this time the following brethren were brought forward and introduced to the conference: Dr. James H. Straughn, Promotional Secretary-Treasurer of the general conference, and Dr. Frank W. Stevenson, Secretary of the Board of Christian Education. The conference programs were passed out over the conference and by motion and second were adopted.

The hour for preaching having arrived the conference took recess until one-thirty p. m.

#### MORNING SERVICE

Morning service began by singing "How Firm A Foundation". Scripture Lesson I. Cor. 3-16. Rev. J. L. Nabors, one of our oldest ministers, being 91 years of age brought an inspiring message. Benediction by Rev. W. A. House.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Conference called to order by singing. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. W. O. Tisdale by reading the 23rd Psalm, and prayer

The committee on credentials made its report which was received. The President made his report which was adopted. (See report A). Committee on itinerancy and orders made its report which was adopted. (See report B). The hour having arrived for the election of officers, the Rev. J. A. Wade, Mr. J. H. Hearne, Mr. L. M. Wilson were appointed as Tellers.

The Rev. W. R. Clower was unanimously elected president of the Arkansas Annual Conference. Rev. I. A. Love and Rev. W. O. Tisdale were nominated for Secretary and Rev. I. A.

Love was elected and by motion of Rev. W. O. Tisdale the election was made unanimous.

The Rev. J. W. Simmons was unanimously elected treasurer.

By motion the following were elected as a standing district committee Rev. S. N. Adams, Rev. A. N. Stonecipher, Mr. J. H. Hearne, Mr. W. C. Wingfield, Mr. L. M. Wilson.

By motion Rev. J. M. Stevenson, Rev. W. O. Tisdale were retained on the committee on itineracy and orders. By motion Rev. J. B. Blackburn was dropped from said committee, and Rev. J. W. York was elected to fill the vacancy of same. This being the year for the election of delegates to the general conference the president appointed J. A. Wade and O. M. Sweatman as committee on numerical statistics. This committee finding that the Arkansas conference was entitled to six delegates to the general conference, the following were nominated as ministerial delegates to the general conference.

Rev. W. R. Clower, Rev. W. O. Tisdale, Rev. J. A. Wade, Rev. J. W. Simmons and the Rev. W R. Clower, Rev. J. A. Wade and Rev. J. W. Simmons were elected.

The following were elected as the ministerial alternates, in order: Rev. W. O. Tisdale, No. 1; Rev. I. A. Love, No. 2; Rev. J. W. York, No 3.

The following were nominated as Lay Delegates to the general conference. W. T. Gray, J. H. Hearne, O. M. Sweatman, Roy Nipper, A. M. Stewart, Mr. W. T. Gray, Mr. O. M. Sweatman and Mr. J. H. Hearne were elected.

The following were elected as alternates: Mr. L. M. Wilson, No. 1; Mr. E. K. Davis, No. 2; Mr. A. M. Stewart, No. 3. By motion and second, Rev. W. O. Tisdale was elected as Press Reporter. By motion O. M. Sweatman was re-elected to serve on the Council of Christian Education, time expiring, 1933. A motion was made that the President, Secretary, and Treasurer be elected as the New Century Service Commission. Motion carried.

A motion was made to retain the present church extension board, motion carried. (See annual conference organization, page six.) This completing the afternoon program, the floor was given to Dr. Stevenson, who made a timely talk on the subject, "A More Efficient Ministry."

The President, Rev. W. R. Clower appointed the following as an auditing committee: Rev. J. A. Wade, Rev. W. O. Tisdale and Mr. O. M. Sweatman.

By motion conference took recess to be called together again Saturday morning at eight-thirty a. m., motion carried. Benediction by Rev. J. M. Stevenson.

#### FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Evening service began as follows: Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Scripture lesson, first chapter of second Timothy.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. House.

The message was brought by Rev. J. W. Simmons from the text: "Stir Up the Gift of God which is in You." The message was crowned with success. Benediction by Rev. I. A. Love.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Conference called to order by singing song No. 98, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. S. W. Mooty as follows: Scripture lesson 84th Psalm. Prayer by brother Mooty. After the devotional services, the chair was given to Dr. J. H. Straughn who presided over the morning session. Roll call, and Minutes of the previous day's session read and approved. The chairman of the Church Extension Board made its report which was referred to the committee on church extension. The chairman of the board on young people's work made its report which was referred to the committee on young people's work.

