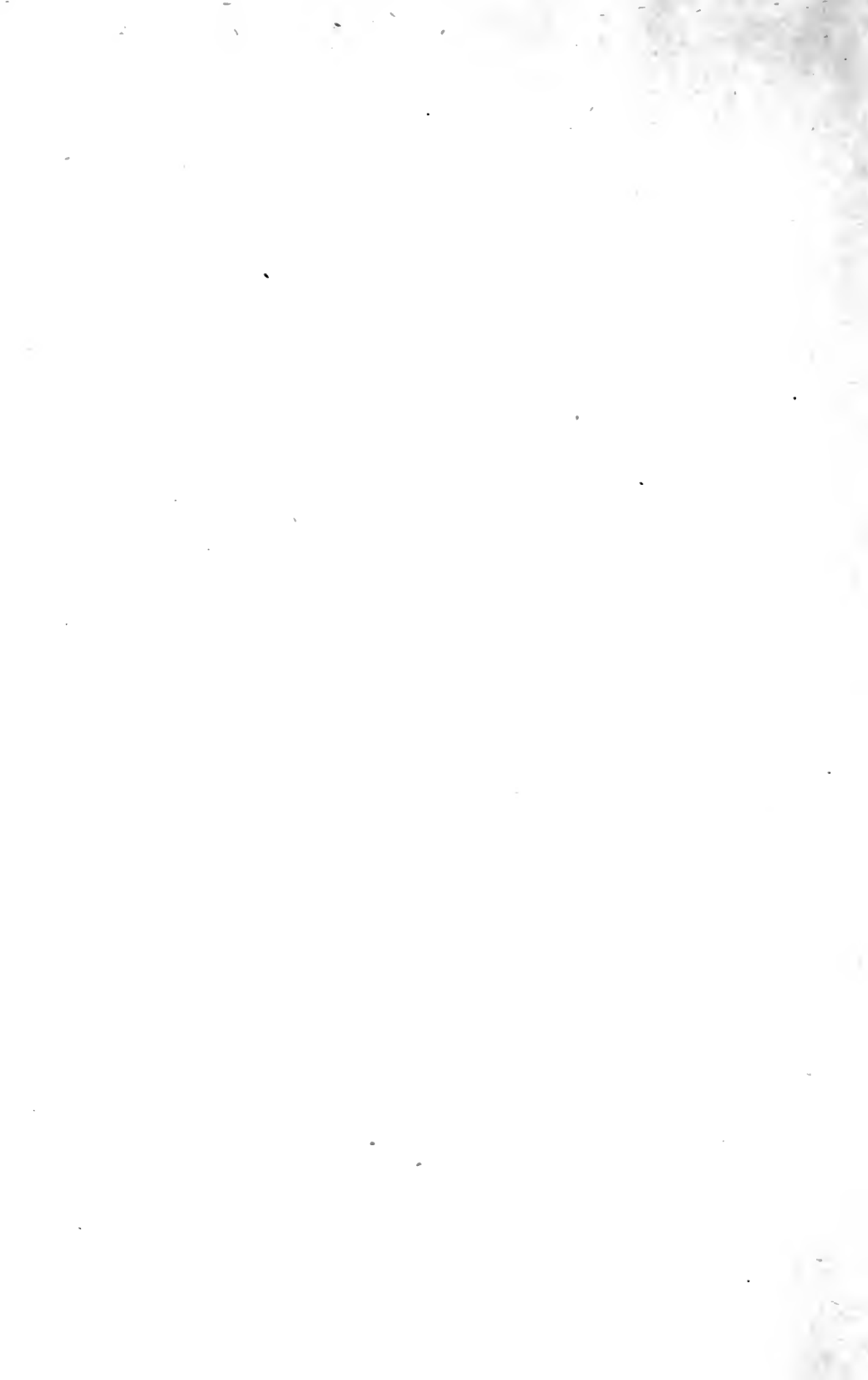




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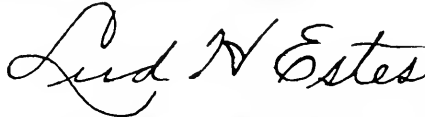
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McDonald, Samuel J. (*), South Carolina, C

McDonald, T. Morton (*), Indiana, NC
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 Skillington, J. Edgar, Central Pennsylvania, NE
 Smith, Bishop H. Lester

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 Brown, Earl R., North-East Ohio, NC
 Johnson, Silas, South Georgia, SE
 Newell, Frederick B., New York East, NE
 Propert, Frank C. (*), New Jersey, NE
 William Robert M., Washington, C
 Wood, Alpheus, B.P., (*), Southern California-Arizona, W

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 Flegal, Mrs. Frank P. (*), California, W
 Frye, Glenn M., Michigan, NC
 Hubbard, Mrs. Ida B. (*), Northwest Iowa, NC

Imboden, Charles A. (*), Illinois, NC
Johnson, Mrs. William R. (*), Kiangsi, OS
Kean, Roy N., Southern Illinois, NC
Lamb, Mrs. Fred A. (*), Southwest Missouri, SC
Langford, Miss Elizabeth S. (*), Lexington, C
Lewis, Vernon E. (*), Montana, W
Lord, R. Guy, North Mississippi, SE
Moore, Leon T., Philadelphia, NE
Muncy, William T. (*), Nebraska, SC
Petersen, B. O., North Philippine, OS
Prothro, Charles W., Savannah, C
Reves, Claude M., Little Rock, SC
Stevens, Benjamin M. (*), Mississippi, SE
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Whitaker, Howard W., Kentucky, SE
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Callaghan, Arthur A., Maine, NE
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Ford, J. Emerson, South Carolina, SE
Gordon, Mrs. Maymie E. (*), South Carolina, C
Hillman, Paul M., Nebraska, SC
Houston, James G. (*), North Mississippi, SE
Huston, G. Robert (*), Pacific Northwest, W
Knolcs, Tully C. California, W
Landrum, Van R., Mississippi, SE
Lott, Fred E., Wyoming, NE
Loucks, Charles O. (*), Rock River, NC
Martin, Albert W., North Arkansas, SC
McKay, Leo H. (*), Erie, NE
McMillan, Kay W., West Texas, C
Noble, Fred B. (*), Florida, SE
Peel, David T. (*), Southwest Texas, SC
Schatzman, Albert G., Ohio, NC
Sheppard, B. Burton, Wisconsin, NC
Strange, John K. (*), Wyoming State, W
Templin, Leslie G., Gujarat, OS
Tippett, Donald H., Southern California-Arizona, W
White, Mrs. Edith M. (*), Lexington, C
Wilcox, William H. (*), East Oklahoma, SC
Williams, Robert M., Washington, C
Wise, Robert B. (*), Northwest Indiana, NC

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Bryan, Dawson C., Texas, SC
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 Griffin, Mrs. T. J. (*), Southwest, C
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 Wahl, Frederick W., St. Louis, SC
 Werner, Hazen G., Ohio, NC
 Whitcher, Frank O. (*), West Wisconsin, NC
 Whitson, George E. (*), Dakota, NC
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 Carter, George W., Louisiana, C
 Caton, Andrew C., Montana, W
 Colley, Thomas E., Erie, NE
 Fletcher, Abbott L. (*), Northern Minnesota, NC
 Gibson, Miss Henrietta (*), Troy, NE
 Gleiser, Walter S., Pacific Northwest, W
 Goodell, Ralph A. (*), Michigan, NC
 Greer, Robert E., Holston, SE
 Henson, George W., Philadelphia, NE
 Johnson, Hubert T. (*), Central Texas, SC
 Lawton, George A., Iowa-DesMoines, NC
 Linn, Kennie M. (*), South India, OS
 McAllen, George I. (*), Virginia, SE
 Miller, Leslie, Kansas, SC
 O'Dell, Albert G. (*), Central New York, NE
 Perkins, E. C., Kiangsi, OS
 Sexon, James O. (*), Southern California-Arizona, W
 Smith, J. Harvey (*), South Florida, C
 Taggart, J. H., Southwest, C
 Vessey, Bernard (*), Colorado, W
 Wade, Mrs. H. King (*), Little Rock, SC
 Woosley, Oscar V. (*), Western North Carolina, SE

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Clay, Russell E., Southern California-Arizona, W
Davage, Matthew S. (*), Louisiana, C
Foster, Chapin D. (*), Pacific Northwest, W
Freeman, Horace T., South Georgia, SE
Garth, Schuyler E., North-East Ohio, NC
Gossard, Harry C. (*), New Mexico, SC
Greig, Frank H. (*), Louisville, SE
Harmon, Nolan B., Jr., Virginia, SE
Holland, Amos L., Mississippi, C
Houser, Otto H., Colorado, W
Jones, David D. (*), North Carolina, C
Jones, Edward M., Central Alabama, C
Lee, Umphrey, North Texas, SC
Petersen, Ernest W. (*), Oregon, W
Riley, Mrs. Earl S. (*), Indiana, NC
Shaffer, Frank L., West Virginia, NE
Snyder, Henry N. (*), Upper South Carolina, SE
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Clark, O. P., Northwest Texas, SC
Crompton, J. Rolland, Wyoming, NE
Heinsohn, Edmund, Southwest Texas, SC
James, Paul G. (*), Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Jordan, Miles W. (*), Texas, C
Kramer, R. R. (*), Holston, SE
Lyons, James L., Southern California-Arizona, W
Lyons, Leslie J. (*), Southwest Missouri, SC
Macklin, Sam L. (*), Oregon, W
Mahoney, Carl K., Pacific Northwest, W
Melson, Elwood F. (*), Peninsula, NE
Miller, Cassius J., Troy, NE
Miller, Samuel M., South Carolina, C
Parlin, Charles C. (*), Newark, NE
Peele, Clarence E., Upper South Carolina, SE
Rice, Samuel C., Kentucky, SE
Scott, Julius S., Texas, C
Stafford, Thomas A., Northern Minnesota, NC
Smith, Edward A. (*), Detroit, NC
Spencer, Robert B. (*), Colorado, W
Stuntz, Clyde B., Indus River, OS
Walker, Ezriah L. (*), Louisiana, SC
Wilson, Herbert S. (*), Delaware, C
Yang, Y. C., East China, OS
Young, Claud, Northwest Indiana, NC

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 Beebe, Albert E., New York East, NE
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 Grant, A. Raymond, California, W
 Greene, Walter K. (*), Upper South Carolina, SE
 Harrell, Costen J., Tennessee, SE
 Henry, Albert E., Central Kansas, SC
 Kelly, Edward W., Central West, C
 Law, Mrs. John G. (*), Wisconsin, NC
 Love, Edgar A., Washington, C
 McAllister, Reuben H. (*), Mississippi, C
 McGiffin, James (*), Southern California-Arizona, W
 Morgan, Mrs. Joy Elmer (*), Baltimore, NE
 Morris, Harry T., Colorado, W
 Northcott, H. Clifford, Illinois, NC
 O'Neal, Robert J. (*), Louisiana, SC
 Parks, Mrs. Eva B. (*), Atlanta, C
 Reed, Marshall R., Detroit, NC
 Robbins, Charles A. (*), Pacific Northwest, W
 Rogers, Wallace, North Georgia, SE
 Searcy, Hubert (*), Alabama, SE
 Score, J. N. R., Central Texas, SC
 Slutz, Frank D. (*), Ohio, NC
 Stringfellow, LeRoy W., New Hampshire, NE
 Studley, Miss Ellen, North China, OS
 Welch, Edgar T. (*), Erie, NE

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 Baker, Earle A., Upper Iowa, NC
 Bowen, John W. E., Louisiana, C
 Carpenter, Guy O., Indiana, NC
 Coates, Cristobal G., Eastern South America, OS
 Crabbe, George W. (*), Baltimore, NE
 Gamble, Foster K., North Alabama, SE
 Hartinger, William C., Indiana, NC
 Hartman, Lewis O., New England, NE
 Hayes, E. Pearce, Foochow, OS
 Huse, Raymond H., Central New York, NE
 Jenkins, E. Ray (*), Northeast Ohio, NC
 King, Willis J., Texas, C
 Lamb, Mrs. Fred A. (*), Southwest Missouri, SC
 Moore, Leon T., Philadelphia, NE
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 Peel, Mrs. Leon R. (*), Northern Minnesota, NC
 Poffenberger, Alvin C. (*), New Jersey, NE
 Score, J. N. R., Central Texas, SC
 Sexon, James O. (*), Southern California-Arizona, W
 Short, Roy H., Louisville, SE
 Skillington, J. Edgar, Central Pennsylvania, NE

Titus, Murray T., North India, OS
Welch, Edgar T. (*), Erie, NE
Worley, Lloyd F., New York East, NE

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Chairman—J. Manning Potts, Virginia, SE

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Gunter, William, New England, NE
King, Willis J., Texas, C
Potts, J. Manning, Virginia, SE
Tucker, Frank C., St. Louis, SC

GENERAL STANDING COMMITTEES

On General Standing Committees, 1 to 8, UNOFFICIAL DELEGATES were assigned to membership by the General Conference, at the request of the Council of Bishops. (See page 224.) (UD) means "Unofficial Delegate."

NO. 1. MEMBERSHIP, LAY ACTIVITIES, AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to Church membership and conditions, duties, and transfer thereof; to lay activities, stewards, trustees, properties, church finances (general and local), and to such activities of the Church at large in and through its institutions and Boards as are not made the specific responsibility of any other Legislative Committee.

RAY H. NICHOLS, *Chairman*;
D. STEWART PATTERSON, *Vice-Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, *Secretary*.

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*Anderson, Floyd N.....	Central Kansas, SC
*Bancroft, E. Dow.....	Ohio, NC
*Banker, H. F.....	Texas, SC
*Bartz, Otto F.....	Northwest Iowa, NC
Bell, C. Cooper.....	Virginia, SE
*Blasingame, Walter A.....	South Georgia, SE
*Boyd, David A.....	Florida, C
*Boyd, Miller W.....	East Tennessee, C
*Brazier, John S.....	Louisiana, C
Brewster, Edward B.....	Ohio, NC
*Bright, George W.....	West Virginia, NE
*Brookes, E. Luther (Deceased—March 29, 1944).....	Atlanta, C
*Brown, Herman D.....	Delaware, C
Bryan, Winfred F.....	Texas, SC
*Bunch, R. C.....	Western North Carolina, SE
*Byers, Charles A.....	Kansas, SC
*Caldwell, Charles W.....	South Carolina, C
*Carman, Edward R.....	New York East, NE
*Carson, John T.....	Philadelphia, NE
*Carter, A. M.....	Savannah, C
*Cherry, Hal H.....	Central Texas, SC
*Christenberry, W. B.....	Alabama, SE
*Christensen, Miss Lydia A. (UD).....	Indus River, OS
*Clark, Anson C.....	Troy, NE
*Clay, Thomas B.....	Genesee, NE
*Cohagan, S. A.....	Upper Iowa, NC
*Colony, Miss Lucile (UD).....	Central Provinces, OS
*Crawford, Alfred C.....	Rock River, NC
*Curtis, W. Foss.....	West Virginia, NE
*Davis, Warren H.....	New Hampshire, NE
*Day, Kelley J.....	Kentucky, SE

- *Deal, Edson H. Idaho, W
- *DeLong, Clarence H. Illinois, NC
- *Deneke, Wesley A. St. Louis, SC
- *Elliott, William P. Central Kansas, SC
- *Ellis, Matt L. Little Rock, SC
- *Ely, Blair Peninsula, NE
- *Evans, Evan C. Louisville, SE
- *Evans, Paul F. Western North Carolina, SE
- *Fletcher, William E. Washington, C
- Frye, Glenn M. Michigan, NC
- *Gammon, Bert O. Iowa-Des Moines, NC
- Garth, Schuyler, E. North-East Ohio, NC
- *Gettle, Homer R. North Indiana, NC
- *Gossard, Harry C. New Mexico, SC
- *Grace, J. Harry Baltimore, NE
- *Greenslit, Henry M. Nebraska, SC
- *Griffin, Mrs. T. J. Southwest, C
- *Guilds, J. Caldwell South Carolina, SE
- *Harrah, Ezra C. Colorado, W
- Harrell, Costen J. Tennessee, SE
- *Henry, Joseph S. West Texas, C
- *Hole, J. Wesley Southern California-Arizona, W
- *Houston, James G. North Mississippi, SE
- *Hummer, Harry R. Pittsburgh, NE
- *Hunt, Robert E. Upper Mississippi, C
- *Hunter, Stanley C. Northern Minnesota, NC
- *Houston, G. Robert Pacific Northwest, W
- *Ivins, Lester S., Ph.D. Ohio, NC
- *Johnston, Smith L. North Georgia, SE
- *Knapp, Arthur Southern Illinois, NC
- *Kurth, William J. New England, NE
- Lawton, George A. Iowa-Des Moines, NC
- *Liles, John L. North Alabama, SE
- *Lord, A. Taylor Wyoming, NE
- *Loring, Fred P. Maine, NE
- *Lynn, Lee W. Central Alabama, C
- Lyons, James L. Southern California-Arizona, W
- *McCullough, J. Bruce New England Southern, NE
- *McFall, Carl S. West Oklahoma, SC
- *Michener, Charles V. Minnesota, NC
- *Moore, J. G. North Arkansas, SC
- *Murphree, John C. North Texas, SC
- *Nichols, Ray H. Northwest Texas, SC
- *Noble, Fred B. Florida, SE
- *Odell, Albert G. Central New York, NE
- *Orcutt, Louis E. Newark, NE
- *Patterson, D. Stewart Baltimore, NE

Pearson, Ralph O.	Indiana, NC
*Peel, David T.	Southwest Texas, SC
*Peterson, Ernest W.	Oregon, W
*Phelps, Harley R.	Northern New York, NE
*Pohlman, George	Missouri, SC
*Quillian, Hubert T.	North Georgia, SE
*Ralph, Will P.	California, W
*Reeves, A. Raymond	Montana, W
*Roberts, E. Howard	Wisconsin, NC
*Rooks, Robert E.	Memphis, SE
*Rosenberger, John H.	Virginia, SE
*Rowell, Alvah D.	New York, NE
*Sheeley, Lynn	Holston, SE
Shen, John B. (UD)	Central China, OS
*Sherrod, Charles C.	Holston, SE
Skillington, J. Edgar	Central Pennsylvania, NE
*Smith, Edward A.	Detroit, NC
*Smith, J. Harvey	South Florida, C
*Smith, William J.	North Carolina, SE
*Snavelly, Herschel R.	Illinois, NC
*Snyder, Henry N.	Upper South Carolina, SE
*Stanger, Francis A., Jr.	New Jersey, NE
Street, Cassius E.	Southwest Missouri, SC
*Strong, Dennis F.	Detroit, NC
*Sullivan, J. Magruder	Mississippi, SE
*Sutton, Charles N.	North-East Ohio, NC
Templin, Leslie G. (UD)	Gujarat, OS
*Walker Ezriah L.	Louisiana, SC
*Welch, Edgar T.	Erie, NE
*Westcott, Miss Pauline (UD)	Hingham, OS
Wheaton, James D.	Mississippi, C
*Witcher, Frank O.	West Wisconsin, NC
*White, Mrs. Edith	Lexington, C
*Whitson, George E.	Dakota, NC
*Wilcox, William H.	East Oklahoma, SC
*Wise, Robert B.	Northwest Indiana, NC

NO. 2. MINISTRY

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the ministry of the Church in all its forms, grades, and orders.

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MARSHALL R. REED, *Vice-Chairman*;
FRANK L. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

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Archer, R. L. (UD)	Malaya, OS
Baker, Earle A.	Upper Iowa, NC
Baker, E. D.	Southwest Missouri, SC
Baker, W. Harrison	North Texas, SC

Baner, Albert L.	New Jersey, NE
Beebe, Albert E.	New York East, NE
Bowen, John W. E.	Louisiana, C
Branscomb, John W.	Florida, SE
Bransford, Wesley H.	North Indiana, NC
Brown, Paul B.	Southern Illinois, NC
*Brown, Mrs. Robert T.	Kentucky, SE
Butham, John C.	Northwest Iowa, NC
Callaghan, Arthur A.	Maine, NE
Cannon, O. D.	Wisconsin, NC
Carpenter, Guy O.	Indiana, NC
Clark, O. P.	Northwest Texas, SC
Cleland, Joseph W.	North-East Ohio, NC
Coile, Claude C.	New York, NE
Collins, Oliver J.	Peninsula, NE
*Connell, Mrs. R. E.	North Arkansas, SC
Coors, D. Stanley	Michigan, NC
Curl, R. F.	Southwest Texas, SC
Curtis, W. Marvette.	Alabama, SE
Danford, John W.	Ohio, NC
Davenport, George M.	North Alabama, SE
Davis, Ernest E.	Genesee, NE
Dewey, Horace E. (UD)	North China, OS
Donald, W. Clyde.	Detroit, NC
Doss, W. LaFayette, Jr.	Louisiana, SC
*Drake, Mrs. M. M.	Tennessee, C
*Eastman, Joel A.	Illinois, NC
Freeman, Horace T.	South Georgia, SE
*Frey, Max V.	Central Pennsylvania, NE
Goff, Charles R.	Rock River, NC
Goodsell, H. Guy.	Oregon, W
Grant, Thomas McM.	North Carolina, SE
Greene, Nathaniel W.	South Carolina, C
Grimes, Charles C.	Memphis, SE
Hanifan, John E.	West Virginia, NE
Hauser, Scott P (UD)	Chile, OS
Hawley, John W.	Pittsburgh, NE
Henry, Albert E.	Central Kansas, SC
Hillman, Paul M.	Nebraska, SC
Hodge, Bachman G.	Tennessee, SE
Holland, Amos L.	Mississippi, C
Huse, Raymond H.	Central New York, NE
*Jenkins, E. Ray	North-East Ohio, NC
*Johnson, Mrs. Pinkie D.	Texas, C
Jordan, Arthur P.	Illinois, NC
Lambdin, Henry L.	Newark, NE
LaPrade, William H.	North Georgia, SE
Ledden, Earl W.	Troy, NE
Lord, R. Guy	North Mississippi, SE
Lyons, Ernest L. (UD)	Northern Philippine, OS

McMillan, Kay W.	West Texas, C
Miller, Isaac E.	Ohio, NC
Mills, Walter J.	Texas, SC
Minkler, R. Glenn	Dakota, NC
Moore, Leon T.	Philadelphia, NE
Morgan, Robert E. L.	West Oklahoma, SC
*Morris, Percy F. (Deceased—November 22, 1943)	California, W
Morris, R. Gammon	Lexington, C
Nason, Philip S. (Transferred)	New Hampshire, NE
Nease, Edgar H.	Western North Carolina, SE
Ogle, Edwin H.	Holston, SE
Pace, J. C. (UD)	Northwest India, OS
Peele, Clarence E.	Upper South Carolina, SE
Pegues, David K.	Missouri, SC
*Phelps, William R.	Virginia, SE
Potts, J. Manning	Virginia, SE
Pugh, A. Wesley	North Indiana, NC
*Redstone, Edward H.	New England, NE
Reed, Marshall R.	Detroit, NC
Reves, Claude M.	Little Rock, SC
Scarborough, E. F.	Upper Mississippi, C
Score, J. N. R.	Central Texas, SC
*Saxon, James O.	Southern California-Arizona, W
Shaffer, Frank L.	West Virginia, NE
Short, Roy H.	Louisville, SE
Smith, Leonard B.	Baltimore, NE
Stovall, Thomas L.	Northwest Indiana, NC
Stuntz, Clyde B. (UD)	Indus River, OS
Taggart, J. H.	Southwest, C
Timerman, Donald	Ohio, NC
*Vessey, Bernard	Colorado, W
Wahl, Frederick W.	St. Louis, SC
Walker, James W.	Wyoming State, W
Warfield, Gaither P. (UD)	Poland, OS
Warren, John W.	Northern New York, NE
Weaver, Charles C.	Western North Carolina, SE
Webb, Ernest C.	East Oklahoma, SC
Weis, LeRoy L.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Wengatz, J. C. (UD)	Liberia, OS
Wood, Lynn A.	Pacific Northwest, W

NO. 3. EDUCATION

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Education and to the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board.

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 JAMES N. HILLMAN, *Secretary*;
 THOMAS E. COLLEY, *Assistant Secretary*.

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Baumhofer, Earl F.	Northern Minnesota, NC
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Bennett, Reginald V.	Louisville, SE
*Berger, Dr. Evelyn Miller	California, W
Bradshaw, Robert W.	North Carolina, SE
Brashares, Charles W.	Detroit, NC
*Cerdo, Gilberto	Southwest Mexican, SC
*Chaffee, H. Almon	New York East, NE
Colley, Thomas E.	Erie, NE
Coman, Alfred P.	Central New York, NE
*Coons, H. Westlake	New York, NE
Corson, Fred P.	Central Pennsylvania, NE
Coulter, Charles M.	Ohio, NC
*Dannelly, Clarence M.	Alabama, SE
*Davage, Matthew S.	Louisiana, C
Davis, Milton C.	Mexico, OS
*Davis, Wilmer Fell	Peninsula, NE
Downs, Karl E.	West Texas, C
*Ebner, Mrs. Anne M.	New Jersey, NE
*Egan, James A.	East Oklahoma, SC
Estes, Lud H.	Memphis, SE
Ferguson, Clarence F.	South Carolina, C
Ford, J. Emerson	South Carolina, SE
Fox, Jesse	North Indiana, NC
Gernhardt, Henry J.	North Dakota, NC
*Gillinder, James M.	Newark, NE
*Goodell, Ralph A.	Michigan, NC
*Gray, Robert A.	Florida, SE
*Greene, Walter K.	Upper South Carolina, SE
Harris, M. LaFayette	Lexington, C
Havighurst, Freeman C.	Southwest Missouri, SC
Hawk, Eugene B.	Central Texas, SC
Haywood, John W.	East Tennessee, C
*Heer, A. L.	North-East Ohio, NC
Hicks, Guy M.	Louisiana, SC
*Hillman, James N.	Holston, SE
Holloway, Fred G.	Baltimore, NE
*Hubbard, Mrs. Ida	Northwest Iowa, NC
*Jackson, Will W.	Southwest Texas, SC
Johnson, Julius C.	Tennessee, C
Johnson, Zachary T.	Kentucky, SE
*Jones, David D.	North Carolina, C
Jordan, G. Ray	Western North Carolina, SE
Kean, Roy N.	Southern Illinois, NC
Kimbrough, Spencer O.	North Alabama, SE
Knoles, Tully C.	California, W

Landrum, Van B.	Mississippi, SE
*Law, Clyde O.	West Virginia, NE
*Lawson, Mrs. David J.	Pacific Northwest, W
Lee, Umphrey	North Texas, SC
Lister, W. Frank	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Liu, Miss Katherine (UD)	Foochow, OS
Lochridge, Frank E.	Dakota, NC
Lott, Fred E.	Wyoming, NE
Lugg, Thomas B.	Illinois, NC
Lundy, Clyde E.	Holston, SE
*Macklin, Sam L.	Oregon, W
Marsh, Daniel L.	New England, NE
*Martin, Mrs. John E.	Detroit, NC
*McGiffin, James	Southern California-Arizona, W
McPherson, Harry W.	Illinois, NC
Miller, Cassius, J.	Troy, NE
Moore, Leon S.	Delaware, C
Moore, Leland	South Georgia, SE
*Moreland, J. Earl	Virginia, SE
Morris, Harry T.	Colorado, W
*Morrison, Ed.	West Oklahoma, SC
Morrison, Paul (Transferred)	Genesee, NE
Persinger, Benjamin M.	Virginia, SE
*Plette, Mrs. G. W. L.	Minnesota, NC
Prentzel, Frank, Jr.	Philadelphia, NE
Quillian, Paul W.	Texas, SC
Reykdal, Theodore J.	Wisconsin, NC
Riggleman, Leonard	West Virginia, NE
*Riley, Mrs. Earl S.	Indiana, NC
Rumble, Lester	North Georgia, SE
Schisler, John Q.	North Arkansas, SC
Schwartz, Benjamin F.	Nebraska, SC
*Shannon, Dr. Mary E.	Kansas, SC
*Slutz, Frank D.	Ohio, NC
Smith, Horace G.	Rock River, NC
Stafford, Garland R.	Western North Carolina, SE
Stephens, John E.	North Mississippi, SE
Story, Earl E.	New England Southern, NE
*Taunton, Van B.	North Alabama, SE
*Taylor, Dean (Deceased—September 23, 1943)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Temple, Herbert D.	Upper Iowa, NC
Templin, Lester R.	Central Kansas, SC
Terry, Arthur	Little Rock, SC
Tippett, Donald H.	Southern California-Arizona, W
Tucker, Frank C.	St. Louis, SC
*West, Thomas H.	Rock River, NC
White, Paul B.	West Wisconsin, NC
*Williams, Miss Arsanian M.	Central West, C
Williams, Fred G. (UD)	Bengal, OS
Williams, Robert M.	Washington, C
*Willson, James M.	Northwest Texas, SC
Wilson, Elwin L.	Maine, NE

Womeldorf, Paul D. Central Kansas, SC
 Wright, Louis C. North-East Ohio, NC

NO. 4. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Missions and Church Extension and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

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 MRS. J. D. BRAGG, *Vice-Chairman*;
 MARVIN A. FRANKLIN, *Secretary*.

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- * Adams, Charles V. Central Pennsylvania, NE
- * Aldrich, Mrs. Arthur C. Rock River, NC
- * Allison, Will F. Illinois, NC
- Anderson, Sid R. (UD) East China, OS
- * Avery, Mrs. Alice G. Southern Illinois, NC
- * Awtrey, Mrs. Lemmon N. North Georgia, SE

- * Baker, Mrs. J. H. Dakota, NC
- * Barr, Mrs. C. A. Southwest Texas, SC
- * Bartlett, Mrs. Edward R. Northwest Indiana, NC
- Bartley, Henry W. Florida, C
- * Bell, Mrs. Frank G. North Alabama, SE
- Black, Benjamin B. Upper South Carolina, SE
- Blackard, William F. Holston, SE
- Brady, Austin C. New Jersey, NE
- * Bragg, Mrs. J. D. St. Louis, SC
- Brown, Earl R. North-East Ohio, NC
- * Brown, Samuel L. West Texas, C
- * Brown, Mrs. Warren E. Michigan, NC
- * Brown, Mrs. W. Raymond Genesee, NE
- Brown, William E. New Mexico, SC
- Brownlee, Thomas M. Mississippi, SE
- Bryan, Dawson C. Texas, SC
- * Bunce, Miss Thirsa (UD) Malaya, OS

- Carter, George W. Louisiana, C
- * Cherrington, Mrs. Homer V. Upper Iowa, NC
- * Cole, Mrs. Redmond S. East Oklahoma, SC
- Cram, Willard G. Kentucky, SE
- Cromer, Horace E. Baltimore, NE

- Donaldson, Charles M. Idaho, W
- * Downs, Mrs. Ward M. West Virginia, NE

- * Easter, John E. Virginia, SE

- * Flegal, Mrs. Frank Porter California, W
- Franklin, Marvin A. North Alabama, SE

- Galbraith, John A. Erie, NE
- * Gibson, Miss Henrietta Troy, NE
- Guerra, Bishop Eleazar Mexico, OS

- Havighurst, Lawrence D. Northwest Iowa, NC
- Henry, Harry D. Minnesota, NC

- *Imboden, Charles A. Illinois, NC
- *Johnson, Mrs. Andrew C. Louisville, SE
- *Jones, Miss Dorothy (UD) Shantung, OS
- Jones, Edward M. Central Alabama, C
- *Jones, James A. Western North Carolina, SE
- *King, Miss Sarah Rhodesia, OS
- LaCrone, Don H. West Oklahoma, SC
- *Langford, Miss Elizabeth S. Lexington, C
- *Lauer, Mrs. Harry Iowa-Des Moines, NC
- Laupmanis, Janis (UD) Baltic and Slavic, OS
- *Law, Mrs. John G. Wisconsin, NC
- *Lee, Miss Elizabeth M. Pittsburgh, NE
- *LeSourd, Mrs. Howard M. New England, NE
- Lipscomb, L. N. Northwest Texas, SC
- *Long, Mrs. Conrad C. Ohio, NC
- *Longstreth, Mrs. Wilbur E. Missouri, SC
- Love, Edgar A. Washington, C
- Magnuson, Ray F. Nebraska, SC
- Martin, Albert W. North Arkansas, SC
- Martin, Araba Ohio, NC
- *McDonald, Samuel J. South Carolina, C
- *McDonald, T. Morton Indiana, NC
- *Mead, Mrs. Charles W. Nebraska, SC
- Medellin, Juan Southwest Mexican, SC
- *Melson, Elwood F. Peninsula, NE
- *Mills, Mrs. Walter J. Texas, SC
- Moore, Aubrey S. Rock River, NC
- Morgado, Edmundo Cuba, SE
- *Morgan, Mrs. Joy Elmer Baltimore, NE
- *Naftzger, Mrs. Julia P. North Indiana, NC
- Newell, Frederick B. New York East, NE
- Ormond, Jesse M. North Carolina, SE
- Palmquist, Theodore H. California, W
- Pedersen, Frederick L. Pacific Northwest, W
- *Peel, Mrs. Leon R. Northern Minnesota, NC
- Pellowe, William C. S. Detroit, NC
- Perkins, E. C. Kiangsi, OS
- *Perkins, Joe J. North Texas, SC
- Perryman, Willis L. Southwest Missouri, SC
- Peterson, B. O. (UD) Philippine, OS
- Phillips, Glenn R. Southern California-Arizona, W
- *Pierce, Miss Mildred (UD) Bengal, OS
- *Pollard, Mrs. John B. Louisiana, SC
- *Pritchard, William P. New England Southern, NE
- Quimby, Karl K. Newark, NE
- Riddick, Roland P. Virginia, SE
- *Rogers, Mrs. Joe T. Central Kansas, SC
- Rogers, Wallace North Georgia, SE
- *Roudebush, Roy R. North Indiana, NC
- Rowe, Benjamin Central New York, NE

*Sapp, Mrs. Clarence C.	South Georgia, SE
Savage, George R.	Wyoming, NE
Scott, Julius S.	Texas, C
Seamands, Earl A.	South India, OS
*Seward, Mrs. John R.	North-East Ohio, NC
*Shappell, Mrs. W. E.	Philadelphia, NE
*Shearer, Miss Mary C. (UD)	West China, OS
Slaughter, Dow P.	Alabama, SE
Sockman, Ralph W.	New York, NE
*Spencer, Robert B.	Colorado, W
*Stout, Mrs. B. Rule	Holston, SE
*Sykes, W. Clyde	Northern New York, NE
*Tanner, Ennis A.	North Mississippi, SE
*Tatum, Mrs. S. Homer	Memphis, SE
*Titus, Mrs. Olive G.	North India, OS
*Tyner, Howard	West Wisconsin, NC
Walton, A. Jack	West Virginia, NE
Ward, Walter W.	Central Texas, SC
*Watters, Dr. Hyla (UD)	Central China, OS
*Weaver, Mrs. Charles C.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Werner, Mrs. H. E.	Kansas, SC
*White, Mrs. Edwin B.	Florida, SE
*Williams, Claud W.	Mississippi, C
*Wilson, Mrs. Bryon H.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Wilson, Herbert S.	Delaware, C
*Yarbrough, Charles H.	Tennessee, SE
*Zartman, Mrs. Foss	Ohio, NC

NO. 5. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions and etc., relating to the Board of Publication and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

CHARLES E. SCOFFIELD, *Secretary.*
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 TROY W. APPLEBY, *Vice-Chairman;*

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

*Andrew, Walter M.	New York, NE
Andrews, Benjamin H.	Louisiana, SC
*Appleby, Troy W.	Ohio, NC
Bays, James A.	Holston, SE
Boyd, P. M.	Florida, SE
Brooks, Robert N.	North Carolina, C
*Brown, Mrs. Wallace E.	Central New York, NE
Cooper, Claude W.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Crummey, John D.	California, W
Curry, James C.	East Oklahoma, SC
*DeWeese, Henry O.	North Indiana, NC
*Donaldson, Mrs. B. R.	Detroit, NC

*Earp, William L.	Southwest Missouri, SC
*Edwards, Joseph R.	Central Texas, SC
*Fitch, Harold	Illinois, NC
*Forman, Julius M.	North Mississippi, SE
*Foster, Mrs. Earl	West Oklahoma, SC
Garber, Paul N.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Gilligan, Henry	Baltimore, NE
Gleiser, Walter S.	Pacific Northwest, W
*Green, Roy M.	Nebraska, SC
*Haley, Paul S.	North Alabama, SE
Hanson, Pery O. (UD)	Shantung, OS
Harmon, Nolan B., Jr.	Virginia, NE
*Hart, John C.	Wyoming, NE
Hearn, Walter A.	Peninsula, NE
Henderson, Newton C.	Southern Illinois, NC
Hoffman, Joseph C.	West Virginia, NE
*Hood, Gurney P.	North Carolina, SE
Hough, Lynn Harold	New York East, NE
Humphreys, Gideon I.	Western North Carolina, SE
Johnson, Silas	South Georgia, SE
Jordan, Fred J.	West Wisconsin, NC
Kestle, Asa J.	Ohio, NC
*Klein, George R.	North-East Ohio, NC
*Lynch, G. Stanley	Philadelphia, NE
*McAllen, George I.	Virginia, SE
*McAllister, Reuben H.	Mississippi, C
*McCrea, Archie E.	Michigan, NC
*McKay, Leo H.	Erie, NE
McPheeters, Chester A.	Indiana, NC
*McQuiston, Jackson C.	Pittsburgh, NE
Mecklenburg, George	Northern Minnesota, NC
Meeks, Benjamin W.	Baltimore, NE
Miller, Leslie	Kansas, SC
Miller, Samuel M.	South Carolina, C
Morrill, Miron A.	Minnesota, NC
Northeott, H. Clifford	Illinois, NC
Peterson, Howard W.	North-East Ohio, NC
*Proper, Frank C.	New Jersey, NE
Randolph, Joseph D.	Missouri, SC
*Redwine, Marcus C.	Kentucky, SE
*Ryder, Frank H.	Troy, NE
Scheerer, Lloyd H.	Northwest Iowa, NC
Schofield, Charles E.	Central Kansas, SC
*Searcy, Hubert T.	Alabama, SE
Shirkey, Albert P.	Southwest Texas, SC
*Simpson, Leverett J.	Genesee, NE
*Slaughter, Nat G.	North Georgia, SE
Smith, Roy L.	Southern California-Arizona, W

Smith, W. Angie	North Texas, SC
*Stockwell, Miss Grace (UD)	Burma, OS
Stone, Fred D.	Rock River, NC
Sutherland, Benjamin L.	Mississippi, SE
Tower, Joe Z.	Texas, SC
Underwood, James E.	Memphis, SE
Washabaugh, J. Edgar	Newark, NE
*Wiseman, William H.	Tennessee, SE
Wolfe, John L.	West Virginia, NE
Young, Claude	Northwest Indiana, NC

NO. 6. CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the support of retired and supernumerary ministers, widows, and dependent children of deceased ministers, not including Bishops.

ARTHUR M. WELLS, *Chairman*;
 SIDNEY H. BABCOCK, *Vice-Chairman*;
 PHILIP E. RILEY, *Secretary*.

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Allgood, Benjamin F.	New Jersey, NE
*Archer, William D.	North-East Ohio, NC
Babcock, Sidney H.	West Oklahoma, SC
*Baker, John H.	Baltimore, NE
Baker, Rufus C.	Colorado, W
*Barradell, William H.	New York East, NE
*Brown, I. W.	Illinois, NC
*Bryant, R. Bernard	Northwest Texas, SC
*Burrows, Charles W.	Troy, NE
*Carr, Robert B.	North Alabama, SE
Carroll, Arthur G.	New York, NE
Chambers, Herbert O.	Upper South Carolina, SE
Clay, Russell E.	Southern California Arizona, W
Crompton, J. Rolland	Wyoming, NE
*Currie, Miss Margaret	Maine, NE
*Davis, Miss Hazel (UD)	Northern Philippine, OS
*Davis, J. Boyd	Ohio, NC
Duncomb, Franklin	Philadelphia, NE
*Fisher, Burgie L.	Virginia, SE
Gamble, Foster K.	North Alabama, SE
Gordon, R. Ernest	Kansas, SC
Greer, Robert E.	Holston, SE
Gum, Walter C.	Virginia, SE
*Harshbarger, Clyde L.	West Virginia, NE
Hartman, Lewis O.	New England, NE
Heckman, Edgar R.	Central Pennsylvania, NE
Henry, David W.	Delaware, C
Hillman, Edgar L.	North Carolina, SE

- *Hocking, Edward P. Wisconsin, NC
 *Hoey, Clyde R. Western North Carolina, SE
 *Huckleberry, Edward Indiana, NC
 Hunter, Alfred V. Nebraska, SC
- *Jackson, Henry E. Southwest Texas, SC
 *James, Paul G. Iowa-Des Moines, NC
- Kelly, Edward W. Central West, C
 Kilpatrick, Lester A. Michigan, NC
- Lord, J. Wesley Newark, NE
 *Loucks, Charles O. Rock River, NC
 Love, Ernest C. Northern New York, NE
- McCurdy, Harold E. Erie, NE
 McIlwain, A. Thomas North Mississippi, SE
 McKibben, J. W. O. North Georgia, SE
 *Metcalf, Mrs. Harold S. Pittsburgh, NE
 Morrow, Harry E. Upper Iowa, NC
 Mulligan, Thomas C. Peninsula, NE
- *O'Dell, Wesley H. West Virginia, NE
 *O'Neal, Robert J. Louisiana, SC
- Perkins, Albert R. Kentucky, SE
 Phillips, C. Gordon Detroit, NC
- Rankin, W. P. California, W.
 Rigin, E. Cranston Baltimore, NE
 Riley, Philip E. Central Texas, SC
 *Robbins, Charles A. Pacific Northwest, W
 Robinson, William W. North Indiana, NC
 Root, Herbert J. Central Kansas, SC
 Roush, Lester L. Ohio, NC
 *Rust, Littell J. Tennessee, SE
- Salter, John D. East Oklahoma, SC
 Schubel, Burnell L. St. Louis, SC
 Searles, J. Wesley Genesee, NE
 *Shephard, C. Leighton (Deceased—January 15, 1944)
 South Georgia, SE
- *Smith, Robert J. Southwest Missouri, SC
 *Stackhouse, Will South Carolina, SE
 Stafford, Thomas A. Northern Minnesota, NC
- *Thomasson, Gus W. North Texas, SC
 *Thompson, Pat Texas, SC
 Tyler, Robert Z. Florida, SE
- *Utz, William H., Jr. Missouri, SC
- Wells, Arthur M. Illinois, NC
 Winter, Charles (UD) Hinghwa, OS
- *Yocom, J. Lee Northwest Indiana, NC

NO. 7. CONFERENCES

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the General, Jurisdictional, Central, Provisional Central, Annual, Provisional Annual, District, Quarterly, and Church Conferences and Missions and Annual Meetings.

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
 JOSEPH H. THRAILKILL, *Vice-Chairman*;
 JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

Andrews, Henry M.	Alabama, SE
Bacon, C. Clifford	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Bartak, Joseph P. (UD)	Bohemia-Moravia, OS
*Boudet, Moises	Cuba, SE
*Brockett, Howard R.	New York East, NE
Burgan, Harry W.	Baltimore, NE
Burns, Otis A.	South Florida, C
*Child's Benjamin G.	North Carolina, SE
*Clark, Mrs. Samuel H.	Newark, NE
Denniston, Benjamin M.	New York, NE
*Eells, Linden L.	Nebraska, SC
Fain, J. Ed	South Georgia, SE
*Greenhaw, Karl	North Arkansas, SC
*Guyer, Mrs. Laura V.	Central Pennsylvania, NE
Harper, Marvin H.	Central Provinces, OS
Hartinger, William C.	Indiana, NC
Haymes, J. O.	Northwest Texas, SC
Helrigel, William H.	Michigan, NC
Henson, George W.	Philadelphia, NE
Hogg, William L.	Pittsburgh, NE
*Holler, J. Carlisle	Upper South Carolina, SE
Holmes, William W.	Louisiana, SC
*Hunt, Walter L.	Wyoming, NE
Johnson, Andrew C.	Louisville, SE
*Johnson, Hubert T.	Central Texas, SC
Jones, Guy F.	Texas, SC
Kenney, John R.	California, W
Ketcham, Charles B.	North-East Ohio, NC
King, Willis J.	Texas, C
*Kirk, Lyle O.	Ohio, NC
*Kramer, R. R.	Holston, SE
*Lamb, Mrs. Fred A.	Southwest Missouri, SC
Mahoney, Carl K.	Pacific Northwest, W
Martin, Paul E.	North Texas, SC
Maxwell, Marvin M. (Deceased—November 21, 1943)	North Georgia, SE
*Meek, Paul	Memphis, SE

*Mickler, Fred T.	Florida, SE
*Miller, Charles M.	Kansas, SC
*Newton, H. E.	East Oklahoma, SC
Perry, James A.	Troy, NE
*Poffenberger, Alvin C.	New Jersey, NE
Prothro, Charles W.	Savannah, C
Ragan, Raye.	Illinois, NC
Rice, Samuel C.	Kentucky, SE
*Richards, Miss Gertrude E. (UD)	Northwest India, OS
Rives, Joseph J.	Virginia, SE
*Schaedel, Mrs. Charles T.	Texas, SC
Schatzman, Albert G.	Ohio, NC
Smith, Robert J.	West Oklahoma, SC
Spellman, L. U.	Southwest Texas, SC
*Stevens, Benjamin M.	Mississippi, SE
Stevenson, Henry M.	North Alabama, SE
*Strange, John K.	Wyoming State, W
*Streeter, Ray	Central Kansas, SC
*Templin, Mrs. Leslie G. (UD)	Gujarat, OS
*Timmons, Mrs. Christian N.	Rock River, NC
Titus, Murray T.	North India, OS
Ward, Woodrow	South Carolina, SE
Ware, H. Wendell	West Virginia, NE
*Wells, Luther W.	Virginia, SE
*Williams, Walter C.	North Indiana NC
*Wood, Alpheus B. P.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Wosley, Oscar V.	Western North Carolina, SE

NO. 8. STATE OF THE CHURCH

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to social service, temperance (and the Board of Temperance), labor, Sabbath observance, divorce, amusements, and those elements, factors, and aspects of the social and spiritual welfare of the Church not made the responsibility of any other committee.

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MRS. E. L. HILLMAN, *Secretary*.

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*Bacon, Miss Nettie A. (UD)	Lucknow, OS
*Bailey, Miss Marion M.	Detroit, NC
*Bailey, Thomas L.	Mississippi, SE
*Baker, Leverett C.	Central Kansas, SC
Bevan, Frank W.	Troy, NE
*Bickley, Mrs. C. A.	Northwest Texas, SC
*Bryan, Mrs. Gid J.	Central Texas, SC
Bunch, Jesse W.	Oregon, W
*Calhoun, Gallaway	Texas, SC
*Cannon, John S. M.	Little Rock, S. C.
Carder, Okey J.	Missouri, SC
Carlyon, Richard E.	Nebraska, SC

Caton, Andrew C.	Montana, W
*Cherrington, Ernest H.	Ohio, NC
Chitwood, J. Henry	North Alabama, SE
*Clark, B. Clyde	West Oklahoma, SC
*Cliffe, Albert W.	Philadelphia, NE
Coldsmith, Charles I.	Kansas, SC
*Cox, A. Ward	West Virginia, NE
*Crabbe, George W.	Baltimore, SE
Crane, Henry H.	Detroit, NC
Daniels, W. Clay	Holston, SE
Day, Albert E.	Southern California-Arizona, W
Depp, Mark	Pittsburgh, NE
*Dolliver, James I.	Northwest Iowa, NC
*Elijah, Earl	Upper Iowa, NC
*Evans, Miss Mary A. (UD)	Philippine, OS
*Fletcher, Abbott L.	Northern Minnesota, NC
*Foster, Chapin D.	Pacific Northwest, W
*Gaither, Mrs. Florence E.	Washington, C
Garrison, Edwin R.	North Indiana, NC
*Gordon, Mrs. Maymie E.	South Carolina, C
Grant, A. Raymond	California, W
*Gregg, Frank H.	Louisville, SE
Grummon, Arthur R.	Illinois, NC
Gunter, William	New England, NE
*Hample, Gideon A.	North Dakota, NC
*Hammerberg, Mrs. Anton (UD)	Finland, OS
Hayden, Ransford S. (Deceased—February 14, 1944)	North Arkansas, SC
Heinsohn, Edmund	Southwest Texas, SC
*Henderson, Zach S.	South Georgia, SE
*Henn, Mrs. William C.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Hildebrand, Carroll D. W.	Northwest Indiana, NC
*Hillman, Mrs. Edgar L.	North Carolina, SE
*Hindman, J. Clyde	Southern Illinois, NC
*Hoover, Arthur L.	North-East Ohio, NC
Houser, Otto	Colorado, W
*Ivey, J. B.	Western North Carolina, SE
James, Glenn C.	Florida, SE
*Jones, Charles A.	Ohio, NC
*Jones, Tracey K.	Central New York, NE
*Jordan, Miles W.	Texas, C
*Jordan, Mrs. W. O.	North Texas, SC
Jorns, Elza L.	East Oklahoma, SC
*Kibler, Russell M.	Indiana, NC
*Knight, Miss Frances	Detroit, NC
*Lyons, Leslie, J.	Southwest Missouri, SC
*Muncy, William T.	Nebraska, SC
*Munn, Mrs. Orson E.	Michigan, NC

- *Nye, Mrs. Florence K..... Central New York, NE
- *Parlin, Charles C..... Newark, NE
- Raver, William R..... New Jersey, NE
- *Redd, John H..... Virginia, SE
- Rowe, Gilbert T..... Western North Carolina, SE
- *Slayton, J. T. Kentucky, SE
- Secrest, Paul E..... North-East Ohio, NC
- *Sexton, Mrs. George S., Jr..... Louisiana, SC
- *Seymour, Mrs. Jerome..... Southern California-Arizona, W
- Sheppard, B. Burton..... Wisconsin, NC
- *Simonds, Miss Mildred (UD)..... Hyderabad, OS
- Smart, W. Aiken..... Virginia, SE
- *Smith, Chester A..... New York, NE
- *Spillman, Mrs. James H..... Kentucky, SE
- Spurrier, Percy M..... New England Southern, NE
- *Studley, Miss Ellen M. (UD)..... North China, OS
- Tittle, Ernest Fremont..... Rock River, NC
- *Trotter, Frank H..... Holston, SE
- *Wells, Jere A..... North Georgia, SE
- Werner, Hazen G..... Ohio, NC
- Wiggins, Sam B..... North Arkansas, SC
- Worley, Loyd F..... New York East, NE
- *Wright, Mrs. Bruce S..... Erie, NE
- *Wright, Mrs. Nancy L..... St. Louis, SC
- *Yang, Y. C. (UD)..... East China, OS

PERSONNEL
OF
THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1944

Names of Delegates and Reserve Delegates, Ministerial and Lay, arranged in in the order of their election, and alphabetically by Annual Conferences, with post office addresses, appointments, or occupations.

Where an OVERSEAS Conference has no data, war conditions prevented the sending of any information to the Secretary of the General Conference.

Figures following the name of each Annual Conference designate the total number of Delegates for that Conference. The Annual Conference Delegation is composed of an equal number of Ministerial and Lay Delegates. Abbreviations after the figure: NE, Northeastern Jurisdiction; SE, Southeastern Jurisdiction; C, Central Jurisdiction; NC, North Central Jurisdiction; SC, South Central Jurisdiction; W, Western Jurisdiction; OS, Overseas Conference.

Underneath the name of each Annual Conference will be found the location in the Conference Hall where the Delegation was seated, giving the Section, Row, and the seats allocated.

(*Denotes Lay Delegate)

(DS) District Superintendent; (P) Pastor; (BE) Business Executive; (H) Homemaker; (CP-WSCS) Conference President, Woman's Society of Christian Service.

ALABAMA (6) SE

Sec. C; Row 11; Seats 7-12

Curtis, W. Marvette (DS), Pensacola D; 900 E. Jackson St., Pensacola, Fla.

Andrews, Henry M. (P), Enterprise; Enterprise, Ala.

Slaughter, Dow P. (DS), Montgomery D; 6 Wellington Road, Montgomery, Ala.

*Dannelly, Clarence M. (Supt. of Public Schools), 301 S. Lawrence St., Montgomery, Ala.

*Searcy, Hubert T. (Prs. Huntingdon College), Montgomery, Ala.

*Christenberry, W. B. (Bookkeeper), Selma, Ala.

Reserves

Middlebrooks, Acton E. (Editor, *Ala. Christian Advocate*), 516 N. 22nd St., Birmingham, Ala.

Shafer, Albert E. (P), First Church; Pensacola, Fla.

Preer, Carlton (P), Gadsden Street; 902 E. Jackson St., Pensacola, Fla.

- Childs, Ernest A. (P), Dexter Avenue; 9 Gilmer Ave., Montgomery, Ala.
 *Malone, Edward R. (Banker), American National Bank; Pensacola, Fla.
 *Rencher, Ed R. (Bookkeeper), Fernway, Mobile, Ala.
 *Ellison, John T. (Lawyer), Centreville, Ala.
 *Tompkins, Oscar L. (Lawyer), Newberry Bldg., Dothan, Ala.

ATLANTA (2) C

Sec. A; Row 6; Seats 9-10

- Thomas, J. Wesley (P), Warren Memorial; 938 Ashby Grove, S. W., Atlanta, Ga.
 *Brookes, E. Luther. (Deceased, March 29, 1944.)

Reserves

- Newton, Edward G. (P), Fort Street; 210 Fort St., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.
 *Parks, Mrs. Eva B. (CP-WSCS), 503 Rockwell St., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

BALTIC AND SLAVIC (2) OS

Sec. D; Row 18; Seats 1-2

BALTIMORE (12) NE

Sec. D; Rows 8-9; Seats 1-6, 1-6

- Cromer, Horace E (DS), Washington East D; 100 Maryland Ave., N. E., Washington, D. C.
 — Holloway, Fred G. (Pres. Western Maryland College), Westminster, Baltimore, Md.
 Burgan, Harry W. (P), Hamline; 1026 Decatur St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
 Riggan, E. Cranston (DS), East D; 516 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.
 Smith, Leonard B. (P), Edmondson Avenue; 3612 Edmondson Ave., Baltimore, Md.
 — Meeks, Benjamin W. (P), Calvary; 131 W. Second St., Frederick, Md.
 *Patterson, D. Stewart (Secy. Commission on Chaplains), 100 Maryland Ave., N. E., Washington, D. C.
 *Crabbe, George W. (National Supt. Anti-Saloon League), 131 B. St., S. E., Washington, D. C.
 *Gilligan, Henry (Lawyer), 2304 First St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
 *Baker, John H. (BE), Belvedere Hotel, Baltimore, Md.
 *Morgan, Mrs. Joy Elmer (CP-WSCS), 4109 17th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
 *Grace, J. Harry (BE), 2516 Hermosa Ave., Baltimore, Md.

Reserves

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BELGIUM (2) OS

Sec. B; Row 20; Seats 11-12

BENGAL (2) OS

Sec. D; Row 12; Seats 1-2

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Reserves

- Chowdhury, John S. (DS), Methodist Church, Buddhadanga, Asansol, Bengal, India.
*Beeken, Mrs. Elsie R. (Principal, Pakaur Bengali School), Methodist Mission, Pakaur, S. P. Bihar, India.

BOHEMIA-MORAVIA (2) OS

Sec. D; Row 18; Seats 3-4

BOMBAY (2) OS

Sec. D; Row 12; Seats 5-6

- Wagner, Paul E. (DS), Dhulia-Puntamba D; Dhulia, West Klandesh, India.
*Wagner, Mrs. Paul E. (Missionary), Dhulia, West Khandesh, India.

Reserves

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BURMA (2) OS

Sec. D; Row 12; Seats 3-4

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Reserve

- Clare, Maurice A. (Missionary, Burma), 150 Fifth Ave., New York (11), N. Y.

CALIFORNIA (10) W

Sec. A; Rows 11-12; Seats 1-5, 1-5

- Palmquist, Theodore H. (P), First Church; 1350 M. St., Fresno, Cal.
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 *Morris, Percy F. (Deceased Nov. 22, 1943).
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CENTRAL ALABAMA (2) C

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- Turner, Walter L. (DS), Huntsville D; 309 8th Ave., W., Birmingham, Ala.
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CENTRAL CHINA (2) OS

Sec. B; Row 19; Seats 1-2

CENTRAL GERMANY (2) OS

Sec. C; Row 21; Seats 1-2

CENTRAL KANSAS (10) SC

Sec. D; Rows 2-3; Seats 5-10, 7-10

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 Schofield, Charles E. (Pres. Southwestern College), Winfield, Kan.
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- *Rogers, Mrs. Joe T. (CP-WSCS), 224 N. Erie, Wichita, Kan.
- *Elliott, William P. (Con. Lay Leader), Plains, Kan.
- *Baker, L. C. (BE), Scott City, Kan.
- *Streeter, Ray (BE), Hutchinson, Kan.
- *Anderson, Floyd N. (BE), Wellington, Kan.

Reserves

Keller, Samuel W. (P), First Church; Hutchinson, Kan.
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 inson, Kan.
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 Dellinger, Walter H. (DS), Dodge City-Liberal D; Liberal, Kan.
 *Baker, Walter F. (Sup. City Schools), Pratt, Kan.
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 *Shull, Joe M. (Farm Implements), Dighton, Kan.
 *Stephens, Mrs. Pearl M. (H), Caldwell, Kan.
 *Kemp, Cary A. (Local Preacher), Natoma, Kan.

CENTRAL NEW YORK (6) NE

Sec. B; Row 17; Seats 7-12

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 N. Y.
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 *Odell, Albert G. (Doctor), Clifton Springs, N. Y.
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 cuse, N. Y.
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Reserves

VanDyke, Elroy D. (P), Penn Yan; Penn Yan, N. Y.
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 N. Y.
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CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA (6) NE

Sec. D; Row 14; Seats 5-10

Skillington, J. Edgar (P), Bloomsburg; Bloomsburg, Pa.
 Corson, Fred P. (Pres. Dickinson College), Carlisle, Pa.
 Heckman, Edgar R. (Supt. Methodist Home for the Aged), Tyrone,
 Pa.

*Adams, Charles V. (Banker), Montoursville, Pa.

*Frey, V. Max (Consulting Engineer), York, Pa.

*Guyer, Laura V. (H), Altoona, Pa.

Reserves

Banks, William W. (P), Trinity; Clearfield, Pa.

Henninger, F. Lamont (DS), Sunbury D; Sunbury, Pa.

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Welliver, Lester A. (Pres. Westminster Theo. Seminary), Westminster, Md.

Myers, Elvin C. (DS), Williamsport D; 801 Market St., Williamsport, Pa.

*Rich, Albert F. (Manufacturer), Woolrich, Pa.

*Campbell, Richard W. (Insurance), Altoona, Pa.

*Meredith, Victor K., Sr. (Salesman), Northumberland, Pa.

*Webb, Paul C. (Banking), Bloomsburg, Pa.

*Ake, Mrs. J. Howard (H), Harrisburg, Pa.

CENTRAL PROVINCES (2) OS

Sec. D; Rows 11-12; Seats 5-7

*Harper, Marvin H. (Prof. Leonard Theo. School), Jubbulpore, India.

*Paul, Edwin S. (Associate Sec. Council Christian Education), 497 Napier Town, Jubbulpore, C. P. India.

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Singh, J. Chandra B. (Assistant DS), Bastar-Sironcha D; Jagdalpur, Bastar State, India.

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CENTRAL TEXAS (8) SC

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Hawk, Eugene B. (Dean, School of Theo., S. M. U.), Dallas (5), Texas.

*Cherry, Hal H. (Con. Lay Leader), 3806 W. 4th St., Fort Worth (7), Texas.

*Johnson, Hubert T. (Supt. Methodist Home), Waco, Texas.

*Bryan, Mrs. Gid J. (CP-WSCS), Italy, Texas.

*Edwards, Joseph R. (Wholesale Feed), 118 Exchange Bldg., Fort Worth (6), Texas.

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- Johnston, Warren (P), First Church; 1111 Elizabeth St., Fort Worth (4), Texas.
 Felder, Lemonier L. (DS), Cleburne D; Cleburne, Texas.
 Langston, Roy A. (P), First Church; Temple, Texas.
 Cole, William H. (DS), Cisco D; Cisco, Texas.
 *Knight, Sam T. (Pres. 4-C Business College), Waco, Texas.
 *Martin, Boyce (Editor, *Corsicana Sun*), Corsicana, Texas.
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CENTRAL WEST (2) C

Sec. B; Row 1; Seats 1-2

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Reserves

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CHILE (2) OS

Sec. B; Row 19; Seats 3-4

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 *Boero, Domingo (Employee), Casille 2-D, Angol, Chile.

Reserves

- Zottete, Pedro (P), Casilla 67, Santiago, Chile.
 Fetis, Abel (P), Casilla 102, Temuco, Chile.
 *Irle, Charles A. (Mission Treasurer), Casilla 67, Santiago, Chile.

CHINA (2) OS

Sec. B; Row 19; Seats 3-4

COLORADO (6) W

Sec. B; Row 14; Seats 7-12

- Houser, Otto H. (DS), Denver-Grand Junction D; 1820 Broadway, Denver, Colo.
 Baker, Rufus C. (P), Boulder; Boulder, Colo.
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 *Harrah, Ezra C. (Con. Lay Leader), Greeley, Colo.
 *Spencer, Robert B. (Newspaper Editor), Fort Morgan, Colo.
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- Gaines, A. Presley (DS), Greeley D; 852 Madison, Denver, Colo.
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 *Howard, Lowell W. (School Principal), Windsor, Colo.
 *Edgar, John W. (Rural Mail Carrier), Fleming, Colo.

CUBA (2) SE

Sec. D; Row 10; Seats 1-2

- Morgado, Edmundo G. (P), Islesia Metodista; Santiago de las Veges, Cuba.
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DAKOTA (4) NC

Sec. C; Row 1; Seats 1-4

- Lochrige, Frank E. (P), Mitchell; Mitchell, S. D.
 Minkler, Glenn R. (P), Arlington; Arlington, S. D.
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 *Whitson, George E. (Surgeon), Madison, S. D.

Reserves

- Edge, Joseph H. (Pres. Dakota Wesleyan University), Mitchell, S. D.
 Davis, Byron A. (DS), Northern D; Hurson, S. D.
 *Smith, Matthew D. (Dean, Dakota Wesleyan University), Mitchell, S. D.
 *Kemper, Adolph H. (Life Insurance), 404 Boyce Greeley Bldg., Sioux Falls, S. D.

DELAWARE (4) C

Sec. C; Row 8; Seats 3-6

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 *Brown, Herman D. (Mail Carrier), 1302 N. Park Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
 *Wilson, Herbert S. (Merchant), Upper Hill, Md.

Reserves

- Hargis, David H. (DS), Easton D; 420 Dover St., Easton, Md.
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 Lyght, William L. (P), Princess Anne; Princess Anne, Md.
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 *Staten, William H. (Farmer), Preston, Md.
 *Webb, James R. (Teacher), Laurel, Del.

DENMARK (2) OS

Sec. A; Row 17; Seats 1-2

- Petersen, Carl (P), Odense; Odense, Denmark.
 *Thomsen, Brown (Insurance Agent), Aarhus, Denmark.

Reserves

None elected

DETROIT (12) NC

Sec. C; Rows 10-11; Seats 1-6, 1-6

- Reed, Marshall R. (P), Nardin Park; 5151 W. Chicago Blvd., Detroit, Mich.
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 *Metzger, Carl S. (Sec. Y.M.C.A.), St. Clair, Mich.
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EAST OKLAHOMA (8) SC

Sec. C; Rows 12-13; Seats 9-12, 9-12

- Webb, Ernest C. (DS), Cushing D; Cushing, Okla.
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 Curry, James C. (DS), Durant D; Durant, Okla.
 Jorns, Elza L. (P), St. Paul's; 15th and Quaker Sts., Tulsa, Okla.
 *Wilcox, William H. (Lawyer), Stillwater, Okla.
 *Cole, Mrs. Raymond S. (CP-WSCS), 1312 S. Owasso, Tulsa, Okla.

- *Egan, James A. (Manufacturing), Muskogee, Okla.
- *Newton, H. E. (Accountant), Muskogee, Okla.

Reserves

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- Bowers, Joe E. (P), Stillwater; Stillwater, Okla.
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- *Chowning, Mrs. V. K. (H), Okemah, Okla.
- *Orwig, Samuel S. (Lawyer), Wenoka, Okla.
- *Owen, S. J. (Oil Business), Bartlesville, Okla.
- *Nelson, E. H., Ada, Okla.

EASTERN SOUTH AMERICA (2) OS

Sec. D; Row 17; Seats 7-8

- Howard, George P. (Evangelist), 150 Fifth Ave., New York (11), N. Y.
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Reserves

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EAST TENNESSEE (2) C

Sec. A; Row 10; Seats 1-2

- Haywood, John W. (Pres. Morristown College), Morristown, Tenn.
- *Boyd, Miller W. (Professor Morristown College), Morristown, Tenn.

Reserves

- Thomas, Fred D. (DS), Bristol D; Box 337, Pulaski, Va.
- *Dickason, Henry L. (Pres. Bluefield State College), Bluefield, W. Va.

ERIE (6) NE

Sec. B; Row 7; Seats 7-12

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- McCurdy, Harold A. (DS), Brookville D; Brookville, Pa.
- *Welch, Edgar T. (BE), Westfield, N. Y.
- *McKay, Leo H. (Lawyer), Sharon, Pa.
- *Wright, Mrs. Bruce S. (H), Kane, Pa.

Reserves

- McKnight, Frank S. (P), First Church; Franklin, Pa.
- Myers, E. Roy (DS), Meadville D; 724 N. Main St., Meadville, Pa.
- Marriott, Albert (P), Stone, 516 Chestnut St., Meadville, Pa.
- Blasdell, David J. (P), Chautauqua; Chautauqua, N. Y.
- *Wilkinson, J. W. F. (Teacher), Clarion, Pa.
- *Gifford, Blaine H. (Insurance), Erie, Pa.
- *Black, O. E. (County Judge), Salamanca, N. Y.
- *Higby, David B. (BE), Meadville, Pa.

FINLAND (2) OS

Sec. A; Row 17; Seats 5-6

FINDLAND-SWEDISH (2) OS

Sec. A; Row 17; Seats 3-4

FLORIDA (8) SE

Sec. D; Row 5; Seats 1-8

- Branscomb, John W. (P), First Church; 1007 Florida Ave., Tampa, Fla.
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*Gray, R. A. (Secretary of State), Tallahassee, Fla.
*Mickler, Fred T. (BE), Madison, Fla.

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*Bedingfield, J. G. (Dis. Lay Leader), 202 W. Hanna, Tampa, Fla.
*Griffin, DeWitt (Banker), Ocala, Fla.
*Mitchell, Charles A. (Lawyer), 107 Indian River Citrus Bank Bldg., Vero, Fla.
*Tedder, George W. (Judge 15th Judicial Circuit), Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
*Lewis, J. Milton (Supervising Principal Public Schools), Haines City, Fla.

FLORIDA (2) C

Sec. A; Row 2; Seats 3-4

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Reserves

- Walker, Thomas H. B. (DS), Gainesville D; Gainesville, Fla.
*Perry, Oscar W. (District Lay Leader), Gainesville, Fla.

FOOCHOW (2) OS

Sec. B; Row 19; Seats 5-6

- Worley, Harry W. (Prof. Union Theological Seminary), Foochow, China.
*Ding, James L. (Pres. Anglo-Chinese College), Yangchow, China.

Reserves

- Hayes, E. Pearce (Missionary on four Coast Districts), Foochow, China.
 *Li, Mrs. S. Y. Ding (H), Foochow, China.

GENESEE (6) NE

Sec. D; Row 3; Seats 1-6

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 *Clay, Thomas B. (Merchant), 230 Patomac Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
 *Simpson, Leverette J. (Lawyer), 99 Genesee St., Hornell, N. Y.

Reserves

- Dietterich, A. Merritt (P), First Church; 203 North 4th St., Olean,
 N. Y.
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 Bisgrove, James F. (P), Corn Hill; 48 Tremont St., Rochester, N. Y.
 *Mertz, August S. (Milk Dealer), Webster, N. Y.
 *Gibbs, Merton S. (Lawyer), 459 W. Ferry St., Buffalo, N. Y.
 *Mahaley, John W. (Lawyer), Coudersport, Pa.
 *Ward, Walter A. (Retired School Teacher), Silver Lake, N. Y.
 *Lewis, Fred A. (Lawyer), Batavia, N. Y.

GUJARAT (2) OS

Sec. D; Row 12; Seats 8-9

- Bisbee, Royal D. (Missionary), 3-A North Petty Staff Lines, Poona,
 India.
 *Christian, Ashirwad B. (Headmaster Methodist Boys' High School),
 Baroda Residency P. O., India.

Reserves

- Emmanuel, James M. (P), Umreth; Kaira District, India.
 *Macwan, Meshach D. (Teacher Methodist Boys' High School), Baroda
 Residency, P. O., India.

HINGHWA (2) OS

Sec. B; Row 19; Seats 718

HOLSTON (12) SE

Sec. B; Row 6; Seats 1-12

- Lundy, Clyde E. (DS), Sweetwater D; Sweetwater, Tenn.
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 Tenn.

- Greer, Robert E. (P), Broad Street; Kinksport, Tenn.
*Hillman, James N. (Ex. Sec. Bd. of Education), 215 Reynolds Arcade Bldg., Bristol, Va.
*Sherrod, Charles C. (Pres. East Tennessee State College), Johnson City, Tenn.
*Trotter, Frank H. (Education), 809 Chale Bank Bldg., Chattanooga, Tenn.
*Kramer, R. R. (Lawyer), Maryville, Tenn.
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*Brock, William E. (BE), 1111 Chestnut St., Chattanooga, Tenn.
*Smith, George H. (Bus. Mgr. Church Street Methodist Church), Knoxville, Tenn.
*Thomas, Lavens M. (Lawyer), 610 James Bldg., Chattanooga (2), Tenn.
*Pennington, A. S. (Merchant), Pennington Gap, Va.
*Youell, Donald R. (Pres. Hiwassee College), Madisonville, Tenn.
*Carter, Fred A. (Textile Manufacturer), Sweetwater, Tenn.

HYDERABAD (2) OS

Sec. B; Row 2; Seats 5-12

- Patterson, John (DS), Vikarabad, Deccan, India.
*Nicomemus, Gunday S. (Hostel in charge), Vikarabad, Deccan, India.

Reserves

- Sundaram, Gabriel (Principal Methodist Boys' High School, Hyderabad, Deccan, India.
Ross, Marcellus D. (DS), Bidar D; Deccan, India.
Swan, Charles L. (DS), Hyderabad D; Deccan, India.
*Christdas, Chanda (Principal Mary Knotts' School), Vikarabad, Deccan, India.
*De Lima, Edith (Principal Stanley Girls' High School), Hyderabad, Deccan, India.
*Canaran, Benjamin V. (Sup. Crawford Memorial Hospital), Vikarabad, Deccan, India.

IDAHO (2) W

Sec. B; Row 3; Seats 7-8

- Donaldson, Charles M. (DS), Western D; 507 16th St., Nampa, Idaho.
*Deal, Edson H. (Insurance), Nampa, Idaho.

Reserves

Hertzog, William H. (P), Caldwell, Idaho.

*Oates, Edgar L. (See Dealer), Caldwell, Idaho.

ILLINOIS (14) NC

Sec. A; Rows 1-2; Seats 1-8, 5-10

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Northcutt, N. Clifford (P), Champaign; Champaign, Ill.

Ragan, Raye (P), First Church; Galesburg, Ill.

*Snively, Herschel R. (Lawyer), Marshall, Ill.

*DeLong, Clarence H. (Insurance), 506 Lincoln Bldg., Champaign, Ill.

*Allison, Will F. (Con. Lay Leader), Mason City, Ill.

*Fitch, Harold (Osteopathic Physician), Bushnell, Ill.

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Spear, Laren (P), First Church; Urbana, Ill.

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Melvin, J. Fred (P), Mattoon; Mattoon, Ill.

*Stites, Stanley D. (Merchant), Charleston, Ill.

*Allen, Miss Mable (Returned Missionary), Baylis, Ill.

*Wiley, Henry S. (Lumberman), Buffalo, Ill.

*Merritt, I. E. (Banker), Hoopston, Ill.

*Pritchett, Cassius J. (Banker), Dana, Ill.

*Drysedale, William C. (Telephone Executive), Rantoul, Ill.

*Weir, Benjamin (Editor), Charleston, Ill.

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*Tate, Lewis N. (Doctor), Galesburg, Ill.

INDIANA (8) NC

Sec. B; Row 2; Seats 5-12

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*Breece, John T. (Manufacturer), New Albany, Ind.
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INDUS RIVER (2) OS

Sec. D; Row 13; Seats 3-4

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*Hakim, Miss Eileen B. (Principal Nur Niwas Girls' School), Hissar, Punjab, India.

Reserves

- Thompson, George B. (DS), Hissar D; Hissar, Punjab, India.
*Paul, Patrick N. (Teacher, Christian Institute), Raewind, Punjab, India.

IOWA-DES MOINES (10) NC

Sec. B; Row 1; Seats 3-12

- Weis, LeRoy L. (DS), Burlington D; 101 E. Broad St., Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
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Cooper, Claude W. (DS), Boone D; 922 Union St., Boone, Iowa.
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Lawton, George A. (DS), Des Moines D; 304 Old Colony Bldg., Des Moines, Iowa.
*Gammon, Bert O. (Con. Lay Leader), 518 Old Colony Bldg., Des Moines, Iowa.
*Lauer, Mrs. Harry (CP-WSCS), Mt. Union, Iowa.
*Taylor, Dean (Deceased; September 23, 1943).
*Henn, Mrs. William C. (H), Yale, Iowa.
*James, Paul G. (Lawyer), 510 Empire Bldg., Des Moines (9), Iowa.

Reserves

- Goodwin, Levi P. (P), Jefferson; Jefferson, Iowa.
Briggs, Edwin A. (P), First Church, Boone, Iowa.
Clayburg, W. Frank (DS), Council Bluffs D; 512 Benton St., Council Bluffs, Iowa.
Scheurermann, Walter M. (P), Indianola; Indianola, Ind.
Samp, Walter A. (P), Winterset; Winterset, Iowa.
Shipman, Raymond M. (P), First Church; 4th St. and Iowa Ave., Muscatine, Iowa.
*Dean, Rae L. (Bus. Mgr. Simpson College), Indianola, Ind.
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KANSAS (8) SC

Sec. A; Row 6; Seats 1-8

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- Coldsmith, Charles I (P), Coffeyville; Coffeyville, Kan.
- Gordon, R. Ernest (DS), Parsons D; 621 W. Maurel, Independence, Kan.
- *Werner, Mrs. H. E. (H), 1290 High St., Topeka, Kan.
- *Shannon, Dr. Mary E. (Retired Missionary), 314 Greenwood, Topeka, Kan.
- *Byers, Charles A. (Traveling Salesman), Box 243, Atchinson, Kan.
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- Buck, Ernest F. (P), McPherson; (Transferred to Central Kansas Conference).
- Chubb, James S. (Asso. Sec. Gen. Commission on Evangelism), Medical Arts Bldg., Nashville (3), Tenn.
- Ryan, Archie L. (DS), Kansas City D; 2900 North 10th St., Kansas City, Kan.
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- Horn, Nelson P. (Pres. Baker University), Baldwin, Kan.
- *Roberts, John W. (Editor), Oskaloosa, Kan.
- *Prince, Mrs. Grace Marie (Sec. Spiritual Life, SC. Jur., WSCS), 425 W. 4th St., Holton, Kan.
- *Gault, Robert S. (BE), Richmond, Kan.
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KENTUCKY (8) SE

Sec. C; Row 12; Seats 1-8

- Perkins, Albert R. (P), First Church; Harlan, Ky.
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- *Brown, Mrs. Robert T. (CP-WSCS), Shelbyville, Ky.
- *Day, Kelley J. (Wholesale Grocer), Pikeville, Ky.
- *Redwine, Marcus C. (Lawyer), Winchester, Ky.
- *Spillman, Mrs. J. H. (H), Harrodsburg, Ky.

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- *Snapp, Dennis V. (Ex. Sec. Con. Bd. of Education), Paris, Ky.

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- *Burke, William F. (Wholesale Oil), Covington, Ky.

KIANGSI (2) OS

Sec. B; Row 20; Seats 9-10

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- *Yen, Lo Ren (Doctor), 10 Dai Chia Hang, Chungking, Szechuan, China.

LEXINGTON (4) C

Sec. C; Row 5; Seats 9-12

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- *White, Mrs. Edith (H), RFD 2, Anchorage, Ky.

Reserves

- Smith, Benjamin F. (P), Hartzell Memorial; 3553 S. Parkway, Chicago, Ill.
- Carroll, Harry M. (P), Scott; 6319 Vinewood Ave., Detroit, Mich.
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LIBERIA (2) OS

Sec. A; Row 8; Seats 1-2

- Ward, T. Ebenezer (Professor), Monrovia, Liberia.
- *Cooper, Charles E. (Counselor), Monrovia, Liberia.

Reserves

- Stryker, John B. (Representative), Robertsport, Liberia.
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- *Freeman, Benjamin G. (Lawyer), Careysburg, Liberia.

LITTLE ROCK (4) SC

Sec. D; Row H; Seats 1-4

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- *Cannon, John S. M. (Supt. Methodist Orphanage), 723 Center, Little Rock, Ark.
- *Ellis, Matt. L. (Pres. Henderson State Teachers College), Arkadelphia, Ark.

Reserves

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LOUISIANA (8) SC

Sec. B; Row 5; Seats 5-12

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 Freeman, F. Marion (P), Noel Memorial; Shreveport, La.
 Branton, Razzie R. (DS), Alexandria D; 2027 White St., Alexandria, La.
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LOUISIANA (4) C

Sec. A; Row 5; Seats 7-10

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LOUISVILLE (6) SE

Sec. C; Row 2; Seats 1-6

- Short, Roy H. (P), St. Paul; 1885 Douglass Blvd., Louisville, Ky.
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Reserves

- Turner, Bedford (DS), Henderson D; 317 Third St., Henderson, Ky.
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Munday, Walter I. (DS), Hopkinsville D; 120 Alumni Ave., Hopkinsville, Ky.
Nicholson, Joseph H. (DS), Elizabethtown D; 236 Poplar St., Elizabethtown, Ky.
*McKinney, James H. (Insurance), Owensboro, Ky.
*Long, W. Strother (County Clerk), Elizabethtown, Ky.
*Dickey, John H. (Insurance), Columbia Bldg., Louisville, Ky.
*Stanley, Osso W. (Judge Court of Appeals), Frankfort, Ky.

LUCKNOW (2) OS

Sec. D; Row 13; Seats 5-6

- Singh, Masih Charan (DS); 22 Cantonment Road, Lucknow, India.
*Reuben, Albert S. (Electrical Engineer), Cawnpore Electric Co., Cawnpore, India.

Reserves

- Johnson, Saul (DS), Ballia, U. P., India.
*Whiting, Miss Ethel (Central Treasurer for India), Lal Bagh, Methodist Church, Lucknow, India.

MAINE (4) NE

Sec. B; Row 9; Seats 9-12

- Wilson, Elwin L. (DS), Portland D; 226 Bradley St., Portland, Maine.
Callaghan, Arthur A. (P), Rumford; Rumford, Maine.
*Loring, Fred P. (Con. Lay Leader), University of Maine, Orono, Maine.
*Currie, Miss Margaret (Lawyer), 176 Main St., Saco, Maine.

Reserves

- Aldrich, Herbert F. (DS), Augusta D; 69 Willow St., Augusta, Maine.
Hughes, Cymbrid (P), Augusta; Augusta, Maine.
Staples, Louis S. (P), Gardiner; Gardiner, Maine.
*Baldwin, Clinton D. (Purchasing Agent, Bangor-Aroostook R. R.), Bangor, Maine.

- *Russell, Walter E. (Principal Emeritus, State Normal School), Gorham, Maine.
- *Milliken, Mrs. Philip I. (Con. Treas., WSCS), 11 Berkeley St., Portland, Maine.

MALAYA (2) OS

Sec. D; Row 13; Seats 7-12

MEMPHIS (6) SE

Sec. C; Row 16; Seats 7-12

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- Estes, Lud H. (DS), Dyersburg D; 446 Masonic St., Dyersburg, Tenn.
- Grimes, Charles C. (DS), Memphis D; 410 Messick Bldg., Memphis, Tenn.
- *Rooks, Robert E. (Con. Lay Leader), Mercer, Tenn.
- *Meek, Paul (Prs. U. T. Junior College), Martin, Tenn.
- *Tatum, Mrs. S. Homer (CP-WSCS), Alamo, Tenn.

Reserves

- Robinson, Edgar L. (P), First Church; Mayfield, Ky.
- Clark, Robt. A. (DS), Paris D; 315 Lee St., Paris, Tenn.
- Jones, Frank B. (P), First Church; 618 Highland Ave., Jackson, Tenn.
- Evans, William S. (P), St. Paul's; 1874 Oliver Ave., Memphis, Tenn.
- *McMurry, William F. (Lawyer), 701 Citizens Savings Bank Bldg., Paducah, Ky.
- *Womack, Richard E. (Pres. Lambuth College), Jackson, Tenn.
- *Hedden, Henry (Supt. Methodist Hospital), 1265 Union Ave., Memphis, Tenn.
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MICHIGAN (8) NC

Sec. C; Row 5; Seats 1-8

- Coors, D. Stanley (P), Central; 210 Ottawa St., Lansing, Mich.
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- Frye, Glenn M. (P), First Church; 266 Jefferson St., Benton Harbor, Mich.
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- *Brown, Mrs. Warren E. (Minister of Music), 210 E. Mansion St., Marshall, Mich.
- *Goodell, Ralph A. (Insurance), Lansing, Mich.
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- Spurlock, Raymond B. (DS), Kalamazoo, Mich.
- Babbitt, Edmund H. (DS), Grand Rapids D; 535 Rosewood, S. E., Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Perdew, William C. (Supt. Hospital), Kalamazoo, Mich.
- Robinson, LeRoy T. (P), Central; Muskegon, Mich.
- Hahn, Byron A. (DS), Big Rapids; 417 Maple St., Big Rapids, Mich.

- Nixon, Lloyd H. (Transferred to Detroit Conference and stationed at Pontiac, Mich.)
 *Hartman, Ernest V. (Savings and Loan Mgr.), 242 West 10th St., Holland, Mich.
 *Marshall, Mrs. O. K. (H), Coopersville, Mich.
 *Burhnam, Smith (Teacher), 131 S. Prairie St., Kalamazoo, Mich.
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MINNESOTA (4) NC

Sec. C; Row 18; Seats 9-12

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Reserves

- Rice, Robert J. (P), Central Park; St. Paul, Minn.
 Klaus, Leroy H. (P), Oxford, Dennison and Prairie; Northfield, Minn.
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 *Backer, L. E. (Merchant), Redwood Falls, Minn.
 *Coffey, Walter C. (Pres. Univeristy of Minnessee), Minneapolis, Minn. ota
 *Wegner, Mrs. Charles E. (CP-WSCS), St. Paul, Minn.

MISSISSIPPI (6) SE

Sec. C; Row 16; Sets 1-6

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 *Stevens, Benjamin M. (Merchant), Richton, Miss.
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Reserves

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 Prewitt, Thomas O. (P), Crawford Street; Cherry St., Vicksburg, Miss.
 Leggett, J. Willard (P), Capitol Street; 1417 West Capitol, Jackson, Miss.
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 *Youngblood, Curtis (Merchant), Wesson, Miss.
 *Arrington, Mrs. Paul (H), 1735 Piedmont Ave., Jackson, Miss.
 *Hunt, Rolfe L. (City Supt. Education), Magnolia, Miss.
 *Mahaffey, Mrs. Mamie B. (CP-WSCS), Prentiss, Miss.
 *Selby, Robert E. (Sheriff, Warren County), Vickburg, Miss.

MISSISSIPPI (4) C

Sec. A; Row 12; Seats 6-9

- Holland, Almos L. (P), Central; 111 East Church St., Jackson, Miss.
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Reserves

- Johnson, Levi E. (DS), Jackson, D; 822 Rose St., Jackson, Miss.
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MISSOURI (6) SC

Sec. C; Row 14; Seats 1-6

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- Powell, Bradford V. (P), Trinity; 220 S. 4th St., Moberly, Mo.
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MONTANA (2) W

Sec. B; Row 10; Seats 11-12

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Reserves

- Wampler, Walter C. (P), First Church; 109 W. Olive St., Bozeman,
 Mont.
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 *Lewis, Vernon E. (Lawyer), Fort Benton, Mont.
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NEBRASKA (10) SC

Sec. B; Row 10; Seats 1-10

- Schwartz, Benjamin F. (Chancellor Nebraska Wesleyan University),
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 *Hackman, Mrs. Otto (H), 4327 Starr St., Lincoln, Neb.
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NEW ENGLAND (6) NE

Sec. B; Row 14; Seats 1-6

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NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN (4) NE

Sec. B; Row 2; Seats 1-4

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NEW HAMPSHIRE (2) NE

Sec. D; Row 8; Seats 1-2

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NEW JERSEY (8) NE

Sec. B; Row 15; Seats 1-8

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- Whitton, Charles D. (P), St. Paul; 32 S. Ohio St., Atlantic City, N. J.
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- Hann, Edward F. (P), Trinity; 15 Chestnut St. Salem, N. J.
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NEW MEXICO (2) SC

Sec. B; Row 8; Seats 11-12

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Reserves

- Sims, Martin L. (DS), Clovis D; Clovis, New Mexico.
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*Wilmont, Dan H. (Hardware Merchant), Roswell, New Mexico.
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NEW YORK (8) NE

Sec. A; Row 7; Seats 1-8

- Sockman, Ralph W. (P), Christ Church; 830 Park Ave., New York
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*Truran, Harold B. (Architect), Brewster, N. Y.
*Lindsey, Frank G. (Deceased March 25, 1944).
*Victor, Mrs. Fred A. (Sec. Status of Women, NE Jur. WSCS), 63
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NEW YORK EAST (8) NE

Sec. B; Rows 15-16; Seats 9-12, 9-12

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NEWARK (8) NE

Sec. B; Rows 11-12; Seats 9-12, 9-12

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 *Orcutt, Lous E. (Insurance), Demarest, N. J.
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- Brown, Arlo A. (Pres. Drew Univeristy), Madison, N. J.
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NORTH AFRICA (2) OS

Sec. A; Row 8; Seats 3-4

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NORTH ALABAMA (10) SE

Sec. B; Row 8; Seats 5-10

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- *Ingram, Ben L. (Warden), Court House, Birmingham, Ala.
- *Cooper, John T. (Postmaster), Hartselle, Ala.

- *Horton, Oscar (Probate Judge), Guntersville, Ala.
- *Ward, Forrest S. (Supt. Education), Carrolton, Ala.
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NORTH ARKANSAS (6) SC

Sec. D; Row 4; Seats 5-10

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- *Womack, W. Vance (P), First Church; 500 E. Market St., Helena, Ark.
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- *Barnett, Nels (Merchant), Batesville, Ark.
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- *Hull, J. W. (Pres. Arkansas Tech), Russellville, Ark.
- *Martin, E. Wainright (Bus. Mgr. Hendrix College), Hendrix Station, Conway, Ark.

NORTH CAROLINA (8) SE

Sec. A; Row 16; Seats 1-8

- Ormond, Jesse M. (Prof. Duke University), Duke Station, Durham, N. C.
- Bradshaw, Robert W. (Ex. Con. Bd. of Education), Duke Station, Durham, N. C.
- Grant, Thomas McM. (DS), Rocky Mount D; 218 South Grace St., Rocky Mount, N. C.
- Hillman, Edgar L. (P), First Church; 728 Eastern Ave., Rocky Mount, N. C.
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- Smith, Harry C. (DS), Fayetteville D; 1019 Hay St., Fayetteville, N. C.
- Love, Frank S. (DS), Durham D; 114 Watts St., Durham, N. C.
- Clegg, William L. (DS), Elizabeth City, D; 713 W. Church St., Elizabeth City, N. C.
- Paschall, Fred W. (P), Trinity; 1908 Princess St., Wilmington, N. C.
- Cade, William A. (P), St. Paul; 704 E. Walnut St., Goldsboro, N. C.
- Parker, Albea S. (DS), 1516 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.