The hour having arrived for the filing of resolutions, a resolution was tabled by Rev. J. W. Simmons. At this time Rev. J. A. Wade brought the Fraternal Greetings from the Texas Conference.

It was voted by the conference, that Dr. J. H. Straughn, bear our fraternal greetings to the various conferences which he might attend.

Dr. Broomfield, President of the general conference sent through Dr. Straughn, Greetings and Affections, regretting that pressing business in other sections of the church prevented his attending. Dr. Straughn also brought greeting from the Louisiana Conference.

By motion conference took recess till 2 o'clock p. m.

#### Saturday Morning Service.

The eleven o'clock service began by singing, after which a great message was brought by Dr. J. H. Straughn of Baltimore, Md., on the subect: "Up-to-Date Evangelism and Special Gifts":

#### Saturday Afternoon Session.

Conference was called to order by singing, "Love Lifted Me." Devotional services was conducted by Rev. J. W. York, reading the 26th Psalm, and prayer. Laymen's meeting led by Mr. W. T. Gray who made a few timely remarks and then giving the floor to Dr. Straughn, who made a timely talk including reading a paper which was adopted by the Washington Convention, concerning the organizing of the men of the M. P. Church similar to the Ladies Auxiliary. A motion was made which met with a second that the Arkansas conference proceed to organize a Laymen's Movement, motion carried. The following were elected officers of this movement. Mr. J. H. Hearne, President; Mr. O. M. Sweatman, Secretary, and W. C. Wingfield, Treasurer. By motion these officers was empowered to proceed with the organization.

At this time the congregation was asked to stand and sing, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks". After the song the missionary meeting, led by Mrs. J. E. Butler who made an inspiring talk on missionary work. Dr. Straughn also made a very interesting talk. This completing the program for Saturday afternoon the conference took recess until Monday morning, 8:30 a. m. Benediction by Rev. J. W. Simmons.

#### Saturday Evening Service.

Service began by singing song No. 103, "How Firm A Foundation."

The Missionary Society of Haynesville, La., rendered a very interesting program as follows:

Piano Solo-Mrs. C. A. Ware.

What is the Women's Missionary Society—Mrs. John Bond-Vocal Duet—Miss J. B. Garrett and Mrs. H. W. Booth.

Problems of the Auxiliary-Mrs. Lowe.

We builded with what you've sent up—Mrs. M. H. Smith. Song—"Throw Out the Life Line."

Evangelistic service by Rev. J. A. Wade as follows:

Scripture lesson II., Timothy 4-5. A wonderful message was given by Bro. Wade, resulting in an old time hand shake.

#### Sunday Morning Service.

Song, "All Hail the Power." Prayer, Dr. Straughn. Scripture lesson Acts; 25: Paul before Aggrippa.

Text: II. Cor. 5:14, "For the Love of Christ Constraineth Me."

Subject: "Christian Passion."

Sermon by Dr. J. H. Straughn which was enjoyed by all present.

Benediction, Rev. W. R. Clower.

(Noon) The ladies of the community served dinner on lawn.

Afternoon Service.

The Rev. E. A. Baker brought the message at the 3:00 hour from the Subject: "Drifting", using for his scripture lesson, Heb. 2-1, this too was a very successful hour. Benediction by Rev. J. M. Stevenson.

#### Sunday Evening Service.

The C. E. Society of Village church rendered a very nice program which was enjoyed by all. The topic for the evening: "What Jesus Teaches About Faith in God. Song: "I Shall Not Be Moved."

Rev. A. E. Clower brought the message for the hour, using for his scripture lesson, the 23rd Psalm. Text: Matt. 27-14 "and when they were come to the multitude." Benediction, Mr. R. A. Cossey.

#### Monday Morning Session.

Conference called to order by president. Song, "He Leadeth Me." The devotional services was conducted by Rev. W. A. House by reading the 13th chapter of First Cor. and prayer. At this time the Rev. Holmes, pastor of the First M. E. Church, South, of Magnolia, Ark., was introduced to the conference. Minutes read and approved.