- *McGirt, William A. (Insurance), Box 1079, Wilmington, N. C.
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NORTH CAROLINA (2) C

Sec. A; Row 9; Seats 1-2

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- *Jones, David D. (Pres. Bennett College), Greensboro, N. C.

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- Winchester, Robert W. (DS), Greensboro D; 425 Bennett St., Greensboro, N. C.
- Phelps, Grandison M. (DS), Western D; 309 Graham St., Charlotte, N. C.
- *Barrett, Commodore A. (Teacher), Asheboro, N. C.
- *Simpson, Mrs. Ophelia (Teacher), Leaksville, N. C.

NORTH CHINA (4) OS

Sec. B; Row 19; Seats 9-12

NORTH DAKOTA (2) NC

Sec. A; Row 16; Sets 9-10

- Gernhardt, Henry J. (P), Oakes, Cogswell and Glover; Oakes, N. D.
- *Hample, Gideon A. (Accountant), Bismarck, N. D.

Reserves

- Hanson, N. Everett (DS), Northern D; Minot, N. D.
- Johnstone, Wilson (P), Wahpeton and Antelope; Wahpeton, N. D.
- *Register, George S., Bismarck, N. D.
- *Roberts, Roy (Retired P. O. Clerk), 800 5th Ave., N., Mandan, N. D.

NORTH GEORGIA (10) SE

Sec. C; Rows 14-15; Seats 7-12, 9-12

- Rumble, Lester (P), St. Mark's; 109 17th S., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.
- Rogers, Wallace (DS), Atlanta-West D; 715 Elsworth, N. W., Atlanta, Ga.
- Maxwell, Marvin M. (Deceased November 21, 1943).
- McKibben, J. W. O. (DS), Augusta D; 1308 Glenn Ave., Augusta, Ga.
- LaPrade, William H. (P), Cartersville; Cartersville, Ga.
- *Johnston, Smith L. (Banker), Woodstock, Ga.
- *Wells, Jere A. (Supt. County Schools), Court House, Atlanta, Ga.
- *Awtrey, Mrs. Lemon M. (CP-WSCS), Acworth, Ga.
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- *Quillian, Hubert T. (Pres. LaGrange College), LaGrange, Ga.

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- Thrailkill, Joseph S. (P), Grace; 1037 Greencove, Atlanta, Ga.
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- Jones, Henry H. (DS), Decatur-Oxford D.; Oxford, Ga.
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 *Lance, T. Jack (State Supervisor of Schools), Calhoun, Ga.
 *Wardlaw, Joseph C. (Director of Extension, University System), 223 Walton St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga.
 *Daniel, Frank P. (Merchant), Senoia, Ga.
 *Little, Mrs. D. Rosser (H), Marietta, Ga.
 *Harpst, Miss Ethel (Supt. Orphanage), Cedartown, Ga.

NORTH INDIA (2) OS

Sec. D; Row 13; Seats 9-10

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 *Titus, Mrs. Olive L. (Missionary on furlough), 150 Fifth Ave., New York (11), N. Y.

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- Chowdhry, Dan S. (Professor, Lucknow Christian College), Lucknow, U. P., India.
 *Charan, Isaac A. (Headmaster), Ranikhet, U. P. India.

NORTH INDIANA (10) NC

Sec. A; Row 13; Seats 1-10

- Pugh, A. Wesley (P), High Street; 310 McCullouch Blvd., Muncie, Ind.
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 *Roudebush, Roy R. (Con. Lay Leader), Greenfield, Ind.
 *Naftzger, Mrs. Julia P. (H), Kokomo, Ind.
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 *DeWesse, Henry O. (Express Agent), Elwood, Ind.

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 *Snyder, Mrs. W. R. (H), Fremont, Ind.
 *Elliott, Loren J. (Farmer), RFD 2, Wabash, Ind.
 *Roose, Homer N. (R. R. Mail Clerk), Goshen, Ind.

- *Beecher, Charles W. (Banker), Peru, Ind.
- *Roose, Mrs. Homer N. (H), Goshen, Ind.
- *Fernstermacher, George H. (Teacher), Upland, Ind.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI (6) SE

Sec. C; Row 10; Seats 7-12

- Lord, R. Guy (DS), Greenwood D; 710 Dewey St., Greenwood, Miss.
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- *Tanner, Ennis A. (Con. Treasurer), Indianola, Miss.
- *Forman, Julius M. (Lawyer), Indianola, Miss.

Reserves

- Newman, Wiley C. (P), First Church; Corinth, Miss.
- Curtis, Vivian C. (DS), Columbus D; Columbus, Miss.
- Wasson, Lovick P. (P), First Church; Greenville, Miss.
- *McCormack, W. Rady (Mail Carrier), Corinth, Miss.
- *Friend, A. Bernie (Dis. Lay Leader), Sardis, Miss.
- *Ratliff, Mrs. William H. (CP-WSCS), Sherard, Miss.

NORTH TEXAS (8) SC

Sec. B; Row 9; Seats 1-8

- Smith, W. Angie (P), First Church; Ross at Harwood, Dallas (1), Texas.
- Lee, Umphrey (Pres. Southern Methodist University), Dallas (5), Texas.
- Baker, W. Harrison (DS), Greenville D; 3815 Wesley St., Greenville, Texas.
- Martin, Paul E. (P), First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas.
- *Perkins, Joe J. (Oil Producer), Wichita Falls, Texas.
- *Murphree, John C. (Lawyer), Iowa Park, Texas.
- *Thomasson, Gus W. (U. S. Government Service), Dallas (4), Texas.
- *Jordan, Mrs. W. O. (H), 813 Sunset St., Dallas, Texas.

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- Fielder, Cicero B. (P), Sulphur Springs; Sulphur Springs, Texas.
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NORTHEAST GERMANY (2) OS

Sec. C; Row 20; Seats 7-8

NORTH-EAST OHIO (14) NC

Sec. A; Rows 14-15; Seats 7-10, 1-10

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 *Mowry, Mrs. Olin J. (H), Minetto, N. Y.
 *LeFevre, DeWitt C. (BE), Beaver Falls, N. Y.

NORTHERN PHILIPPINE (2) OS

Sec. D; Row 7; Seats 3-4

NORTHWEST GERMANY (2) OS

Sec. C; Row 20; Seats 5-6

NORTHWEST INDIA (2) OS

Sec. B; Row 20; Seats 5-6

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Sec. C; Rows 6-7; Seats 10-12, 10-12

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 Lipscomb, Luther N. (DS), Lubbock D; Lubbock, Texas.
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NORWAY (2) OS

Sec. A; Row 17; Seats 9-10

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OHIO (20) NC

Sec. D; Rows 15-16; Seats 1-10, 1-10

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OREGON (4) W

Sec. C; Rows 6-7; Seats 8-9, 8-9

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PENINSULA (6) NE

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- *Hooper, Granville (Fuel Dealer), Cambridge, Md.
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PHILADELPHIA (8) NE

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PHILLIPINE (2) OS

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PITTSBURGH (8) NE

Sec. C; Row 15; Seats 1-8

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Sec. B; Rows 3-4; Seats 1-5, 1-5

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- Swaney, Bertram G. (DS), Rockford D; 424 Rome Ave., Rockford, Ill.
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ST. LOUIS (6) SC

Sec. B; Row 17; Seats 1-6

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SHANTUNG (2) OS

Sec. B; Row 18; Seats 718

SOUTH CAROLINA (4) SE

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- Ford, J. Emerson (P), St. Paul's; Orangeburg, S. C.
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*Stackhouse, Will (BE), Marion, S. C.

Reserves

- Phillips, W. Roy (P), Hartsville; Hartsville, S. C.
Ledbetter, Samuel E. (DS), Marion D; Marion, S. C.
Beckham, William A. (P), Chesterfield; Chesterfield, S. C.
*Bates, F. O. (Supt. Roper Hospital), Charleston, S. C.
*DuRant, Charlton (Lawyer), Manning, S. C.
*Kinney, John F. (Probate Judge), Bennettsville, S. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA (6) C

Sec. A; Row 14; Seats 1-6

- Green, Nathaniel W. (DS), Greenville D; Greenville, S. C.
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*Caldwell, Charles W. (R. R. Mail Clerk), Orangeburg, S. C.
*McDonald, Samuel J. (Retired Mail Clerk), Sumter, S. C.
*Gordon, Mrs. Mamie E. (H), Dillon, S. C.

Reserves

- Reynolds, Calvin C. (DS), Florence D; Florence, S. C.
Howard, Arthur R. (Sec. Temperance), Sumter, S. C.
Thomas, George A. (P), Silver Hill Circuit; Spartanburg, S. C.
*Gibbes, Mrs. Phylis M. (H), Greer, S. C.

*Green, Charles M. (School Teacher), Bennettsville, S. C.

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SOUTH FLORIDA (2) C

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*Blasingame, Walter A. (Druggist), Moultrie, Ga.

*Shepherd, C. Leighton (Deceased; January 15, 1944).

*Sapp, Mrs. Clarence C. (H), Albany, Ga.

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*Thrasher, Tigner E. (BE in Navy), McRae, Ga.

*Vanlandingham, John W. (Merchant), Wrightville, Ga.

SOUTH GERMANY (2) OS

Sec. C; Row 20; Seats 9-10

SOUTH INDIA (2) OS

Sec. B; Row 20; Seats 7-8

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 *Woodley, Mark (Insurance), Marion, Ill.
 *Paul, Miss May (H), Marion, Ill.
 *Collins, John R. (Farmer), Crossville, Ill.
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SOUTHWEST (2) C

Sec. D; Row 7; Seats 1-2

- Taggart, James H. (P), White Temple; 1406 Valmer St., Little Rock, Ark.
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SOUTHWEST GERMANY (2) OS

Sec. C; Row 20; Seats 1-12

SOUTHWEST MEXICAN (2) SC

Sec. D; Row 17; Seats 1-2

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SOUTHWEST MISSOURI (8) SC

Sec. C; Rows 3-4; Seats 1-4, 1-4

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SOUTHWEST TEXAS (8) SC

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- Shirkey, Albert P (P), Travis Park; San Antonio, Texas.
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- Spann, J. Richard (P), Laurel Heights; San Antonio (10), Texas.
- Deschner, John (P), Beeville; Beeville, Texas.
- *Barber, D. Amos (Insurance), Kingsville, Texas.
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SWEDEN (4) OS

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- Henriksson, Gideon (DS), Sibyllegatan 18, Stockholm, Sweden.
- *Eimir, Randolf (Teacher), Kristineham, Sweden.
- *Ingländer, Arthur (BE), Sibyllegatan 18, Stockholm, Sweden.

SWITZERLAND (2) OS

Sec. A; Row 17; Seats 7-8

Reserves

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TENNESSEE (6) SE

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 *Yarbrough, Charles H. (BE), Yarbrough Co., Nashville, Tenn.
 *Wiseman, William H. (Mortician), Erin, Tenn.
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- Blue, Willard H. (P), First Church; Murfreesboro, Tenn.
 Pennington, Beecher B. (P), First Church; Columbia, Tenn.
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 *Batts, William O. (Pres. Columbia Military Academy), Columbia, Tenn.
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 *Thompson, Emmett D. (Merchant), Centerville, Tenn.
 *Follin, Gerald W. (Asst. Principal, Webb School), Bell Buckle, Tenn.
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TENNESSEE (2) C

Sec. A; Row 7; Seats 9-10

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 *Daniel, Bill (County Attorney), Liberty, Texas.
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TEXAS (4) C

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 *Cohagan, S. A. (Sec., Y.M.C.A.), Waterloo, Iowa.
 *Elijah, Earl (Farmer), Clarence, Iowa.

Reserves

- Gough, Edward T. (DS), Davenport D; Mount Vernon, Iowa.
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*Ward, James E. (Prof. Clemson College), Clemson, S. C.

VIRGINIA (16) SE

Sec. B; Rows 11-12; Seats 1-8, 1-8

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 *Gregory, Lucius (Merchant), Chase City, Va.
 *Boggs, John C. (Principal, Randolph-Macon Academy), Front Royal,
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 *Eanes, E. Ennis (Lawyer), Emporia, Va.
 *Fisher, Ray C. (Electric Supplies), 323 W. Main St., Charlottesville,
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 *Taylor, H. K. (Auto Dealer), Mathews, Va.
 *Churn, S. C. (Railroad Official), Cape Charles, Va.
 *Brewer, Richard L., Jr. (Broker), Suffolk, Va.
 *Roper, William B. (Shipbuilder), Withers Bldg., Norfolk, Va.
 *Ball, Frank L. (Lawyer), Arlington, Va.

WASHINGTON (4) C

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 more, Md.
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WEST CHINA (2) OS

Sec. B; Row 20; Seats 1-2

Reserves

No names sent in.

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Sec. B; Row 16; Seats 1-8

- Morgan, R. E. L. (P), First Church; Frederick, Okla.
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 Okla.
 Smith, Robert J. (P), First Church; Ardmore, Okla.
 *McFall, Carl S. (Insurance), Frederick, Okla.

- *Clark, B. Clyde (Jeweler), 113 N. Harvey St., Oklahoma City, Okla.
- *Morrison, Ed. (Pres. Panhandle A. and M. College), Goodwell, Okla.
- *Foster, Mrs. Earl (CP-WSCS), 825 N. W. 41st St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Reserves

- Deschner, Phil (P), Ponca City; Ponca City, Okla.
- Hicks, Ernest C. (DS), Lawton D; 812 East Ae., Lawton, Okla.
- Ryan, Harry G. (DS), Ardmore D; 1001 W. Broadway, Ardmore, Okla.
- Smith, C. Q. (Pres. Oklahoma City University), Oklahoma City, Okla.
- Hutchinson, Alva R. (DS), Oklahoma City D; 2124 Gatewood, Oklahoma City (6), Okla.
- *Dunlap, Mrs. E. B. (H), 1002 B, Lawton, Okla.
- *Dismukes, Mrs. George (Con. Sec., Wesleyan Service Guild), 1409 Chickasha, Chickasha, Okla.
- *Kilney, Norris K. (Bank Cashier), Medford, Okla.
- *Miller, George T. (Druggist), Mutual, Okla.
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WEST TEXAS (4) C

Sec. D; Row 11; Seats 1-4

- McMillan, Kay W. (P), St. Andrews; 1061 East Rosedale, Fort Worth, Texas.
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Reserves

- Echols, Timothy B. (Director Religious Education, New Orleans Area), 1906 Tilotson Ave., Austin, Texas.
- Mosby, Robert S. (P), St. Paul; 130 N. Mesquite St., San Antonio, Texas.
- *McMillan, Mrs. Emma V. (H), 1061 East Rosedale, Fort Worth, Texas.
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WEST VIRGINIA (14) NE

Sec. D; Rows 6-7; Seats 1-10, 7-10

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- Wolfe, John L. (DS), Parkersburg D; 1221 Washington Ave., Parkersburg, W. Va.
- Hoffman, Joseph C. (P), Christ Church; 109 Morris St., Charleston, W. Va.
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- Riggleman, Leonard (Pres. Morris Harvey College), Charleston, W. Va.
- Hanifan, John E. (P), First Church; 170 W. Pike St., Clarksburg, W. Va.
- *Curtis, W. Foss (Con. Lay Leader), 1307 8th St., Moundsville, W. Va.
- *Bright, George W. (Coal BE), Beckley, W. Va.
- *Downs, Mrs. W. M. (CP-WSCS), Fairmont, W. Va.

- *Cox, A. Ward (Merchant), Charleston, W. Va.
- *Harshbarger, Clyde L. (Banker), Milton, W. Va.
- *Law, Clyde O. (Insurance), 900 Hawley Bldg., Wheeling, W. Va.
- *O'Dell, Wesley H. (Oil Operator), Charleston, W. Va.

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- Eastwood, C. Glenn (P), Trinity; Bluefield, W. Va.
- Broyles, Joseph W. (Pres. West Virginia Wesleyan College), Buckhannon, W. Va.
- Brandt, Charles E. (P), Simpson; Moundsville, W. Va.
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- *Collins, Mrs. Myron S. (H), Wheeling, W. Va.
- *Wiseman, Homer W. (Postal Clerk), Elkins, W. Va.
- *Ferguson, Charles W. (Judge, 24th Judicial District), Wayne, W. Va.
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WEST WISCONSIN (4) NC

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- *Whitcher, Frank O. (Banker), Platteville, Wis.
- *Tyrer, Howard G. (Mail Carrier), Mineral Point, Wis.

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- *Hirst, Archie L. (BE), Madison, Wis.
- *Clarke, Mrs. Ernest E. (CP-WSCS), Sparta, Wis.
- *Draper, Fred W. (Retired Farmer), Loyal, Wis.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA (14) SE

Sec. C; Rows 6-7; Seats 1-7, 1-7

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 *Bunch, R. C. (BE), Statesville, N. C.
 *Ivey, J. B. (Department Store), Charlotte N. C.
 *Jones, James A. (Contractor), Charlotte, N. C.
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 *Weaver, Mrs. Charles C. (CP-WSCS), 898 Lynwood, Wintson-Salem (5), N. C.
 *Evans, Paul F. (Con. Lay Leader), Lexington, N. C.
 *Hoey, Clyde R. (Lawyer), Shelby, N. C.

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 *Ivey, George F. (Furniture Manufacturer), Hickory, N. C.
 *Weaver, Guy (Lawyer), Asheville, N. C.
 *Redding, Mrs. W. Frank, Jr. (H), Asheboro, N. C.
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 *Coleman, R. D. (Paper Mill), Canton, N. C.
 *Koonce, A. J. (Banker), High Point, N. C.

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 Burke, Alfred R. (DS), Binghamton D; 669 Chenango St., Binghamton, N. Y.
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YENPING (2) OS

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 *Chen, Leslie (Doctor).

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- Dennis, Louis R.
 *Chi, Ting Hung (BE).

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Sec. C; Row 21; Seat 3

KOREAN METHODIST CHURCH (1) OS

Sec. D; Row 17; Seat 9

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Allison, Oscar E. (2)	Kansas, SC
*Allison, Will F. (4)	Illinois, NC
*Anderson, Floyd N. (1)	Central Kansas, SC
Anderson, William K. (3)	.....	Pittsburgh, NE
*Andrew, Walter M. (5)	.....	New York, NE
Andrews, Benjamin H. (5)	.....	Louisiana, SC
Andrews, Henry M. (7)	Alabama, SE
*Appleby, Troy W. (5)	Ohio, NC
*Archer, William D. (6)	North-East Ohio, NC
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Arvidson, Theodor	Sweden, OS
*Awtrey, Mrs. Lemon M. (4)	North Georgia, SE
Babcock, Sidney H. (6)	West Oklahoma, SC
Bacon, C. Clifford (7)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Baggett, John F. (3)	Tennessee, SE
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*Bailey, Thomas L. (8)	Mississippi, SE
Baker, Earle A. (2)	Upper Iowa, NC
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*Baker, John H. (6)	Baltimore, NE
*Baker, Mrs. J. H. (4)	Dakota, NC
*Baker, Leverett C. (8)	Central Kansas, SC
Baker, Rufus C. (6)	.....	Colorado, W
Baker, W. Harrison (2)	.....	North Texas, SC
*Bancroft, E. Dow (1)	.....	Ohio, NC
Baner, Albert L. (2)	.....	New Jersey, NE
*Banker, H. F. (1)	.....	Texas, SC
Bankhardt, Frederick	.....	Yenping, OS
*Barr, Mrs. C. A. (4)	.....	Southwest Texas, SC
*Barradell, William H. (6)	.....	New York East, NE
*Bartlett, Mrs. Edward R. (4)	.....	Northwest Indiana, NC
Bartley, Henry W. (4)	.....	Florida, C
*Bartz, Otto F. (1)	.....	Northwest Iowa, NC
Baumhofer, Earl F. (3)	.....	Northern Minnesota, NC
Bays, James A. (5)	.....	Holston, SE
Beebe, Albert E. (2)	.....	New York East, NE
Bell, C. Cooper (1)	.....	Virginia, SE
*Bell, Mrs. Frank G. (4)	.....	North Alabama, SE

Bennett, Reginald V. (3)	Louisville, SE
*Berger, Dr. Evelyn Miller (3)	California, W
Bevan, Frank W. (8)	Troy, NE
*Bickley, Mrs. C. A. (8)	Northwest Texas, SC
Bisbee, Royal D.	Gujarat, OS
Black, Benjamin B. (4)	Upper South Carolina, SE
Blackard, William F. (4)	Holston, SE
*Blasingame, Walter A. (1)	South Georgia, SE
*Boero, Domingo	Chile, OS
*Boudet, Moises (7)	Cuba, SE
Bowen, John W. E. (2)	Louisiana, C
*Boyd, David A. (1)	Florida, C
*Boyd, Miller W. (1)	East Tennessee, C
Boyd, P. M. (5)	Florida, SE
Bradshaw, Robert W. (3)	North Carolina, SE
Brady, Austin C. (4)	New Jersey, NE
*Bragg, Mrs. J. D. (4)	St. Louis, SC
Branscomb, John W. (2)	Florida, SE
Bransford, Wesley H. (2)	North Indiana, NC
Brashares, Charles W. (3)	Detroit, NC
*Brazier, John S. (1)	Louisiana, C
Brewster, Edward B. (1)	Ohio, NC
*Bright, George W. (1)	West Virginia, NE
*Brockett, Howard R. (7)	New York East, NE
*Brookes, E. Luther (1)—Deceased March 29, 1944	Atlanta, C
Brooks, Robert N. (5)	North Carolina, C
Brown, Earl R. (4)	North-East Ohio, NC
*Brown, Herman D. (1)	Delaware, C
*Brown, I. W. (6)	Illinois, NC
Brown, Paul B. (2)	Southern Illinois, NC
*Brown, Mrs. Robert T. (2)	Kentucky, SE
*Brown, Samuel L. (4)	West Texas, SC
*Brown, Mrs. Wallace E. (5)	Central New York, NE
*Brown, Mrs. Warren E. (4)	Michigan, NC
*Brown, Mrs. W. Raymond (4)	Genesee, NE
Brown, William E. (4)	New Mexico, SC
Brownlee, Thomas M. (4)	Mississippi, SE
Bryan, Dawson C. (4)	Texas, SC
*Bryan, Mrs. Gid J. (8)	Central Texas, SC
Bryan, Winfred F. (1)	Texas, SC
*Bryant, R. Bernard (6)	Northwest Texas, SC
Bunch, Jesse W. (6)	Oregon, W
*Bunch, R. C. (1)	Western North Carolina, SE
Burgan, Harry W. (7)	Baltimore, NE
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*Burrows, Charles W. (6)	Troy, NE
Butham, John C. (2)	Northwest Iowa, NC
*Byers, Charles A. (1)	Kansas, SC
*Caldwell, Charles W. (1)	South Carolina, C
*Calhoun, Galloway (8)	Texas, SC
Callaghan, Arthur A. (2)	Maine, NE
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Cannon, O. D. (2)	Wisconsin, NC
Carder, Okey J. (8)	Missouri, SC
Carlyon, Richard E. (8)	Nebraska, SC
*Carman, Edward R. (1)	New York East, NE
Carpenter, Guy O. (2)	Indiana, NC
*Carr, Robert B. (6)	North Alabama, SE

Carroll, Arthur G. (6)	New York, NE
*Carson, John T. (1)	Philadelphia, NE
*Carter, A. M. (1)	Savannah, C
Carter, George W. (4)	Louisiana, C
Caton, Andrew C. (8)	Montana, W
*Cerdo, Gilberto (3)	Southwest Mexican, SC
*Chafee, H. Almon (3)	New York East, NE
Chambers, Herbert O. (6)	Upper South Carolina, SE
*Chen, Leslie	Yenping, OS
*Cherrington, Ernest H. (8)	Ohio, NC
*Cherrington, Mrs. Homer V. (4)	Upper Iowa, NC
*Cherry, Hal H. (1)	Central Texas, SC
*Child's Benjamin G. (7)	North Carolina, SE
Chitwood, J. Henry (8)	North Alabama, SE
*Christian, Ashirwad	Gujarat, OS
*Christenberry, W. B. (1)	Alabama, SE
*Clark, Anson C. (1)	Troy, NE
*Clark, B. Clyde (8)	West Oklahoma, SC
Clark, O. P. (2)	Northwest Texas, SC
*Clark, Mrs. Samuel H. (7)	Newark, NE
Clay, Russell E. (6)	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Clay, Thomas B. (1)	Genesee, NE
Cleland, Joseph W. (2)	North-East Ohio, NC
*Cliffe, Albert W. (8)	Philadelphia, NE
*Coates, Cristobal G.	Eastern South America, OS
*Cohagan, S. A. (1)	Upper Iowa, NC
Colie, Cluade C. (2)	New York, NE
Coldsmith, Charles I. (8)	Kansas, SC
*Cole, Mrs. Redmond S. (4)	East Oklahoma, SC
Colley, Thomas E. (3)	Erie, NE
Collins, Oliver J. (2)	Peninsula, NE
Coman, Alfred P. (3)	Central New York, NE
*Connell, Mrs. R. E. (2)	North Arkansas, SC
*Coons, H. Westlake (3)	New York, NE
*Cooper, Charles E.	Liberia, OS
Cooper, Claude W. (5)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Coors, D. Stanley (2)	Michigan, NC
Corson, Fred P. (3)	Central Pennsylvania, NE
Coulter, Charles M. (3)	Ohio, NC
*Cox, A. Ward (8)	West Virginia, NE
*Crabbe, George W. (8)	Baltimore, NE
Cram, Willard G. (4)	Kentucky, SE
Crane, Henry Hitt (8)	Detroit, NC
*Crawford, Alfred C. (1)	Rock River, NC
Cromer, Horace E. (4)	Baltimore, NE
Crompton, J. Rolland (6)	Wyoming, NE
*Crummey, John D. (5)	California, W
Curl, R. F. (2)	Southwest Texas, SC
*Currie, Miss Margaret (6)	Maine, NE
Curry, James C. (5)	East Oklahoma, SC
*Curtiss, W. Foss (1)	West Virginia, NE
Curtis, W. Marvette (2)	Alabama, SE
Dacorso, Bishop Cesar	Brazil, OS
Danford, John W. (2)	Ohio, NC
Daniels, W. Clay (8)	Holston, SE
*Dannelly, Clarence M. (3)	Alabama, SE
Das, Preo N.	Bengal, OS
*Davage, Matthew S. (3)	Louisiana, C

Davenport, George M. (2)	North Alabama, SE
Davis, Ernest E. (2)	Genesee, NE
*Davis, J. Boyd (6)	Ohio, NC
*Davis, Milton C. (3)	Mexico, OS
*Davis, Warren H. (1)	New Hampshire, NE
*Davis, Wilmer Fell (3)	Peninsula, NE
Day, Albert E. (8)	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Day, Kelley J. (1)	Kentucky, SE
*Deal, Edson H. (1)	Idaho, W
*DeLong, Clarence H. (1)	Illinois, NC
*Deneke, Wesley A. (1)	St. Louis, SC
Denniston, Benjamin M. (7)	New York, NE
Depp, Mark (8)	Pittsburgh, NE
*DeWeese, Henry O. (5)	North Indiana, NC
*Ding, James L.	Foochow, OS
*Dolliver, James I. (8)	Northwest Iowa, NC
Donald, W. Clyde (2)	Detroit, NC
*Donaldson, Mrs. B. R. (5)	Detroit, NC
Donaldson, Charles M. (4)	Idaho, W
Doss, W. LaFayette, Jr. (2)	Louisiana, SC
Downs, Karl E. (3)	West Texas, C
*Downs, Mrs. Ward M. (4)	West Virginia, NE
*Drake, Mrs. M. M. (2)	Tennessee, C
Duncombe, Franklin (6)	Philadelphia, NE
*Earp, William L. (5)	Southwest Missouri, SC
*Easter, John E. (4)	Virginia, SE
*Eastman, Joel A. (2)	Illinois, NC
*Ebner, Mrs. Anne M. (3)	New Jersey, NE
*Edwards, Joseph R. (5)	Central Texas, SC
*Eells, Linden L. (7)	Nebraska, SC
*Egan, James A. (3)	East Oklahoma, SC
*Eimir, Randolf	Sweden, OS
*Elijah, Earl (8)	Upper Iowa, NC
*Elliott, William P. (1)	Central Kansas, SC
Ellis, James E.	Brazil, OS
*Ellis, Matt. L. (1)	Little Rock, SC
*Ely T. Blair (1)	Peninsula, NE
Estes, Lud H. (3)	Memphis, SE
*Evans, Evan C. (1)	Louisville, SE
*Evans, Paul F. (1)	Western North Carolina, SE
Fain, J. Ed (7)	South Georgia, SE
Ferguson, Clarence F. (3)	South Carolina, C
*Fisher, Burgie L. (6)	Virginia, SE
*Fitch, Harold (5)	Illinois, NC
*Flegal, Mrs. Frank Porter (4)	California, W
*Fletcher, Abbott L. (8)	Northern Minnesota, NC
*Fletcher, William E. (1)	Washington, C
Ford, J. Emerson (3)	South Carolina, SE
*Forman, Julius M. (5)	North Mississippi, SE
*Foster, Chapin D. (8)	Pacific Northwest, W
*Foster, Mrs. Earl (5)	West Oklahoma, SC
Fox, Jesse W. (3)	North Indiana, NC
Freeman, Horace T. (2)	South Georgia, SE
*Frey, Max V. (2)	Central Pennsylvania, NE
Frye, Glenn M. (1)	Michigan, NC

- *Gaither, Mrs. Florence E. (8) Washington, C
Galbraith, John A. (4) Erie, NE
Gamble, Foster K. (6) North Alabama, SE
*Gammon, Bert O. (1) Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Garber, Paul N. (5) Western North Carolina, SE
Garrison, Edwin R. (8) North Indiana, NC
Garth, Schuyler E. (1) North-East Ohio, NC
Gernhardt, Henry J. (3) North Dakota, NC
*Gettle, Homer R. (1) North Indiana, NC
*Gibson, Miss Henrietta (4) Troy, NE
*Gilligan, Henry (5) Baltimore, NE
*Gillinder, James M. (3) Newark, NE
Gleiser, Walter S. (5) Pacific Northwest, W
Goff, Charles R. (2) Rock River, NC
*Goodell, Ralph A. (3) Michigan, NC
Goodsell, H. Guy (2) Oregon, W
*Gordon, Mrs. Maymie E. (8) South Carolina, C
Gordon, R. Ernest (6) Kansas, SC
*Gossard, Harry C. (1) New Mexico, SC
*Grace, J. Harry (1) Baltimore, NE
Grant, A. Raymond (8) California, W
Grant, Thomas McM. (2) North Carolina, SE
*Gray, Robert A. (3) Florida, SE
*Green, Roy M. (5) Nebraska, SC
Greene, Nathaniel W. (2) South Carolina, C
*Greene, Walter K. (3) Upper South Carolina, SE
*Greenhaw, Karl (7) North Arkansas, SC
*Greenslit, Henry M (1) Nebraska, SC
Greer, Robert E. (6) Holston, SE
*Gregg, Frank H. (8) Louisville, SE
*Griffin, Mrs. T. J. (1) Southwest, C
Grimes, Charles C. (2) Memphis, SE
Grummon, Arthur R. (8) Illinois, NC
Guerra, Bishop Eleazar (4) Mexico, OS
*Guilds, J. Caldwell (1) South Carolina, SE
Gum, Walter C. (6) Virginia, SE
Gunter, William (8) New England, NE
*Guyer, Mrs. Laura V. (7) Central Pennsylvania, NE
- *Hakim, Miss Eileen B. Indus River, OS
*Haley, Paul S. (5) North Alabama, SE
*Hample, Gideon A. (8) North Dakota, NC
Hanifan, John E. (2) West Virginia, NE
*Hardy, Aage Norway, OS
Harmon, Nolan B., Jr. (5) Virginia, SE
Harper, Marvin H. (7) Central Provinces, OS
*Harrah, Ezra C. (1) Colorado, W
Harrell, Costen J. (1) Tennessee, SE
Harris, M. LaFayette (3) Lexington, C
*Harshbarger, Clyde L. (6) West Virginia, NE
*Hart, John C. (5) Wyoming, NE
Hartinger, William C. (7) Indiana, NC
Hartman, Lewis O. (6) New England, NE
Harwood, Harry J. Burma, OS
Havighurst, Freeman C. (3) Southwest Missouri, SC
Havighurst, Lawrence D. (4) Northwest Iowa, NC
Hawk, Eugene B. (3) Central Texas, SC
Hawley, John W. (2) Pittsburgh, NE

Hayden, Ransford S.—Deceased February 14, 1944.

	North Arkansas, SC
Haymes, J. O. (7)	Northwest Texas, SC
Haywood, John W. (3)	East Tennessee, C
Hearn, Walter A. (5)	Peninsula, NE
Heckman, Edgar R. (6)	Central Pennsylvania, NE
*Heer, A. L. (3)	North-East Ohio, NC
Heinsohn, Edmund (8)	Southwest Texas, SC
Helrigel, William H. (7)	Michigan, NC
Henderson, Newton C. (5)	Southern Illinois, NC
*Henderson, Zach S. (8)	South Georgia, SE
*Henn, Mrs. William C. (8)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Henriksson, Gideon	Sweden, OS
Henry, Albert E. (2)	Central Kansas, SC
Henry, David W. (6)	Delaware, C
Henry, Harry D. (4)	Minnesota, NC
*Henry, Joseph S. (1)	West Texas, C
Henson, George W. (7)	Philadelphia, NE
Hicks, Guy M. (3)	Louisiana, SC
Hildebrand, Carroll D. W. (8)	Northwest Indiana, NC
Hillman, Edgar L. (6)	North Carolina, SE
*Hillman, Mrs. Edgar L. (8)	North Carolina, SE
*Hillman, James N. (3)	Holston, SE
Hillman, Paul M. (2)	Nebraska, SC
*Hindman, J. Clyde (8)	Southern Illinois, NC
*Hocking, Edward P. (6)	Wisconsin, NC
Hodge, Bachman G. (2)	Tennessee, SE
*Hoey, Clyde R. (6)	Western North Carolina, SE
Hoffman, Joseph C. (5)	West Virginia, NE
Hogg, William L. (7)	Pittsburgh, NE
*Hole, J. Wesley (1)	Southern California-Arizona, W
Holland, Amos L. (2)	Mississippi, C
*Holler, J. Carlisle (7)	Upper South Carolina, SE
Holloway, Fred G. (3)	Baltimore, NE
Holmes, William W. (7)	Louisiana, SC
*Hood, Gurney P. (5)	North Carolina, SE
*Hoover, Arthur L. (8)	North-East Ohio, NC
Hough, Lynn Harold (5)	New York East, NE
Houser, Otto H. (8)	Colorado, W
*Houston, James G. (1)	North Mississippi, SE
Howard, George P.	Eastern South America, OS
*Hubbard, Mrs. Ida B. (3)	Northwest Iowa, NC
*Huckleberry, Edward (6)	Indiana, NC
*Hummer, Harry R. (1)	Pittsburgh, NE
Humphreys, Gideon I. (5)	Western North Carolina, SE
*Hunt, Robert E. (1)	Upper Mississippi, C
*Hunt, Walter C. (7)	Wyoming, NE
Hunter, Alfred V. (6)	Nebraska, SC
*Hunter, Stanley C. (1)	Northern Minnesota, NC
Huse, Raymond H. (2)	Central New York, NE
*Huston, G. Robert (1)	Pacific Northwest, W
*Imboden, Charles A. (4)	Illinois, NC
*Inglender, Arthur	Sweden, OS
*Ivey, J. B. (8)	Western North Carolina, SE
*Ivins, Lester S., Ph.D. (1)	Ohio, NC
*Jackson, Henry E. (6)	Southwest Texas, SC
*Jackson, Will W. (3)	Southwest Texas, SC

James, Glenn C. (8)	Florida, SE
*James, Paul G. (6)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Jenkins, E. Ray (2)	North-East Ohio, NC
Johnson, Andrew C. (7)	Louisville, SE
*Johnson, Mrs. Andrew C. (4)	Louisville, SE
*Johnson, Hubert T. (7)	Central Texas, SC
Johnson, Julius C. (3)	Tennessee, C
*Johnson, Mrs. Pinkie D. (2)	Texas, C
Johnson, Silas (5)	South Georgia, SE
*Johnson, Mrs. William R.	Kiangsi, OS
Johnson, Zachary T. (3)	Kentucky, SE
*Johnston, Smith L. (1)	North Georgia, SE
*Jones, Charles A. (8)	Ohio, NC
*Jones, David D. (3)	North Carolina, C
Jones, Edward M. (4)	Central Alabama, C
Jones, Guy F. (7)	Texas, SC
*Jones, James A. (4)	Western North Carolina, SE
*Jones, Tracey K. (8)	Central New York, NE
Jordan, Arthur P. (2)	Illinois, NC
Jordan, Fred J. (5)	West Wisconsin, NC
Jordan, G. Ray (3)	Western North Carolina, SE
*Jordan, Miles W. (8)	Texas, C
*Jordan, Mrs. W. O. (8)	North Texas, SC
Jorns, Elza L. (8)	East Oklahoma, SC
Kean, Roy N. (3)	Southern Illinois, NC
Kellar, Fred J.	North Africa, OS
Kelly, Edward W. (6)	Central West, C
Kenney, John R. (7)	California, W
Kestle, Asa J. (5)	Ohio, NC
Ketcham, Charles B. (7)	North-East Ohio, NC
*Kibler, Russell M. (8)	Indiana, NC
Kilpatrick, Lester A. (6)	Michigan, NC
Kimbrough, Spencer O. (3)	North Alabama, SE
*King, Miss Sarah N. (4)	Rhodesia, OS
King, Willis J. (7)	Texas, C
*Kirk, Lyle O. (7)	Ohio, NC
*Klein, George R. (5)	North-East Ohio, NC
*Knapp, Arthur (1)	Southern Illinois, NC
*Knight, Miss Frances (8)	Detroit, NC
Knoles, Tully C. (3)	California, W
*Kramer, R. R. (7)	Holston, SE
Kristoffersen, Alf.	Norway, OS
*Kurth, William J. (1)	New England, NE
LaGrone, Don H. (4)	West Oklahoma, SC
*Lamb, Mrs. Fred A. (7)	Southwest Missouri, SC
Lambdin, Henry L. (2)	Newark, NE
Landrum, Van R. (3)	Mississippi, SE
*Langford, Miss Elizabeth S. (4)	Lexington, C
LaPrade, William H. (2)	North Georgia, SE
*Lauer, Mrs. Harry (4)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Law, Clyde O. (4)	West Virginia, NE
*Law, Mrs. John G. (4)	Wisconsin, NC
*Lawson, Mrs. David J. (3)	Pacific Northwest, W
Lawton, George A. (1)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Ledden, W. Earl (2)	Troy, NE
*Lee, Miss Elizabeth M. (4)	Pittsburgh, NE
Lee, Umphrey (3)	North Texas, SC

*LeSourd, Mrs. Howard M. (4)	New England, NE
*Liles, John L. (1)	North Alabama, SE
*Linn, Kennie M.	South India, OS
Lipscomb, L. N. (4)	Northwest Texas, SC
Lister, W. Frank (3)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Lochridge, Frank E. (3)	Dakota, NC
*Long, Mrs. Conrad C. (4)	Ohio, NC
*Longstreth, Mrs. Wilbur E. (4)	Missouri, NC
*Lord, A. Taylor (1)	Wyoming, NE
Lord, J. Wesley (6)	Newark, NE
Lord, R. Guy (2)	North Mississippi, SE
*Loring, Fred P. (1)	Maine, NE
Lott, Fred E. (3)	Wyoming, NE
*Loucks, Charles O. (6)	Rock River, NC
Love, Edgar A. (4)	Washington, C
Love, Ernest C. (6)	Northern New York, NE
Lugg, Thomas B. (3)	Illinois, NC
Lundy, Clyde E. (3)	Holston, SE
*Lynch, G. Stanley (5)	Philadelphia, NE
*Lynch, Lee W. (1)	Central Alabama, C
Lyons, James L. (1)	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Lyons, Leslie J. (8)	Southwest Missouri, SC
*Macklin, Sam L. (3)	Oregon, W
Magnuson, Ray F. (4)	Nebraska, SC
Mahoney, Carl K. (7)	Pacific Northwest, W
Marsh, Daniel L. (3)	New England, NE
Martin, Albert W. (4)	North Arkansas, SC
Martin, Arba (4)	Ohio, NC
*Martin, Mrs. John E. (3)	Detroit, NC
Martin, Paul E. (7)	North Texas, SC
Maxwell, Marvin M. (Deceased November 21, 1943)	North Georgia, SE
*McAllen, George I. (5)	Virginia, SE
*McAllister, Reuben H. (5)	Mississippi, C
*McCrea, Archie E. (5)	Michigan, NC
*McCullough, J. Bruce (1)	New England Southern, NE
McCurdy, Harold E. (6)	Erie, NE
*McDonald, Samuel J. (4)	South Carolina, C
*McDonald, T. Morton (4)	Indiana, NC
*McFall, Carl S. (1)	West Oklahoma, SC
*McGiffin, James (3)	Southern California-Arizona, W
McIlwain, A. Thomas (6)	North Mississippi, SE
*McKay, Leo H. (5)	Erie, NE
McKibben, J. W. O. (6)	North Georgia, SE
McMillan, Kay W. (2)	West Texas, C
McPheeters, Chester A. (5)	Indiana, NC
McPherson, Harry W. (3)	Illinois, NC
*McQuiston, Jackson C. (5)	Pittsburgh, NE
*Mead, Mrs. Charles W. (4)	Nebraska, SC
Mecklenburg, George (5)	Northern Minnesota, NC
Medelin, Juan (4)	Southwest Mexican, SC
*Meek, Paul (7)	Memphis, SE
Meeks, Benjamin W. (5)	Baltimore, NE
*Melson, Elwood F. (4)	Peninsula, NE
*Metcalf, Mrs. Harold S. (6)	Pittsburgh, NE
*Mitchener, Charles V. (1)	Minnesota, NC
*Mickler, Fred T. (7)	Florida, SE
Miller, Cassius J. (3)	Troy, NE

- *Miller, Charles M. (7) Kansas, SC
 Miller, Isaac E. (2) Ohio, NC
 Miller, Leslie (5) Kansas, SC
 Miller, Samuel M. (5) South Carolina, C
 Mills, J. Walter (2) Texas, SC
 *Mills, Mrs. J. Walter (4) Texas, SC
 Minkler, R. Glenn (2) Dakota, NC
 *Mondol, Hrit K. Bengal, OS
 Moore, Aubrey S. (4) Rock River, NC
 *Moore, J. G. (1) North Arkansas, SC
 Moore, Leland (3) South Georgia, SE
 Moore, Leon S. (3) Delaware, C
 Moore, Leon T. (2) Philadelphia, NE
 *Moreland, J. Earl (3) Virginia, SE
 Morgado, Edmundo G. (4) Cuba, SE
 *Morgan, Mrs. Joy Elmer (4) Baltimore, NE
 Morgan, Robert E. L. (2) West Oklahoma, SC
 Morrill, Miron A. (5) Minnesota, NC
 Morris, Harry T. (3) Colorado, W
 *Morris, Percy F. (2) (Deceased—November 22, 1943) California, W
 Morris, R. Gammon (2) Lexington, C
 *Morrison, Ed (3) West Oklahoma, SC
 Morrison, Paul (3) (Transferred) Genesee, NE
 Morrow, Harry E. (6) Upper Iowa, NC
 Mulligan, Thomas C. (6) Peninsula, NE
 *Muncy, William T. (8) Nebraska, SC
 *Munn, Mrs. Orson E. (8) Michigan, NC
 *Murphree, John C. (1) North Texas, SC
 Murphree, Marshall J. Rhodesia, OS

 *Naftzger, Mrs. Julia P. (4) North Indiana, NC
 Nason, Philip S. (2) (Transferred after election)
 New Hampshire, NE
 *Nicodemus, Gunday S. Hyderabad, OS
 Nease, Edgar H. (2) Western North Carolina, SE
 Needham, Fred Chile, OS
 Newell, Frederick B. (4) New York East, NE
 *Newton, H. E. (7) East Oklahoma, SC
 *Nichols, Ray H. (1) Northwest Texas, SC
 *Noble, Fred B. (1) Florida, SE
 Northcott, H. Clifford (5) Illinois, NC