The committee on official relations made its report, and it was adopted. The committee on finance made its report and by motion and second it was adopted with the amendment that the presedent's salary on all stations be fixed at 9 per cent of the Pastor and Presidents' salary budgeted. Also with the additional amendment that the four special day offerings set aside by the general conference, be credited on general conference claims. (See report C). Report of committee on Suparanuates re-

ported that they had consulted with the committee on finance, and find their report was embodied in said report. Committee on Boundaries made its report which was adopted (See Report D). Committee on Education made its report and it was adopted. (See report E). Committee on young people's work made its report which, was adopted. (See report F.). Report of committee on church extension made and adopted, (See report G). Conference took recess till one thirty p. m.

#### Morning Service.

Song: "How Firm A Foundation." Prayer by Rev. J. M. Stevenson.

Scripture Text: Rev. 6-17. For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? Dr. J. E. Butler brought a great message that was a spiritual feast to all present resulting in an old time hand shake. After this an offering was taken in behalf of the Rev. W. A. House, one of our old Beloved Ministers. The amount was forty-three dollars. Benediction by Rev. Ben. W. Pierce.

#### Monday Afternoon.

Conference called to order at two o'clock p. m. Devotional exercises led by Rev. J. M. Stevenson as follows: Scripture lesson Romans, 12 chapter. Prayer by Bro. Stevenson. Report of committee on missions made and adopted, (See report I). Report of auditing committee made and adopted, (See report I). Report of the treasurer made and adopted, (See report J). Committee on resolutions and Fraternal Relations made its report which was adopted, (See resolution No. 1). The resolution tabled by Rev. J. W. Simmons, asking for the fifty-third session of the Arkansas Conference to convene with Pleasant Grove M. P. church, Rector, Ark. was read and adopted. (See resolution No. 2).

The committee on itineracy and orders made a supplementary report which was adopted. (See report B). There was a motion and second that the secretary's salary be raised from fifty, as it now stands, to sixty-five dollars and that the treasurer's salary to be raised from thirty dollars to forty-five dollars, motion carried. It was moved and seconded that we have eight hundred copies of minutes printed and that the minutes be sent to the pastors and that the pastors return money for the same, motion carried. It was moved and seconded that the

conference rescind the report of the committee on official Relations and that a new report be made, motion carried.

The committee on official Relations made a new report which was adopted. (See report K). Report of Stationing committee made and adopted with the amendment that Rev. D. W. McGinnis serve with W. A. House as Conference Evangelist. (See report L).

Rev. W. A. House made his report which was adopted. (See report M). Minutes read of the previous day's session and adopted. Conference adjourned by singing, "God Be with You Till We Meet Again." Benediction by Rev. S. N. Adams.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NUMERICAL STATISTICS

We, your committee on Numerical Statistics, wish to submit the following report:

We find from the pastor's reports submitted for this year, that we now have five thousand, one hundred and fifty-seven members on roll in the Arkansas District of the Methodist Protestant Church, and are therefore entitled to three Ministerial and Three Lay Delegates to the next General Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WADE,
O. M. SWEATMAN,
Committee.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 1

#### Committee on Resolutions and Fraternal Relations.

We, your committee on resolutions and Fraternal Relations Submit the following report:

Whereas the fifty-second session of the Arkansas annual conference has been so Royally entertained by the good people of Village church; Therefore be it Resolved that we extend to them our thanks and deepest appreciation for their generous hospitality.

We wish further to express our appreciation for the splendid way Bro. T. W. Nunn, the pastor, has cooperated with the entertainment committee and his people during this conference to make the occasion pleasant for us. Also for the educational and inspirational address excellently delivered by Dr. J. H. Straughn

of Baltimore, Md. and Dr. F. W. Stevenson of Pittsburgh, Pa.
May our heavenly Father reward each and every one of
them according to his bountiful supply of grace.

Respectfully Submitted,
REV. W. O. TISDALE,
REV. J. D. HUFF,
MR. E. K. DAVIS,
REV. O. N. BIRD,
MR. E. E. MANNING.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2

Be it resolved that fifty-third session of the Arkansas Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convene with Pleasant Grove Methodist Protestant Church five miles West of Rector, Arkansas on Friday before the first Sunday in November, nineteen hundred and thirty-two.