 *Odell, Albert G. (1) Central New York, NE
 *O'Dell, Wesley H. (6) West Virginia, NE
 *O'Neal, Robert J. (6) Louisiana, SC
 Ogle, Edwin H. (2) Holston, SE
 *Orcutt, Louis E. (1) Newark, NE
 Ormond, Jesse M. (4) North Carolina, SE
 *Ostrom, Miss Eva North Africa, OS

 Palmquist, Theodore H. (4) California, W
 *Parlin, Charles C. (8) Newark, NE
 *Patterson, D. Stewart (1) Baltimore, NE
 Patterson, John Hyderabad, OS
 *Paul, Edwin B. Central Provinces, OS
 Pearson, Ralph O. (1) Indiana, NC
 Pedersen, Frederick L. (4) Pacific Northwest, W
 *Peel, David T. (1) Southwest Texas, SC
 *Peel, Mrs. Leon R. (4) Northern Minnesota, NC

Peele, Clarence E. (2)	Upper South Carolina, SE
Pegues, David K. (2)	Missouri, SC
Pellowe, William C. S. (4)	Detroit, NC
Perkins, Albert R. (6)	Kentucky, SE
Perkins, E. C. (4)	Kiangsi, OS
*Perkins, Joe J. (4)	North Texas, SC
Perry, James A. (7)	Troy, NE
Perryman, Willis L. (4)	Southwest Missouri, SC
Persinger, Benjamin M. (3)	Virginia, SE
Peters, Hardeo S.	Northwest India, OS
Petersen, Carl	Denmark, OS
*Peterson, Ernest W. (1)	Oregon, W
Peterson, Howard W. (5)	North-East Ohio, NC
*Phelps, Harley R. (1)	Northern New York, NE
*Phelps, William R. (2)	Virginia, SE
Phillips, C. Gordon (6)	Detroit, NC
*Phillips, Ernest M.	Northwest India, OS
Phillips, Glenn R. (4)	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Plette, Mrs. G. W. L. (3)	Minnesota, NC
*Poffenberger, Alvin C. (7)	New Jersey, NE
*Pohlman, George (1)	Missouri, SC
*Pollard, Mrs. John B. (4)	Louisiana, SC
Potts, J. Manning (2)	Virginia, SE
Prentzel, Frank, Jr. (3)	Philadelphia, NE
*Pritchard, William P. (4)	New England Southern, NE
*Propert, Frank C. (5)	New Jersey, NE
Prothro, Charles W. (7)	Savannah, C
Pugh, A. Wesley (2)	North Indiana, NC
*Quillian, Hubert T. (1)	North Georgia, SE
Quillian, Paul W. (3)	Texas, SC
Quimby, Karl K. (4)	Newark, NE
Ragan, Raye (7)	Illinois, NC
*Ralph, Will P. (1)	California, W
Randolph, Joseph D. (5)	Missouri, SC
Rankin, W. P. (6)	California, W
Raver, William R. (8)	New Jersey, NE
*Redd, John H. (8)	Virginia, SE
*Redstone, Edward H. (2)	New England, NE
*Redwine, Marcus C. (5)	Kentucky, SE
Reed, Marshall R. (2)	Detroit, NC
*Reeves, A. Raymond (1)	Montana, W
*Reuben, Albert S.	Lucknow, OS
Reves, Claude M. (2)	Little Rock, SC
Reykdal, Theodore J. (3)	Wisconsin, NC
Rice, Samuel C. (7)	Kentucky, SE
Riddick, Roland P. (4)	Virginia, SE
Riggin, E. Cranston (6)	Baltimore, NE
Riggleman, Leonard (3)	West Virginia, NE
*Riley, Mrs. Earl S. (3)	Indiana, NC
Riley, Philip E. (6)	Central Texas, SC
Rives, Joseph J. (7)	Virginia, SE
*Robbins, Charles A. (6)	Pacific Northwest, W
*Roberts, E. Howard (1)	Wisconsin, NC
Robinson, William W. (6)	North Indiana, NC
*Rogers, Mrs. Joe T. (4)	Central Kansas, SC
Rogers, Wallace (4)	North Georgia, SE
*Rooks, Robert E. (1)	Memphis, SE

- Root, Herbert J. (6) Central Kansas, SC
 *Rosenberger, John H. (1) Virginia, SE
 *Roudebush, Roy R. (4) North Indiana, NC
 Roush, Lester L. (6) Ohio, NC
 Rowe, Benjamin (4) Central New York, NE
 Rowe, Gilbert T. (8) Western North Carolina, SE
 *Rowell, Alvah D. (1) New York, NE
 Rumble, Lester (3) North Georgia, SE
 *Rust, Littell J. (6) Tennessee, SE
 *Ryder, Frank H. (5) Troy, NE

 Salter, John D. (6) East Oklahoma, SC
 *Sapp, Mrs. Clarence C. (4) South Georgia, SE
 Savige, George R. (4) Wyoming, NE
 Scarborough, E. F. (2) Upper Mississippi, C
 *Schaedel, Mrs. Charles T. (7) Texas, SC
 Schatzman, Albert G. (7) Ohio, NC
 Scheerer, Lloyd H. (5) Northwest Iowa, NC
 Schisler, John Q. (3) North Arkansas, SC
 Schofield, Charles E. (5) Central Kansas, SC
 Score, J. N. R. (2) Central Texas, SC
 Scott, Julius S. (4) Texas, C
 Schubel, Burnell L. (6) St. Louis, SC
 Schwartz, Benjamin F. (3) Nebraska, SC
 Seamands, Earl A. (4) South India, OS
 *Searcy, Hubert (5) Alabama, SE
 Searles, J. Wesley (6) Genesee, NE
 Secrest, Paul E. (8) North-East Ohio, NC
 *Seward, Mrs. John R. (4) North-East Ohio, NC
 *Sexon, James O. (2) Southern California-Arizona, W
 *Sexton, Mrs. George S., Jr. (8) Louisiana, SC
 *Seymour, Mrs. Jerome (8) Southern California-Arizona, W
 Shaffer, Frank L. (2) West Virginia, NE
 *Shannon, Dr. Mary E. (3) Kansas, SC
 *Shappell, Mrs. W. E. (4) Philadelphia, NE
 *Sheeley, Lynn (1) Holston, SE
 *Shepard, C. Leighton (6)—Deceased January 15, 1944.
 South Georgia, SE
 Sheppard, B. Burton (8) Wisconsin, NC
 *Sherrod, Charles C. (1) Holston, SE
 Shirkey, Albert P. (5) Southwest Texas, SC
 Short, Roy H. (2) Louisville, SE
 *Simpson, Leverett J. (5) Genesee, NE
 Singh, Masih Charan Lucknow, OS
 Skillington, J. Edgar (1) Central Pennsylvania, NE
 Slaughter, Dow P. (4) Alabama, SE
 *Slaughter, Nat G. (5) North Georgia, SE
 *Slutz, Frank D. (3) Ohio, NC
 Smart, W. Aiken (8) Virginia, SE
 *Smith, Chester A. (8) New York, NE
 *Smith, Edward A. (1) Detroit, NC
 Smith, Horace G. (3) Rock River, NC
 *Smith, J. Harvey (1) South Florida, C
 Smith, Leonard B. (2) Baltimore, NE
 *Smith, Robert J. (6) Southwest Missouri, SC
 Smith, Robert J. (7) West Oklahoma, SC
 Smith, Roy L. (5) Southern California-Arizona, W
 Smith, W. Angie (5) North Texas, SC
 *Smith, William J. (1) North Carolina, SE

- *Snavely, Herschel R. (1) Illinois, NC
 *Snyder, Henry N. (1) Upper South Carolina, SE
 Sockman, Ralph W. (4) New York, NE
 Spellman, L. U. (7) Southwest Texas, SC
 *Spencer, Robert B. (4) Colorado, W
 *Spillman, Mrs. James H. (8) Kentucky, SE
 Spurrier, Percy M. (8) New England Southern, NE
 *Stackhouse, Will (6) South Carolina, SE
 Stafford, Garland R. (3) Western North Carolina, SE
 Stafford, Thomas, A. (6) Northern Minnesota, NC
 *Stanger, Francis A., Jr. (1) New Jersey, NE
 Stephens, John E. (3) North Mississippi, SE
 *Stevens, Benjamin M. (7) Mississippi, SE
 Stevenson, Henry M. (7) North Alabama, SE
 Stone, Fred D. (5) Rock River, NC
 Story, Earl E. (3) New England Southern, NE
 *Stout, Mrs. B. Rule (4) Holston, SE
 Stovall, Thomas L. (2) Northwest Indiana, NC
 *Strange, John K. (7) Wyoming State, W
 Street, Cassius E. (1) Southwest Missouri, SC
 *Streeter, Ray (7) Central Kansas, SC
 *Strong, Dennis F. (1) Detroit, NC
 Subhan, John A. Indus River, OS
 *Sullivan, J. Magruder (1) Mississippi, SE
 Sutherland, Benjamin L. (5) Mississippi, SE
 *Sutton, Charles N. (1) North-East Ohio, NC
 *Sykes, W. Clyde (4) Northern New York, NE
- Taggart, J. H. (2) Southwest, C
 *Tanner, Ennis A. (4) North Mississippi, SE
 *Tatum, Mrs. S. Homer (4) Memphis, SE
 *Taunton, Van B. (3) North Alabama, SE
 *Taylor, Dean (3)—Deceased September 23, 1943.
 Iowa-Des Moines, NC
 Temple, Herbert D. (3) Upper Iowa, NC
 Templin, Lester R. (3) Central Kansas, SC
 Terry, Arthur (3) Little Rock, SC
 Thomas, J. Wesley (5) Atlanta, C
 *Thomasson, Gus W. (6) North Texas, SC
 *Thompson, Pat (6) Texas, SC
 *Thomsen, Brown Denmark, OS
 Timerman, Donald (2) Ohio, NC
 *Timmons, Mrs. Christian N. (7) Rock River, NC
 Tippett, Donald H. (3) Southern California-Arizona, W
 Tittle, Ernest Fremont (8) Rock River, NC
 Titus, Murray T. (7) North India, OS
 *Titus, Mrs. Olive G. (4) North India, OS
 Tower, Joe Z. (5) Texas, SC
 *Trotter, Frank H. (8) Holston, SE
 Tucker, Frank C. (3) St. Louis, SC
 Tyler, Robert Z. (6) Florida, SE
 *Tyrer, Howard (4) West Wisconsin, NC
- Underwood, James E. (5) Memphis, SE
 *Utz, William H., Jr. (6) Missouri, SC
- *Vessey, Bernard (2) Colorado, W
 *Wagner, Mrs. Mabel B. Bombay, OS

Wagner, Paul E.	Bombay, OS
Wahl, Frederick W. (2)	St. Louis, SC
*Walker, Ezriah L. (1)	Louisiana, SC
Walker, James W. (2)	Wyoming State, W
Walton, A. Jack (4)	West Virginia, NE
Ward, T. Ebenezar	Liberia, OS
Ward, Walter W. (4)	Central Texas, SC
Ward, Woodrow (7)	South Carolina, SE
Ware, H. Wendell (7)	West Virginia, NE
Warren, John W. (2)	Northern New York, NE
Washabaugh, J. Edgar (5)	Newark, NE
Weaver, Charles C. (2)	Western North Carolina, SE
*Weaver, Mrs. Charles C. (4)	Western North Carolina, SE
Webb, Ernest C. (2)	East Oklahoma, SC
Weis, LeRoy L. (2)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Welch, Edgar T. (1)	Erie, NE
Wells, Arthur M. (6)	Illinois, NC
*Wells, Jere A. (8)	North Georgia, SE
*Wells, Luther W. (7)	Virginia, SE
*Werner, Mrs. H. E. (4)	Kansas, SC
Werner, Hazen G. (8)	Ohio, NC
*West, Thomas H. (3)	Rock River, NC
Wheaton, James D. (1)	Mississippi, C
*Whitcher, Frank O. (1)	West Wisconsin, NC
*White, Mrs. Edith M. (1)	Lexington, C
*White, Mrs. Edwin B. (4)	Florida, SE
White, Paul B. (3)	West Wisconsin, NC
*Whitson, George E. (1)	Dakota, NC
*Wilcox, William H. (1)	East Oklahoma, SC
*Williams, Miss Arsanian M. (3)	Central West, C
*Williams, Claud W. (4)	Mississippi, C
Williams, Robert M. (3)	Washington, C
*Williams, Walter C. (7)	North Indiana, NC
*Willson, James M. (3)	Northwest Texas, SC
*Wilson, Mrs. Byron H. (4)	Southern California-Arizona, W
Wilson, Elwin L. (3)	Maine, NE
*Wilson, Herbert S. (4)	Delaware, C
*Wise, Robert B. (1)	Northwest, Indiana, NC
*Wiseman, William H. (5)	Tennessee, SE
Wolfe, John L. (5)	West Virginia, NE
Womeldorf, Paul D. (3)	Central Kansas, SC
*Wood, Alpheus B. P. (7)	Southern California-Arizona, W
Wood, Lynn A. (2)	Pacific Northwest, W
*Woosley, Oscar V. (7)	Western North Carolina, SE
Worley, Harry W.	Foochow, OS
Worley, Loyd F. (8)	New York East, NE
*Wright, Mrs. Bruce S. (8)	Erie, NE
Wright, Louis C. (3)	North-East Ohio, NC
*Wright, Mrs. Nancy L. (8)	St. Louis, SC
*Yarbrough, Charles H. (4)	Tennessee, SE
*Yocom, J. Lee (6)	Northwest Indiana, NC
Young, Claude (5)	Northwest Indiana, NC
*Zartman, Mrs. Foss (4)	Ohio, NC

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF UNOFFICIAL DELEGATES

The General Conference, on recommendation of the Council of Bishops, seated the following as "Unofficial Delegates," having the privileges of regular Delegates, but without vote. (See page 224.) The figure in () designates the Committee assignment. All the Conferences represented are Overseas Conferences.

Anderson, Sid R. (4)	East China
Archer, R. L. (2)	Malaya
*Bacon, Miss Nettie A. (8)	Lucknow
Bartak, Joseph P. (7)	Bohemia-Moravia
Beech, Joseph (3)	West China
*Bunce, Miss Thirsa (4)	Malaya
*Christensen, Miss Lydia D. (1)	Indus River
*Colony, Miss Lucile (1)	Central Provinces
*Davis, Miss Hazel (6)	Northern Philippine
Dewey, Horace E. (2)	North China
*Evans, Miss Mary A. (8)	Philippine
*Hammerberg, Mrs. Anton (8)	Finland
Hanson, Perry O. (5)	Shantung
Hauser, Scott P. (2)	Chile
*Jones, Miss Dorothy (4)	Shantung
Laupmanis, Janis (4)	Baltic and Slavic
*Liu, Miss Katherine (3)	Foochow
Lyons, Ernest S. (2)	Northern Philippine
Pace, J. C. (2)	Northwest India
Peterson, B. O. (4)	Philippine
*Pierce, Miss Mildred L. (4)	Bengal
*Richards, Miss Gertrude E. (7)	Northwest India
*Shearer, Miss Mary C. (4)	West China
Shen, John B. (1)	Central China
Warfield, Gaither P. (2)	Poland
*Watters, Dr. Hyla (4)	Central China
Wengatz, J. C. (2)	Liberia
*Westcott, Miss Pauline (1)	Hingwa
Williams, Fred G. (3)	Bengal
Winter, Charles (6)	Hingwa
*Yang, Y. C. (8)	East China

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF RESERVE DELEGATES

* Before a name means Lay Delegate. Abbreviations in right-hand column after the names of the Conferences: NE, Northeastern Jurisdiction; SE, Southeastern Jurisdiction; C, Central Jurisdiction; NC, North Central Jurisdiction; SC, South Central Jurisdiction; W, Western Jurisdiction; OS, Overseas Conference. The first number in parentheses (5-10) indicates the number of the Report of the Committee on Credentials; the second numeral the item in the Report showing for whom the Reserve was seated. These Reports are found in the Appendix under "Reports of Administrative Committees." All Reserve Delegates took the place of their Principal Delegate as a member of the General Standing Legislative Committees, 1 to 8 inclusive, upon their substitution.

Abbey, Merrill R.	Wisconsin, NC
Acey, Archie E.	Virginia, SE
Ackley, Howard C.	Troy, NE
*Adkins, Homer M.	Little Rock, SC
Adkins, Leon M.	Troy, NE
*Ahn, George B.	Central New York, NE
*Aikman, John M.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Ake, Mrs. J. Howard	Central Pennsylvania, NE
Alderson, William H.	New York East, NE
Aldrich, Herbert F.	Maine, NE
Alexander, Virgil	East Oklahoma, SC
Allen, Houston, G.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Allen, Miss Mabel E.	Illinois, NC
Allen, Robert L.	Florida, SE
*Allgood, Mrs. Bertha	New Jersey, NE
Alton, John T.	Ohio, NC
*Anderson, Mrs. William A.	Central New York, NE
*Andree, Mrs. Edward F.	Ohio, NC
Archibald, R. Lambuth	North Alabama, SE
Arend, LeRoy F.	Central Kansas, SC
*Armistead, Dero F. (9-3)	North Texas, SC
*Arrington, Mrs. Paul	Mississippi, SE
*Aspinall, Richard	West Virginia, NE
Aspinall, Rowland	West Virginia, NE
Atherton, Edgar E.	Illinois, NC
*Athey, Thomas A.	West Virginia, NE
Auman, Lester W.	New York East, NE
Babbitt, Edmund H.	Michigan, NC
*Backer, L. E.	Minnesota, NC
Badley, Theodore C.	Northwest India, OS
*Bagby, Grover C.	California, W
*Baker, Frank E.	Philadelphia, NE
*Baker, George	Troy, NE
*Baker, Walter F.	Central Kansas, SC
*Baldwin, Clinton D.	Maine, NE
Baldwin, Glenn A.	Missouri, SC
*Baldwin, Howard C.	Detroit, NC
*Ball, Elwood I.	Pacific Northwest, W
*Ball, Frank L.	Virginia, SE

*Bancroft, Fred W.	Michigan, NC
Banks, William W. (1-1)	Central Pennsylvania, NE
*Barber, D. Amos (4-22)	Southwest Texas, SC
Barnes, Slaton A.	Central Texas, SC
*Barnett, Nels.	North Arkansas, SC
*Barrett, Commodore A.	North Carolina, C
Barrett, James A.	Upper South Carolina, SE
Barton, Jesse H., Sr.	North Georgia, SE
*Baskett, George V. (8-5)	Missouri, SC
*Bass, Floyd	Northwest Indiana, NC
Batchelor, Sloan L.	Southwest Texas, SC
Bates, F. O.	South Carolina, SE
*Batts, William O.	Tennessee, SE
Baumgardner, Homer S. (Deceased—January 23, 1944)	Ohio, NC
Beach, Maynard P.	Northern New York, NE
*Beahm, Leslie L.	Colorado, W
Beane, S. M.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Beckett, Carlos O.	North-East Ohio, NC
Beckham, William A.	South Carolina, SE
*Bedingfield, J. G.	Florida, SE
*Beecher, Charles W.	North Indiana, NC
*Beeken, Mrs. Elsie R.	Bengal, OS
*Bennett, Albert L.	Virginia, SE
Bennett, Alfred E.	West Virginia, NE
*Benson, F. Murray	Baltimore, NE
Benson, John G.	Northwest Indiana, NC
Benton, George Y.	Central New York, NE
Bicking, John R.	Peninsula, NE
Bisgrove, James F.	Genesee, NE
*Black, Orla E.	Erie, NE
Blackard, Embree H. (6-18)	Western North Carolina, SE
Blake, J. Withers	Florida, SE
Blasdell, David J.	Erie, NE
Bloomquist, Churley A. (5-9)	Rock River, NC
*Bloomquist, Mrs. Churley A. (8-9)	Rock River, NC
Blue, Willard H.	Tennessee, SE
*Boggs, John C.	Virginia, SE
Boicourt, George M.	Kansas, SC
*Bolden, George W.	South Carolina, C
*Boney, William R.	Little Rock, SC
Booker, Charles J.	Central Alabama, C
Bosley, Harold A.	Baltimore, NE
Bowers, Joe E.	East Oklahoma, SC
Bowles, Charles P.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Bradley, E. Elbert (8-1)	Baltimore, NE
Bradley, Osborn W.	Texas, SC
Bradway, Henry L.	New Jersey, NE
Brandt, Charles E.	West Virginia, NE
Branscomb, Albert L. (7-7; 7-17; 8-6; 9-6)	North Alabama, SE
Branton, Razzie R.	Louisiana, SC
*Breece, John T.	Indiana, NC
*Breedlove, C. B.	Northwest Texas, SC
*Bernnan, Mrs. Harold R.	New York East, NE
*Brewer, Richard L., Jr.	Virginia, SE
Briggs, Charles S.	Washington, C
Briggs, Edwin A.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Briscoe, Arthur E.	Washington, C
*Brock, William E.	Holston, SE
Brown, Arlo A.	Newark, NE
Brown, Cleveland C.	Central Kansas, SC

*Brown, Mrs. Maggie M.	West Texas, C
*Brown, Paul M.	Louisiana, SC
*Brown, Walter L.	Central Alabama, C
Brown, Walter M.	Southern Illinois, NC
Broyles, Joseph W.	West Virginia, NE
Brumley, Ira A.	North Arkansas, SC
Bryant, R. Orman	Virginia, SE
Buck Ernest F. (Transferred)	Kansas, SC
*Buck, Frank M.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Buckingham, Harold C.	Wyoming, NE
Buddin, Francis A. (2-4)	North Texas, SC
Bunting, John J.	Peninsula, NE
Burdick, Earl R.	Genesee, NE
*Burgoon, Lowell D.	Ohio, NC
Burgstahler, Herbert J.	Ohio, NC
Burke, Alfred R.	Wyoming, NE
*Burke, Daniel	Newark, NE
*Burlingame, William M.	California, W
*Burnham, George W.	Philadelphia, NE
*Burnham, Smith	Michigan, NC
*Burr, Mrs. Grace	Newark, NE
Busler, Vinton E.	Ohio, NC
Butt, Luther B.	Detroit, NC
Cade, William A.	North Carolina, SE
*Calame, Don	Southwest Missouri, SC
Campbell, Homer U. (7-11)	Southwest Missouri, SC
Campbell, James F.	Mississippi, SE
*Campbell, Richard W. (4-4)	Central Pennsylvania, NE
*Campbell, Wayne M.	Central Kansas, SC
*Canaran, Benjamin V.	Hyderabad, OS
Carroll, Harry M.	Lexington, C
Carroll, Thomas F.	Virginia, SE
*Carter, Fred A.	Holston, SE
*Carter, John H.	Louisiana, SC
Carter, Orion W. (9-9)	Northwest Texas, SC
Carter, Paul L.	North-East Ohio, NC
*Cecil, Mrs. John K.	California, W
*Chadwick, Mrs. William C.	North Carolina, SE
*Chamberlain, Thomas	St. Louis, SC
Champlin, Norman P.	Newark, NE
Chapman, Gordon C.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Charan, Isaac A.	North India, OS
*Chatfield, Eugene	Troy, NE
Chayer, Charles C.	New Hampshire, NE
*Cheetham, Arthur D.	Northern New York, NC
Cheney, John R.	North-East Ohio, NC
*Cherry, James	North-East Ohio, NC
*Chi, Ting Hung	Yenping, OS
Childs, Ernest A.	Alabama, SE
Chinn, Walter S.	Louisiana, SC
Chowdhury, Dan S.	North India, OS
Chowdhury, John S.	Bengal, OS
*Chowning, Mrs. V. K.	East Oklahoma, SC
*Christdas, Chanda	Hyderabad, OS
Christensen, N. A.	California, W
Chubb, James S. (2-1)	Kansas, SC
Chunn, Marcus M. (8-12)	Central Texas, SC
*Churn, Silverius C.	Virginia, SE
*Clancy, Rockwell F.	Rock River, NC

- Clare, Maurice A. Burma, OS
 *Clark, Edward L. Oregon, W
 *Clark, Eno W. Wyoming, NE
 Clark, Robt. A. Memphis, SE
 Clark, Vestal C. Southwest Missouri, SC
 Clark, Warren, N. Rock River, NC
 Clark, William L. Kentucky, SE
 *Clarke, Mrs. Ernest E. West Wisconsin, NC
 Clayburg, W. Frank Iowa-Des Moines, NC
 Clear, Valorous L. North Indiana, NC
 Clegg, William L. North Carolina, SE
 *Clem, Adrian D. Northwest Iowa, NC
 Clendenin, Stewart (9-7) Texas, SC
 *Cobb, Mrs. P. L. (1-2) Holston, SE
 *Coffey, George N. North-East Ohio, NC
 *Coffey, Walter C. Minnesota, NC
 *Coffman, C. S. West Virginia, NE
 Cole, William H. Central Texas, SC
 *Coleman, Robert D. Western North Carolina, SE
 *Collins, John R. Southern Illinois, NC
 *Collins, Mrs. Myron S. West Virginia, NE
 *Colwell, Harley B. Ohio, NC
 *Compton, Mrs. Edgar M. Newark, NE
 Conner, W. Ross Wisconsin, NC
 *Conover, Mrs. G. Raymond Philadelphia, NE
 *Contee, Earl Washington, C
 *Contreras, Adan Southwest Mexican, SC
 *Cook, David C., III Rock River, NC
 *Cookson, Charles W. Ohio, NC
 *Cooper, Bert L. Southern California-Arizona, W
 *Cooper, John T. North Alabama, SE
 *Cooper, William B. North Carolina, SE
 *Copeland, Wilbert T. Ohio, NC
 Corwin, Edward G. North-East Ohio, NC
 Courtney, Homer W. North-East Ohio, NC
 *Cowell, Marvin J. North Carolina, SE
 *Cranston, John M. Southern California-Arizona, W
 Craven, James B. Western North Carolina, SE
 *Craven, William A. (5-2) Missouri, SC
 *Creel, Edgar M. North Alabama, SE
 Creswell, George J. Holston, SE
 Crockett, Ophel B. Kentucky, SE
 Cropper, Walter V. (4-8) Kentucky, SE
 Crossland, Weldon F. Genesee, NE
 *Crowder, Alex. Northwest Texas, SC
 *Cullins, J. S. Southwest, C
 Culver, Mearl P. Northern Minnesota, NC
 Cummings, Jacob E. Peninsula, NE
 Curry, Albert G. Pittsburgh, NE
 Curtis, Vivian C. North-Mississippi, SE

 *Dangel, Mrs. W. H. Rock River, NC
 *Daniel, Bill Texas, SC
 *Daniel, Frank P. North Georgia, SE
 Daniel, Joseph H. Florida, SE
 Das, Amar Northwest India, OS
 David, Jesse D. Louisiana, C
 *Davidson, Edson E. North-East Ohio, NC
 *Davidson, J. J. Louisiana, SC
 *Davies, David Kentucky, SE

Davies, James J.	Northwest Iowa, NC
Davis, Byron A.	Dakota, NC
*Davis, Mrs. Elmer	Southern Illinois, NC
*Davis, Mrs. Frank L.	St. Louis, SC
*Davis, J. H.	Southern Illinois, NC
Davis, Ralph E.	New York East, NE
Dawson, Dana	Louisiana, SC
Day, Walter F.	Illinois, NC
*Dean, Rae L. (4-7)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*DeLima, Edith	Hyderabad, OS
Dell, Julian P.	South Georgia, SE
Dellinger, Walter H.	Central Kansas, SC
*Denman, Harry (9-5)	North Alabama, SE
Dennis, Louis R.	Yenping, OS
Dennis, Paul G.	Newark, NE
*de Soto, Rosa Ana N.	Cuba, SE
Deschner, John	Southwest Texas, SC
Deschner, Phil	West Oklahoma, SC
*Dickason, Henry L.	East Tennessee, C
*Dickey, John H.	Louisville, SE
Diercks, Clarence H.	Rock River, NC
Dietterich, A. Merritt (4-5)	Genesee, NE
Dill, H. Hughes	Upper Iowa, NC
Dilworth, George G.	Philadelphia, NE
*Dismukes, Mrs. George (2-6; 6-20)	West Oklahoma, SC
Dixon, John W.	Virginia, SE
*Dobbins, Edgar Y.	New Jersey, NE
Douglas, Elmer	North Africa, OS
*Draper, Fred W.	West Wisconsin, NC
*Drysdale, William C.	Illinois, NC
*Dubach, Vernon M.	Kansas, SC
*Dunham, Harry A.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Dunlap, Mrs. Ernest B. (2-6; 6-19)	West Oklahoma, SC
*Dunlap, Raymond E.	North-East Ohio, NC
Dunn, George W.	Northwest Iowa, NC
Dunn, Ray S.	Oregon, W
*DuRant, Charlton	South Carolina, SE
Dye, William	Northwest India, OS
*Eanes, E. Ennis	Virginia, SE
Eastwood, C. Glenn	West Virginia, NE
Echols, Timothy B. (2-7)	West Texas, C
*Edgar, John W.	Colorado, W
Edge, Joseph H. (7-16)	Dakota, NC
Edwards, John R.	Baltimore, NE
*Edwards, N. W.	Montana, W
*Eldridge, H. C.	Pittsburgh, NE
*Elliott, Loren J.	North Indiana, NC
*Ellis, Mrs. Frank	Indiana, NC
*Ellison, John T. (3-1)	Alabama, SE
*Ellzey, Tom V. (6-17)	Northwest Texas, SC
*Emery, Sam T. (3-8)	New England, NE
Emmanuel, James M.	Gujarat, OS
Ernst, J. Henry	Pacific Northwest, W
*Ervin, Paul R.	Western North Carolina, SE
Eva, Sidney D.	Detroit, NC
Evans, William S.	Memphis, SE
Fairham, Silas E.	Oregon, W
*Farmer, Mrs. H. R.	Southwest Missouri, SC

Farmer, J. Leonard	Texas, C
Farmer, Roy I.	North-East Ohio, NC
Farnham, John A.	Northwest Iowa, NC
*Farr, James F.	New England, NE
*Fead, George S.	Detroit, NC
Felder, Lemonier, L.	Central Texas, SC
*Feller, Mrs. Mildred O. (4-18)	Northwest Iowa, NC
*Fernstermacher, George H.	North Indiana, NC
*Ferguson, Charles W.	West Virginia, NE
Ferguson, John L.	Tennessee, SE
Fetis, Abel	Chile, OS
Fielder, Cicero B.	North Texas, SC
*Fischer, Dan	Southwest Texas, SC
*Fisher, Charles A.	Detroit, NC
*Fisher, Ray C.	Virginia, SE
*Fitcher, Joseph W.	Ohio, NC
*Follin, Gerald W.	Tennessee, SE
*Fondren, Mrs. W. W. (6-11; 7-13)	Texas, SC
Foote, Adrian B.	Wyoming, NE
*Forrester, William T.	Pittsburgh, NE
Fort, Homer T. (7-6)	Little Rock, SC
Fowler, George A. (3-14)	Rock River, NC
*Fox, Thomas	New England, NE
Franklin, Marvin A. (4-13)	North Alabama, SE
*Franklyn, T. B.	Northwest India, OS
*Freeman, Benjamin G.	Liberia, OS
Freeman, Everett W.	Central Kansas, SC
Freeman, F. Marion	Louisiana, SC
*Freeman, Sewell C.	Tennessee, C
*French, Clyde M.	Oregon, W
Fribley, Fremont E.	North Indiana, NC
*Friend, A. Bernie	North Mississippi, SE
*Fruit, Mrs. Walter H.	Detroit, NC
Gaines, A. Presley	Colorado, W
*Garrison, Ellis B.	Troy, NE
*Gault, Robert S. (8-3)	Kansas, SC
Gee, R. Harold	West Wisconsin, NC
*Gibbes, Mrs. Phyllis M.	South Carolina, C
*Gibbs, Merton S.	Genesee, NE
*Gibson, E. C.	Louisiana, SC
*Gifford, Blaine H. (3-3)	Erie, NE
Giles, William H.	Louisiana, SC
*Gobbel, Luther L.	Western North Carolina, SE
Goddard, Alvin C.	Northern New York, NE
Golden, James W.	Tennessee, C
Gomez, Abel M.	Southwest Mexican, SC
*Goode, Mrs. W. H. C.	Ohio, NC
Goodenough, Harold S.	Southwest Texas, SC
*Goodrick, Perry C.	Wisconsin, NC
Goodwin, Levi P.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Gordon, Harry B.	Wyoming, NE
Gough, Edward T.	Upper Iowa, NC
Graham, Edward N.	Savannah, C
Grant, Luther R.	Central West, C
Gray, Joseph M. M.	Ohio, NC
*Greathouse, Frank	New Mexico, SC
Green, John D.	North-East Ohio, NC
*Greene, Charles M.	South Carolina, C
Greer, Frank R.	Indiana, NC

*Gregory, Lucius (4-23)	Virginia, SE
*Griffin, DeWitt	Florida, SE
Griffis, Harold W.	Troy, NE
Groenig, Ernest D.	Minnesota, NC
Guice, Marvin R.	New Jersey, NE
Guthrie, W. Nelson (5-6; 5-8)	North Alabama, SE
*Hackman, Mrs. Otto	Nebraska, SC
Hahn, Byron A.	Michigan, NC
Hall, Cortelyou C.	Southwest, C
*Hall, Miss Flora	Illinois, NC
Hall, Sydney W.	Oregon, W
*Halmhuber, Paul G.	Detroit, NC
*Hamilton, G. E.	Northwest Texas, SC
Hamner, Fred H.	Southwest Texas, SC
Hancock, George D. (7-3)	Central West, C
Hand, J. Phelps	Baltimore, NE
*Hankins, Sam R.	Upper Iowa, NC
Hann, Edwin F.	New Jersey, NE
*Hanna, John V.	New Hampshire, NE
Hanson, N. Everett	North Dakota, NC
*Hanson, Mrs. William C.	Kansas, SC
*Hardie, Mrs. Charles H. (5-5; 7-4)	New York East, NE
Hargis, David H. (6-14)	Delaware, C
Hargis, Vache A.	East Oklahoma, SC
*Harpst, Miss Ethel	North Georgia, SE
Harrell, Luther A.	South Georgia, SE
Harrell, Van W.	Little Rock, SC
Harris, Leonard C.	New England Southern, NE
Harris, Pierce	North Georgia, SE
Harrison, Samuel J.	Detroit, NC
Harrison, William E.	Detroit, NC
*Hartman, Ernest V.	Michigan, NC
*Harshbarger, Charles C.	Northwest Iowa, NC
Hartman, William E.	Central Pennsylvania, NE
*Harvey, Mrs. Clarie C.	Mississippi, C
Harvey, Gerald B.	Southern California-Arizona, W
Hayes, E. Pearce	Foochow, OS
Hayes, Leonidas B.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Hearn, E. Virgil	Peninsula, NE
Heath, George E.	New England, NE
*Hedden, Henry	Memphis, SE
*Henderson, A. L.	North-East Ohio, NC
*Henderson, Sam L.	Texas, SC
Henley, James W.	Holston, SE
Henninger, Frank Lamont	Central Pennsylvania, NE
Hertzog, William H.	Idaho, W
Hiatt, Joseph S.	Western North Carolina, SE
Hicks, Ernest C.	West Oklahoma, SC
*Higby, David B.	Erie, NE
*Hirst, Archie L.	West Wisconsin, NC
*Hixson, Jerome C.	Northwest Indiana, NC
Holland, Harvey C.	North Georgia, SE
*Holland, Lillie V.	Mississippi, C
Holliday, Robert C.	St. Louis, SC
Holloway, Parker B.	Newark, NE
Holman, Calvin E.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Holman, Moses	Central West, C
Holme, Benjamin F.	Detroit, NC
*Holmes, Harry N.	New York East, NE

Holmes, Jay A.	Northwest Indiana, NC
Holmes, Robert C.	Florida, SE
*Holtz, Fred G.	Wisconsin, NC
*Hooper, Granville.	Peninsula, NE
Hooper, T. LeRoy	Pittsburgh, NE
*Hope, Miss B. Marion	New England Southern, NE
Horn, Nelson P.	Kansas, SC
*Horton, Oscar	North Alabama, SE
*Hotle, William	California, W
House, Will C.	Northwest Texas, SC
Houston, Ralph M.	New York, NE
Howard, Arthur R.	South Carolina, SE
*Howard, Lowell W.	Colorado, W
*Howe, Charles P.	Pittsburgh, NE
Hoyle, John W., Jr.	Western North Carolina, SE
Huebner, Paul F. (4-20; 9-0)	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Huffor, Earl (7-14)	Texas, SC
Huger, Thomas A.	South Florida, C
Hughes, Alfred F.	West Wisconsin, NC
Hughes, Cymbrid	Maine, NE
*Hughes, Frances M.	Indiana, NC
*Hull, J. W.	North Arkansas, SC
Hummel, George W.	Louisville, SE
Hunt, Brunner M.	Mississippi, SE
*Hunt, Rolfe L.	Mississippi, SE
Hunter, Adam A.	North-East Ohio, NC
Hunter, E. A. (5-13)	North Texas, SC
Hunter, Harry P. (7-9)	St. Louis, SC
Hunter, James D.	North Alabama, SE
Huntington, Harry F. (3-7)	Nebraska, SC
Hutchens, Ezra L.	Indiana, NC
*Hutchins, A. L.	North Arkansas, SC
Hutchinson, Alva R.	West Oklahoma, SC
Imler, D. Joseph	New England, NE
*Ingram, Ben L.	North Alabama, SE
*Irle, Charles A.	Chile, OS
*Isaac, Mrs. Beulah C.	Nebraska, SC
Israel, C. Wesley	Rock River, NC
*Ivey, George F.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Jackson, Mrs. Grace B.	Troy, NE
*Jackson, Henrietta	Washington, C
*Jacobs, George A.	Wisconsin, NC
*Jeffers, Dwight S.	Pacific Northwest, W
*Jefferson, C. Norman	Peninsula, NE
Jeffras, Charles W.	New England, NE
*Jett, Robert S.	Baltimore, NE
Johnson, Levi E.	Mississippi, C
Johnson, Richard H.	Washington, C
Johnson, Rector W.	California, W
Johnson, Saul	Lucknow, OS
Johnston, Warren (5-12)	Central Texas, SC
Johnstone, Wilson	North Dakota, NC
Jones, Frank B.	Memphis, SE
Jones, Henry H.	North Georgia, SE
Jones, Hubert D.	New York East, NE
Jones, J. Ira	Ohio, NC
Jones, Ralph C.	Peninsula, NE
Judd, Albert G.	Northern New York, NE

Julian, Correll M.	California, W
Keller, Samuel W.	Central Kansas, SC
*Kelly, C. Guyer	North Africa, OS
*Kemp, Cary A.	Central Kansas, SC
*Kemper, Adolph H. (3-2)	Dakota, NC
*Kendall, Carl G.	New England Southern, NE
Kenna, James B.	Pacific Northwest, W
Kennedy, Gerald	Nebraska, SC
*Kess, Theodore	Washington, C
*Keyser, Mrs. E. Lester	Baltimore, NE
*Kidd, Frank H.	North Texas, SC
*Kidd, Mrs. John F.	Texas, SC
*Kilgore, Mrs. James D.	Pacific Northwest, W
*Kilmer, Norville K.	West Oklahoma, SC
*Kinney, John F.	South Carolina, SE
*Kirby, Andrew J.	Western North Carolina, SE
Kitch, Dwight M.	Wyoming State, W
Klaus, Leroy H. (8-4)	Minnesota, NC
*Knight, Sam	Central Texas, SC
Kober, Marvin B.	Upper Iowa, NC
Konkel, Guy E.	Colorado, W
*Koonce, Arnold J.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Korn, Miss Evaline L.	New York, NE
Lancaster, Harold	Ohio, NC
*Lance, T. Jack	North Georgia, SE
Landreth, Elmer	Northwest Texas, SC
*Lang, Samuel J.	Detroit, NC
*Lange, Mrs. Harry W.	California, W
Langston, Roy A.	Central Texas, SC
Langrall, Otwald B.	Baltimore, NE
*Laylin, Mrs. Fanny H.	Ohio, NE
Lazenby, Marion E.	North Alabama, SE
*Learn, Dale H.	Philadelphia, NE
Ledbetter, Samuel E.	South Carolina, SE
*Ledbetter, Mrs. Wiltz M.	Louisiana, SC
*LeFevre, DeWitt C.	Northern New York, NE
Leggett, J. Willard	Mississippi, SE
*Lewis, Fred A.	Genesee, NE
*Lewis, J. Milton	Florida, SE
*Lewis, Vernon E. (4-9)	Montana, W
*Li, Mrs. S. Y. Ding	Foochow, OS
*Lightner, Lawrence H.	Central West, C
*Lindsey, Frank G. (Deceased—March 25, 1944)	New York, NE
Lineberry, Frank W.	North Indiana, NC
Lipham, Charles M.	North Georgia, SE
*Little, Mrs. D. Rosser	North Georgia, SE
*Locke, Hugh A.	North Alabama, SE
*Loeppert, Henry V. (7-8)	Rock River, NC
Lofton, Ely L.	Washington, C
Logan, Stanley G.	Pacific Northwest, W
*Logue, Eva K.	South India, OS
Lokey, Clarence W.	Texas, SC
*Long, W. Strother	Louisville, SE
Love, Frank S.	North Carolina, SE
Mackay, Edward G.	North Georgia, SE
*Macwan, Meshach D.	Gujarat, OS
*Mahaffey, Mrs. Mamie B.	Mississippi, SE

*Mahaley, John W.	Genesee, NE
*Malone, Edward R.	Alabama, SE
*Mann, Earl M.	Northwest Indiana, NC
Mann, Isaac	Northwest India, OS
Marble, Samuel W.	Colorado, W
Marlin, James W.	Upper Iowa, NC
Marriott, Albert	Erie, NE
*Marshall, Mrs. Olla K	Michigan, NC
*Martin, Boyce	Central Texas, SC
Martin, Eldon H.	Troy, NE
*Martin, E. W.	North Arkansas, SC
*Martin, Leslie E.	Nebraska, SC
Marvin, John E.	Detroit, NC
*Masland, J. Wesley	Philadelphia, NE
*Masten, J. Eugene	Central New York, NE
*Masters, Mrs. Kathryn F.	North-East Ohio, NC
*Mathews, Elmer E.	New Jersey, NE
Mathews, Ernest J.	Wisconsin, NC
*Matthews, Miss Dolly J.	Northwest India, OS
*Maunder, Sidney T.	Troy, NE
*McBaine, Mrs. Turner	Southern California-Arizona, W
McClung, George H.	Northern New York, NE
McClure, Claude M.	Northwest Indiana, NC
McClure, Robert O.	Ohio, NC
*McCorkle, Claude H.	North Texas, SC
*McCormack, W. Rady (4-17)	North Mississippi, SE
McCoy, Lee M.	Upper Mississippi, C
*McCreless, Sollie E.	Southwest Texas, SC
*McCullum, A. A. (6-10; 8-10)	Southwest Missouri, SC
*McDaniel, Mrs. Frank L.	Northwest Indiana, NC
*McEwen, G. A.	Upper Mississippi, C
McFall, Merrill B.	Indiana, NC
*McGirt, William A.	North Carolina, SE
*McGlammary, Bert E.	Central Texas, SC
McInay, Harold W.	Genesee, NE
McIntosh, F. Bringle	Ohio, NC
McKee, Stanley S.	Southern California-Arizona, W
McKenney, Stephen S.	Texas, SC
*McKinney, James H.	Louisville, SE
McKnight, Frank S.	Erie, NE
*McLelland, Sam K.	Texas, SC
*McMillan, Mrs. Emma K.	West Texas, C
*McMurry, William F.	Memphis, SE
*McRae, Kenneth E.	Memphis, SE
McVicker, Roy H.	Colorado, W
*Meeks, Mrs. Benjamin W. (8-2)	Baltimore, NE
Melvin, J. Fred	Illinois, NC
*Meredith, Victor K., Sr.	Central Pennsylvania, NE
*Merritt, Frank O.	California, W
*Merritt, Isaac E.	Illinois, NC
*Mertz, August S.	Genesee, NE
*Metzgar, Carl S.	Detroit, NC
Middlebrooks, Acton E.	Alabama, SE
Middleton, W. Vernon	Philadelphia, NE
Milburn, J. Earl	Holston, SE
*Miller, Ely D.	Ohio, NC
*Miller, G. T.	West Oklahoma, SC
*Miller, Theodore L.	Louisiana, C
*Milliken, Mrs. Philip I.	Maine, NE
Mills, Fay C.	Nebraska, SC

- *Mills, Oliver A. Southwest Texas, SC
 Milnes, Harry E. California, W
 *Mitchell, Charles A. Florida, SE
 *Mitchell, Jesse A. (7-19) St. Louis, SC
 Mohn, E. Harold North-East Ohio, NC
 *Mohr, Forrest E. Michigan, NC
 *Montgomery, Clifford Southwest Texas, SC
 Montgomery, John C. St. Louis, SC
 *Moody, Miss Mary Central Texas, SC
 *Moore, LeRoy Upper South Carolina, SE
 Moore, Mark M. Holston, SE
 Moore, Virgil L. (2-2; 3-12; 5-1; 6-3; 7-5) Kentucky, SE
 Moss, Norman M. Troy, NE
 *Morris, Collidge G. North Carolina, SE
 Morris, Virgil D. (6-5) Louisiana, SC
 Mosby, Robert S. West Texas, SC
 *Mowry, Mrs. Olin J. Northern New York, NE
 Mulvaney, Warren O. Central Kansas, SC
 *Munday, Mrs. Edgar P. Ohio, NC
 Munday, Walter I. Louisville, SE
 *Murphree, Mrs. Lois N. (8-8) Rhodesia, OS
 *Murphy, Miss Marian E. North-East Ohio, NC
 Myers, Elvin C. Central Pennsylvania, NE
 Myers, E. Roy Erie, NE
- Nabors, Arthur H. North Alabama, SE
 *Nelson, E. H. East Oklahoma, SC
 *Nelson, William R. (3-6) Missouri, SC
 Newell, J. Pierce West Wisconsin NC
 Newton, Andrew J. Texas, C
 Newman, Wiley C. North Mississippi, SE
 Newton, Edward G. (7-15) Atlanta, C
 Nichols, Milton H. Philadelphia, NE
 Nicholson, Joseph H. Louisville, SE
 Nicholson, Reuben Y. Baltimore, NE
 Nixon, Lloyd H. (Transferred to Detroit Conference) Michigan, NC
 Noble, Charles C. Central New York, NE
 *Nye, Mrs. Florence K. (4-3) Central New York, NE
- *Oakes, Edgar L. Idaho, W
 *Odell, Donald A. Southern California-Arizona, W
 *Oldshue, Mrs. James Rock River, NC
 Olson, Oscar Thomas (3-11) North-East Ohio, NC
 *Olsson, Mrs. Vere L. Nebraska, SC
 Ortmeier, Frederick W. Northwest Iowa, NC
 *Orwig, S. S. East Oklahoma, SC
 *Ott, Mrs. George Central Kansas, SC
 *Owen, S. J. East Oklahoma, SC
- Page, Homer R. Indiana, NC
 Parker, Albea S. North Carolina, SE
 *Parker, Walter W. St. Louis, SC
 *Parks, Mrs. Eva B. (4-1) Atlanta, C
 Paschall, Fred W. North Carolina, SE
 *Patrick, Theodore W. Texas, C
 *Patterson, John R. Louisiana, C
 *Paul, Miss May Southern Illinois, NC
 *Paul, Patrick N. Indus River, OS
 Payne, William W. New Jersey, NE
 Pearce, William M. Northwest Texas, SC

*Pearson, Frank L.	Upper Iowa, NC
Pearson, John M. (4-12)	New York, NE
*Peck, LeRoy E.	Wyoming State, W
*Peeler, Charles B. (3-4)	Florida, SE
Peebles, Cecil E.	Texas, SC
*Peet, J. Herb.	Upper Iowa, NC
Pendergrass, Edward J.	Florida, SE
*Pennington, A. S.	Holston, SE
Pennington, Beecher B.	Tennessee, SE
Perdew, William C.	Michigan, NC
Perez, Carlos	Cuba, SE
*Perine, Irving V. G.	Newark, NE
*Perkins, William C.	Pittsburgh, NE
*Perry, Oscar W.	Florida, C
*Peters, Edmund C.	North Georgia, SE
Peterson, Dutton S.	Central New York, NE
Pettit, Charles E.	Illinois, NC
*Peyton, Mrs. George L.	Central Texas, SC
*Phelps, Frank M.	Oregon, W
Phelps, Gradison M.	North Carolina, C
Phillips, Earl C.	Southern Illinois, NC
Phillips, W. Roy	South Carolina, SE
*Pickens, Marshall I.	Western North Carolina, SE
Porter, Miss Eunice	Northwest India, OS
Porter, Otto	Mississippi SE
Powell, Bradford V. (2-3)	Missouri, SC
Powell, Howard P.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Pratt, Robert W.	Pittsburgh, NE
Preer, Carlton	Alabama, SE
Prewitt, Thomas O.	Mississippi, SE
*Prince, Mrs. Grace Marie (5-11; 6-2; 10-4)	Kansas, SC
*Pritchett, Cassius J.	Illinois, NC
Pulliam, William C.	Illinois, NC
*Quay, Ernest E.	Wyoming, NE
Queen, Caleb E. (6-12)	Washington, C
Quillian, William F. (7-18)	South Georgia, SE
Ragsdale, Ray W.	Southern California-Arizona, W
Raines, Richard C.	Northern Minnesota, NC
*Randal, Mrs. C. M.	Northwest Texas, SC
*Raney, Alton B.	Little Rock, SC
Rast, John M.	Upper South Carolina, SE
*Ratliff, Mrs. William H.	North Mississippi, SE
*Raut, Irwin (4-21)	Southwest Missouri, SC
*Ray, Mrs. Thomas	Upper Iowa, NC
*Raymond, Mrs. F.	Detroit, NC
*Redding, Mrs. W. Frank, Jr.	Western North Carolina, SE
Reddy, Ephraim C.	South India, OS
*Register, George S.	North Dakota, NC
*Reid, William W.	New York East, NE
*Rencher, Ed R.	Alabama, SE
*Renfro, S. L.	Kentucky, SE
Reynolds, Calvin C. (7-10)	South Carolina, C
*Reynolds, Mark	New Jersey, NE
Rice, Robert J.	Minnesota, NC
*Rich, Robert F.	Central Pennsylvania, NE
Richards, Nichols F.	Pittsburgh, NE
Richardson, Frank M.	Texas, SC
Rising, Lloyd H.	Nebraska, SC

*Ristine, Miss Ethel	Southern California-Arizona, W
Ristow, Cecil F.	Montana, W
*Roberts, John W.	Kansas, SC
*Roberts, Roy	North Dakota, NC
*Roberts, Warren	South Georgia, SE
*Roberts, W. Dave (1-4)	Upper South Carolina, SE
Robertson, J. Callaway	Virginia, SE
Robinson, Edgar L.	Memphis, SE
Robinson, Leroy T.	Michigan, NC
*Robinson, Milton C.	North-East Ohio, NC
Robinson, Orris G.	Baltimore, NE
*Rogers, George D.	South Florida, C
*Rogers, W. S. (4-10)	Nebraska, SC
*Roose, Homer N.	North Indiana, NC
*Roose, Mrs. Homer N.	North Indiana, NC
*Roper, William B.	Virginia, SE
Ross, Marcellus D.	Hyderabad, OS
Rule, E. Clifton	Little Rock, SC
Russell, Clark H.	North Texas, SC
*Russell, Walter E.	Maine, NE
Rustin, John W.	Baltimore, NE
Ryan, Archie L.	Kansas, SC
Ryan, Harry G. (6-13)	West Oklahoma, SC
Samp, Walter A.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Sanders, John S.	West Virginia, NE
*Satterfield, Charles N.	Peninsula, NE
*Sayre, Mrs. Grover C.	Northern Minnesota, NC
Scheuermann, Walter N.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Schiefelbein, Ernest S.	Nebraska, SC
Schneider, John M.	Rock River, NC
*Schrock, Mrs. Helen I.	Michigan, NC
Schubert, W. E.	Kiangsi, OS
*Scott, William C.	Baltimore, NE
Scranton, Walter L.	New York, NE
Scrimshire, Joe B. (5-3)	New Mexico, SC
*Scully, Sam M.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Scully, R. E.	Ohio, NC
*Seals, W. T.	Lexington, C
*Selby, Mrs. Howard W.	New England, NE
*Selby, Robert E.	Mississippi, SE
*Self, William D.	North Alabama, SE
Sells, Ernest L.	Rhodesia, OS
*Sells, Mrs. Olga E.	Rhodesia, OS
Senter, Samuel T.	South Georgia, SE
Shacklock, Floyd	Nebraska, SC
Shafer, Albert E.	Alabama, SE
Shake, B. Brooks	North Indiana, NC
*Shaw, Judge Harry	West Virginia, NE
Shelton, Floyd B.	Holston, SE
Shipman, Raymond M.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Shockley, Joseph M.	Southwest Missouri, SC
*Shull, Joe M.	Central Kansas, SC
*Simms, J. B. (4-2)	California, W
*Simpson, Mrs. Claude M.	North Texas, SC
*Simpson, Mrs. Ophelia	North Carolina, C
Sims, Martin L. (3-9; 5-4)	New Mexico, SC
Singh, J. Chandra B.	Central Provinces, OS
*Sinkey, Miss Fern	Ohio, NC
*Slayton, J. T. (4-8)	Kentucky, SE

Smith, Benjamin F.	Lexington, C
Smith, C. Q.	West Oklahoma, SC
*Smith, George H.	Holston, SE
*Smith, H. W. B.	Savannah, C
Smith, Harry C. (4-15)	North Carolina, SE
*Smith, John W.	Peninsula, NE
*Smith, Marvin B.	North Carolina, SE
*Smith, Matthew D.	Dakota, NC
Smith, W. Stanley	North-East Ohio, NC
*Snapp, Dennis V. (4-8)	Kentucky, SE
*Snider, P. M.	Pacific Northwest, W
*Snodgrass, Edmund	Baltimore, NE
*Snyder, Mrs. Ina Lemmon	North Indiana, NC
*Snyder, LeRoy L.	Northwest Iowa, NC
Snyder, Paul J.	Northern Minnesota, NC
*Soule, Miss Zillah L.	Central Provinces, OS
Spann, J. Richard	Southwest Texas, SC
Spaagy, Lemon D.	Pittsburgh, NE
Spear, Laren	Illinois, NC
Spore, Kenneth L.	Little Rock, SC
Sprague, Roy L. (3-13; 8-7)	Pacific Northwest, W
Spurlock, Raymond B.	Michigan, NC
*Stainton, Howard S.	New Jersey, NE
Stallings, Matthew J.	Upper Mississippi, C
Stanbury, Walter A.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Stanley, Osso W.	Louisville, SE
Stanton, Willard F.	Pacific Northwest, W
Staples, Louis S.	Maine, NE
*Staten, William H.	Delaware, C
Stater, Charles G.	West Virginia, NE
Stearns, Harold G.	Central New York, NE
Steel, Marshall T.	North Texas, SC
*Steele, A. Glenn	West Oklahoma, SC
*Stephens, Mrs. Pearl M.	Central Kansas, SC
*Stevens, Florence S.	New England Southern, NE
Stevenson, Marion A.	Holston, SE
Stewart, William H. (9-1)	New York East, NE
*Stiles, George W.	Colorado, W
*Stites, Stanley D.	Illinois, NC
Stone, A. Stanley	Detroit, NC
Story, Bert L.	Nebraska, SC
Stringfellow, LeRoy W. (4-11)	New Hampshire, NE
*Strong, Mrs. M. F.	Southwest, C
Stryker, John B.	Liberia, OS
Stuart, R. Marvin	California, W
*Summers, Oscar	New York East, NE
Sundaram, Gabriel	Hyderabad, OS
Swan, Charles L.	Hyderabad, OS
Swaney, Bertram G.	Rock River, NC
*Swarts, Thomas C.	Pittsburgh, NE
Sweazy, Clyde A.	Kentucky, SE
*Sweet, Mrs. Paul W.	Pacific Northwest, W
Syglit, William L.	Delaware, C
*Tarr, Oliver A.	North-East Ohio, NC
*Tate, Lewis N.	Illinois, NC
*Tatum, Robert T.	Texas, C
Taylor, Francis D.	New England, NE
*Taylor, H. K.	Virginia, SE
Taylor, John L.	St. Louis, SC

Taylor, Perry P. (6-6)	Missouri, SC
Taylor, Samuel W.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Tedder, George W.	Florida, SE
Thomas, Essell P.	Peninsula, NE
Thomas, Fred D.	East Tennessee, C
Thomas, George A.	South Carolina, C
*Thomas, Henry F.	New York East, NE
*Thomas, Lavens M.	Holston, SE
*Thomas, Orange O.	Baltimore, NE
*Thompson, Emmett D.	Tennessee, SE
Thompson, George B.	Indus River, OS
*Thompson, Glenn W.	Indiana, NC
*Thompson, Sam H.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Thompson, T. Walter	Illinois, NC
Thompson, William C. (6-15)	Delaware, C
Thornburg, Amos A.	New England Southern, NE
Thraikill, Joseph S. (4-16)	North Georgia, SE
Thrall, Charles H.	Illinois, NC
*Thrasher, Tigner E.	South Georgia, SE
*Tilly, Mrs. M. E.	North Georgia, SE
Tingle, Benjamin F.	North Alabama, SE
*Titus, J. E.	Northwest India, OS
Tolley, Earl V.	Wyoming, NE
*Tompkins, Oscar L.	Alabama, SE
*Tower, Alphonso W.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Townsend, Ted H.	Northern New York, NE
Tripp, Ernest F.	Troy, NE
Trotter, Frederick B.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Truran, Harold B.	New York, NE
Turner, Bedford	Louisville, SE
*Turner, Mrs. Frances W.	Central Alabama, C
Turner, Walter L.	Central Alabama, C
Turnipseed, B. Rhett	Upper South Carolina, SE
*Turnley, Mrs. Edmund	Tennessee, SE
Twiddy, Norman W.	New York East, NE
Tyler, John Paul (10-2)	Virginia, SE
Tyson, W. Galloway	Philadelphia, NE
*Ulland, J. S.	Northern Minnesota, NC
Upperman, Harry L.	Tennessee, SE
*Van Antwerp, Harry I.	Troy, NE
VanDyke, Ellroy D.	Central New York, NE
*VanDyke, M. Faye (4-3)	Central New York, NE
Van Horn, John D.	Pittsburgh, NE
*Vanlandingham, John W.	South Georgia, SE
Versteeg, John M.	Ohio, NC
*Victor, Mrs. Fred A.	New York, NE
Vivion, King (7-12)	Tennessee, SE
Vivion, Monroe	Texas, SC
Volkland, Otto F.	Central Kansas, SC
*Wade, Mrs. H. King (6-4)	Little Rock, SC
*Waggoner, Merle J.	North Texas, SC
*Waldron, John Wesley	Newark, NE
*Walker, Mrs. Clarissa D.	Delaware, C
*Walker, Mrs. Harley (3-5)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Walker, Marion R.	Southern California-Arizona, W
Walker, Thomas H. B.	Florida, C
Wallace, Arthur H.	California, W

Wallace, James N.	Southwest, C
Wampler, Walter C.	Montana, W
*Ward, Forrest S. (5-7)	North Alabama, SE
*Ward, James E.	Upper South Carolina, SE
*Ward, Walter A.	Genesee, NE
Ward, William R., Jr.	New England Southern, NE
*Wardlaw, J. C.	North Georgia, SE
Warner, George A.	Southern California-Arizona, W
Wasson, Lovick P. (10-8)	North Mississippi, SE
Watters, Philip S.	New York, NE
Watts, H. Bascom	East Oklahoma, SC
*Weaver, Guy	Western North Carolina, SE
*Webb, James H.	Delaware, C
*Webb, Paul C.	Central Pennsylvania, NE
*Wedemeyer, Mrs. B. B.	Central Texas, SC
*Wegner, Mrs. Charles E.	Minnesota, NC
*Weir, Benjamin	Illinois, NC
Welliver, Lester A. (6-1)	Central Pennsylvania, NE
Wells, Frank L.	Virginia, SE
Wengatz, John C.	Liberia, OS
Wesley, Arturo F.	Eastern South America, OS
*Wetzel, Ira	Rock River, NC
*Wharton, Joe P.	Upper South Carolina, SE
Whitaker, Howard W.	Kentucky, SE
White, Gay C.	Illinois, NC
White, Roscoe M.	Virginia, SE
*Whiting, Miss Ethel L.	Lucknow, OS
*Whitmore, Ben A.	Tennessee, SE
Whitten, George E.	Southern Illinois, NC
Whitton, Charles D.	New Jersey, NE
Wiant, Warren W.	Pittsburgh, NE
Wicke, Lloyd C.	Newark, NE
Wicker, Rufus E.	Florida, SE
Wiggins, Lemuel E.	Upper South Carolina, SE
Wiggins, Sam B. (4-14)	North Arkansas, SC
*Wight, J. Slater (4-19)	South Georgia, SE
*Wiley, Frank W.	Ohio, NC
*Wiley, Henry S.	Illinois, NC
*Wilkins, J. E.	Lexington, C
Wilkins, John R.	California, W
*Wilkinson, John W. F.	Erie, NE
Williams, Aden P.	Virginia, SE
*Williams, Mrs. Candace A.	Upper Mississippi, C
Williams, Ernest B.	North Arkansas, SC
Williams, George W.	Mississippi, C
Williams, Thomas F.	Northwest Indiana, NC
Williamson, A. G. (6-16)	Missouri, SC
Willson, E. Ray	Detroit, NC
*Wilmot, Dan H.	New Mexico, SC
*Wilson, Jerry B.	Wyoming, NE
Wilson, James H.	South Georgia, SE
*Wilson, Laurence L. (7-2)	Central Kansas, SC
*Wiltse, George N.	Indiana, NC
*Wimberly, Rudolph S.	South Georgia, SE
Winchester, Robert W.	North Carolina, C
*Winter, H. Hartley	New Hampshire, NE
*Wiseman, Homer W.	West Virginia, NE
Witwer, Albert M.	Philadelphia, NE
*Wollan, Ingwald G.	Northern Minnesota, NC
*Womack, Richard E.	Memphis, SE

Womack, W. Vance.....	North Arkansas, SC
Wood, Robert L.....	Baltimore, NE
Woodward, Abram S. (4-6).....	Indiana, NC
*Woodley, Mark.....	Southern Illinois, NC
*Woods, J. Matt.....	Missouri, SC
Woof, Ernest L.....	Virginia, SE
Worley, Elbert D.....	Holston, SE
Wright, Cal C.....	Northwest Texas, SC
Wright, Quincy R. (8-11).....	Southwest Missouri, SC
*Yarbrough, Mrs. Walter G.....	Texas, SC
Yates, Earl U.....	Southern Illinois, NC
*Yen, Lo Ren.....	Kiangsi, OS
Yeomans, Clyde G.....	North Indiana, NC
Yoak, John B. F., Jr. (5-10).....	West Virginia, NE
Yoder, Samuel L.....	North Indiana, NC
Yost, Clark R.....	Southern Illinois, NC
*Youell, Donald R.....	Holston, SE
*Young, Joe M.....	Southern California-Arizona, W
Young, J. Otis.....	Ohio, NC
Young, Lawrence.....	Southern California-Arizona, W
Youngblood, Curtis.....	Mississippi, SE
Zerr, Levi H.....	Philadelphia, NE
*Zeigler, George G., Jr.....	Philadelphia, NE
*Zimmerman, Henry M.....	Kentucky, SE
Zottele, Pedro.....	Chily, OS
Zumbrunnen, Thomas M.....	West Virginia, NE

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER

A. PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

I. OPENING SESSION AND ORGANIZATION

The General Conference shall assemble at 10 o'clock A.M. on the day fixed and at the place determined upon in accordance with action taken by the preceding General Conference. The Holy Communion shall be celebrated by the Conference, the Council of Bishops being in charge; after which the Conference shall be called to order by the Bishop designated, as provided in Paragraph 8, Item 11, of the *Discipline* (1940).

The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of the preceding General Conference shall be in effect until the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for the ensuing General Conference shall have been adopted:—

The following order of business shall be observed.

1. *Roll Call*. The roll shall be called by the Secretary of the preceding General Conference in the following manner:

(1) There shall be called the names of the Bishops who have died since the adjournment of the preceding General Conference, and likewise the names of delegates elect who have died;

(2) The Secretary of the Council of Bishops shall report the number of Bishops who are present, providing the Secretary, for record, a list of their names.

(3) The roll of delegates shall be called by Annual Conferences. The Chairman of each delegation shall be provided with a blank form on which to report in writing the attendance of its members, noting absentees and substitutions, which reports shall be tabulated by the Secretary and published in the *Daily Advocate*. Any alternate seated in the place of a regular delegate shall have been duly elected as an alternate delegate by his Annual Conference, and shall meet the requirements set forth in the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church (1940), Paragraph 351. Alternate delegates shall be seated in the order of their election.

2. *Adoption of Plan of Organization and Rules of Order*. The report of the Committee on Rules created by the pre-

ceding General Conference shall be presented for Conference action.

3. *Election of Secretary.* If a quorum be present, the Conference shall elect from the ministry or lay membership of The Methodist Church, on nomination from the floor, a Secretary, which election shall be by ballot if there be two or more nominees.

4. *Committee Nominations and Elections.* The Council of Bishops shall present nominations for the Administrative Committees and such other nominations as are hereinafter committed to them, for election by the General Conference.

5. *Miscellaneous Business.*

6. *The Episcopal Address.*

7. *Adjournment.*

II. PRESIDING OFFICERS AND SECRETARIAL STAFF

1. The presiding officers for the several sessions of the Conference shall be chosen from among the effective bishops in the following manner: The Council of Bishops shall at the opening session nominate for election by the Conference a Committee on Presiding Officers composed of one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction, and one minister and one layman from among the delegates representing the Annual Conferences outside the United States. The committee thus constituted shall select the presiding officer for each session of the Conference, and in each instance report its selection to the Conference prior to the adjournment of the session immediately preceding.

2. The Secretary of the General Conference elected as hereinbefore provided shall serve until the next General Conference is organized and a successor elected.

3. The Conference shall elect, upon the nomination of the Secretary, such Assistant Secretaries from the ministry or lay membership of The Methodist Church as it may deem wise.

4. If in the interim of the quadrennial sessions of the General Conference the office of Secretary shall for any reason be vacated the Council of Bishops shall elect a successor to serve until the next session.

III. COMMITTEES

The General Conference shall have the standing committees hereinafter indicated, with such functions, responsibilities, and limitations respectively as are hereinafter prescribed, and such special committees as it may order.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

(1) *Rules.* There shall be a committee of six on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. The Secretary of the Conference shall be an *ex officio* member and one of six. To this committee shall be referred any proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. To it may also be referred any other matters relating to parliamentary order or procedure in the business of the Conference.

(2) *Journal.* There shall be a committee of seven which shall daily examine the record of the Secretary, comparing it with the stenographic record, and report its findings to the Conference, recommending appropriate action. Any error subsequently discovered in a section of the Journal which has been approved shall be reported to the Conference for correction.

(3) *Credentials.* There shall be a committee of seven on Credentials. To this committee the Chairmen of the respective Annual Conference delegations shall report, on a form provided for that purpose, the names of absent delegates and of available alternate delegates to be substituted for said absentees. This committee shall in turn report all such cases of absence to the Conference with recommendations as to the seating of alternates if such are available. No alternate delegates shall be seated except by action of the Conference and after a report has been made upon the case by this committee; provided, that alternate delegates reported by the Chairmen of the respective Annual Conference delegations as substituted at the opening session shall be seated without the action of this committee; provided, further, such substitutions shall be reported to this committee for review and report to the Conference.

(4) *Reference.* There shall be a Committee of Reference composed of the Secretary, an Assistant Secretary designated by the Secretary, and three others. This committee shall receive all memorials, petitions, etc., dealing with the regular business of the Conference, and, after ascertaining that they meet the requirements herein specified, shall distribute them among the several committees according to their respective responsibilities. The Committee of Reference may withdraw a paper after having assigned it to a committee, either upon request or upon its own motion. It may also withhold from reference or publication any document it shall deem improper, promptly advising the author or authors thereof of its action in order

that appeal may be made to the Conference if desired. This committee shall publish each day in the *Daily Advocate* a list of the communications it has referred to the several standing committees, identifying each by number, title, origin, and destination. No memorial or petition shall be assigned by the Committee of Reference to any General Conference committee unless it comes from some organization, minister, or member of The Methodist Church, and also contains information essential to the verification of the alleged facts concerning its origin. All memorials shall be presented in triplicate. Each shall deal with only one general subject. Not more than one memorial shall be presented on a single sheet of paper.

(5) *Editorial Revision.* There shall be a committee of five, which, for the purpose of clarification and definiteness of statement, and of correction of verbal errors and infelicities in expression, shall review and edit for publication in the printed Journal all reports of committees as adopted by the Conference:

(6) *Courtesies, Privileges.* There shall be a committee of fourteen, composed of one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction and one minister and one layman from among the delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States, known as the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, having the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. To consider, as presented to it by members of the Conference, what said members regard as questions or matters of privilege and decide whether they are such or not, and, if they are regarded as being such, to recommend to the Conference that they be heard.

Note: Only questions or matters of privileges which are so urgent that they cannot wait for consideration by this committee may be presented immediately to the Conference as provided in Rule 9.

- b. To prepare with due regard for brevity and present to the Conference for its action such complimentary resolutions as occasion may demand.
- c. To arrange for the extending of the courtesies of the Conference to any to whom they may be due, fraternal delegates and official visitors excepted.
- d. To arrange for a Memorial Service, at some time agreeable to the Conference, for deceased delegates elect, for Bishops and General Officers of the Church who have died since the adjournment of the preceding

General Conference, and others who in the judgment of the Committee may appropriately be included.

(7) *Fraternal Delegates.* There shall be a committee of six whose function it shall be to extend the courtesies of the Conference to Fraternal Delegates and Official Visitors and present them to the Conference at its pleasure. (The General Conference Committee on Entertainment shall arrange for the entertainment of Fraternal Delegates.)

(8) *Presiding Officers.* See Section II, Paragraph 1.

(9) *Committee of Chairmen.* The Chairmen of the several Legislative Committees shall be constituted a committee to which shall be referred any inter-committee disagreement or difficulty, in accordance with Rule 30, and shall arrange for the presentation of committee reports to the Conference in such order as to expedite the business.

(10) *Sifting Committee.* There shall be a committee of seven to whom shall be referred, without motion or debate, all questions, proposals, resolutions, communications, or other matters not included in the regular business of the General Conference, as set forth in this Plan of Organization. This committee shall determine whether or not the matter presented shall be considered by the Conference. If matters of the nature above described shall be introduced in open Conference without having been recommended by this committee, the presiding officer shall, as soon as he shall have discovered the character of the same, refer all such matters to this committee without reading, and the same shall not be published in *Daily Advocate* unless and until they have been approved and presented to the Conference by the Sifting Committee; provided, however, should the Sifting Committee determine that any matter referred to it should not be brought before the Conference for consideration, then if a petition signed by fifty, or more, members of the Conference shall be presented to the Conference requesting consideration, unless a two-thirds vote of the members of the Conference present and voting shall refuse consideration, the matter shall be referred to the appropriate Standing Committee.

(11) *Correlation of Legislation.* There shall be a committee composed of one representative from each Legislative Committee, elected by the General Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops. To this committee shall be referred for review all legislation enacted by the Conference. It shall be the function and duty of the committee carefully to study such legislation and to report

promptly to the Conference any and all contradictions and inconsistencies discovered therein.

The Secretary of the General Conference shall employ a competent person who shall be at the service of the committee and under its direction in the performance of its duties.

2. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

The General Conference shall have the following standing Legislative Committees which shall consider proposals looking towards new legislation or changes in the present legislation of the Church and report recommendations relating thereto to the Conference. The term "legislative," however, as descriptive of the function of these committees, is not to be interpreted with absolute strictness, inasmuch as they may consider matters calculated to eventuate in the form of advices, resolutions, appeals, etc., as well as in legislation.

(1) *Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.* To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to Church membership and conditions, duties, and transfer thereof; to lay activities, stewards, trustees, properties, church finances (general and local), and to such activities of the Church at large in and through its institutions and Boards as are not made the specific responsibility of any other legislative committee.

(2) *Ministry.* To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the ministry of the Church in all its forms, grades, and orders.

(3) *Education.* To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Education and to the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board.

(4) *Missions and Church Extension.* To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Missions and Church Extension and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(5) *Publishing Interests.* To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Publication and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(6) *Conference Claimants.* To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the support of retired and supernumerary minis-

ters, widows, and dependent children of deceased ministers, not including Bishops.

(7) *Conferences.* To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the General, Jurisdictional, Central, Provisional Central, Annual, Provisional Annual, District, Quarterly, and Church Conferences, and Missions, and Annual Meetings.

(8) *State of the Church.* To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to social service, temperance (and the Board of Temperance), labor, Sabbath observance, divorce, amusements, and those elements, factors, and aspects of the social and spiritual welfare of the Church not made the responsibility of any other committee.

(9) *Evangelism.* To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to evangelism and to the devotional life and literature of the Church, made by the law of the Church the concern of the Commission on Evangelism.

(10) *Hospitals and Homes.* To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Hospitals and Homes, to the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board, and to all the eleemosynary work and responsibility of the Church not comprehended in the responsibility of any other legislative committee.

(11) *American Bible Society.* To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the relation of The Methodist Church to, its interest in, and share of responsibility for the American Bible Society and its work.

(12) *Ritual and Orders of Worship.* To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to ritual and orders of worship.

(13) *Interdenominational Relations.* To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the interdenominational activities, relations, interests, and responsibilities of The Methodist Church.

(14) *Judicial Administration.* To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the formal disciplining, trial, and appeal of members and ministers of The Methodist Church and relating to the Judicial Council and the judicial procedure within the Church.

(15) *Enabling Acts and Legal Forms.* There shall be a committee of twelve charged with the responsibility of preparing and presenting for adoption by the Conference such enabling acts and legal forms as may be needed in the continuing process of unifying the interests and agencies of the Church.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

(1) Except as otherwise provided in the plan of Organization or ordered by the Conference, the membership of all committees shall be constituted by election of the Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops. In making nominations the Council of Bishops shall maintain as nearly as practicable and advisable an equal balance of representation between ministerial and lay delegates on all Committees

(2) Legislative committees numbered 9 to 14, inclusive (Evangelism, Hospitals and Homes, American Bible Society, Ritual and Orders of Worship, Interdenominational Relations, and Judicial Administration), shall each consist of two ministers and two laymen from each Jurisdiction, and one minister and one layman from delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States.

(3) Each delegate shall serve as a member of one of the legislative committees numbered 1 to 8. Within the delegation each member shall choose from the legislative committees 1 to 8 the committee on which he shall serve, the choice being made in order of election. (*) The layman first elected shall be entitled to the first choice, the minister first elected to the second choice, and thus the right of choice shall continue to alternate between lay and ministerial delegates in the order of their election; provided, that two members of a delegation may not serve on any one of the above designated legislative committees 1 to 8, unless the said delegation is represented on each of them. All delegations composed of more than eight members shall assign their additional members according to this same principle of distribution. (For example, a Conference with fourteen delegates shall have two members on each of any six of these eight committees, and one on each of the remaining two. Each delegate may in the order of his turn to choose

(*) Footnote: The following action was taken by the 1940 General Conference:

"Your Committee recommends that the first choice on Committees should alternate from quadrennium to quadrennium between the ministerial and lay delegates. This would mean that the laymen would have the first choice on Legislative Committees 1 to 8 in 1944. (See page 698, Journal of the 1940 General Conference.)

select any one of these eight committees, provided that the foregoing division of delegates among the committees is maintained.) If a matter is under consideration in any legislative committee which in the judgment of any Annual Conference delegation vitally affects the interests of its constituency, and if the said Annual Conference is not represented in the membership of said committee, then the said delegation may choose one of its number to represent its Annual Conference in the committee when the matter judged to be vital to the interests of its constituency is under consideration. Such a person shall be entitled to sit with the committee while this particular matter is being considered; he shall be entitled to the floor, subject to such limitations as are imposed on the regular members of said committee, but he shall not be entitled to vote.

4. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

(1) *For Organization.* The Legislative Committees shall meet for organization on the afternoon of the first day of the General Conference sessions. Those numbered 9 to 15, inclusive, at 2:30 o'clock, and those numbered 1 to 8, inclusive, at 3:30. A Bishop appointed by the Council of Bishops and an Assistant Secretary appointed by the Secretary shall serve, respectively, as Chairman and Secretary to effect an organization in each of the several committees.

- a. The first named on each of the other committees shall act as convener, calling a meeting for organization at the earliest practicable date.
- b. The election of Chairman and Secretary of each committee, both Administrative and Legislative, shall be by ballot.
- c. The Assistant Secretary appointed for the organization of each legislative committee shall report in writing to the Secretary of the Conference at the earliest possible date the officers elected. In the case of all other committees the Secretary elected shall make such report immediately to the Secretary of the Conference.

(2) *Regular Meetings.* The Legislative Committees 1 to 8, inclusive, shall meet each week day at 2:30 P.M., unless otherwise ordered by the Conference, and each until its work is completed. Legislative Committees 9 to 15, inclusive, shall meet each week day at 7:30 P.M., or such other times as they may themselves respectively determine and each until its work is completed.

(3) *Quorum for Committee Meetings.* A majority of

the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in all committees.

5. FUNCTION AND AUTHORITY OF COMMITTEES

The Administrative Committees, without specific instruction or direction from the Conference, shall assume responsibility for considering and reporting to the Conference upon (if it seems wise to do so) all matters which would logically fall within their respective purviews as these are indicated hereinbefore. The Legislative Committees may not originate business, but shall consider and report only upon that which is referred to them directly by the Conference or through the Committee of Reference.

IV. DELEGATE'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT

1. The report of the Committee on Credentials shall be the basis for settlement with principal and alternate delegates for their per diem allowance.

2. The total traveling expense shall be payable to the principal delegate if he be present and seated. If during the session of the Conference an alternate is seated in his place, he shall adjust the travel expense with such alternate on the basis of the time served by each.

B. RULES OF ORDER

I. DAILY SCHEDULE

Rule 1. The following shall be the daily order for the General Conference, Sundays excepted:

- (1) 8:30 A.M. to 9 A.M.—Devotional Service under the direction of the Council of Bishops.
- (2) 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.—Conference business with recess for ten minutes at 10:30.
- (3) 2:30 P.M. to 5 P.M.—Committee meetings.

Rule 2. After devotional service the daily sessions of the Conference shall be conducted as follows:

- (1) Report of Committee on Journal of the previous meeting or meetings.
- (2) Report of Committee on Courtesies and Privileges.
- (3) Reports of other Administrative and Special Committees.
- (4) Calendar.
- (5) Miscellaneous business.

II. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Rule 3. The Bishop presiding shall be the legal Chairman of the General Conference. He shall decide points

of order raised by the members and shall rule on points of order not raised by the members, as he deems necessary to conform to these Rules of Order, subject, in both cases, to an appeal to the Conference by any member without debate; except that the Chairman and the Appellant, in the order here named, shall each have five minutes for a statement in support of their respective positions. A tie vote in the case of an appeal shall sustain the Chair. When any member raises a point of order he shall cite by number the rule he adjudges to have been violated.

Rule 4. When the Chairman stands in his place and calls the Conference to order, no member shall speak, address the Chair, or stand while the Chairman stands.

III. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Rule 5. No member, unless hindered by sickness or otherwise from being present, shall absent himself from the sessions of the Conference without permission of the Conference, and all absentees shall be reported by the Chairmen of the several Annual Conference delegations to the Committee on Credentials on a form provided for this purpose. No alternate delegate shall have the privilege of membership until the substitution has been approved by the Conference, except after the first session of the Conference, as provided in the Plan of Organization, Division III, Section 1, Subsection 3.

Rule 6. When a delegate desires to speak to the Conference, he shall arise at his assigned seat, respectfully address the Presiding Officer, using the term "Mr. Chairman," and after recognition, proceed to the speaker's platform, where, before speaking, he shall give the Chairman, in writing, his name and that of the Annual Conference which he represents; which, in turn, the Chairman shall then announce to the Conference.

If by reason of the intended brevity of his remarks he speaks from a microphone, he shall first announce his name and the name of the Annual Conference which he represents, which in turn, the Chairman shall then announce to the Conference.

Rule 7. No member who has the floor may be interrupted except for a breach of order, or a misrepresentation, or to direct the attention of the Conference to the fact that the time has arrived for a special order, or to raise a very urgent question of high privilege.

Rule 8. No member shall speak a second time on the same question if any member who has not spoken desires

the floor, nor more than twice on the same subject under the same motion, nor longer than ten minutes unless his time shall be extended by the Conference, except as provided in Rule 34.

Rule 9. A member claiming the floor at any time for what he believes is a very urgent question of high privilege, shall be allowed to indicate briefly the nature of the question, and if it be adjudged by the Chair to be such, he may proceed at his pleasure or until the Chairman judges that he has exhausted his privilege. (See Plan of Organization, Division III, Section 1, Subsection 6.)

Rule 10. Only delegates within the area of the Conference when the vote is taken shall be entitled to vote. All delegates within the area at the time a question is put, shall vote, except such as shall have been excused for special reasons by the Conference.

Rule 11. Voting shall be by a show of hands unless otherwise ordered by the Conference. An "aye" and "no" vote, if taken, shall be by signed ballot. A count vote may be ordered on call of any member supported by one-fifth of the members present and voting, in which case the delegates shall rise from their seats and stand until counted. It shall be in order for the Conference to proceed with any business which can be appropriately fitted into the time while waiting for the report of the secretaries on a count vote or an "aye" and "no" vote.

Rule 12. Before a vote is taken any delegate shall have the right to call for a division of any question, if it is subject to such division as he indicates. If no delegate objects, the division shall be made, but if there is objection the Chair shall put the question of division to vote, not waiting for a second.

Rule 13. The ministerial and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body; but upon a call, by motion of any delegate, seconded by another delegate of the same order and supported by one-third of the members of that order voting, the ministerial and lay delegates shall vote separately. But when the Conference votes by orders no measure shall be passed without the concurrence of a majority of both classes of delegates. In cases of such a vote the order calling for it shall vote first; provided, however, that the Conference may not vote by orders on a proposed amendment to the Constitution. (*Discipline* 1940, Paragraph 10, Item 2.)

Rule 14. No other business shall be in order when a vote is being taken or when the previous question has been

called until the process has been completed, except such as relates to the vote itself or that can be appropriately fitted into the time while waiting for the report of the Secretaries on a count vote or an "aye" and "no" vote. (See Rule 11.)

IV. BUSINESS PROCEDURE

Rule 15. Whenever a report of a committee, signed by the Chairman and Secretary thereof, or a resolution signed by two or more members of the Conference, shall be presented to the Conference for its action, it shall be deemed in proper order for consideration by the Conference without the formality of a motion to adopt and a second thereto.

Rule 16. Resolutions and committee reports shall be presented in quadruplicate; and, when requested by the Secretary, motions including amendments shall be presented in writing.

Rule 17. All resolutions, committee reports, and communications to the Conference shall be read by the Secretary except as otherwise provided in Rule 31. When a motion is made and seconded, or a resolution is introduced and seconded, or a committee report is read or its publication in the *Daily Advocate* cited by the Secretary of the Conference, or any other, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Conference.

Rule 18. The following motions shall be acted upon without debate:

- (1) To adjourn, when unqualified, except to adjourn the Conference finally.
- (2) To suspend the rules.
- (3) To lay on the table, except as provided in Rule 34.
- (4) To take from the table.
- (5) To call for the previous question.
- (6) To reconsider a non-debatable motion.
- (7) To limit or extend the limits of debate.
- (8) To call for the orders of the day.

Rule 19. The main question may be opened to debate under the following motions: To adopt, to commit, to substitute, to postpone, and to reconsider. No new motion, resolution, or subject shall be entertained until the one under consideration shall have been disposed of except as provided in Rule 11. The foregoing does not apply to secondary motions if otherwise allowable in the existing parliamentary situation. If any one or more of the following motions shall be made when one or more other notions are pending the order shall be made when one or more other motions are pending the order of their precedence in relation to one

another shall be the same as the order of their listing below:

- (1) To fix the time to which the Conference shall adjourn. (This motion is subject to amendment, or it may be laid on the table.)
- (2) To adjourn.
- (3) To take recess.
- (4) To order the previous question.
- (5) To lay on the table.
- (6) To limit or extend the limits of debate.
- (7) To postpone to a given time.
- (8) To refer.
- (9) To amend or to substitute (one amendment being allowed to an amendment.)
- (10) To postpone indefinitely.

Rule 20. No motion which adheres to another motion or has another motion adhering to it can be laid on the table by itself. Such motions if laid on the table, carry with them the motions to which they adhere or which adheres to them.

Rule 21. When a resolution or committee report is properly before the Conference for consideration and action (even if amendments thereto are pending), a substitute therefor may be offered by any member moving that the same be substituted for the resolution or report under consideration. The motion to substitute may not be considered or put, however, until the original report or resolution is perfected, including consideration of and action on any amendments to it which may have been offered. The Conference may terminate this perfecting process by ordering the previous question on the motion to adopt the report or resolution. If this be done, the vote shall immediately be taken on any amendments to the report or resolution then pending, but the vote shall not be taken on the adoption of the report or resolution or on making the substitution until the substitute is also perfected. The main question, report or resolution, having been perfected, the substitute shall be considered, which consideration may be terminated at any time thereafter by ordering the previous question, in which case, after action on any amendments to the substitute then pending, the vote shall be taken on the motion to substitute. After this, without further debate or amendment the vote shall be taken on the motion to adopt, if the previous question thereon was ordered as above indicated as being allowable, or if it was ordered later. In the course of the foregoing perfecting process in the case of both or either the main question and/or the substitute, the consideration may

for a time be limited by action of the Conference to presenting, considering and acting on amendments. If this is done, the previous question may not be ordered on the adoption of the report or on making the substitution until two or more members shall have spoken on each side of the question after the termination of the period limited to amendments, if there be those who desire so to speak.

Rule 22. When any member moves the previous question (that is, that the vote be now taken on the motion or motions pending), he shall indicate to what he intends it to apply, if any secondary motion or motions are also pending. If he does not so indicate, it shall be regarded as applying only to the immediately pending question. This motion shall be taken without debate and if adopted the vote shall be taken on the motion or motions to which it applies without further debate except as provided in Rule 34.

Rule 23. It shall not be in order for a member immediately after discussing a pending question, and before relinquishing the floor, to make a motion whose adoption would limit or stop debate.

Rule 24. A majority of those voting, a quorum being present, shall decide all questions with the following exceptions:

- (1) One-fifth of those present and voting shall suffice to sustain a call for an "aye" and "no" vote, or a count vote in case the decision of the Chair is doubted.
- (2) A call for vote by orders shall prevail if sustained by one-third of the members of the order from which the call came, present and voting.
- (3) A two-thirds vote shall be required to sustain a motion to suspend or amend the rules, to set aside a special order, to consider a special order before the time set therefor, or any motion whose adoption would limit debate.

Rule 25. A motion to reconsider an action of the Conference shall be in order at any time if offered by a member who voted with the prevailing side. If the motion it is proposed to reconsider is non-debatable, the motion to reconsider may not be debated.

Rule 26. The Secretary shall keep a chronological record of Orders of the Day and of reports of committees (see Rule 29) and this record shall be called the Calendar, and the matters of business placed on it shall be considered in order, unless by a two-thirds vote of the Conference an item is taken up out of its order.

Rule 27. The motion to adjourn, when unqualified, shall

be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, except

- (1) When a delegate has the floor.
- (2) When a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken, and before it is finally decided.
- (3) When the previous question has been ordered and action thereunder is pending.
- (4) When a motion to adjourn has been lost, and no business or debate has intervened.
- (5) When the motion to fix the time to which the Conference shall adjourn is pending.

The foregoing does not apply to a motion for final adjournment of the Conference.

V. COMMITTEES: DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES

Rule 28. When a memorial or resolution or any such item is referred to one of the several Legislative Committees, it shall be understood that the whole question with which the paper has to do is referred to that committee for such action as it may deem wise. Committees shall report to the Conference upon all matters referred to them by the Conference directly or through the Committee of Reference. Committee reports on resolutions, memorials, petitions, etc., shall cite the same, identifying them by the numbers they bear respectively, in the published reports of the Committee of Reference, or in some other suitable manner. Legislative Committee reports recommending noncurrence shall be kept upon a separate Calendar to be taken up when the regular Calendar is exhausted or at the pleasure of the Conference, except when a minority presents a report recommending concurrence, in which case both shall be included in the regular Calendar.