REV. J. W. SIMMONS, Pastor. B. F. DILLS, Delegate.

#### REPORT A

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

sas Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church as-To the members of the Fifty-Second Session of the Arkansembled in Village Church, October 30, 1931.

#### Dear Brethren in Christ:

"Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

God in his gracious providence and mercy has been good to us. Our ministerial ranks have not been invaded by the enemy, death; we are all here, for which we are thankful. Many of you have been handicapped on account of the depression and could not do what is in your hearts to do. However, some report fine revivals with many souls saved. I shall mention a few: Rev. J. W. Simmons reports more than one hundred conversions and additions to his charge; Rev. Jack Glass reports more than one hundred conversions and a large number added to his churches. Rev. I. A. Love, Rev. J. W. York, Rev. E. L. Hogue,

Rev. Bennie Pierce, and others that I do not call to memory just now report good meetings. This is proof that God has not deserted his people, "But in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him."

#### Official Acts.

November 4, I assigned Rev. W. O. Tisdale to Bethel Church, Village Circuit. The following were assigned to Emerson Circuit; Rev. T. W. Nunn to Emerson Church; Rev. G. C. Chambers to Ware's Chapel; and Rev. S. N. Adams to Mt. Zion. November 9, 1930, I transferred Rev. N. B. Blackman to the Iowa-Missouri Conference; and on October 21, 1931, I received Rev. A. E. Clower's transfer from the Iowa-Missouri Conference, which has been handed to the committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Realizing as I do the great work the women of our church are doing where they are organized, I urge that our pastors put forth every effort possible to organize a missionary society in each church.
- 2. That our church paper if possible be placed in every home. How can we be intelligent, Methodist Protestants without reading our own church paper?
- 3. Since the Methodist Protestant Church of tomorrow is determined by what we do with our young people of to-day, I urge that every pastor cooperate with Rev. Lawrence Little, D. D. and Rev. F. L. Gibbs in arranging training schools in the Arkansas Conference for another year. Lay plans and work to that end.

#### SUMMARY

During the year I have preached from one to five times each week, held several group meetings, mailed out more than three hundred pieces of mail, held most of the fourth quarterly conferences, and traveled about fifteen thousand miles. I have answered every call, many times not receiving expenses. I may have come short of your expectations. I have tried, however, to the best of my ability to carry out your program. Whatever we have been able to accomplish has been due to the goodness of God and the splendid co-operation of you brethren.

May the Holy Spirit be present to clear our minds and

warm our hearts in all our deliberations; may our communion and fellowship together be sweet. As the Psalmist David has said: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. CLOWER, President

#### REPORT B

#### COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY AND ORDERS

We, your Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, submit the following report:

- 1. We recommend that the transfer of A. E. Clower from the Iowa-Missouri Conference be received, and his name be placed on the ministerial roll.
- 2. We recommend that G. C. Bailey and Mrs. Esther Mooty be received and be placed in the First Year's Course of study.
- 3. We recommend that Benny Pearce and S. W. Mooty be retained in the Third Year; and J. B. Starnes and G. B. Pixley be retained in the Second Year.
- 4. We recommend that the names of S. S. Ware, J. R. Bland, and J. S. Gage be dropped, and that C. H. Wallace be transferred to the unstationed list.
- 5. We further recommend that all undergraduates not doing resident work in school be required to take a correspondence course of study before being promoted, and that said course of study be arranged by this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. STEPHENSON, Chairman, W. O. TISDALE, Secretary, W. W. FINCHER, J. E. BUTLER, J. A. WADE,

We, your committee on Itinerancy and Orders, wish, to

make the following Supplementary report.

That Bro. James R. Whiddon of Village Charge, be received, and that this Conference recommend him to the Board of Education for ministerial aid.

Respectfully submitted,

#### REPORT C

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your committee on finance beg to submit the following report:

1. We recommend that the annual conference budget be

fixed at \$1000.00.

2. That the Apportionment of \$6000.00 handed down to

us by the general conference be accepted.

3. That the special day offerings be credited on general claims, and that all other moneys collected and forwarded to the annual conference Treasurer be divided equally between the annual and general conference until the annual claims are raised in full, and thereafter all be paid on the general conference budget.

4. That the distributions of the annual budget be as fol-

lows:

a. That the present outstanding indebtedness be taken care of first.

b. That the publication of the minutes and conference supplies come second.

. That the remainder be divided equally between the church Extension Board and the Superannuates.

5. That the new century service commission work out a plan whereby the expenses of the delegates to the general conference might be raised, and that all pastors give their cooperation in the matter.

6. That the president's salary on all circuits be fixed at fourteen percent of the pastor's and president's salaries budgeted which may be obtained by dividing the pastor's salary by 86,

and deducting pastor's salary from finding:

a. That the president's salary on all stations be fixed at nine per cent of pastor's and president's salaries budgeted which might be obtained by dividing pastor's salary by 91 and deducting pastor's salary from finding.

b. And that settlement with the president be made monthly.

7. That the	distribution	of the combined	budgets be
among the circuits			
Greenway	\$57.00	\$266.00	\$5.00
Union	47.00	226.00	5.00
Village	54.00	207.00	12.00
Emerson	36.00	223.00	15.00
Oak Grove	45.00	256.00	5.00
Junction City	30.00	168.00	5.00
Camden	33.00	186.00	5.00
Mt. Vernon	43.00	202.00	5.00
Lydesdale	65.00	365.00	15.00
Hot Springs	30.00	168.00	5.00
Shongaloo	50.00	281.00	5.00
Drew	41.00	231.00	5.00
Hickory Valley	37.00	209.00'	5.00
Magnolia	80.00	400.00	75.00
Caddo	15.00	86.00	5.00
Texarkana	8.00	43.00	5.00
Shady Grove Mem.	85.00	446.00	125.00
Prescott	43.00	243.00	10.00
Columbia	38.00	218.00	10.00
Malden	33.00	185.00	5.00
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	J. A. <sup>3</sup>	WADE, Chairman.	
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E. A. BAKER,

L. M. WILSON,

S. A. BLAKE.

#### REPORT D COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES

We, your committee on boundaries wish to submit the following report:

As no application has been made for a beneficial change all Stations and Circuits remain as heretofore. We therefore recommend the Lydesdale Circuit name be changed to Ebenezer Circuit.

S. N. ADAMS, Chairman, V. E. MORGAN, JACK GLASS, Secretary.

#### REPORT E

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

- 1. It has been our observation, it stands as a living fact of history, that no institution of learning ever existed for any length of time or ever will exist without the moral and financial support of a loyal constituency.
- 2. Again no periodical can continue to be published and make its weekly or monthly visitations as a medium of education without the support of those who should be loyal to the cause for which it stands.
- 3. Furthermore neither can a church or denomination long exist and do business for the Lord unless she demands an efficient leadership to carry on.

Therefore in view of the above facts, we urge every loyal Methodist Protestant in the Arkansas Annual Conference to pledge their support to the institutions of our beloved Zion.

Respectfully submitted.
J. E. BUTLER, Chairman.
M. H. GATHRIGHT,
BENNIE PIERCE,
WALTER McKINNON,
A. G. CALHOUN.
Committee

#### REPORT F

#### COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

We, your committee on Young People's Work submit the following report:

- 1. That the Sunday schools of Haynesville, Magnolia and Rector, be asked to contribute and pay over to the treasury of the Annual Conference the amount of (\$10) ten dollars each and all other Sunday schools of the conference be asked to raise the amount of (\$5) five dollars each for the presentation of Young People's work and also that the C. E. Societies be asked to raise the amount of (\$5) five dollars each and that each Woman's Missionary Society be asked to raise the amount of (\$5) five dollars each for the same purpose.
  - 2. That our pastors organize C. E. Societies and Woman's

Missionary Societies in every church not already organized and that they do all in their power to encourage the young people to become active in the work of the church.