When a committee ascertains that another committee is or should, in its judgment, be considering a subject which the former is also considering, it shall proceed to arrange for a conference of representatives from the respective committees in order to settle the question at issue. If by this process agreement as to location of responsibility cannot be reached the matter shall be referred to the Committee of Chairmen.

Rule 29. At the close of each day's meeting the Chairman and Secretaries of the several Legislative Committees shall provide the Secretary of the Conference with copies in quadruplicate of all reports adopted by their respective committees for presentation to the Conference. The Secretary shall enter said reports on the Calendar in the order in which they reach him and shall furnish the editor of the

Daily Advocate with one copy of each of the said reports for publication in the next day's issue. Reports from committees (and minority reports) recommending proposed changes in the *Discipline* shall give chapter, section, and paragraph to be affected, and the language as it will read if and when adopted.

Rule 30. A report of any committee signed by the Chairman and Secretary thereof, shall be regarded as in possession of the Conference on the next day after its first appearance in the *Daily Advocate* and in order for consideration at the pleasure of the Conference. The same rule shall apply to a report of a minority of any committee signed by one-tenth of the members of the committee or by ten members thereof.

Rule 31. All committee reports shall be presented to the Secretary of the Conference in quadruplicate on paper provided therefor, and bearing at the top the name of the committee, its total membership, the number present at the time the report was adopted, the number voting for and the number voting against the report. Reports of the Legislative Committees shall be printed in the *Daily Advocate* at least one day before being presented for consideration by the Conference and they shall not be read unless by its order.

Reports of minorities of committees adopted by them with a view to their being offered as substitutes for committee reports shall likewise conform to this rule so far as it is applicable, indicating clearly to what committee the respective minorities belong and for what reports by serial numbers, etc., they propose the respective substitutes.

Rule 32. When the Chairman of a committee is not in harmony with a report adopted by the committee, it shall be his duty to state the fact to the committee, which shall elect one of its members to represent it in the presentation and discussion of the report in the Conference; but if, in such a case, the committee shall fail to select a representative, the Chairman shall designate a member to represent the committee, and said representative shall have all the rights and privileges of the Chairman in relation to such report.

Rule 33. A member selected by the signers of a minority report of a committee to present the same shall have the same rights and privileges in relation thereto which belong to the Chairman in the presentation of the regular (majority) report of the committee, except that he may not present said minority report until the majority report has been presented and shall then offer it as a substitute there-

for, and except, further, that in closing the debate on the question of making the substitution the member presenting the minority report shall speak first and the Chairman last. (See Rule 21.)

Rule 34. When the report of a committee is under consideration, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to ascertain, when he recognizes a member of the Conference, on which side he proposes to speak, and he shall not assign the floor to any member proposing to speak on the same side of the pending question as the speaker immediately preceding if any member desires to speak on the other side thereof.

Except for undebatable motions no report shall be adopted or question relating to the same decided without opportunity having been given for at least one speech for and one against the said proposal; provided this right is claimed before the Chairman or duly authorized member representing the committee's report or the minority report, if there be such, is presented to close the debate.

When all have spoken who desire to do so, or when (and after) the previous question has been ordered, the Chairman or/and duly authorized member or members presenting the committee's report (and the minority report if there be one) shall be entitled to speak before the vote is taken.

This right of the Chairman and/or other member or members to close the debate shall prevail in like manner, to a limit of five minutes, when a vote is about to be taken on a motion to amend, to substitute, to postpone, to refer, to lay on the table or any other motion whose adoption would vitally affect the report under consideration; provided, that this five minutes' limit shall not apply to a motion to substitute a minority report for a regular (majority) report of a Committee.

VI. SUSPENDING, AMENDING, AND SUPPLEMENTING

Rule 35. The operation of any of the provisions of this Plan of Organization or of these Rules of Order may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the Conference.

Rule 36. This Plan of Organization and these Rules of Order may be amended or changed by a two-thirds vote of the Conference; provided the proposed change or amendment has been presented to the Conference in writing and referred to the Committee on Rules, which committee shall report thereon not later than the day following.

Rule 37. In any parliamentary situation not clearly cov-

ered by this Plan of Organization or these Rules of Order the General Conference shall be governed in its action by Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

Committee on Rules:

BISHOP H. LESTER SMITH, *Chairman*; *
J. EDGAR SKILLINGTON, *Vice-Chairman*;
COSTEN J. HARRELL, SECRETARY,
THOMAS B. LUGG,
EUGENE B. HAWK,
GEORGE W. HENSON,
LUD H. ESTES, *ex officio*.

* At the request of Bishop W. W. Peele, President of the Council of Bishops, Bishop H. Lester Smith, Vice-President, served in his stead.

THE ADDRESS OF THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

SALUTATION

To the Members of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, assembled in Kansas City, Missouri, April 26, 1944:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

As the chosen representatives of a Church which is established in a half hundred nations and claims the world for its parish, you are assembled in a momentous hour of world history. We would, therefore, with especial fervor invoke the benedictions of Him who is the Head of the Church upon you as we lift this prayer in your behalf: "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God."

REMEMBRANCE

We pause to speak reverently the names of fourteen members of the Council of Bishops who have passed to their eternal reward since the last session of the General Conference: William Newman Ainsworth, Edgar Blake, Warren Aiken Candler, Jashwant R. Chitambar, Matthew W. Clair, Collins Denny, Horace M. DuBose, Samuel R. Hay, William A. C. Hughes, Adna Wright Leonard, Charles L. Mead, Charles Bayard Mitchell, Thomas Nicholson, Ernest L. Waldorf.

These servants of the Lord all served the Church with distinguished ability and unwaivering fidelity; they have left to us an imperishable record of exalted living and efficient service. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is not a dream, nor is it a fancy. It is a sober, historic fact which converts the promise of eternal life into assurance. Death is not the end of life, but the gateway into the larger life. These our brethren were the friends of God, followers of the

risen and triumphant Lord; they have now come to the dawn of the fadeless day and are at home in the house not made with hands. There will be suitable memorial services at the proper time and place.

SIGNIFICANT YEARS IN THREE CENTURIES

1744

The forty-fourth year in each of the last three centuries has played a decisive role in the history of Methodism. In June of 1744 the first Methodist Conference convened in the Foundry in London. The Conference, held under the presidency of John Wesley, was composed of ten men. Six were clergymen, and four were lay preachers. This small group little dreamed that this meeting would become the germ of all subsequent Methodist Conferences. Of these ten obscure men Dr. W. H. Fitchett wrote: "They created unconsciously the most remarkable, and in some senses the most powerful, ecclesiastical council which is today the effective instrument of government for a Church of nearly thirty million people."

Five years had passed since the first fires flamed in the hearts of the ten there assembled and their associates. Mighty tides of emotional life were running high, but strange things were happening. False teachers had invaded that company of devout souls, affirming that "the means of grace" were not necessary to those who had been awakened. Such teaching was repugnant to all John Wesley believed as a loyal churchman and to all that had come to him in his heartwarming experience. Then it was that the Conference was called to conserve the awakened enthusiasm filling the hearts of these eager people, to discipline this new life and direct it into creative and redemptive channels. This purpose in part explains the questions that formed the basis of the discussions of that first Conference. They were: What shall we teach? How shall we teach? What shall we do? During the intervening two centuries many changes have been made, but these inspired leaders planted that day "the seed which has grown to a towering, far-spreading tree sheltering millions of Methodists."

1844

The General Conference of 1844 met in the already gathering storm clouds of a national tragedy. When the delegates assembled, there was every reason to believe that ways of meeting the perplexing problems would be discovered. The Episcopal Address pointed toward peace and

good will and called for the extension of the Kingdom of God. But sectional and political differences arose which could not be reconciled, resulting in the disunion of American Methodism. When the delegates felt there was no honorable way to reconcile the differing viewpoints, in the magnanimity of their souls they said: "Let there be no strife between us for we are brethren. Let us part in peace, let us divide our common inheritance, adjust our common obligations, and preserve as a sacred treasure our common principles." Thus our fathers to the North and to the South passed through the storm of the sixties, somewhat apart, but never out of hailing distance in time of trouble.

1944

Today as one people we are at home in the house of our fathers. This is the Bicentennial of the first Methodist Conference, the Centenary of one of our unhappy divisions and the appointed season in which, as the heirs and trustees of a great heritage, we accept the full responsibility of our history and all to which our great ideals conscript us.

In this city five years ago three branches of Methodism assembled in the memorable Uniting Conference, not to debate forms of church government, nor to settle disputed doctrines, for we were already of one faith. Instead, as the children of a common household renewing and cherishing the same spiritual memories and pursuing the same spiritual ideals, they met to declare and demonstrate that the Methodists are one people. Today, with undivided energies and unwasted resources, we are assembled in the second General Conference ready and eager to deliver the full strength of a united Church upon a divided and sinning world.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF METHODIST UNION

Every experience since the consummation of union has clearly demonstrated the wisdom of that action. The influence and power of Methodism has been immeasurably increased by union. For those who so ably guided us we give thanks. Through long and sometimes difficult years, they cherished the dream and never ceased from labor. The baffling difficulties and grave dangers which today surround us clearly reveal that only united and co-operative planning and action are sufficient. The great Head of the Church prayed for the union of His disciples, not as an end in itself, but in order to insure one great objective, namely, "that the world may believe." We would, therefore, in the very beginning of the Conference pause gratefully to acknowl-

edge that the day of discord has gone, that the prejudices of yesteryear no longer sway us and that this, the one hundredth anniversary of our separation finds us one people, doing our work united, unafraid and undiscouraged. "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty . . . Amen."

In the Church we now have a fine blend of the very best Methodism has produced across these two centuries. Here are the devotion and democracy of the Methodist Protestant Church; here are the churchmanship, the efficiency and the aggressiveness of the Methodist Episcopal Church; here is the warmheartedness of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with its genius for Christian education and evangelism. We were all the children of John Wesley. We traced our history to a common origin. We had affinities of tradition and outlook and ideal. We stood for the same things. We cherished the same spirit of a vitalizing experience. Separately, we labored with hearts filled with love for men, believing that Christ could redeem humanity, transform the world and change the course of human history. Each has brought its distinctive contribution into union, not to be swallowed up, but to find wider expression, resulting in an enlarged fellowship and an enriched experience. What we did well apart, we now do better together. The unwise and unnecessary duplication of effort which attended our divisions is gone, and we are together not as competitors, but as comrades. For us has been answered the prayer of Saint Augustine: "A whole Christ for my salvation; a whole Bible for my staff; a whole Church for my fellowship; a whole world for my parish."

Methodism, as it is now constituted, is an ecclesiastical organization capable of mobilizing the entire resources of its membership for the promotion of righteousness in a developing world in an era characterized by change. The Plan of Union was the result of long years of earnest searching for a form of Church government that would enable us to live together under one law, with one spirit and for one purpose. In some sections there is a demand that the difficulties of the centralization of power be avoided, and there is an insistence that the variety and individuality which characterized the merging Churches be preserved. Each of the former Churches brought into the merger time-proven methods and traditions. To destroy these in order to secure a level and monotonous uniformity would be loss and not gain.

We are now a Church of many millions representing differing geographical sections, many racial groups and vary-

ing social strata. It would be impossible and also unwise to reduce these varieties to a common uniformity and to make Methodists everywhere a copy of an approved type employing an identical theological emphasis, using an identical form of liturgy, revering the same religious terminology and employing the same methods of promotion. This plan, were it possible, would do violence to individual temperaments and tastes. Some of our people prefer elaborate organization with the aid of full ritual while others are at home in the freer life of a more informal service. We must avoid rigidity of form and expression and give to every man the right to worship and witness in the way that is best suited to him. Likewise, there are diversities of methods and traditions in the several geographical areas of the nation. It is possible for children of the same spiritual family to have differing temperaments. To attempt to change the individual capacities and gifts, or to deny to them the form of work and worship in which they can best express their religious experience, is to impoverish their spiritual life.

The progress of Methodism cannot be explained apart from the vision, service, and sacrifice of the men, women, and youth who compose its lay leadership. But for the consecrated laymen who work through the Board of Lay Activities, the devoted lay women who compose the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and that army of consecrated youth marching with Christ under the banner of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, the amazing story of our achievements would not have been written. We are profoundly grateful for the privilege of association with such a company of noble and consecrated people. It is beyond the power of imagination to conceive what the church would have been without the leadership furnished by these organizations. God bless them for all they are doing in keeping the church true to the mind of Christ and for their labors in perpetuating the Christian faith and experience among the peoples of the earth.

A study of the statistics covering the quadrennium reveals certain facts and trends which furnish some ground for rejoicing, but it also brings a demand for heart searching and better planning. There has been an increase in Church membership of 318,822, which is proof of the vitality of the Church, but it leaves us wondering why with so many millions unchurched in America, a Church with our evangelistic traditions has not been able to win many more members.

In financial matters such as ministerial support, value of church properties and payment of indebtedness the quad-

rennial report shows healthy increases, revealing that our people have been more liberal with the Church. But when we compare our giving with our record in winning the unchurched and our success in holding and training our children and youth in Christian character and service, it appears that we are doing those things which are easiest. We are giving of our substance rather than ourselves and we are allowing our material resources to outweigh our ability to carry out the chief purpose of the Church.

The comparative figures covering the years of 1940, 1941, 1942, and 1943, are:

	1940	1941	1942	1943
Number of Preachers	23,924	24,749	25,364	25,377
Ministerial Support	\$ 36,169,245	\$ 34,789,412	\$ 35,342,941	\$ 37,913,655
Number of Churches	41,611	41,817	41,413	41,059
Value of Churches and Parsonages	\$576,578,884	\$683,061,061	\$694,822,174	\$695,477,627
Paid on Indebtedness	\$ 4,549,689	\$ 21,046,329	\$ 22,447,454	\$ 21,293,075
Number of Members	7,336,263	7,659,007	7,813,891	7,955,085
Number Received from Preparatory Membership and Confession of Faith	255,437	262,163	276,433	282,292
Church School Enrollment	5,481,798	5,139,351	5,093,558	4,995,630
Amount Contributed for World Service and Conference Benevolences	\$ 5,853,035	\$ 7,287,509	\$ 7,328,952	\$ 9,201,040
Amount Contributed for Current Expenses	\$ 12,198,597	\$ 17,232,070	\$ 18,170,898	\$ 23,271,849
Amount Contributed by The Woman's Society of Christian Service	\$ 3,247,774	\$ 2,932,122	\$ 3,255,207	\$ 3,590,355

THE METHODIST HERITAGE

1. THE EXPERIENCE IN WHICH WE WERE BORN

In order fully to appreciate our spiritual heritage we must go again and again to the story of the remarkable experience through which John Wesley passed on the evening of

May 24, 1738. It has been the fashion among some modern biographers of Wesley to depreciate more or less the significance of that experience and to assign little importance to it in the creation of the Wesleyan movement. It remains true, however, that the astounding and speedy triumphs of Methodism cannot be explained on any other basis.

The world then as now was in a time of crisis. Everywhere there were international disturbances and social conditions that were well nigh intolerable. Drunkenness was rampant. Slavery was a reputable practice. The organized church was impotent in the presence of the demands of the day. It was obvious to men of spiritual discernment that a new birth was essential if society was to be saved from corruption and civilization stopped short of bankruptcy.

Mr. Wesley never failed either in preaching or writing to refer to his transforming experience and to give his testimony concerning what the Lord had done for him. We need not here debate the name which properly describes the experience nor discuss whether it was gradual or instantaneous. Instead, let us remember only that it was the culmination of the long search of a hungry-hearted man for an experience of the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that the experience manifested itself in such joyous witness and victorious power that the formal priest of Oxford became the prophet of Methodism, taking his place as the most forceful and efficient evangelical of modern times.

When Wesley began his work the religious life of England was wanting buoyancy and vigor, but he knew that he had received from God the direct assurance of the forgiveness of his sins and of his adoption into the divine family. He refused to believe that this privilege was inaccessible to other men. What he had received, he contended, every man might receive through faith in Christ; the glorious blessings which God had given to him were intended to be the common inheritance of all believers. Out of that transforming experience came Methodism, bringing life and vigor to the church of that day. Those early Methodists believed something more was possible to a believer than a faltering hope, hence their insistence that man should never rest until he knew for himself that Christ had delivered him from sin. In this assurance they found the source of strength, the secret of unity and the certainty of triumph, and it produced a host of witnesses with exulting songs giving their testimony to the power of Christ to restore man to God.

2. THE ADEQUACY OF THE MESSAGE FOR THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE

The methods by which a living Church discharges its duty must not of necessity vary from age to age. Nevertheless, wise men do not disregard tradition for tradition is the cumulative heritage of actual experience. It was the faith of the last generation which under God helped create the faith of the present; likewise, the faith of the present generation must under God help create the faith of the next generation.

In the realm of traditions Methodism is both weak and strong. It sprang out of another Church, and its founders desired to keep as close thereto as possible. Strong and definite traditions of its own were, in consequence, inhibited. The scene of its greatest growth and first ecclesiastical organization was in America at a time when old world traditions were despised and were being overthrown. The early Methodists did not stress the things out of which traditions grow. On the other hand, Methodism is strong because its very lack of tradition has enabled it to avoid rigid and dogmatic conservation. In spite of more or less vexing innovations which have from time to time arisen, the main current of thought and attitude has been kept fluid, responsive to changing conditions, open to new truth and always ready to make adaptations in methods and attitudes.

Theoretically, the Methodist tradition may be summarized. It is the evangelical tradition of the Protestant reformers. At times Mr. Wesley appeared to place little stress upon theology. Yet even a slight acquaintance with his teaching shows that such was not his real attitude. He criticized the theological opinions of great men freely, but the very fact of his doing so indicates the importance he attached to careful and accurate theological thinking. He differed from the Reformers in details of doctrines and interpretations. For example, he and most of his followers energetically and fervently opposed the predestinarian tenet of Calvinism and were so convinced of the truth of Arminianism that they accepted a division in their ranks rather than compromise their position on the universality of the statement.

The Methodist insistence has not been so much upon opinion as upon life. Its distinguishing mark is not so much what men believe, as what they are, what they experience, how they act. The unique traditions of Methodism are, therefore, to be sought in patterns of action rather than systems of dogma.

From this standpoint the paramount Methodist tradition is that of evangelism. Nobody has ever referred to the movement of the Wesleys as a philosophical or a theological enterprise. It has always and everywhere been called a revival. The primary concern of the Wesleys and their associates in England, and of Asbury and his circuit riders in America, was to save individual souls from sin. The founding fathers of Methodism were interested in nearly all things of a moral nature, but above all other concerns was the overmastering passion to save men from sin. If then, tradition is something indisputably rooted in historical origins, evangelism in this sense is the leading Methodist tradition, a departure from which renders one that much less a Methodist.

When the Christmas Conference in 1784 organized the Church out of what had been a more or less haphazard revival carried on by ecclesiastically unauthorized persons, this injunction was written down for the guidance of the preachers: "You have nothing to do but to save souls. You are not to preach so many times or to take care of this or that society, but to save as many souls as you can." Such instruction does not include many things we now believe vital to the Christian message. But there it stands in the record, and it represents the essential genius of original Methodism. The words needed no interpretation. When the founding fathers spoke of saving souls, they knew exactly what they mean, and the words were also plain to all who heard them. The preachers were products of the gospel they preached. They had all been converted and they proclaimed what they themselves had experienced.

All this evangelical fervor, of course, rested back on theology. It was the evangelical theology applied to the spiritual needs of men. It embraced these essentials: All men are sinners. Christ died for all men. All men can be saved by repentance and faith. They can know they are saved through the "witness of the spirit."

When thus simply stated, the fact that Methodist theology revolves about personal experience is clear. The salvation in which Methodists believe means much more than the forgiveness of actual sins and entrance into a heaven of eternal bliss after death. It means a personal experience of God beginning with conversion and continuing every step of the way to perfect love. We know what Wesley taught on the subject of Christian Perfection and what unhappy theological discussions have attended that subject. The controversy proves, however, that Methodism has a tradition

and that this tradition includes the whole range of Christian experience.

We have never insisted that religious experience is only of one form and of one mode of attainment. To do so would be to limit the operations of the divine Spirit. While millions have come to Christian discipleship by a conversion of dramatic suddenness, other millions have by a quiet and gradual process come to the realization of Christ's forgiving grace. What matters most is not the process, but the issue, not the ecclesiastical language we employ, but the experience and life to which it refers. The road we travel is important, but the primary consideration is that we arrive at the destination. Our mission has been to help men realize the deep estrangement from God which is the result of sin, to help them turn to Christ as the Saviour of the world and to help them by faith receive Him in the plenitude of His saving and enabling grace. Definitions of Christian experience may be revised from time to time, provided they do not obscure the divine glories of the Lord Jesus Christ, Son of man, Son of God, the Redeemer of the world, nor dislodge from the hearts of those who believe their sure confidence in Christ.

The deep conviction of Methodists that the atonement is universal carries over into an attitude that makes Methodism essentially a missionary movement. Wesley's famous statement, "I look upon all the world as my parish," was not made with reference to missions in the sense of sending the Gospel to the whole world. Nevertheless, the fact that it has nearly always been given that interpretation involves no real distortion of Wesley's meaning, since no man could have made such a statement in any connection except one who possessed the mind of missions. And that mind Wesley certainly possessed, not only in the sense of extending the Christian message to those who sat in darkness, but also and especially in his attitude toward the underprivileged and the outcasts of his day. The social ministry which he carried on at the Foundry and elsewhere; his natural assumption that along with the British Isles the new world was included in his evangelizing endeavors; his missionary trip to America; his impatience with the duties there that kept him from preaching to the Indians; and his treatment of such social problems as slavery, poverty, war, and intemperance furnish eloquent proof that he shared the Master's compassion for the low, the lost and the last.

We must not take Mr. Wesley out of his time and judge him in the light of what was then unknown. The recent idea that missions includes the Christianization of areas of

social life as well as the geographical extension of the Gospel came into existence after his time. But here, as in so many other fields, subsequent study shows that Wesley's work and teachings anticipated modern developments in a remarkable way.

As a matter of fact, Methodism itself was a missionary movement in a very real sense. John Wesley and his fellow workers differed from the men who today bear the title of missionary in no distinguishable quality. "The need they faced was a missionary need, their gospel a missionary manifesto." The date commonly accepted for the inauguration of the period of modern missions is 1792. Doctor Cannon of Duke University declared: "The new spirit of enthusiasm among the Nonconformist Churches of England, and the Established Church as well, which found expression in modern missions is traceable almost directly to the response of these bodies to the influence of the Wesleyans during the preceding half-century. John Wesley was in his grave when William Carey sailed for India, but Wesley made Carey possible." Still another writer has pointed out that "amongst the larger Protestant Churches the Methodist communion is that which alone, from the outset and distinctly, adopted a world-wide aim."

The conversion in London of a Negro servant from the West Indies and the subsequent introduction of Methodism into those islands through his influence is a well known episode in Methodist history. Negroes were in the first congregations gathered by Barbara Heck in New York, and they contributed to the erection of the first church building there. Bishop Asbury had for his devoted friend and faithful helper Harry Hosier, a devout Negro preacher, and the early records of American Methodism contain numerous references to work with Negroes. These occurrences testify to the almost total absence of racial consciousness among the pioneer leaders of the movement.

It would be a work of supererogation to mention the missionary labors of Bishop Coke, "the foreign minister of Methodism," who drew up a plan for a missionary society and actually planted Methodism in foreign places long before Carey began his work. The Wesleyans were raising funds for their work among the destitute as early as 1756, and in 1769 Wesley sent two missionary volunteers to America. The same Conference which organized the Methodist Church also appointed missionaries to Nova Scotia. A multitude of similar facts crowd the early record, indicating the process by which the missionary attitude entered the Methodist tradition. It has persisted and has become more in-

tense as the years have lengthened. Though it has never enlisted the active co-operation of all the membership, it has always dominated the councils of the Church. No anti-missionary movement has ever swept through its ranks.

Another Methodist tradition is that of education. It has been a boast that "Methodism was born in the university," but there is certainly truth in the report that "if nothing had happened to Wesley except what happened in the university, there would never have been a Methodist Church." However, that may be, it is of considerable significance that the eighteenth century revival, though almost exclusively concerned with the poor and the ignorant, was led by highly trained men who always laid heavy emphasis upon the culture of the intellect. The nature of that emphasis is well known. Though Wesley's helpers were nearly all unlettered men, the reading and study he demanded of them was such as might have been recommended to ripe students. The Methodist converts, as well as the preachers, were expected to improve their minds. Wesley wrote, translated, published and circulated books by the hundreds, and in his *Journal and Letters* he insisted a thousand times over that training of the mind is an essential part of the Christian life. The first Methodist institution was not a church nor a chapel for preaching, but a school. Not one of the early American circuit riders was a college graduate, but when they came up to their first General Conference, they already had cash in hand for the building of a college.

This is one tradition which Methodism has neither outgrown nor drastically modified. It has always been educationally minded. It has filled the world with its institutions of learning of every grade. Today in this country alone The Methodist Church operates 125 schools, colleges and universities, with 6,000 teachers, an enrollment of 117,000 students and an annual budget of \$42,000,000. Never were their services to Church and state more critically important than now. The limitations of war time have brought severe problems, financial and otherwise, which in some cases threaten their very life. We, therefore, commend our institutions of learning very specially to our people and urge that they be given full confidence and adequate support.

In those first years of Methodism the stress was not exclusively, nor was it even mainly, upon formal or institutional education. Nowhere are the essential sanity and breath of view of early Methodism more apparent than in its natural integration of religious education and evangelism, an integration that is somewhat remarkable in view

of the prevalent attitude of the day and the powerful zeal of the early preachers for the salvation of souls. It is a profitless proceeding to search the writings of eighteenth century authors for philosophies and principles which were not then in existence. Nevertheless, Wesley in a very real sense anticipated the modern idea of the place of religious education. Not only did his Methodists operate Sunday schools long before Robert Raikes began his famous experiment, but they realized with a considerable degree of clarity that culture has its place in the whole Christianizing process. Men have spoken and written as if the early Methodist preachers aroused emotion, secured cataclysmic conversions and then passed on, having little regard for either religious education or social morality. Their mistake is great and inexcusable. The mere fact that the converts, instead of falling away, multiplied into the present millions refutes the idea.

"Will you diligently instruct the children in every place?" has been asked of every Methodist preacher since the Methodist Church was organized in 1784. When the circuit riders won converts, they were under instructions to "build them up in that holiness without which they cannot see the Lord." They made an interesting use of their class meetings. In these small and private gatherings inquiry was made into the experience and conduct of the converts, and their famous testimony meetings were based upon a fundamental psychology. The early Methodists were ignorant of modern techniques and wholly without the materials and equipment now deemed essential, but their sanity, hard common sense and knowledge gained through experience stood them in good stead. They made religious education a tradition in the movement they projected.

Still another Methodist tradition, one of the most important and one which has persisted with ever increasing clarity, concerns the social implications of the Gospel. Here again the amazing breadth of John Wesley's interests enabled him to anticipate the modern social gospel. No religious leader of his time was more interested in matters of social moment than he. This interest is somewhat remarkable in view of his primary concern with individual salvation and the conceptions of the proper domain of religion prevailing in his day and generation. The evangelical zeal of the early Methodists was matched by their social enthusiasm. They founded schools and colleges, built orphanages, cared for the poor, visited prisons, contributed leadership to the labor movement, and gave themselves in a thousand ways to the betterment of human society. They ex-

tended their interest to every influence by which souls were affected. They believed a redeemed soul needs a redeemed society in which to function properly and that a godly life cannot be lived at its best in an ungodly world. During its whole history The Methodist Church has shown a disposition and an ability to adapt itself to the developing social conscience, traits that are noteworthy in a denomination of such size and wide geographical distribution of membership.

Now we must not claim too much for early Methodism at this point. Neither must we weigh an eighteenth-century man on twentieth-century scales, nor blame him for failing to do what he never proposed to do. It is not to be wondered at that he failed to deal with, or dealt inadequately with, many aspects of the social problem to which a present-day social prophet would devote more attention. The real wonder is that in his amazingly busy career as an evangelist and organizer he was able to deal with a multitude of social matters in such a way as to form the basis and pattern of the later social program of Methodism.

A volume would be required to describe Wesley's social activities and teachings. Informed Methodists are familiar with them. He touched in some manner on practically every social issue of his day which had any moral implications—war, slavery, liquor, poverty, high taxes, smuggling, education, the cost of food, enclosure of lands, unemployment, price of land, exorbitant rents, the national debt, and so on and on and on. It cannot be proven that he went about preaching the desirability of getting home to heaven in total disregard of social evils that dragged men down to hell.

Wesley preserved a fine balance between personal salvation and social action. It apparently did not occur to him to draw a distinction between these two phases of Christian life and experience. If he believed "the hoary fallacy" that all would be right in the world if and when all men were soundly converted, he at least did not accept the current fallacy that a regenerate social order can be built with unregenerate men. With a refreshing naturalness he simply took for granted the outflow of inner experience in objective service. Men have spoken and written as if the pioneers believed the total religious concept consisted of conversion, emotional exhilaration and, eventually, entry into heaven, but Methodism never conceived religion so narrowly. It was always connected with good living and service of a social nature according to the needs and attitudes of the day. Wesley specifically declared that there was no such thing as "solitary religion," and the Christmas Conference in Ameri-

ca definitely linked social reform and holiness in the famous statement to the effect that God's purpose in raising up the Methodists was to "reform the continent and spread scriptural holiness over these lands."

THE WORLD IN WHICH WE MUST LIVE

1. WELFARE OF THE NATION

That one of the critical and fateful hours of human history is now upon the world no sane person will deny. It has been remarked that: "We are at both the end and the beginning of an age." Only time can reveal the truth or falsity of this assumption, but even the most obtuse person is aware that in this epochal period the days and the weeks have the fullness and the significance of years and of decades. The furnace of life has been heated seven times hotter than ever before, and into that furnace the ideals and institutions current in this testing moment of history all have been poured. They are at present in molten form. It is our task to help draw them off into new molds, and thus determine the shape of things to come.

Among the wise men in the world, both within and without the church, there are those who sense that all is not well either with the Church or the world. They fear our boasted civilization, if not crumbling, is at least tottering. Some devout men and women sincerely believe that for a long time the world has been moving from bad to worse and that just now there rapidly approaches a stupendous crisis in the affairs of mankind. We cannot accept their pessimistic conclusions because to do so would be to subscribe to a counsel of despair in which our faith in the sovereignty of God and our confidence in the ultimate supremacy of righteousness would have to be discarded.

But one cannot escape the ugly facts as they appear. The nations of the earth are divided into opposing camps, each side waiting to take advantage of the other's weakness. Hate, like a vast black cloud, has spread over the whole earth. In many nations the freedom for which brave men died has been taken away in a single day. Millions of men are fighting and dying; enormous quantities of wealth that might have been used to give sustenance and hope to the disinherited of the earth are being used for destruction of life and property. Vast sections of the earth have fallen into the hands of plunderers. International relations are poisoned by hate and greed. Bad men in places of power are determined to rule the world or blow it to bits. Bar-

barism is rampant, and democracy is fighting for its very life.

No man is fully qualified either spiritually or intellectually to interpret the present world situation, or to assess the blame for it, but it is futile to think that all of the evil in the world has come as the result of the philosophy of a few bad men. We have had our part in the creation of the tragic world situation. The tremendous and lamentable sag in our national and moral idealism, the fearful loss of reverence for law, the disintegration of the normal home life, the wide-spread disregard for that which was formerly held sacred and our materialistic interpretation of life have all contributed to the present chaos. We have trusted too long in a scientific materialism which has produced a philosophy of life in which there is too little room for God and spiritual ideals. Too many things are evaluated in terms of matter, a practice which Carlyle called "the philosophy of dirt." Money is above men, cash is above character, and dividends come before duty. Vain imagining that the solution of our problems can be found in material possessions has resulted in a false standard of values and a wrong conception of human relationships.

It would be a gesture of insincerity or artificiality to deny or ignore the tragic implications the present world situation holds for the future of Christianity. The Church is compelled to re-examine its commission, define its standards, defend its teachings and justify its existence. We are forced to inquire whether or not we have a message adequate for a time like this. Is the church able to save the world, or must it salvage the wreckage when bad men have finished their evil doing? Every age is, of course, critical for those who live in it. The words used to describe the present times were doubtless employed to depict the scene and the state of the world when the barbarians overran Rome and the Napoleonic wars terrified Europe. Nevertheless, no informed observer has the temerity to deny that the present period is in a very real sense one of the most tragic and sorrowful the world has known in all of its long history. There are realities in the situation with which temporizing and shallow makeshifts cannot cope.

We have come to the end of one era in our national history and now in this epoch of transition face the opening of a new era. Since the days of George Washington we have lived somewhat to ourselves. We have been careful to avoid entangling alliances with other nations. We have approved the Monroe Doctrine and limited our interest largely to the Western Hemisphere. Global war has now called us out of our isolation and assigned to us a vital part to play in the life of the whole world. For good or ill, we must live in the world and play our part in the world struggle.

2. THE SECULAR MADE SECURE BY THE SPIRITUAL

We have been reminded that "The call of Abraham and his departure from Chaldea and the Exodus from Egypt while attended by more miraculous manifestations were no more truly religious events than the founding of this American Republic." History gives authority to this statement because we can now see clearly that the ideals and institutions which our founding fathers brought with them in their little ships have mightily affected the destinies of mankind, and the end is not yet. These remarkable men and women who laid the foundation of this nation and prepared a home for evangelical religion came to the new world knowing that whatever comfort of prosperity they were to have would be attained by the blessings of Almighty God upon their frugality, industry and temperance.

Ours is a nation founded by faith. Our Christian heritage and our democratic institutions were brought to us by God fearing and liberty loving men and women. The Reformation had set all Europe in a ferment. The people had turned to the Bible for guidance. In that Bible they learned what were their duties and also what were their rights. They practiced their duties and demanded their rights. They were seeking not gold, but God. These were the men and women who came to Jamestown and Plymouth. Huguenots from France, pious Swedes, saintly Swiss, devout Dutch, sturdy Scotch, ardent Irish and evangelical English. The civilization which we now enjoy is their legacy to us. We must maintain it for those who come after us.

What of the future? History tells of many nations that have arisen, flourished, played their part in the world drama and then declined one by one, with the bright hopes of morning ending in dismal night. It is well while we are absorbed in a global war and think of world problems that we look carefully to those ideals and institutions which give stability to our nation and security and hope to individuals. It is vital to our future that we distinguish between those things which make for freedom and prosperity and those which invite national ruin and bring personal suffering.

No right thinking person would ignore the physical and material factors which are essential in a nation's life, but it is ever true that the most potent forces in the world are spiritual, not physical and material. Nations decay not so much from physical causes as from wrong choices, moral weakness and intellectual and spiritual poverty. If we devote all our strength to making money, building larger houses, developing material resources and making ourselves more comfortable, we remove the cement which holds the walls of our Republic in place.

Unless our material progress is matched by the growth of our minds and souls, we become confused in our ideals and turn moral values upside down. The greatest asset of the nation is not material possessions but enlightened, purposeful, Christian men and women. Our people must be constantly reminded that the welfare of the nation and the religious convictions of its citizens are so ultimately related that what secures one, vitally affects the other. To forget our spiritual heritage is to lose our freedom and invite our ruin. The American people are at heart a religious people, but we need just now a revival of spirituality at its best. Such an awakening will bring a fresh spirit of moral zeal and strengthen every good thing in our national life.

THE METHODIST MISSIONARY MOVEMENT

When the Church takes Jesus Christ seriously, the program for the Christianization of the world becomes its inevitable mission. Christianity was intended to be, and of necessity is, a missionary religion. To take away its world view, to steal away its missionary passion, is to rob it of its character and leave it something other than its true self. Christianity is not a religion of averages, and it never flourishes by maintaining the status quo. It lives and expands only when world vision is constantly before its eyes and when its ministers and people are heroic adventurers and brave pioneers, ready to follow their leader in the dangerous way of the cross.

The world mission of the Church is the one thing that can save it from the corroding influences of a secular civilization. Perusal of the history of the Church across the centuries discloses that its golden pages have been written when the missionary passion was strongest. Its power and influence in the homeland are inseparably linked with its passion for the ends of the earth. Either it takes all men into its love or it forfeits the right to claim God as the supreme ruler of the world and Jesus Christ as the Universal Saviour. Christ's gospel was intended for all men, and the Church must, therefore, have a field as broad as the whole wide world if it is truly to represent Him.

One of Methodism's missionary leaders described this vital activity of the Church in these words "The missionary enterprise is the supreme adventure of history. It is the challenge of hope and courage in a world of paralyzing fears and demoralizing futility. It is the sole claimant as a moral substitute for war. It is the only accredited messenger of good news to a bewildered world and the lone champion of love and good will in a world of hate and war. Any lowering of its standards, or lessening of its power or cheapening of its motive is the betrayal of the race, and a yielding of the only fortress that flies the flag of brotherhood."

It follows that the missionary work of the Church at home and abroad is not to be kept going because of our love for or loyalty to our fathers. It is an attempt on the part of the Church to carry out the dearest wish of the heart of Christ. When we are drawn into union with Him, the fires of love for all mankind burn in our hearts. This is the passion which constrains us to give our sons and daughters and substance for the salvation of mankind.

A formal, fainthearted, self-indulgent, dress-parade Christianity will not suffice for a crisis such as is now upon us. Our love for Christ and men must be able to stand foul odors and loathsome sights, and to go down to the gate of hell to save a lost soul. Such Christ-like devotion will love iniquity into goodness, hostility into brotherhood, a lost world into a redeemed world. From all over the earth comes the same urgent message, which must be pressed home with all the earnestness at our command. There must be no faltering in the face of present day difficulties, but rather a recognition that the black forces that threaten to overwhelm mankind constitute a call from God to His Church for aggressive action.

As we survey the missionary situation, certain facts stand out in bold relief. First, there is the tremendous scope of the operations of The Methodist Church. We have a parish embracing fifty nations with thousands of missionaries and nationals preaching in more than a hundred tongues, with a foreign membership greater than the total membership of many denominations and with more than six hundred schools, hospitals and other ministering institutions. Our purely missionary operations in the home field are even more extensive. The reports reveal that we have 2,500 mission-aided churches and 250 schools, settlements and similar institutions serving the people of every state in the Union and also those of the territorial possessions.

The second fact is that in spite of the devastations of war our work goes on in every field. Nowhere has it broken down or collapsed. Naturally, it is handicapped in many places by the absence of missionaries, the restrictions and suffering entailed by war, and our inability to maintain connections with our workers. Nevertheless, Methodist churches are open, Methodist institutions are serving and Methodist preachers are proclaiming the gospel of Christ. Even in Germany and Japan, in the crucified nations like China, Belgium, Poland and Czechoslovakia and Norway, and in the occupied fields of Burma, Malaya and the Phillipines, Methodism marches on!

Is there not here proof of the wisdom of those who laid deep the foundations of our work? The gospel we have carried to the uttermost parts of the earth is no longer a foreign importation. It has struck its roots deep into the native soil and

become indigenous to the life of the peoples to whom we have made it available. It is no longer something they have received from us; it is something they have achieved through their own experience of Christ.

The responsibility of the Church here in the United States is the third outstanding fact. At this time the home base brings a new challenge, and to it we must devote ever increasing thought and effort. Our country is now an armed camp. We have provided spiritual oversight for our soldiers and sailors through the ministry of devoted and highly efficient Chaplains, but little for the millions of so-called defense workers newly mobilized in nearly all our larger centers. New communities have sprung up, many of which will be permanent. Here is a mission field we have scarcely touched and one we must evangelize for the sake of the future.

We speak of this war as a global war. It is having and will have global results. Our attitudes must be global also. It was once said that this nation could not endure half slave and half free. Now we know that the world cannot be half good and half bad, half Christian and half pagan. If Christ is to be supreme anywhere, He must be supreme everywhere. America must be Christianized not only for its own sake, but for the sake of its influence in the future. Here is destined to be the main base of both Christian missions and political democracy and freedom, probably for a century to come. We must, therefore, make a more determined effort to Christianize the homeland in order to insure that our country comes with clean hands into the council of nations as the exponent of peace and justice. The task at home looms larger and more imperative than ever before. An urgent demand is a restudy of the whole home mission policy and the evaluation of the new factors that have emerged as a result of war.

Not only have familiar problems been accentuated and new emergencies created in the areas where we have long worked, in cities, towns and country, among the minority groups, but new developments have brought forward entirely new home mission fields. According to recent statistics relating to population, we have experienced in this country one of the greatest migrations of history. Our population has shifted. Cities have increased, and rural areas have decreased. What will happen after the war? Will these people remain where they are, or will they again migrate? We do not know what will transpire, but we do know that Methodists will find themselves face to face with a mission situation at home that will require better methods and more money than we have customarily applied to the problem of Christianizing the home base.

The fourth conspicuous fact of our present situation is that when the present war ends, we will face problems and demands

of overwhelming magnitude. There will be the pressing duty of reconstructing our work in all the areas where war has been. Our work has not collapsed, we repeat, but has greatly suffered. It is easy to picture it at the close of the war—many of our missionaries away from their posts, many churches destroyed and damaged, our people scattered, homeless and starving, our institutions suffering, our territory ravaged. Beyond will be famine, disease and agony on a wider scale than has been known in recent centuries. We must rebuild our own. Also, we must do our part in the general reconstruction of the world.

At the close of the last war the demand was so great that it called forth the Centenary movement, in the course of which our churches gave millions of dollars. At the close of this war the demand will be much greater. War has come to more of the earth's surface and involved more of the world's population. Will we be ready to meet it? Will we be ready to gather the facts, develop the procedure and lead in a great redemptive crusade?

At the close of every war there is a disposition to relax and swing back to isolationism and self-centered materialism. This inclination is true of the nations. It was amply demonstrated at the end of the last war and goes far to explain the present war. There are persons who think they discern public trends in this direction now. The tendency may also be apparent in the church. Provincialism, indifference to everybody and everything outside the individual congregation, an antimissionary attitude, all these will follow the close of the war if we are not on guard.

Will there be such reaction? Certainly the danger is immediately before us. We cannot, however, keep it out of our beloved Church unless we keep it out of the nation. To do so will require all our wisdom, but the cause is worth the effort. The attainment of this goal also is evangelism. The Christianization of the last man in the last corner of the globe is of the essence of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and a provincialism, a selfish and anti-missionary attitude which prevents the realization of this objective would be a repudiation of the Christian ideal.

We have developed a missionary program of vast proportions. Our work has been so well established and our strategy has been so sound that Methodism is basically intact and operative everywhere, even in lands overrun by the enemy and from which all our missionaries have been evacuated. Not only must we strengthen and enlarge our present work, but with faith we must face the twofold problem of the postwar world. The problem of relief and reconstruction of our work at home and abroad must inevitably be linked with the task of impassioning

our Church for an aggressive movement for the christianization of the world.

If Christians are capable of learning anything from history and of reading the signs of the times, they will not fail to see that God has placed the future in their hands. It is as if He had spoken audibly to them: "Here is the need. Here is the opportunity. What will you do? Is it your will that the world shall be Christian and free, or will your negligence permit a recurrence of savagery?"

A supreme test of our consecration and loyalty is near at hand. To make the Prince of Peace influential in the post-war world will require millions of our money, a new army of our youth and the utmost of our devotion in rehabilitating and equipping our churches across the earth so that they adequately meet the demands of the new day. This will demand vision, high purpose and sacrifice. The Conference will have brought to its attention the appalling emergencies we now face and will be called upon to work out plans for postwar reconstruction.

THE ASSERTION OF THE CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE

1. THE PROBLEM OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

The challenge of evil never ceases. In every age the Church is called upon to define and defend those standards which undergird the moral life of the community and guarantee the ethical and spiritual health of mankind. Its business is to redeem human character and purify human society.

As Christians we envision the Christian social order as one in which every human being has full opportunity to live the abundant life physically, intellectually and spiritually. A social order is good insofar as it enriches personalities and it is bad insofar as it stunts or impoverishes them. Christianity has long been confronted by a vigorous opponent in the organized liquor traffic. Rooted as it is in the prolific soil of avarice and appetite, it constitutes a major social problem. The Church cannot view its ravages with complacency nor can it refuse to join issue with this menace.