- 3. That there be (2) two camp ground sites rented or purchased: one in the North end and one in the South end to hold Young People's training schools.
- 4. That the Council of Christian Education appoint a committee of (3) three in the North end and a committee of (3) three in the South end to direct the Young People's work.
- 5. That the undergraduates be required to attend the training school most convenient to them

Respectfully submitted, Rev. J. W. Simmons, Chairman, Clements Bailey, Secretary, S. W. Mooty, B. F. Dills.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

We, Your Board of Young People's Work, wish to submit the following report:

The members of the Executive Committee being so badly scattered this year, we were not able to work out plans for a summer conference. Our Conference is so badly scattered also, it becomes necessary for us to arrange a conference for each end of the District. The place has been the great object with us, and in view of that fact we trust that something might be arranged definitely for a permanent place to hold these conference from year to year.

The Board has been informed that Rev. Jack Glass has a proposition by which a location might be secured in the north end of the conference and we wish the same might be done for the south end. We believe that this is the only way to maintain a permanent organization.

Your Dean has been in the Texas Conference this year, and while there he assisted in working out two training schools, and put on a "Vacation Bible School" at his own church, and two six-night Bible units, and One Standard Unit. We are convinced that this is the way to get this work over to our churches. Plans are now under way by which a Standard school might be held in the North end and one in the South end of the conference this winter.

Taking into consideration what was reported by the Com-

mittee on Itinerancy and Orders, we would recommend that the conference go on record as endorsing a Bible school held in connection with this work for the benefit of the undergraduate in our conference.

Very sincerely,

J. A. WADE, Dean, I. A. LOVE, Acting Pres.

#### REPORT G

#### COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION

We, your committee on church extension wish to make the following report:

After carefully considering the report of the Board of church extension we recommend that the report of said Board be adopted as a whole. And that its members be given proper authority by this conference to transact business of the Board.

Rev. W. W. Fincher, Rev. E. L. Hogue, Mr. John Wells, Mr. J. H. Hearne.

#### REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

To the Fifty-Second Session of the Arkansas Annual Conference now in session: We, your Church Extension Board wish to submit the following report:

Only two matters have come before your Board this year. One with reference to the sale of the one-acre church lot known as New Vernon, four miles N. W. of Magnolia, and one with reference to certain timbers cut off of a four-acre tract of land above Dierks, Ark.

With reference to the first: We sold the one acre tract to Mr. Brag Dodson for \$15.00, and turned the money over to the Treasurer, of the Annual Conference.

With reference to the second: We recommend that the Board be authorized by this Annual Conference to make settlement with The Deriks Lumber and Coal Company for the 10,361 feet of timber cut at \$4.00 per thousand, more or less at its discretion.

In connection with the timber proposition we have received an inquiry with reference to the sale of the four-acre

tract upon which the timber was located. We recommend that the Board be given authority to dispose of this at its will.

We further recommend that the Board of Church Extension be backed by the Annual Conference in an effort to establish Mission Stations in towns and villages that bid fair for church centers for our denomination.

In view of the fact that the proportion of the Annual budget is small for this work, we recommend that the Finance Committee take this into consideration in making its report.

J. A. WADE, Chr.
J. M. STEPHENSON,
W. R. CLOWER,
J. H. HEARNE,
J. U. WELLS.

#### REPORT H

#### COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Missions wish to submit the following report:

1. That the apportionment for the Arkansas branch be distributed on the same basis as last year.

2. That should our apportionment be raised, that the increase be accepted and distributed on the same basis.

3. That the Arkansas Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society cooperate with the Church Extension Board in the projects for State Missions.

4. That an equal amount for Church Extension Work be recommended to the District Branch for its acceptance.

5. We recommend that each pastor organize a Missionary Society in each one of his churches where possible. Remembering the Lord's Great Command, "Go Ye in to All the World and Preach the Gospel."

#### REPORT I

#### REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your Auditing Committee, wish to make the following report:

We have carefully audited the treasurer's books and find them to be in a most satisfactory condition.

> Respectfully submitted, W. O. Tisdale, Chairman, O. M. Sweatman, Secretary, J. A. Wade.

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#### TREASURER'S REPORT J

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE FUNDS RECEIPTS

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1931
Received from various charges 128.89
Total receipts plus balance from last year 145.29
Amount received at conference 25.45
Disbursements.
To James H. Straughn \$24.42
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Total disbursements
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YOUNG PEOPLES WORK
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1930\$ 33.56
Amount received this year 10.01
Amount received at conference
Disbursements.
To Rev. F. L. Gibbs for 250 councelors and page in
the same 10.00
Balance on hand\$ 33.57
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Church Extension Board.
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1930\$ 127.46
Received from Rev. J. A. Wade for sale of an old
church lot
Total receipts

#### Disbursements. To J. W. Kendrick for tax on 40 acres of land ......\$ 5.64 Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1931 ...... 136.82 (D) ANNUAL CONFERENCE RECEIPTS Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1931. .....\$ 3.69 Received from various charges during the year ...... 75.93 Total receipts plus balance from last year .....\$253.39 **EXPENDITURES** To Clay County Pub. Co. for printing minutes ......\$ 40.25 To Rev. I. A. Love for postage 5.00 To Clay County Pub. Co., printing stationery ..... 10.50 To Rev. I. A. Love for postage ..... 10.00 To Rev. G. A. Mouser check lost in the First Nat'l. Bank 11.80 To Rev. W. R. Clower on expense to the convention .... 40.00 To J. W. Simmons for postage ..... 2.00 To Banner News Pub. Co., for printing programs of Arkansas Conference ..... 12.50Total Expenditures ......\$132.05 Balance on hand Nov. 2, 1931 ......\$121.34 **SPECIALS** Received from Rev. W. W. Fincher for Childrens Home. High Point .....\$ 2.10 Oak Grove Circuit: Received of Rev. Bennie Pierce, Mt. Vernon Circuit for Children's Home, High Point ..... 7.25Disbursements To Rev. A. G. Dixon \_\_\_\_\_\$ 9.35 Balance on hand 00.00

#### REPORT K

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL RELATIONS

Your committee has examined the reports of all the pastors of the conference and recommends that the official character of all be passed.

Respectfully Submitted, J. W. York, Chairman, O. M. Sweatman, Secretary W. T. Gray, I. A. Love.

#### REPORT L STATIONING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We, the Stationing Committee, wish to make the following
report:
BoydsvilleRev. J. W. Simmons
ColumbiaRev. W. O. Tisdale
Caddo Unsupplied
Camden
DrewRev. J. M. Stephenson
Hot SpringsRev. J. R. Diffee
Hickory Valley Unsupplied
Junction CityRev. J. D. Huff
Leonard,Rev. Jack Glass
Ebenezer Rev. E. L. Hogue
Malden Rev. I. A. Love
Magnolia Unsupplied
Mt. Vernon Rev. Bennie Pierce
Oak Grove Rev. W. W. Fincher
Prescott
Rector Rev. A. E. Clower
Shongaloo Rev. S. N. Adams
Shady Grove Memorial Unsupplied
Texarkana Mission
Union Rev. E. A. Baker
Village Rev. T. W. Nunn
Emerson, Rev. T. W. Nunn, Emerson Church; Rev. S. N. Adams,
Mt. Zion, and Rev. G. C. Chambers, Ware Chapel.
Greenway, Rev. A. E. Clower, Liberty Hill and Union Grove
churches, and Rev. I. A. Love, Gravel Hill.
Bethel Church, Village Charge, Rev. W. O. Tisdale.
Conference Evangelists: Rev. W. A. House and W. D. McGinnis.

Left in hands of the president: Rev. S. W. Mooty, Rev. G. B. Pixley, and Rev. J. B. Starns.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. W. R. Clower, President,
Delegate Roy Nipper,
Delegate R. A. Cossey.

#### REPORT M

#### W. A. House Report Conference Evangelist.

To the President and Members of the Fifty-Second Session of the Arkansas Annual Conference Methodist Protestant Church now in session at Village.

I beg to submit to you the following as my report. I have not been idle. I have been busy in the Master's work. I have helped in five revivals on Prescott Circuit; have preached fifty sermons this year; done all I could to advance the Master's cause by my life as well as preaching. This I submit to you this the second day of Nov., 1931, as your conference Evangelist.

REV. W. A. HOUSE

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