Alcohol is a narcotic poison injurious to man. Traffic in it has always been allied with vice, poverty and crime. In politics it has been a corrupting and debasing influence. It stands as a barrier across the pathway of social progress. It has been the relentless foe of the home, taking its fearful toll of the happiness of women and children. It never has been willing to live within the laws established for its regulation. Economically the evil of drink is an incubus and a parasite on legitimate trade; physically its results are disastrous, industrially it is destructive of

skill and efficiency; socially, it is a prolific source of poverty, unemployment and crime; and spiritually, it is the enemy of all that is good.

Some years ago the Christian conscience of the nation overthrew the legalized liquor traffic. National prohibition was the result of a struggle that had continued for more than a century. Immediately this effort to banish a corrupting traffic became a target for unjust criticism. Many delighted to magnify the evils associated with the enforcement of the law and to insist that liquor again be granted a legal status. Widespread false propaganda created the impression that the law was a failure. The return of this evil to a legalized status resulted.

We were assured by those who opposed prohibition and desired the return of the license system that bootlegging would be destroyed and drinking reduced. Neither result is apparent. Instead, we have seen the rise of a host of additional evils. Much has been said about the revenue derived for government from taxes levied against the liquor business, but the revenue represents only a fraction of the amount which this organized evil takes out of the pockets of the people. If it could be shown that such revenue paid all the expenses of the government, it would remain a tragic spectacle for a Christian civilization to consent to derive its revenues from the vices of the people. For the Church to come to any sort of terms with the beverage liquor traffic is to betray the human family.

We hail as a significant event in the history of the temperance movement the opening of the School of Alcohol Studies at Yale University. That great institution, noted for its scientific research and educational methods, is an ideal place for such a project. The major objective of this school is to overcome the lag between research and teaching on the subject of alcohol. The lecturers are specialists who have done outstanding research work. The students are given the results of the scientific discoveries, many of which have not yet been reported in textbooks. The age-old, complex problems associated with alcohol are thus being subjected to scientific analyses, and significant progress has been made. Accumulated knowledge has met the tests of the laboratory, critical review and synthesis, making possible more exact formulation of what those problems are, preparing the way for scientific approach to further study of them and opening the path for the application of the knowledge gained to the practical solution of their many phases. The purpose of this school is to furnish thorough grounding in all of these problems. Special emphasis is laid not only on technical instruction, but also on the role which the Church and welfare societies can play in community efforts for the prevention of inebriety and in the shaping of the attitude of society toward the many aspects of the problem. We trust

this step is the beginning of a trend in higher education throughout the nation which will stimulate and transform present day instruction on the subject of alcohol. We believe that it heralds the dawn of a new day and that an informed and constructive leadership will be developed for the overthrow of this evil.

We call upon Methodists everywhere to give themselves to a sustained program of education that will help to build a conviction of the imperative necessity of sobriety. We urge them to lend themselves to a continuous crusade of action that will protect our homes and our children from the ravages of the liquor traffic. By reasoned and persuasive education we can convince young and old alike of the harmful nature of alcohol, and by the same method, we can mobilize the Christian forces represented in the Churches of America in a program which will effectively restrain and ultimately destroy this iniquitous traffic. Against this evil Methodism will continue to stand with sleepless vigilance.

2. THE PROBLEM OF INDUSTRY AND LABOR

It is the business of the Church to define and defend the principles of Christ and to point the way to a social order which is in accordance with those principles. It cannot stand aside and say that economics is not its concern. Its voice must be lifted on behalf of righteousness and good will. It seeks to build a Christian democracy in which there is the widest equality of opportunity for every man to give his best to society and to receive the best which society can give to him.

The Methodist Church numbers among its members representatives within the ranks of industry and of organized and unorganized labor. It strives for spiritual and social regeneration, which dissolves the passion for selfish domination, replaces fear by faith, and insists upon the application of the Christian ethic to economic order.

A generation ago a General Conference declared "The Methodist Church stands for the right of the employer and the employe alike to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing." We regret that the principles enunciated in this declaration were not acted upon in industrial life. Some sections of business leadership opposed the demands of workers to organize and sought to destroy labor organizations where they existed. Labor responded in kind and the relationships were those of conflict rather than cooperation. The leadership that emerges in battle is a leadership of war. The unifying force of labor was the enemy, not an ideal. Now fortunately the right of labor to organize is not only written into law but is enforceable at law. A new type of leader comes to the front; men who know how to bargain, to

increase efficiency, to enforce contracts. These new rights of labor call for a recognition of new responsibility and the elimination of all practices of an undemocratic or anti-social nature. The new relationship of worker and employer likewise demands the complete cessation of all attempts to discredit or destroy labor organizations. It calls for a frank facing of the fact that the collective bargain is an expression of democratic principle and must be so extended that the mind of the worker has an opportunity to express itself in improving the industrial process and thus make the job a creative task.

Industry and labor have earned the gratitude of the nation for their patriotic devotion to war production. Management with few exceptions has demonstrated its concern for the good of the nation. The overwhelming majority of labor has observed its no-strike pledge. The minority that disregarded that pledge has done labor a disservice just as that minority of business that profited has brought discredit upon management. The policy of full recognition of labor's right to organize and honest cooperation with labor, as announced by the United States Chamber of Commerce, deserves commendation, and we are persuaded it will elicit full response from the new leadership of labor.

3. THE PROBLEM OF RACE

Racial antagonism always creates a stubborn problem for the Christian religion because it stoutly resists the universal propagation of the Christian message and denies the doctrine of the brotherhood of man. We are witnessing an increase in racial tension everywhere. Every nation struggles with it in some form. England meets it in India and South Africa; Australia lifts up barriers against the yellow man; the continent of Europe is drenched with blood because of the German doctrine of a superior race. In this country a minority group of thirteen million Negroes is compelled to remain a detached racial unit, is accorded a sub-Christian status, is given an uncertain standard of livelihood, and all by the artificial standards which arise from racial grouping. Rapid communications have annihilated distance, and in this shrunken world every human aspiration runs like an electric current around the whole earth. The underprivileged half of the world, having learned how the other half lives, is demanding the privilege of living at the same level. The families of mankind are thrown into a new and inescapable intimacy, and this close association forces upon us new duties. Racial minorities scattered throughout the earth are demanding to know what is meant by the affirmation of democracy that all men are created equal. This challenging movement compels attention and demands solution.

We may be perplexed in our search for the answer, but the question of race is no longer remote or academic.

It is difficult to account satisfactorily for racial consciousness because seemingly it has no objective basis even in color, although it is at this point it becomes most acute. Some of the bitterest animosities are developed among peoples presumably of the same race; witness the persistent effort to stir up feeling between Britishers and Americans. Warring nations demand the extermination of their enemies because they are "inferior peoples." The recurring attempts to promote anti-Semitism and to stir up hatred for other peoples of the world are based on race. Although there seems to be no objective basis for these distinctions and animosities, we know that racial consciousness is a psychological fact of undisputed reality.

Of all human emotions racial feeling is one of the easiest to arouse and one of the most stubborn to combat. It has been described as "a community of feeling resting upon some period of cultural homogeneity and creating a strong preference for its own type." The tension is increased when two races are brought into close contact and compelled to live in a competitive society. The usual result is the enactment of various legal restrictions and the erection of social and political barriers which are frequently assertions of superiority on the part of the dominant group. These measures inevitably arouse antagonism in those who are denied their rights, and too often they result in local clashes, which usually produce wider antagonisms and sometimes eventuate in war.

In what faith and with what hope are we to face this problem? Scientific humanism and secular communism speak often of human values and social ideals, but they are prejudiced against the recognition of the supernatural and reject a belief in the future life. This position in itself opens the way for the idolatry of mere physical existence and exercises a devastating effect on the human spirit. The Christian teaching concerning the value of the individual as a child of God consecrates human relationships and develops a fellowship devoid of the impulses of rivalry and distrust. The recognition of the worth and dignity of each individual, the value of each human soul, freedom of conscience, all are drawn from the Christian revelation. The Christian Church alone can generate the courage and provide the guidance that is sorely needed. Once the Christian doctrine of man is rejected, the way is opened for man's exploitation of man, a merciless attitude on the part of the strong toward the weak, savage ruthlessness, degrading snobberies, social confusion and racial war.

Does not St. Paul's metaphor apply here? "But now are they many members,"—hand and foot, eye and ear—"yet but

one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you." Quite to the contrary, each one needs the others and only together do they make up one body. God made the earth a place of infinite variety by the creation of the several races. Christianity does not destroy this variety of races, but insists that each be allowed to make its distinctive contribution. The basic assumption that one race is inherently superior to all others cannot be defended. No one race is superior or self-sufficient. God created us not for independence but interdependence. The divine law is that we help ourselves by helping others. It is not possible to obscure the rights and claims of other races without suffering ourselves. To impair humanity at one point is to impair it as a whole.

"The ultimate test of any democracy," wrote Bishop Gore, "is to be found in the demand that in its organization of human society it shall truly grant equality of opportunity to all who are born into its citizenship so as to encourage and enable them freely and fully to develop the fullest richness of personality of which they are capable." This is a clear statement of the Christian ideal and it is supported by principles emerging from the insistence in the New Testament that every human being is immeasurably precious in God's sight.

The doctrine of brotherhood is more than incidental in Jesus' teaching. If what He said about it is not the heart of the gospel, it is so vital that without it the heart would cease to beat. The liberating truth which He brought into the world is that God loves all men not merely collectively but one by one and that every man as a child of God has dignity and infinite worth. His commission to preach the gospel to every creature forms a perfect and logical conclusion to all He taught concerning God and man. Throughout the years of His earthly ministry Jesus was busy leading His disciples beyond themselves and beyond the limits of class; when He was about to go away from them in physical form, He lifted their eyes to horizons beyond the barriers of race and nation. His followers are citizens of the whole world and as such must be ready for friendship with any man.

St. Paul clearly understood the mind of the Master when he declared, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ. . . . There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." Here he affirmed that the problems of race and nationality, class and sex, are not the primary problems. The universalism of the Christian message must transcend these group loyalties not by reducing all races to a soulless mass, but by establishing mutual love and equitable service

between them. His insistence was that our supreme loyalty is not to race, or fatherland, or earthly family, but to the family of God. That is the goal for which every sincere Christian works. While we wait for its attainment we are to bring the spirit of love into all the relations we sustain to each other; we are to be brotherly with every man and just with every race. The honest acceptance of Jesus' teaching concerning the worth of personality and His demand for social justice would draw off from our modern society the poison of race which has produced such deadly results.

In the confusion of this present world disturbance men are lashing out blindly at each other. In their extremity they cry out for changes in the laws and for alterations in social and political patterns. That there are abuses to be corrected, injustices to be abolished and wrongs to be righted no Christian would deny. The Church must always provide a voice for those who have no speech and lend its strength to every movement which seeks the betterment of the human family. Discerning men recognize, however, that the real problems of our time are more than racial, political or economic, they are spiritual. The thoughtful Christian readily perceives that the redemption of the individual member of society, or of the entire social order, will not be achieved by the readjustment of institutions alone, but by the regeneration of the human heart. When the Christian gospel is received, it changes man's thought concerning all fundamental matters of life. The healing of the world's woes may be hastened by the development of worthy social programs, by orderly and progressive improvements in government, but its complete cure waits for the full acceptance of Christ's teaching concerning human relationships. Behind all political and economic reforms lies the need of a new spirit, and that the spirit of Christ. Rufus M. Jones declared: "If we are to rebuild the world we must begin by rebuilding the inner spirit of man by giving him a sounder faith in God and His fellows and imparting a profounder confidence in the silent healing forces of life and love."

The injustices of the American social order may not be dismissed with a general statement. There are acute and intricate problems associated with them, which, if approached in an atmosphere poisoned on the one hand by contempt and on the other by resentment, may easily become dangerous and explosive. If, however, these problems are approached in an atmosphere of determined good will and patience, they can be solved. The chief sin is nearly always committed by the majority group, but oftentimes better relationships are delayed by bitterness in the heart of the oppressed. Only the Christian solution is adequate because it eliminates the passions and prejudices which again and again disrupt the human family.

The whole question of superiority and rights can be resolved when, in the spirit of Jesus, racial groups approach each other motivated by respect, trust and service.

It cannot fairly be denied that the progress of the Church in this area has been slow. Some think its attitude has been timid and conservative, but it is hardly possible to imagine what the situation would be had the Church not proclaimed the message of the rights of man as a child of God. As Christianity spreads, the inequalities of man grow less, and as the light of Christ rises over the earth, more of freedom, brotherhood and equality come to His children. The final establishment of the Kingdom of God will not come in some sudden and dramatic fashion because it is builded upon the indestructible foundation of brotherly good will. While waiting and working for that better day, we must not make an armistice with injustice and oppression. Christ wills the spirit of unity between all peoples and calls upon His followers to live as members of a redeemed family which enfolds all mankind. Our loyalty to Him must challenge the status quo. It must take away complacency and mobilize us for such Christian action as will hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God.

There are many hopeful signs. Never were there so many consecrated Christian leaders working at this problem. As a result of their intelligent and courageous leadership many inequalities and injustices long tolerated by society are being removed. An insistent demand has been created for equal and impartial administration of justice in the courts; a proportionate distribution of public school funds; an adequate opportunity for all in industrial, commercial, and professional fields; the removal of restrictions upon full educational advantages for all; and the full enjoyment of the privileges of citizenship. Slowly but surely we are moving toward the dawning of a better day in which discrimination and injustice give way to respect and cooperation.

We make our own the declaration of one who long has been the prophet of the better day in race relations: "In the name and spirit of science and education we will seek to find and to tell the truth. In the name and spirit of democracy we will seek the way of equal opportunity. In the name of patriotism, we will strive for loyalty to the democratic ideal, for leadership to guide, and for statesmanship adequate to carry the burden of the new day. In the name and spirit of Christianity, we will search for the new faith of fellowship. In the name of humanity, we will substitute the measures of the good society for the old biological struggle for physical survival. In the name and spirit of Him who carries all men in his eternal purpose we dedicate ourselves to the task of doing the most and the best that can be done here and now."

4. THE PROBLEM OF WAR

"Shall the sword devour forever?" was asked in agony a long time ago. The answer is yes unless and until the nations of the earth resolve in the sight of God that they will no longer be governed by selfish ambition, but will in all things strive to love God with heart, soul, strength and mind and their neighbors as themselves.

The discussion of the origin and conduct of war is not within the scope of this address, but when the very foundations of the earth are being destroyed, it would be cowardly for the Church to fold its hands and wait for others to seek for the way of peace. This task demands the spirit of humility and soberness. We do not know all that needs to be done and we will probably make mistakes, but into the hands of the Ecumenical Church has been thrust the opportunity of changing the climate of the world from hate and aggression to peace and cooperation. The hideous horrors of war compel us to action. The Church is the one body that cannot stand aside and declare world affairs are not its concern. Its chief business is the assertion of truth, the dissipation of hate, the instruction of the hearts and minds of men. In the attempt to carry out this mission we are encouraged by the thoughtful leaders of our time. The President of the United States on February 20, 1943, made this statement: "Now that we are on the march toward ultimate victory, there is an important job of education to be done, so that the tragedy of war will not come again." When great movements are afoot and the Son of God leads His people toward the better day "His Church must either be on the way with Him or else in his way."

Jesus did not merely reveal to individuals the terms on which they might, one by one, find their true life. He insisted that His followers should create a new society based on the eternal truths which He taught. He identified Himself with the age-long effort to achieve an ordered civilization in which the problems of our corporate life could be solved. The pressure of our present distress compels us to a fresh effort to understand what He meant the Kingdom of God to be. The crisis which confronts us reveals instability in the whole structure of human society. The race is astray, and the Church is under the necessity of discovering fresh and powerful forms of endeavor in order to save the world from the recurring devastations of war.

There are certain insistent questions associated with war: How did the present war come to us? What is to be the mood of the nation while at war? How are we to discharge our duty as citizens? What has the Church to say to those who struggle for the preservation of freedom, or those who cannot in good conscience bear arms? How can we keep our place in the

worldwide Christian fellowship amid the struggle? Is the teaching of Jesus applicable to men and nations in a time of war? Is a commonwealth of nations, devoted to justice and organized to preserve peace, a mirage in a moral desert, or is it the logical result of Christ's affirmation that all men are brothers? These are questions the Church must attempt to answer, or abdicate its place of leadership.

On December 7, 1941, this nation was thrust suddenly into the horror and the peril of a world war. Month by month since that day we have watched the grim shadow of this mighty struggle move across our land. The attack upon all we count dear has united our country as she has thrown into the conflict her material wealth, her creative scientific skills, her millions of sons and daughters. Fully mindful of the dangers ahead of us and of the strength of the foes that would conquer us, we have seen the spirit of America, that intangible quality of life that is the bulwark of a free people, rise to meet the challenge of this moment and dedicate itself to the service of mankind upon the altar of victory.

Methodism's life has been strangely interwrought with the life of the nation. We have been near to the heart of our country from the time of her birth and in every crisis of her expanding history. The adventurous pioneer did not outdistance the Methodist circuit rider. The soldiers of the Republic found upon every battlefield the comforting ministry of Methodist chaplains. The very philosophy of our democratic way of life was nurtured in the warm heart of an evangelical tradition springing out of a gospel that opens wide the doors of salvation to all men and preaches the essential worth of every human soul. The Methodist Church is historically and intrinsically a part of that glorious inner life of the nation that is the true "spirit of America." We must not forego our responsibility for the preservation of this continuing spiritual heritage. As Methodists we reaffirm our devotion to the obligations of Christian citizenship and we pray for the guidance of God upon the President of the United States and those who are associated with him in places of authority.

While we are gathered here in peace and quietness, multiplied thousands of the bravest young men and women of our Church are on battlefields in the ends of the earth struggling to preserve our liberty and protect our Christian ideals. By their suffering and sacrifice they are maintaining the principles of democracy and preserving the freedom of mankind. They are writing another golden page in the book of patriotism. They shrink from no danger to preserve for mankind the heritage of freedom. Never again can we look upon the refinements of our civilization and the priceless privileges of our Christian society without recalling the anguish and suffering through which they passed

to preserve them. We can only pay our debt to them by laboring more courageously to build a world in which the sacrifices called for in war are no longer necessary. We pray for the preservation of their lives, the maintenance of their Christian ideals, a speedy and victorious end to this cruel war and their early return to our homes and churches.

One of the most inspiring chapters in the history of Methodism is being written by the more than fifteen hundred of our ministers who are with the armed forces as Chaplains. In the air, on the sea, and on the land; wherever our sons and daughters struggle to preserve our freedom, these faithful men are there to offer the claims, challenge, and consolation of the Christian Gospel. The story of their courage and service inspires us to more heroic living. They are exercising a powerful influence for good and by their witness and work helping to make secure and strong the church of tomorrow.

The Methodist Church has declared its purpose to defend those of our number who cannot in good conscience participate in war. We will not be driven from that position by hysteria which always develops in a time of struggle. The principles of democracy and the teaching of the Christian religion accord to men freedom of conscience. The conscientious refusal to bear arms is for some persons a natural expression of their desire for peace on earth. To all members of The Methodist Church who as conscientious objectors seek exemption from military service the Church must continue to give its moral protection.

We would humbly call our people to penitence and prayer. In another dark hour of our national life President Abraham Lincoln addressed the following sober words to the American people:

“Whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth; announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord; . . .

“We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of

redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

We can but deplore the prevalence of boasting and the lack of penitence which characterizes us as a people. The prophet Isaiah affirmed that "when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants will learn righteousness." We fear this desired blessing has not yet come to many Americans. Many fail to comprehend the tremendous import spiritually and morally of what is happening in the world. Most of the people have been brought to an awareness of the seriousness of the struggle, but there are those, sheltered by the sacrifice of others, who continue to resort to conscienceless profiteering and waste their substance in luxurious living. This petrifying effect of an unsanctified prosperity is alarming, and we would, therefore, call our Methodist people to earnest prayer, genuine penitence and contrite humility.

The present war is in large measure the result of World War I. In that struggle vast quantities of accumulated wealth were destroyed; the economic systems of mankind were wrecked; the nations of the earth were divided into water-tight compartments, each living in fear of its neighbor. This outcome poisoned international relations and left nations snarling at each other as they grew more and more resentful. Our present distress is largely the harvest of our blindness and selfishness in that hour of opportunity. Much of the present world tragedy has come because of our refusal to take our part in the task of international collaboration. Had we helped to organize the nations on the basis of friendly service we might have given humanity a new lease on life.

Jesus by His teaching gave to humanity a new conception of human relationships, that of the brotherhood of all men. The Apostle Paul saw this larger vision and became the exponent of the new gospel to all people. His bold proclamation that God "hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth," was to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to mankind it has become the saving gospel of life and hope. Christianity cannot be nationalistic; it must be universal in its outlook and appeal. War makes its appeal to force and hate, Christianity to reason and love. The influence of the church must, therefore, always be on the side of every effort seeking to remove animosities and prejudices which are contrary to the spirit and teaching of Christ.

It does not satisfy the Christian conscience to be told that war is inevitable. It staggers the imagination to contemplate another war with its unspeakable horrors, in which modern

science will make possible the destruction of whole populations. The methods of Jesus and the methods of war belong to different worlds. War is a crude and primitive force. It arouses passions which in the beginning may be unselfish and generous, but in the end war betrays those who trust in it. It offers no security that its decisions will be just and righteous. It leaves arrogance in the heart of the victor and resentment in the heart of the vanquished. When the teachings of Jesus are fully accepted, war as a means of settling international disputes will die, and dying, will set the world free from a cruel tyrant.

We have looked to international diplomacy to prevent war and it has failed. We have trusted in international law to reduce the horrors and eliminate in a measure the cruelties of war, but war grows only more hideous and destructive. The time is at hand when the Church must rise in its might and demand an international organization which will make another war impossible.

The tragic fact that twice within the short space of a quarter of a century the entire world has been plunged into war is sufficient evidence that the whole system of international relations must be reorganized. The idea that every sovereign state is the sole judge of its own rights and owes no allegiance to any common moral ideal is incompatible with secure and lasting peace. Such so-called freedom leaves any nation free to wage offensive wars as legitimate national policy. That liberty inevitably leads to crimes against humanity such as the stealing of Manchuria by Japan, the rape of Ethiopia by Italy and the slaughter of France, Poland and other helpless nations at the hands of Germany. As long as the philosophy of narrow nationalism lives, we shall have international chaos because it leaves each nation free to seek its own selfish designs in entire disregard of the welfare of other nations.

The moral judgment of civilized peoples is demanding an ordered, righteous and effective system of world administration. Such an organization could prevent war and ensure justice so that eventually there would be developed among the nations of the earth such an abhorrence of war that no self-respecting nation would dare commit such a crime. The strength of such an Association or League will lie not alone in what it does, but also in what it symbolizes, for it will embody the ideal of international relationships in which frankness and cooperative action take the place of secret intrigues and international rivalry.

It does not seem necessary for the nations to give assent to one political or economic system. The diversity of interests and the different stages of cultural progress preclude the possibility of a uniform body of domestic policies. The remedy is not to be found in welding the nations into one soulless mass,

but in shaping the relations between them so that they may discover the road whereon they may travel together in friendship and security. Such a general association of nations formed under specific covenants will afford "mutual guarantees of political independence and territorial integrity to great and small nations alike." It will make the national rivalries and jealousies, which have drenched the world with tears and blood, seem parochial. In such cooperation nations will discover that there are ways other than war of modifying the existing political order, and no one nation will be left free to throw a bomb which will set the world ablaze again.

The organization set up to prevent war and preserve peace may at first necessarily include only the victorious powers, but if so, exclusion of defeated nations must be only temporary. Some healing word must be said above the expediencies and interests of the victors. To leave outside the other nations with their millions of struggling, aspiring people is to have the world go groping on in the dark. The victorious nations having conquered their foes, must conquer themselves and think of them no longer as foes, but as friends. The leadership for which the world awaits, must display a heart that sympathizes with suffering and a will determined to find a way to overcome the seemingly insuperable difficulties of readjustment. For this task the Christian Church was born, and it cannot in good conscience give its allegiance to any ideal less than this.

Across the centuries the followers of Christ have worked to establish the Kingdom of God in the earth. Through the disappointing season of waiting, when nothing appeared to be happening, the dream of a warless world was before their eyes, nurtured in their thoughts and cherished among the fervent longings of their hearts. Believing that the race is a brotherhood and the whole earth a neighborhood, we who have sworn allegiance to Christ cannot follow the hotheads who would build the new world with feverish hands, leaving God out of their plans, nor will we listen to the voice of a timid conservatism or selfish isolationism, which shrinks from the unknown and the untried. Neither course is the way of faith. Our hope is not in a prudent conservatism. Rather, it is in a holy boldness that enables us to follow courageously Him, who alone is able to produce a nobler world and a better social future for a people made worthy of them through His transforming power.

When the fighting actually ceases, vast sections of the earth will need steel and stone and lumber and brick. We must play a worthy and sacrificial part in the physical rehabilitation of the world. Infinitely more difficult will be the spiritual rebuilding, which will demand all we possess of insight, faith, patience and courage. World reconstruction must be placed on a higher plane than mere material reconstruction. We of the Church

must audibly and insistently proclaim that unless the Lord build the city, they labor in vain that build it. We must protest against any attempt to put a millstone of materialism about the neck of the next generation and stoutly resist the adoption of immature and unchristian plans for world reconstruction. The helping hand must everywhere supplant the mailed fist.

The spiritual and intellectual growth of people must not be hampered by treaties which ration the bread of life and dampen the fires of the souls of men. The world cannot be rebuilt on the old, narrow and cramping principles of power politics. Wisdom and courage must be found to clean the slate of international suspicion so that man may begin afresh. The price of peace was fixed a long while ago, and the price was a Cross. The world cannot be redeemed and regenerated for less. We need not a demand for rights, but a desire for service; we need not many servants, but that we be the servant of many. "And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant."

Believing that the actual and potential power of The Methodist Church with its constituency of twenty million persons should be a factor in the choice which this nation must make between narrow nationalism and international collaboration, the Council of Bishops organized and promoted throughout the Church a movement known as The Crusade for a New World Order. It was not our thought nor was it our desire to have the Church cross the line which under our system of government properly separates church and state. We hold, however, that any effort to defeat the selfish interests which would keep our nation out of an organization of the world working for a just and durable peace and would thereby hamper its participation in measures to prevent another war, is a part of the distinctive spiritual mission of the Church.

The Crusade was the expression of a threefold conviction: First, "That the religious forces of the nation must become influential at the place decision is made, before it is made, so that their convictions may be regarded as creative and co-operative contributions.

"Second, Methodists after more than a century of missionary-service throughout the world and more than a quarter of a century of education in the field of international relations, are world-minded and desire world order.

"Third, the members of The Methodist Church as citizens desire such action by the United States Government as will insure full participation in, and continuing cooperation with, such international organization in the political, economic, and other fields, as may be necessary to end war, to establish world law and order, economic and racial justices, and to guarantee the freedom of the individual."

The movement received the enthusiastic cooperation of all the Boards and Commissions of the Church. Scores of mass meetings attended by multiplied thousands were held throughout the nation. Everywhere the Crusade was systematically interpreted, and our opinion registered with those who represent us in the Congress. We would urge our people to maintain this emphasis against all efforts to lead us into isolationism and to help make the voice of the Church effective for a just and durable peace.

TASKS TO WHICH OUR ENERGIES MUST BE DEDICATED

1. THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Thoughtful Christians cannot remain impervious to the wide swirl of mighty forces let loose upon the continuing life of the Church. Every age forms a bridge between that which precedes and that which follows it, but the Church of this epochal period is called upon to deal with unanticipated problems and a practically revolutionized society. Little by little the materialistic temper of the prewar days has done its work. There has been no formal abandonment of faith, but many have become so engrossed in secular pursuits that there has been a quiet submergence of faith. We have been passing through a period in which the central affirmations of the Christian faith have been denied, with the result that many are paying no attention to religion and have subsided into a spiritual condition it is not unfair to describe as comatose.

Secularism, which is but another name for what our fathers called worldliness, has taken its toll of spiritual life. Whatever its material excellencies, and they are many, our modern civilization is largely the product of secular forces which are either non-Christian or anti-Christian. It does not subscribe to the principle that man lives not by bread alone; nor does it pursue a spiritual ideal. In fact, in many ways it gives practical denial to these convictions. Some would pass the problem by lightly with the reflection that we are only witnessing a change in our spiritual taste. With that view we cannot agree. Something more dangerous is taking place. There are trends and tendencies active in modern life which endanger perpetuity of our Christian civilization and the life and witness of the Church. We are compelled to a fearless study of the underlying causes.

Life today, for adults and youth alike, is surrounded by conditions and forces which have sprung up so swiftly as to take them unawares. The tempo of modern life has been so accelerated that it has become difficult to give attention to

those things which make for faith and knowledge. The development of the religious sense of our children is hindered by adverse forces, which tend to weaken and sometimes almost extinguish it. For several years we have been passing through a period in which such forces have been particularly numerous and active. Life has become so highly secularized that faith and devotion have been made difficult. The cheap and oftentimes unwholesome pleasures that have multiplied tend to crowd out religious study and observance. In many homes the family altar has disappeared. To these obviously destructive influences must be added a subtle effect of defective religious teaching. In the so-called emancipation from the religion of authority many swung to an imaginary freedom, in which the great truths of the Christian message were questioned. We are, therefore, in the midst of a transitional period of uncertainty in which many ignore religion. Our foolish affectations, our deceptions, our poor ideals, our chaotic readings of God's purpose have all followed the loss of that overmastering sense of God which was the possession of another generation. Religion gave to our fathers and mothers the certainty and consolation of God's presence and power, in which they found a guide for this life as well as a hope for a future life.

If the principles of the Christian faith are applicable to the needs of our age, perplexed as it is with intellectual difficulties which affect belief and moral difficulties which affect conduct, there must be more wide-spread and effective instruction in religion. Christian education must not only continue to resist but aggressively combat the secularizing tendencies of our times by an insistence upon the eternal verities. The faculties of our youth must be put to school on their spiritual side. They must be taught to bow in reverent humility before the eternal wisdom and to live according to the immortal truths which came from the lips of the Teacher of Galilee.

The decline in attendance upon the Church School should shake us out of our complacency. We close this quadrennium with 423,168 fewer students in our Church Schools than we had at the beginning. However, the records of the last quarter of a century do not show a steady decline. There have been years in which the enrollment of the Church Schools in the three uniting churches showed an increase, and other years in which there was a sharp decline. We believe this enrollment and the record of attendance afford a fair barometer of the spiritual condition of the church as a whole. During the Aldersgate commemoration in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the General Board of Christian Education, cooperating with this movement, laid great stress on enrollment in the Church School. As a result, there was an increase of 192,000 in the enrollment in 1938 and 1939. This gain indicates that a

Churchwide effort under the leadership of those responsible for the administrative work of the church can and will turn the tide in enrollment. We would, therefore, urge a quickened interest in securing a larger enrollment and maintaining a higher average attendance in the Church School.

There is no agency of the Church which undergirds every aspect of Church life and work more than the Church School. Here is a most fruitful field of evangelism. A total of 149,557 pupils came into the membership of the Church last year from the Church School. Here also is provided education in stewardship, which results in large contributions to the benevolent causes of the church. The contributions to World Service on the fourth Sunday in the Church School from ninety-five Conferences last year was \$1,106,232.01, a net increase over the preceding year of \$133,127.26.

Next to the Christian pulpit, we must depend upon the Church School to provide that degree of knowledge and understanding of the Holy Scriptures which is so necessary in the minds of our people if they are to be able to interpret Christian preaching and to understand the major issue facing the Christian forces of the world today. Such an agency with such a record of service is worthy of the serious attention and the finest support of the leadership of the denomination.

We rejoice in the trend toward the use of hours other than on Sunday morning for the purpose of religious education. Through the Methodist Youth Fellowship, Young Adult Fellowship, Vacation Church Schools and groups meeting under other names, hundreds of thousands of persons are being reached with religious training so that actually the enrollment of the Church School does not reveal the full extent of what is being done in the field of religious education.

The primary undertaking of the Church School is to transform the lives of boys and girls and men and women so that they may know Christ and live as Christians in all their attitudes and relationships. This task calls for the highest type of educational service rendered in all our churches. Only by concerted endeavor in this respect can we make the contributions for which Methodism is responsible to the world of tomorrow. We must be realistic enough to recognize that the decrease in attendance cannot be stopped by superficial and sporadic efforts. It calls for a sustained program which draws its strength from the conviction that what we are defending is not an unimportant outpost but the very citadel of our life as a Church.

2. MINISTERIAL SUPPLY

The life of Methodism is in the local church; it springs from the 42,000 societies, to use Wesley's term, which constitute

our fellowship. What these churches are depends in large measure upon the men who lead our people in evangelism, education and worship, and who interpret for them the meaning of the Christian message for every aspect of living. The tradition of The Methodist Church calls for a ministry carefully selected and trained, as well as wholly devoted to its task.

The need for a comprehensive plan of recruiting and training ministers has become increasingly evident in recent years. A study conducted by the Commission on Conference Courses of Study reveals certain important facts. The average age of the ministers of our Church is slowly rising so that in future years retirement will take place at more rapid rate. In some of the Annual Conferences the proportion of younger men is lower than it should be if the size of the Conference is to be maintained.

In some of our sections of the Church, even before the war, the demand for trained men exceeded the supply. This situation will probably become more acute. Merely to replace those who are to be retired and those who for other reasons leave the pastoral service, the study indicates, we shall need to receive into the membership of the Conferences approximately five hundred men each year for the next fifteen years.

The ten theological seminaries of The Methodist Church graduate somewhat over three hundred students each year with a degree indicating thorough training for the profession of the ministry. The difference between this number and the five hundred who are needed presents a problem to which the Church must give serious attention.

It is imperative for us not merely to choose with care from among those who volunteer for religious work, but to watch for and encourage young men who are suited for the high calling of the ministry. Pastors, superintendents and laymen all share this responsibility. Diligent attention must be given to recruiting and adequate leadership for future needs. We would urge our ministers to take the initiative in suggesting to our finest youth that here is an opportunity for life-time service to their fellowmen and to God.

Our colleges and seminaries have developed an excellent program for the training of the next generation of preachers. For these institutions adequate financial support must be provided, support which will make it possible for them to prepare a leadership that will enable the Church to do its work in such a way as mankind has never witnessed.

3. CHRISTIAN UNITY AND THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

The Methodist Church is deeply concerned about inter-denominational good will and Christian unity. Through

resolutions of its Conference and through discussions by its Commissions it has endorsed the conviction that Christian unity grows out of an ever deepening fellowship of Christians with their common Lord; it finds the origin of this fellowship in the mind of Christ rather than in the consent of men's minds. In order that our Church may make its contribution to the search for the mind of Christ in church relations, we would recommend the continuance of the Commission on Interdenominational Relations and pray God's blessings on any and all efforts looking toward a revived and united Church.

But for this global war, there would have been held at Oxford, England, in 1941 the Methodist Ecumenical Conference. The last Ecumenical Conference was held in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1931. The Continuation Committee appointed at that time is doubtless in contact with the British Committee looking to an early conference of the Methodists of the world. We express deep interest in the worldwide Methodist brotherhood and are assured that The Methodist Church will take its place in the larger ecumenical fellowship.

As a member of the Federal Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches, The Methodist Church cooperated fully with the Ecumenical Movement. It has gladly taken its place in those memorable conferences held throughout the world in which the importance of worldwide fellowship among Christians was emphasized. Through a long period of history the Protestant Church was beset by division and subdivision. We rejoice that through the leadership of the Holy Spirit that process has been changed to one of uniting the broken fragments of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the summer of 1937 the Ecumenical Movement became something more than a dream when the conferences at Oxford and Edinburg created the World Council of Churches. In 1939 came the present World War, setting nation against nation and largely destroying world political unity. Within these years of the present war Churches have continued to join the World Council until today there are eighty-three denominations holding membership and supporting the movement. Here is a unity upon which a new world order can be built.

In the United States it is now being proposed that Protestantism reorganize its agencies of cooperation by merging eight organizations into the United States Council of Churches. These organizations are the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the International Council of Religious Education, the United Stewardship Council, the Missionary Education Movement, the Council of Church Boards of Education, the Home Missions Council, the Foreign Missions Conference and the Council of Church Women. We would suggest that his General Conference provide a method of

registering its decision on Methodist participation in the new proposed organization.

4. ORDERS OF WORSHIP

The General Conference of 1940 constituted "a Commission on Order of Worship, Rituals, and Aids for the Deepening of the Spiritual Life" and ordered "the report of this Commission shall be published in pamphlet form at least six months prior to the 1944 session of the General Conference." Many matters coming before this Conference will affect only segments of the Church's life and work, but questions having to do with corporate worship, including the administration of the Sacraments, vitally affect the whole Church and every congregation in it. It is therefore apparent that utmost care and understanding must be exercised in the decisions reached.

5. THE PUBLISHING HOUSE AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

In promoting the cause of the Kingdom of God on earth, the Church has a powerful offensive weapon in the printing press. The dramatic example of Martin Luther throwing his ink-well at the devil is highly suggestive of the uses to which printer's ink can be used for holy purposes, even in a day when the radio enjoys such popularity and prestige.

The fact that the Church has made use of the printed page explains many of the intellectual and spiritual revivals which have characterized its life. As soon as the printing press was invented the Church accepted it as a gift from God and used it to print the Bible. The result was an almost universal distribution of the Sacred Scriptures which produced a revival of religion.

There is an increasing need for the Christian testimony in type. Such declarations of faith are not dependent on sponsors, wave-lengths, or radio chains. There is a permanency about the printed page that is enjoyed by no other form of communication. Great ideas and divine inspirations, committed to writing, renew themselves with every reading.

No Church will ever be a great Church until it is a reading Church—until it is made up of people who are thinking seriously, profoundly, creatively about their religious life and experience. We can have a Church with prejudices, without printing, but we cannot have a Church with great convictions. The great fundamental beliefs upon which the Church must be built if it is to stand and conquer cannot be built into the life of any people who will not take time to read. For our ministers to persuade our people to read religious literature is as much a part of their pastoral responsibility as calling upon the sick. Indeed, many a sick soul could be restored to health if that

one could be persuaded to "love the Lord, his God, with all his mind."

There is a very close kinship between the reading table and the communion table, and we must see to it that that relationship is kept vital and nourishing. There is a very great need, of course, for news of the ongoing Church, but there is also a very great need in these times when men's faith is being tested as never before, that our people shall stabilize their souls by reading the great truths of our religion. If we do not, we shall either die of spiritual anemia, or find our strength dissipated through emotional excesses without spiritual values.

Methodism since the days of John Wesley has wisely provided for the writing, printing and distribution of books, magazines and periodicals, and these have greatly helped to propagate the Christian message. We owe an immeasurable debt to the Methodist Publishing House for its contribution through the years and for its present-day achievements.

The large and increasing circulation of *The Christian Advocate*, the general organ of Methodism, is gratifying. Through this publication Methodists are kept informed of the total program of their church and are mobilized for united action and thus exert an influence on public opinion which otherwise would be impossible. Through *The Upper Room*, *Church School Literature*, the several *Conference Advocates*, the Church is becoming more effective and the life and thought of our membership made conformable to the mind of Christ.

THE MOOD OF MODERN METHODISM

1. A WISE AND WINSOME EVANGELISM

When we survey the record of Methodism across two hundred years, we have every reason to rejoice and be grateful. In order to transmit to a distraught world and to coming generations the Gospel which has already seen such splendid triumphs, we must keep faith with our fathers; keep faith with our children; above all, we must keep faith with Christ. We must preach the Gospel with confidence and with passion. We must tell men that while they inherit the infirmities and sins of the race, they also inherit the salvation which Christ offers all mankind. We must tell them that they live not in a lost world, but in a redeemed world, and then when man accepts his true relation to Christ, he lives under a new heaven and on a new earth.

The one fact that sent Methodists early to the open fields and eventually to the ends of the earth with infectious joy was that God in Christ had come to the rescue of sinning humanity. They witnessed everywhere because they had found Christ as the Saviour from sin, the Creator of new character and the

Guarantor of everlasting life. Their main emphasis was upon the fact that God had heard the cry of broken humanity and had sent in the person of His Son a divine Saviour to deliver mankind. They never overlooked the implications of that fact. They never dismissed it, nor obscured it by any naturalistic interpretation. They declared it in creed, experienced it in life and expressed it in a glad and intense evangelism. With warm hearts and eager spirits they went everywhere to bring men into a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. They felt that a special responsibility rested upon them for the redemption of mankind.

From then until now the normal mood of Methodism has been the evangelistic mood. The stirring story of our advance across this continent and of the establishment of younger Churches around the world is the story of a resistless evangelism. God raised us up to be Christianity in earnest, and no Church can forget its original mission and have bright prospects. We must be careful lest we give lip service to evangelism and yet lag behind other Churches in the effective proclamation of the great certainties of evangelical Christianity. Methodism set set out two centuries ago to win men from the kingdom of darkness and evil and to organize them into a Church which would help save the world. It was not necessary to acquire or develop a spirit of evangelism; we were by nature evangelistic. From the very beginning we went everywhere proclaiming the story of the transforming cross, the empty tomb and the risen and glorified Lord. We are the trustees of a complete gospel which holds hope for society and offers men release from sin.

What is more needed today? One could hardly claim that we are in the midst of a revival at the present time, but undoubtedly we are witnessing a general turning of the masses to an interest in the things of the spirit. Soldiers, statesmen and writers are confessing their faith, sometimes in language the Church has not employed. The facts of spiritual life have come into the common speech of man. Writers no longer hesitate to discuss religion. In fact, one of the great gains out of the stress and anxiety of the war is the recovery of the consciousness of God and a sense of responsibility to Him. The time seems ripe for the Church to interpret Christ to the inquiring mind and seeking heart of our time. We must be diligent lest this new search for God by-pass the organized Church. The business of the twentieth century Church, as was true of the early Church, is to help men find God. In order to lead them to Him we must have an unquenchable faith in the reality of the gospel we proclaim and a keen awareness of the infinite importance of the things that make for righteousness. Only thus can the Church become what it was meant to be,

“the place where those who march with God can find their point of rallying.”

The urgency of soul which characterized our fathers must possess us. Surely by this time we have discovered that soft sayings about virtue, the evolution of the race and the inherent goodness of mankind will not produce the evangelism the world sorely needs. We must speak again of the ghastly reality of sin, of the atonement of Christ, of justification by faith, of the eternal profit of goodness and of the everlasting loss to those who will not have Christ. We should be particularly careful to deal adequately with the intellectual difficulties and the moral and spiritual problems of these exciting days. Our gospel must be suited to the anguish of our time. But we will not help groping humanity to find the way by underestimating the need of man for redemption or failing to declare that the Cross of Christ with all it typifies is something more than an example of how a good man should bear pain. This generation, like all others, must come to see that sin is the gulf which separates man from God and must learn that Christ by dying on the cross did something for man which he could not do for himself.

Our generation would be religious on its own terms, It would run sentimentally to the manger of Bethlehem, but at Calvary it would “stand afar off beholding the sight.” It seems at times to prefer a religion without suffering and sacrifice. For the Church to offer such a gospel is to give the hungry-hearted world a stone when it needs bread. We must be careful to see that our evangelism is of a nature which stirs the conscience, influences the will and brings men to believe in Christ who alone is able to change the heart and to renew the life.

Methodism marched into the eighteenth century singing “no foot of land do we possess, no cottage in this wilderness.” It lacked numbers, social standing and stately cathedrals. The mighty and learned of the earth were not numbered in its membership, but with its message of a divine Saviour it brought salvation to the sinning, comfort to the sorrowing, rest to the weary, security and confidence to the dying, and to men everywhere a spiritual and intellectual awakening. What a tragedy if twentieth century Methodism should lose this power! With its vast membership, its trained ministers and its up-to-date methods it must steadfastly continue to exercise its power to transform the individual and regenerate society.

Any serious discussion of evangelism brings one inevitably to the importance of preaching and of the immediate obligation of those whom God has called to proclaim His message. The responsibility of preaching is still laid upon men, and the need is as urgent as ever before. No situation has arisen which is outside the divine interest or beyond the compass of the truth

as revealed in Christ. It is hardly necessary to enter into any defense of preaching as a method of making Christ known to men. The world's dependence upon preaching is clearly stated in the words of St. Paul: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?"

The preacher is called of God and commissioned by the Church to proclaim a gospel in which there is a complete and sufficient message for the spiritual requirements of all men. He goes carrying a message from someone to someone. He goes bearing the proclamation of God in which grace and pardon are offered. He offers to men who are under the sentence of death God's provision for their forgiveness. He announces the good news of a loving Heavenly Father who loves men, not if and when they become good, but while they are yet rebellious sinners. His mission is to tell men of a Divine Redeemer whose mercy is measureless. But He has more to say to men. He tells them that life is more than a struggle of seventy years for bread; it is of eternal duration, and they are privileged to live it, if they will, as the sons of God and the comrades of Christ.

In all generations it has been the voice of the inspired prophet that has aroused a slumbering Church and quickened a dying world. The great need of this generation is a succession of such prophets to stand in our pulpits with an interpretation of the Christian gospel which will enlighten the intellect, quicken the imagination, stir the conscience and reinforce the will. There are always new truths to be discerned, and unless God's ministers discover them for themselves and preach them with power, the world will not be brought to the certainty and confidence of a vital faith. The truth as we have it in Christ is sufficient for the individual, for society and for the world. It cannot be given up without darkening the hope of the world.

The new Methodism with its modern message and methods will prove to be only so much cumbersome machinery except as it is a channel through which the grace of God is poured upon the world.

Originally Methodism was in a peculiar sense the Church of the people. It went everywhere the people were. Upon every advancing frontier of American life the pioneers were accompanied by the Methodist minister, and in every new township there was erected a Methodist chapel. In 1801, one in seventy-two Americans was a Methodist; in 1841 the number had increased to one in nineteen. In 1861, one in every three Protestant church members was a Methodist. Between 1800 and 1830 Methodism increased seven-fold. This startling

growth was the direct result of the Church following the people and identifying itself with their hopes, aspirations and problems.

We are now faced with the danger of becoming a fixed Church. The tendency is toward training our young ministers to go to established pulpits, there to put on a church program and a service of worship. We sometimes assume that the people, having been invited, will come, but if they fail to do so, we have no other plan to secure their attention and attendance.

The future lies in the hands of the masses. All great social and religious movements rise from the bottom, and there is now a worldwide stirring of the common people. In their hands lies the destiny of tomorrow socially, economically and in every other area of life. We must be careful lest Methodists of today become a fixed type, a solid, respectable, middle-class people. We are honored to have as a part of our fellowship many educated and cultured people, but a Church that neglects the great toiling masses will not dominate the tomorrows. It is highly important that we minister to people of education and culture. We would not in the least minimize this part of our mission; nor would we lower our standards for the ministry and ignore the necessity of carrying on the program of a fixed Church. But to discharge our full obligation, we must minister to those in every sphere of life. We must have the technique for every different demand made upon us. We must not depend upon one stereotyped form of ministry alone. There must be a definite rural approach that will give us a fixed leadership in the country and a definite urban program that will enable us to cope with the demands of the city.

The future of Methodism is bound up with its ability to adapt its policies and programs to the age in which it lives. The early Methodists went forth with an initiative and mobility which resulted in a spiritual advance almost without parallel in Christian history. When churches were closed, they went out on the streets; when ordained ministers were insufficient, they laid the burdens upon Christian laymen, who achieved admirable results. Ministers and laymen alike felt that when there was work to be done, they were under obligation to find the most effective way of doing it. Without an amazing power of adaptation to meet the unprecedented conditions of this age we will limit the influence and power of Methodism.

We have heard with interest of the plans of the General Commission on Evangelism to conduct throughout the Church in 1945 a Crusade of Evangelism in which all of the time-tested methods will be employed. We believe this movement is timely and we are pledged to give to it our leadership, our prayers, and our best effort for we are deeply concerned that Methodism shall be creatively and redemptively in contact with the life of today.

2. A FEARLESS APPLICATION OF CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES TO SOCIAL PROBLEMS

If the Church is a living society inspired by the spirit of the living Christ, then we must think not only of its origin and ordinances but of the goal toward which it is moving and the purpose it was organized to serve. Its best credential is that it follows Christ on His redemptive pilgrimage. The question at present centers not on what the Church has been, but on its present status. What is it now? For what is it intended in this crucial epoch? What is it doing today to fulfill its mission? It was the head of the Church, Jesus Himself, who prayed to the Father, "As Thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." Certainly He means that men are to be redeemed one by one and brought into conformity with the divine purpose, but He also means that the saved of the community will in turn save the community. The Church must be the body of Christ in the world, the society through which God is revealed to men and His will is made operative in the social order. One of the true tasks and functions of the Church as an organized society is the redemption of the social order.

It would be a mistake to conclude that the religious life is complete in experience alone, as vitally important as that element is. It was Paul who said "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself." Reconciliation with the Father surely means experiencing the forgiveness of sins and the restoration to the favor and family of God, but it also includes enlistment in the Christian purpose to make all the areas of life conformable to the will of God. Thus the Church, engaged as it is in preparing men for the life hereafter, must also give attention to life here and now. It must look upon all men in the light of their eternal destiny. In so doing, with moral courage and realism it must resist every tendency of society to becloud the sacredness of human life and resist every effort to deny to men the inalienable rights which belong to the children of God. Christ's purpose must be above all human and earthly considerations.

In the great task of transforming men and movements, the Church must follow its Leader. In Christ one discovers God caring for this sinning, suffering world and setting out to rescue it. Beyond any question there is spiritual value to the soul in quiet withdrawal from the noisy whirl of a distraught world for meditation and fellowship, but a spirituality which reaches this hands-folded reposeful state and there stops, complacently hesitant, will not produce a Church redemptively in touch with life. A Church so motivated will shrink from venturing abroad on dark nights to rescue lost sheep and

perishing sinners. Unwilling to fight the forces of evil, it will therefore have no scars. It may remain beautiful in ceremonies, devout in temper and perhaps clean in habit, but it will surely fail to put forth the effort essential to the making of a better world. The people of God must develop a militant faith which will keep them alive in every fiber of their being and imbue them with an impulse to action that will make them implacable foes of injustice and iniquity and enthusiastic champions of whatever promises to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God on earth.

3. A CONFIDENT MARCH INTO A GREATER AGE

To nations and to Churches, as to individual persons, there come great moments, spring tides of the soul, when mysterious and awesome forces make themselves felt. Surely, even now a great moment is impending! The world picture in the present crucial hour, as seen by the mind's eye, looms dark indeed and perplexing; yet there is in the hearts of those who have discovered the eternal and inexhaustible resources of faith an ineradicable conviction that we are about to witness another striking and arresting manifestation of Christ's power. God in Christ is behind human life and within it. He will not allow human nature to lie idle, to waste itself on trifles, or to be content with low ideals. There is something He would do with humanity, and He means to carry out His eternal purpose. He will not allow the tyrannies of men to prevail forever for He has not abdicated His throne nor abandoned His plan of redemption. God is not bound by human movements, nor is He dependent on the obvious human resources. Always He has reserved an absolute freedom for the sending of His spirit into the wilderness of men's lives and earthly confusions. All about is a world tremulous with change. In millions of yearning hearts there are unutterable longings for another spiritual awakening, a new thrust forward toward the realization of the Kingdom of God on earth.

It is indeed essential that the Church shall no longer evade the challenge of the world in which it lives. Too long it has been enamored of the safe and easy way; and too long it has been held by a comfortable and complacent interpretation of discipleship; too long it has had an armistice with fear and doubt. This is not the way to victory. The whole inheritance of our spiritual past is a witness to our God. He has been everywhere with His people. He will be everywhere with them now. Before this generation passes His Church may see a new world take shape before its eyes.

It may be true that for the moment the general life of the world, amid the many confusions of the hour does not realize

that only Christ can furnish the creative and directing spiritual energy it so sorely needs. This only makes it the more imperative that Christians everywhere make a fresh discovery of those abiding realities which cannot perish because they have their alliance with God. The great need of our day is a deeper understanding of the majestic purpose of God, a nearer vision of the face of Christ. We are in a bigger world than our fathers knew; our interests are wider; our knowledge in many fields is more extensive and exact. We lack only that consecration which sent them forth with surprising gladness to obey the commands of their Lord.

Christ is the deathless Leader of His Church, and no cause is forlorn with Him at its head. He has illimitable resources at His command and that guarantees the ultimate supremacy of righteousness in the world. Shall we not then take our appointed way with Him, evading no peril, seeking no discharge, but in confidence follow Him as he goes forth on His redemptive pilgrimage.

Arise Methodism! The light that falls upon your pathway is not the light of the setting sun. It is the light of the morning. Before you is the gateway to a greater age and a more Christ-like world.

[Signed]

✕ William F. Anderson, Brenton T. Badley, James C. Baker, Enrique C. Balloch, Bruce R. Baxter, Hiram A. Boaz, John C. Broomfield, ✕ James Cannon, Jr., W. Y. Chen, Ralph S. Cushman, U. V. W. Darlington, ✕ J. Lloyd Decell, Hoyt M. Dobbs, Charles W. Flint, Juan E. Gattinoni, John Gowdy, Wilbur E. Hammaker, Ivan Lee Holt, Edwin H. Hughes, Robert E. Jones, Z. T. Kaung, Frederick T. Keeney, Paul B. Kern, ✕ Lorenzo H. King, Carleton Lacy, Edwin F. Lee, Frederick D. Leete, Titus Lowe, J. Ralph Magee, William C. Martin, Francis J. McConnell, ✕ F. H. Otto Melle, George A. Miller, Shot K. Mondol, Arthur J. Moore, John M. Moore, ✕ John L. Nuelsen, G. Bromley Oxnam, W. Walter Peele, J. Waskom Pickett, ✕ Clare Purcell, Ernest G. Richardson, John W. Robinson, Clement D. Rockey, Charles C. Selecman, Alexander P. Shaw, A. Frank Smith, H. Lester Smith, John M. Springer, James H. Straughn, Raymond J. Wade, Ralph A. Ward, William T. Watkins, Herbert Welch.

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Bishop H.
Lester
Smith Opens
Conference

MORNING SESSION

The 1944 General Conference of The Methodist Church (being the Second General Conference since the uniting of the three constituent Churches, and the Forty-first General Conference since the establishment of Methodism in America in 1784) convened in the Municipal Auditorium at Kansas City, Missouri, on Wednesday morning, April 26, 1944, at ten o'clock A.M., with Bishop H. Lester Smith, President of the Council of Bishops, presiding.

Opening
Services

The Conference opened with a processional and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker, Chief Marshal, announced the Processional Hymn 278

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

The
Processional

The Processional was led by the Seminary Singers of Boston University, under the leadership of Prof. James R. Houghton, Professor of Sacred Music of Boston University, followed by the Marshals, Bishops Wilbur E. Hammaker and William C. Martin, the Council of Bishops, the Judicial Council, the Commission on Entertainment and the Chairmen of the Local Committees.

The Conference stood and joined in singing the Processional Hymn.

Bishop H. Lester Smith, President of the Council of Bishops, called the Conference to order and announced Hymn 402

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“And Are We Yet Alive”

After the singing of the hymn, Bishop Smith announced that Bishop Herbert Welch would be in charge of the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Sacrament of
Lord's
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tered

Bishop John M. Moore led in the opening Ritual Service up to and including the responsive Scripture from Isaiah 53:1-10.

The Boston Seminary Singers and James R. Houghton sang the “Credo” (I Believe), Gretchaninoff, from the Russian Liturgy.

Bishop Welch read the New Testament lesson from John 17, verses 9 to 26, and announced the Communion Hymn, 144

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

after which he gave the General Invitation, and conducted the Ritual from that Paragraph to the place for the administration of the Holy Communion to the people.

The Bishops, Judicial Council, official visitors, platform guests and delegates partook of the Lord's Supper.

Bishop Welch was assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper by Bishops John M. Moore, James C. Baker, Carleton Lacy, Raymond J. Wade, John W. Robinson, J. Waskom Pickett, John Gowdy, Titus Lowe, W. Y. Chen, Edwin F. Lee, Ernest G. Richardson, W. Walter Peele, Francis J. McConnell, Alexander P. Shaw, Enrique C. Balloch, A. Frank Smith, Clare Purcell, Urban V. W. Darlington and John C. Broomfield.

Bishop John M. Moore led the Conference in the closing Ritual Service and pronounced the Benediction.

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Roll Call

Bishop Lester H. Smith called the Conference to order and requested the Secretary of the last General Conference to call the roll.

The Conference stood in silent tribute while the Secretary of the last General Conference, Lud H. Estes (Memphis), called the roll of deceased Bishops, as follows:

Deceased
Bishops

William N. Ainsworth
Edgar Blake
Warren A. Candler
Jashwant Rao Chitambar
Matthew W. Clair
Collins Denny
Horace M. DuBose
Samuel R. Hay
William A. C. Hughes
Adna W. Leonard
Charles L. Mead
Charles B. Mitchell
Thomas Nicholson
Ernest L. Waldorf

Deceased
Delegates
Elect

and the names of the following Delegates-elect:

Atlanta Conference.—Luther E. Brookes, Lay
California Conference.—Percy F. Morris, Lay
Iowa-Des Moines Conference.—Dean Taylor, Lay
North Arkansas Conference.—Ransford S. Hayden,
Ministerial
North Georgia Conference.—Marvin M. Maxwell, Ministerial
South Georgia Conference.—C. Leighton Shepard, Lay

and the following Reserve Delegates-elect:

Ohio Conference.—Homer S. Baumgardner, Ministerial
New York Conference.—Frank G. Lindsey, Lay

Bishop Smith led in the following prayer:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we give Thee thanks for these servants of God who have walked with us in the years past and are now where Thou hast taken them. We thank Thee for their life and work. The in-

fluence of the work they have done will never cease. We are grateful for having had them in our group. We ask Thy blessing on their families and friends, their loved ones. May we carry on the work of Christ for which they have gladly given their lives. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen!

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Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, reported the following members of the Council of Bishops in attendance (DB-1): James C. Baker, Enrique C. Balloch, Bruce R. Baxter, John C. Broomfield, James Cannon, Jr., W. Y. Chen, Ralph S. Cushman, Urban V. W. Darlington, J. Lloyd Decell, Charles W. Flint, John Gowdy, Wilbur E. Hammaker, Ivan Lee Holt, Robert E. Jones, Paul B. Kern, Lorenzo H. King, Carleton Lacy, Edwin F. Lee, Titus Lowe, J. Ralph Magee, William C. Martin, Francis J. McConnell, Arthur J. Moore, John M. Moore, G. Bromley Oxnam, W. Walter Peele, J. Waskom Pickett, Clare Purcell, Ernest G. Richardson, John W. Robinson, Charles C. Selecman, Alexander P. Shaw, A. Frank Smith, H. Lester Smith, James H. Straughn, Raymond J. Wade and Herbert Welch.

Bishops in
Attendance

Bishop Oxnam stated that letters had been received from each of the absent Bishops, and at the request of the Presiding Bishop read a letter from Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, written from a hospital bed in Altoona, Pa., sending his love to the Conference.

By unanimous consent the Conference requested the Secretary to send greetings to all the absent Bishops.

The Roll of Annual Conferences was called, and the Chairman of each Annual Conference Delegation certified the attendance of the Delegates from his Conference, and, also acting under Section 1, Item (3) of Division I, "Opening Session and Organization" of the proposed Plan of Or-

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ganization and Rules of Order, made substitution of Alternate Delegates, where noted.

Some Annual Conferences overseas were unable to meet and elect Delegates, due to world-war conditions; many Delegates from other overseas Annual Conferences were unable to attend due to the same conditions. The General Conference, on recommendation of the Council of Bishops, made provision for the representation of such Annual Conferences in the session of the 1944 General Conference. See pages 223, 225.

ALABAMA.—*Ministerial*: W. Marvette Curtis, Henry M. Andrews, Dow P. Slaughter. *Lay*: Hubert Searcy, W B. Christenberry.

ATLANTA.—*Ministerial*: John W. Thomas. *Lay*: Mrs. Eva B. Parks, for E. Luther Brookes, deceased.

BALTIC SLAVIC.—None present.

BALTIMORE.—*Ministerial*: Horace E. Cromer, Fred G. Holloway, Harry W. Burgan, E. Cranston Riggan, Leonard B. Smith, Benjamin W. Meeks. *Lay*: D. Stewart Patterson, George W. Crabbe, Henry Gilligan, John H. Baker, Mrs. Joy Elmer Morgan, J. Harry Grace.

BELGIUM.—None present

BENGAL.—None present.

BOHEMIA-MORAVIA.—None present.

BOMBAY.—*Ministerial*: Paul E. Wagner. *Lay*: Mrs. Mabel B. Wagner.

BURMA.—None present.

CALIFORNIA.—*Ministerial*: Theodore H. Palmquist, Tully C. Knoles, John R. Kenney, W. P. Rankin, A. Raymond Grant. *Lay*: Mrs. Frank P. Flegal, Will P. Ralph, Dr. Evelyn M. Berger, John R. Crummey, Dr. J. B. Simms for Percy F. Morris, deceased.

CENTRAL ALABAMA.—*Ministerial*: Edward M. Jones. *Lay*: Lee W. Lynn.

CENTRAL CHINA.—None present.

CENTRAL GERMANY.—None present.

CENTRAL KANSAS.—*Ministerial*: Albert E. Henry, Charles E. Schofield, Herbert J. Root, Lester R. Templin, Paul D. Womeldorf. *Lay*: Mrs. Joe T. Rogers, William P. Elliott, L. C. Baker, Ray Streeter, Floyd Anderson.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Ministerial*: Raymond H. Huse, Benjamin Rowe, Alfred P. Coman. *Lay*: Albert G. Odell, M. Faye VanDyke for Tracey Jones, Mrs. Florence K. Nye for Mrs. Gertrude Brown.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.—*Ministerial*: J. Edgar Skillington, Fred P. Corson, Edgar R. Heckman. *Lay*: Charles V. Adams, Mrs. Laura V. Guyer, Richard W. Campbell for V. Max Frey.

CENTRAL PROVINCES.—*Ministerial*: Marvin H. Harper. *Lay*: None present.

CENTRAL TEXAS.—*Ministerial*: J. N. R. Score, Walter W. Ward, Philip E. Riley, Eugene B. Hawk. *Lay*: Hal H. Cherry, Hubert T. Johnson, Mrs. Gid J. Bryan, Joseph R. Edwards.

CENTRAL WEST.—*Ministerial*: Edward W. Kelly. *Lay*: Miss Arsanía M. Williams.

CHILE.—None present.

CHINA.—None present. No Conference held on account of the war.

COLORADO.—*Ministerial*: Otto H. Houser, Rufus C. Baker, Harry T. Morris. *Lay*: Ezra C. Harrah, Robert B. Spencer, Bernard Vessey.

CUBA.—*Ministerial*: Edmundo G. Morgado. *Lay*: Moises Boudet.

DAKOTA.—*Ministerial*: Frank E. Lochridge, R. Glenn Minkler. *Lay*: Mrs. J. H. Baker, George E. Whitson.

DELAWARE.—*Ministerial*: David W. Henry, Leon S. Moore. *Lay*: Herman D. Brown, Hebert S. Wilson.

DENMARK.—None present.

DETROIT.—*Ministerial*: Marshall R. Reed,

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Charles W. Brashares, William C. Donald, William C. S. Pellowe, Gordon Phillips, Henry H. Crane. *Lay*: Dennis F. Strong, Miss Frances Knight, Mrs. John E. Martin, Edward A. Smith, Miss Marion Bailey, Mrs. B. R. Donaldson.

EAST OKLAHOMA.—*Ministerial*: Ernest C. Webb, John D. Salter, James C. Curry, Elza L. Jorns. *Lay*: W. H. Wilcox, Mrs. Redmond S. Cole, James A. Egan, H. E. Newton.

EASTERN SOUTH AMERICA.—*Ministerial*: George P. Howard (April 27). *Lay*: Cristobal G. Coates.

EAST TENNESSEE.—*Ministerial*: John W. Haywood. *Lay*: Miller W. Boyd.

ERIE.—*Ministerial*: John A. Galbraith, Thomas E. Colley, Harold A. McCurdy. *Lay*: Edgar T. Welch, Leo H. McKay, Mrs. Bruce S. Wright.

FINLAND.—None present.

FINLAND-SWEDISH.—None present.

FLORIDA (Southeastern).—*Ministerial*: John W. Branscomb, P. M. Boyd, Glenn C. James, Robert Z. Tyler. *Lay*: Fred B. Noble, Mrs. Edwin B. White, R. A. Gray, Fred T. Mickler.

FLORIDA (Central).—*Ministerial*: Henry W. Bartley. *Lay*: David A. Boyd.

FOOCHOW.—*Ministerial*: E. Pearce Hayes for Harry W. Worley. *Lay*: None present.

GENESEE.—*Ministerial*: Ernest E. Davis, J. Wesley Searles, A. Merritt Deitterich for Paul Morrison. *Lay*: Mrs. W. Raymond Brown, Thomas B. Clay, Leverette J. Simpson.

GUJARAT.—None present.

HINGHWA.—None present.

HOLSTON.—*Ministerial*: Clyde E. Lundy, Edwin H. Ogle, James A. Bays, William F. Blackard, W. C. Daniels, Robert E. Greer. *Lay*: Charles C. Sherrod, Frank H. Trotter, Lynn Sheeley, Mrs. B. Rule Stout.

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HYDERABAD.—*Ministerial*: John Patterson. *Lay* None present.

IDAHO.—*Ministerial*: Charles M. Donaldson. *Lay*: Edson H. Deal.

ILLINOIS.—*Ministerial*: Arthur M. Wells, Thomas B. Lugg, Arthur R. Grummon, Harry W. McPherson, Arthur P. Jordan, Raye Ragan. *Lay*: Herschel R. Snavelly, W. F. Allison, Harold Fitch, I. W. Brown, Charles A. Imboden, Joel A. Eastman.

INDIANA.—*Ministerial*: Guy O. Carpenter, Ralph O. Pearson, William C. Hartinger, Abram S. Woodward for Chester A. McPheeters. *Lay*: Thomas M. McDonald, Russell M. Kibler, Mrs. Earl S. Riley, Edward Huckleberry.

INDUS RIVER.—None present.

IOWA-DES MOINES.—*Ministerial*: Leroy L. Weis, Walter F. Lister, Claude W. Cooper, C. C. Bacon, George A. Lawton. *Lay*: Bert O. Gammon, Mrs. Harry Lauer, Mrs. William C. Henn, Rae L. Dean for Dean Taylor, deceased.

KANSAS.—*Ministerial*: Oscar E. Allison, Leslie Miller, Charles I. Coldsmith, R. Ernest Gordon. *Lay*: Mrs. H. E. Werner, C. A. Byers, C. M. Miller.

KENTUCKY.—*Ministerial*: Albert R. Perkins, Samuel C. Rice, Zachary T. Johnson, Walter V. Cropper for Willard G. Cram. *Lay*: Kelley J. Day, Marcus C. Redwine, Dennis V. Snapp for Mrs. Robert T. Brown, John T. Slaton for Mrs. James H. Spillman.

KIANGSI.—*Ministerial*: Edward C. Perkins. *Lay*: Mrs. William R. Johnson.

LEXINGTON.—*Ministerial*: R. Gammon Morris, M. LaFayette Harris. *Lay*: Miss Elizabeth S. Langford, Mrs. Edith White.

LIBERIA.—None present. (Arrived May 2, 1944.)

LITTLE ROCK.—*Ministerial*: Claude M. Reeves,

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Arthur Terry. *Lay*: John S. M. Cannon, Matt L. Ellis.

LOUISIANA (South Central).—*Ministerial*: William L. Doss, Jr., Guy M. Hicks, William W. Holmes, Benjamin H. Andrews. *Lay*: Ezriah L. Walker, J. B. Pollard, Mrs. George S. Sexton, Jr., Robert J. O'Neal.

LOUISIANA (Central).—*Ministerial*: John W. E. Bowen, George W. Carter. *Lay*: Matthew S. Davage, John S. Brazier.

LOUISVILLE.—*Ministerial*: Roy H. Short, Reginald V. Bennett, Andrew C. Johnson. *Lay*: Mrs. Andrew C. Johnson, Evan C. Evans, Frank H. Gregg.

LUCKNOW.—None present.

MAINE.—*Ministerial*: Elwin L. Wilson, Arthur A. Callaghan. *Lay*: Fred P. Loring, Miss Margaret Currie.

MALAYA.—None present.

MEMPHIS.—*Ministerial*: James E. Underwood, Lud H. Estes, Charles C. Grimes. *Lay*: Robert E. Rooks, Paul Meek, Mrs. S. Homer Tatum.

MICHIGAN.—*Ministerial*: D. Stanley Coors, Lester A. Kilpatrick, Glenn M. Frye, William L. Helrigel. *Lay*: Mrs. Warren E. Brown, Ralph Goodell, Mrs. Orson E. Munn, Archie E. McCrea.

MINNESOTA.—Miron A. Morrill, Harry D. Henry. *Lay*: Charles V. Michener, Mrs. Gyda L. Plette.

MISSISSIPPI (Southeastern).—*Ministerial*: Benjamin L. Sutherland, Thomas M. Brownlee, Van R. Landrum. *Lay*: Thomas L. Bailey, Benjamin M. Stevens, J. Magruder Sullivan.

MISSISSIPPI (Central).—*Ministerial*: Almos L. Holland, James D. Wheaton. *Lay*: Reuben H. McAllister, Claud W. Williams.

MISSOURI.—*Ministerial*: David K. Pegues, Okey J. Carder, Joseph D. Randolph. *Lay*: William H. Utz, Jr., George Pohlman, Mrs. Wilbur E. Longstreth.

MONTANA.—*Ministerial*: Andrew C. Caton.
Lay: Vernon E. Lewis for A. R. Reeves.

NEBRASKA. — *Ministerial*: Benjamin F. Schwartz, Paul M. Hillman, Richard E. Carlyon, Ray F. Magnuson, Alfred V. Hunter. *Lay*: Henry M. Greenslit, Mrs. Charles W. Mead, William T. Muncy, Linden L. Eells, W. S. Rogers for Roy M. Green.

NEW ENGLAND.—*Ministerial*: Lewis O. Hartman, Daniel L. Marsh, William Gunter. *Lay*: Edward H. Redstone, William J. Kurth, Mrs. Howard M. Le Sourd.

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN.—*Ministerial*: Percy M. Spurrier, Earl E. Story. *Lay*: John B. McCullough, William P. Pritchard.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—*Ministerial*: LeRoy W. Stringfellow for Phillip S. Nason. *Lay*: Warren H. Davis.

NEW JERSEY.—*Ministerial*: Albert L. Baner, Austin C. Brady, Benjamin F. Allgood, William R. Raver. *Lay*: Francis A. Stanger, Jr., Frank C. Propert, Alvin C. Poffenberger, Mrs. Anne M. Ebner.

NEW MEXICO.—*Ministerial*: William E. Brown. *Lay*: Harry C. Gossard.

NEW YORK.—Arthur G. Carroll, Claude C. Coile, Benjamin M. Denniston, John M. Pearson for Ralph W. Sockman. *Lay*: H. Westlake Coons, Chester A. Smith, Alvah D. Rowell, Walter M. Andrew.

NEW YORK EAST.—*Ministerial*: Frederick B. Newell, Lynn Harold Hough, Loyd F. Worley, Albert E. Beebe. *Lay*: Edward R. Carman, Howard R. Brockett, H. Almon Chaffee, William H. Baradell.

NEWARK.—*Ministerial*: J. Edgar Washabaugh, Karl K. Quimby, Henry L. Lambdin, J. Wesley Lord. *Lay*: Louis E. Orcutt, Charles C. Parlin, James M. Gillinder, Mrs. Samuel H. Clark.

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NORTH AFRICA.—*Ministerial*: Fred J. Kellar.
Lay: Miss Eva Ostrom.

NORTH ALABAMA.—*Ministerial*: George M. Davenport, Foster K. Gamble, J. Henry Chitwood, Spencer O. Kimbrough, Marvin A. Franklin for Henry M. Stevenson. *Lay*: Van Buren Taunton, Mrs. Frank G. Bell, Robert B. Carr, Paul S. Haley, John L. Liles.

NORTH ARKANSAS.—*Ministerial*: Albert W. Martin, John Q. Schisler, Sam B. Wiggins for Ransford S. Hayden, deceased. *Lay*: Mrs. R. E. Connell, Karl Greenshaw, John G. Moore.

NORTH CAROLINA (Southeastern).—*Ministerial*: Jesse M. Ormond, Robert W. Bradshaw, Edgar L. Hillman, Harry C. Smith for Thomas M. Grant. *Lay*: William J. Smith, Gurney P. Hood, Mrs. Edgar L. Hillman, Benjamin G. Childs.

NORTH CAROLINA (Central).—*Ministerial*: Robert N. Brooks. *Lay*: David D. Jones.

NORTH CHINA.—None present.

NORTH DAKOTA.—*Ministerial*: Henry J. Gernhardt. *Lay*: Gideon A. Hample.

NORTH GEORGIA.—*Ministerial*: Lester Rumble, Wallace Rogers, J. W. O. McKibben, William H. LaPrade, Joseph H. Thrailkill for Marvin M. Maxwell, deceased. *Lay*: Smith L. Johnston, Jere A. Wells, Mrs. Lemon M. Awtrey, Nat G. Slaughter, Hubert T. Quillian.

NORTH INDIA.—*Ministerial*: Murray T. Titus. *Lay*: Mrs. Olive L. Titus.

NORTH INDIANA.—*Ministerial*: A. Wesley Pugh, Wesley H. Bransford, Jesse W. Fox, Edwin R. Garrison, William W. Robinson. *Lay*: Roy R. Roudebush, Mrs. Julia P. Naftzger, Homer R. Gettle, Walter C. Williams, Henry O. DeWeese.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI.—*Ministerial*: R. Guy Lord, John E. Stephens, A. Tom McIlwain. *Lay*: James G. Houston, Ennis A. Tanner, W. Rady McCormack for Julius M. Foreman.

NORTH TEXAS.—*Ministerial*: W. Angie Smith, Umphrey Lee, W. Harrison Baker. *Lay*: John C. Murphree, Gus W. Thomasson, Mrs. W. O. Jordan.

NORTHEAST GERMANY.—None present.

NORTH-EAST OHIO.—*Ministerial*: Earl R. Brown, Schuyler E. Garth, Joseph W. Cleland, Louis C. Wright, Paul E. Secrest, Howard W. Patterson, Charles B. Ketcham. *Lay*: Amos L. Heer, Mrs. John R. Seward, William D. Archer, George R. Klein, Arthur L. Hoover.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA.—*Ministerial*: Earl F. Baumhofer, Thomas A. Stafford, George Mecklenburg. *Lay*: Stanley C. Hunter, Abbott L. Fletcher, Mrs. Leon R. Peel.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.—*Ministerial*: John W. Warren, Ernest C. Love. *Lay*: W. Clyde Sykes, Harley R. Phelps.

NORTHERN PHILIPPINE.—None present.

NORTHWEST GERMANY.—None present.

NORTHWEST INDIA.—None present.

NORTHWEST INDIANA.—*Ministerial*: Claude Young, Thomas L. Stovall, Carroll D. W. Hildebrand. *Lay*: Robert B. Wise, Mrs. Edward R. Bartlett, J. Lee Yocum.

NORTHWEST IOWA.—*Ministerial*: Lloyd H. Scheerer, Lawrence D. Havighurst, John C. Buthman. *Lay*: Otto F. Bartz, Mrs. Ida B. Hubbard, Mrs. Mildred O. Feller for James I. Dolliver.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.—*Ministerial*: O. P. Clark, Joe O. Haymes, Luther N. Lipscomb, John H. Hicks. *Lay*: Ray H. Nichols, James M. Willson, R. Bernard Bryant, Mrs. C. A. Bickey.

NORWAY.—None present.

OHIO.—*Ministerial*: Isaac E. Miller, Hazen G. Werner, Arba Martin, Lester L. Roush, Edward B. Brewster, John W. Danford, Donald Timerman, Charles M. Coulter, Asa J. Kestle, Albert G. Schatzman. *Lay*: Mrs. Conrad C. Long, E. Dow Bancroft, Charles A. Jones, Lester S. Ivins, Frank

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D. Slutz, Mrs. Foss Zartman, Ernest H. Cherrington, J. Boyd Davis, Lyle O. Kirk, Troy W. Appleby.

OREGON.—*Ministerial*: H. Guy Goodsell. *Lay*: Sam L. Mackin, Ernest W. Peterson.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST.—*Ministerial*: Carl K. Mahoney, Frederick L. Pedersen, Lynn A. Wood, Walter S. Gleiser. *Lay*: Chapin D. Foster, Charles A. Robbins, Mrs. David J. Lawson, C. Robert Huston.

PENINSULA.—*Ministerial*: Oliver J. Collins, Walter A. Hearn, Thomas C. Mulligan. *Lay*: T. Blair Ely, Elwood F. Melson, Wilmer F. Davis.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Ministerial*: Leon T. Moore, George W. Henson, Frank Prentzel, Jr., Franklin Duncombe. *Lay*: Mrs. W. E. Shappell, G. Stanley Lynch, John T. Carson, Albert W. Cliffe.

PHILIPPINE.—None present.

PITTSBURGH.—*Ministerial*: William K. Anderson, Mark Depp, John W. Hawley, William L. Hogg. *Lay*: Harry R. Hummer, Miss Elizabeth M. Lee, Mrs. Harold S. Metcalfe, Jackson C. McQuiston.

RHODESIA.—*Ministerial*: Marshall J. Murphree. *Lay*: Sarah N. King.

ROCK RIVER.—*Ministerial*: Ernest F. Tittle, Fred D. Stone, Aubrey S. Moore, Horace G. Smith, Charles R. Goff. *Lay*: Mrs. A. O. Aldrich, Alfred C. Crawford, Thomas H. West, Mrs. C. N. Timmons, Charles O. Loucks.

ST. LOUIS.—*Ministerial*: Frank C. Tucker, Bunnell L. Schubel, Fredrick Wahl. *Lay*: Wesley A. Deneke, Mrs. J. D. Bragg, Mrs. Frank L. Wright.

SAVANNAH.—*Ministerial*: Charles W. Prothro. *Lay*: A. M. Carter.

SHANTUNG.—None present. No Conference held on account of the war.

SOUTH CAROLINA (Southeastern).—*Ministe-*

rial: J. Emerson Ford, Woodrow Ward. Lay: J. Caldwell Guilds, Will Stackhouse.

SOUTH CAROLINA (Central).—*Ministerial*: Nathaniel E. Greene, Samuel M. Miller, Clarence F. Ferguson. Lay: Charles W. Caldwell, Samuel J. McDonald, Mrs. Maymie E. Gordon.

SOUTH FLORIDA.—*Ministerial*: Otis A. Burns. Lay: Harvey J. Smith.

SOUTH GEORGIA.—*Ministerial*: Horace T. Freeman, Leland Moore, J. Ed Fain, Silas Johnson. Lay: Walter A. Blasingame, Mrs. Clarence C. Sapp, Zach S. Henderson, J. Slater Wright for C. Leighton Shepard, deceased.

SOUTH GERMANY.—None present.

SOUTH INDIA.—*Ministerial*: Earl A. Seamands. Lay: None present.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA.—*Ministerial*: Albert E. Day, Roy L. Smith, Glenn R. Phillips, Russell E. Clay, James L. Lyons, Paul F. Huebner for Donald H. Tippet. Lay: J. Wesley Hole, Mrs. Byron H. Wilson, Alpheus B. P. Wood, Mrs. Jerome Seymour, James McGiffin, J. O. Sexson.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.—*Ministerial*: Paul B. Brown, Roy N. Kean, Newton C. Henderson. Lay: Arthur Knapp, J. Clyde Hindman, Mrs. Alice G. Avery.

SOUTHWEST.—*Ministerial*: James H. Taggart. Lay: Mrs. T. J. Griffin.

SOUTHWEST GERMANY.—None present.

SOUTHWEST MEXICAN.—*Ministerial*: Juan Medellin. Lay: None present.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI.—*Ministerial*: Cassius E. Street, E. D. Baker, Freeman G. Havighurst, Willis L. Perryman. Lay: Leslie J. Lyons, W. L. Earp, Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, Irwin Raut for Robert J. Smith.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS.—*Ministerial*: Edmund Heinsohn, R. F. Curl, L. U. Spellman, Albert P. Shirkey. Lay: David T. Peel, Mrs. C. A. Barr,

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Henry E. Jackson, D. Amos Barber for W. W. Jackson.

SWEDEN.—None present.

SWITZERLAND.—None present.

TENNESSEE (Southeastern).—*Ministerial*: Bachman G. Hodge, John F. Baggett, Costen J. Harrell. *Lay*: Charles H. Yarbrough, William H. Wiseman, Littell J. Rust.

TENNESSEE (Central).—*Ministerial*: Julius C. Johnson. *Lay*: Mrs. Mary M. Drake.

TEXAS (South Central).—*Ministerial*: J. Walter Mills, Dawson C. Bryan, Paul W. Quillian, Winfred F. Bryan, Joe Z. Tower, Guy F. Jones. *Lay*: H. F. Banker, Mrs. J. Walter Mills, Tom E. Acker, Mrs. T. C. Schaedel, Pat Thompson, Mrs. Walter W. Fondren for Gallaway Calhoun.

TEXAS (Central).—*Ministerial*: Julius S. Scott, Willis J. King. *Lay*: Mrs. Pinkie D. Johnson, Miles W. Jordan

TROY.—*Ministerial*: James A. Perry, Cassius J. Miller, Frank W. Bevan, W. Earl Ledden. *Lay*: Miss Henrietta Gibson, Frank H. Ryder, Anson C. Clark, Charles W. Burrows.

UPPER IOWA.—*Ministerial*: Earle A. Baker, Herbert D. Temple, Harry E. Morrow. *Lay*: Mrs. Homer Cherrington, S. A. Cohagan, Earl Elijah.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI.—*Ministerial*: Edward F. Scarborough. *Lay*: Robert E. Hunt.

UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA.—*Ministerial*: Clarence E. Peele, Benjamin B. Black, Herbert O. Chambers. *Lay*: Walter K. Greene, J. Carlisle Holler, W. Dave Roberts for Henry N. Snyder.

VIRGINIA.—*Ministerial*: J. Manning Potts, Roland P. Riddick, Noland B. Harmon, Jr., Walter C. Gum, Benjamin M. Persinger, C. Cooper Bell, Joseph J. Rives, W. Aiken Smart. *Lay*: John H. Rosenberger, William R. Phelps, John E. Easter, George I. McAllen, Luther W. Wells, J. Earl Moreland, Lucius Gregory for Burgie L. Fisher.

WASHINGTON.—*Ministerial*: Robert M. Williams, Edgar A. Love. *Lay*: William E. Fletcher, Mrs. Florence E. Gaither.

WEST CHINA.—None present. Conference not held because of war.

WEST OKLAHOMA.—*Ministerial*: R. E. L. Morgan, Don H. LaGrone, Sidney H. Babcock, Robert J. Smith. *Lay*: Carl S. McFall, B. Clyde Clark, Ed L. Morrison, Mrs. Earl Foster.

WEST TEXAS.—*Ministerial*: Kay W. McMillan, Karl E. Downs. *Lay*: Joseph H. Henry, Samuel L. Brown.

WEST VIRGINIA.—*Ministerial*: Frank L. Shaffer, H. Wendell Ware, John L. Wolfe, Joseph C. Hoffman, A. Jack Walton, Leonard Riggleman, John E. Hanifan. *Lay*: W. Foss Curtis, George W. Bright, Mrs. W. M. Downs, A. Ward Cox, Clyde L. Harshbarger, Clyde O. Law, Wesley H. O'Dell.

WEST WISCONSIN.—*Ministerial*: Fred J. Jordan, Paul B. White. *Lay*: Frank O. Witcher, Howard G. Tryer.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.—*Ministerial*: Paul N. Garber, Edgar H. Nease, Charles C. Weaver, Garland R. Stafford, Gilbert T. Rowe, Gideon I. Humphreys. *Lay*: R. C. Bunch, J. Ben Ivey, James A. Jones, Oscar V. Woosley, Mrs. Charles C. Weaver, Paul F. Evans, Luther L. Gobbel for Clyde R. Hoey, Walter A. Stanbury for G. Ray Jordan.

WISCONSIN.—*Ministerial*: R. Burton Sheppard, Theodore J. Reykdal, O. D. Cannon. *Lay*: E. Howard Roberts, Mrs. John G. Law, Edward P. Hocking.

WYOMING.—*Ministerial*: Fred E. Lott, George R. Savige, J. Rolland Crompton. *Lay*: Walter L. Hunt, A. Taylor Lord, John C. Hart.

WYOMING STATE.—*Ministerial*: James W. Walker. *Lay*: John K. Strange.

YENPING.—None present.

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SOUTHERN CONGO PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE.—*Ministerial*: Newell S. Booth.

AUTONOMOUS CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH OF BRAZIL.—*Ministerial*, James E. Ellis.

METHODIST CHURCH OF JAPAN.—None present.

METHODIST CHURCH OF KOREA.—None present.

METHODIST CHURCH OF MEXICO.—None present.

Quorum
Present

Upon completion of the Roll Call the Secretary informed the Presiding Bishop that a quorum was present.

Bishop Ralph
A. Ward

Roy L. Smith (Southern California-Arizona) called the attention of the Conference to the fact that Bishop Ralph A. Ward was interned in China, and moved that the Conference stand in a moment of silent prayer in behalf of Bishop Ward. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Conference arose and stood for a moment in silent prayer for Bishop Ward.

J. Edgar
Skillington
Presents
Rules of
Order

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, authorized by the 1940 General Conference, presented the proposed Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for this session, as printed in the Handbook for Delegates, pages 155 to 172 inclusive. After calling attention to changes proposed from the 1940 Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, J. Edgar Skillington moved the adoption of the Report of the Committee. The motion was duly seconded.

Ernest
Fremont
Tittle Moves
to Amend

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River) moved that Section 2, Legislative Committees, under Division III. Committees, Plan of Organization, top of page 160, be amended by deleting the last sentence of the introductory paragraph, which reads as follows:

Advices, appeals, and resolutions which are not legislative in character, when adopted by the General Con-

ference, are not to be understood as being official expressions of the mind of The Methodist Church, but rather only expressions of the mind of a majority of the members of the General Conference, present and voting."

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The motion to amend was seconded by Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) who spoke to the amendment. J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) replied for the Committee. The amendment to delete was adopted.

Lynn Harold
Hough
Seconds
Amendment

Gus W. Thomasson (*) (North Texas) moved that Rule 15 of the Rules of Order, page 166, be deleted, which reads as follows:

G. W. Thomasson
Moves
to Amend

"Rule 15. Whenever a report of a committee, signed by the Chairman and Secretary thereof, or a resolution signed by two or more members of the Conference, shall be presented to the Conference for its action, it shall be deemed in proper order for consideration of the Conference without the formality of a motion to adopt and a second thereto."

The motion being duly seconded, Gus W. Thomasson spoke to the same. J. Edgar Skillington spoke for the Committee.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) moved to lay the motion on the table. The Chair ruled that the motion to lay on the table was out of order, and that the motion to delete would have to be voted up or down.

George W.
Henson
Moves to
Lay on
Table

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved the previous question. The previous question was ordered. The motion to delete did not prevail.

Previous
Question
Ordered

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend, under III. Committees, paragraph (10), Sifting Committee, page 159, by deleting the second sentence

C. A. Smith
Moves to
Amend

"This committee shall determine whether or not the matter presented shall be considered by the Conference."

And also deleting the last part of the third sentence, which reads:

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“provided, however, should the Sifting Committee determine that any matter referred to it should not be brought before the Conference for consideration, then if a petition signed by fifty, or more, members of the Conference shall be presented to the Conference requesting consideration, unless a two-thirds vote of the members of the Conference present and voting shall refuse consideration, the matter shall be referred to the appropriate Standing Committee.”

and substituting for the deleted sentences the following:

“The Sifting Committee shall inform the Conference with reasonable promptness as to all matters which have been referred to it, at which time any delegate may speak for or against any one of said matters and move action upon the same, unless a two-thirds vote of the members of the Conference shall refuse consideration.”

The motion being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the same. J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke for the Committee. The motion to amend did not prevail.

William T. Muncy (*) (Nebraska) moved the previous question. The motion was duly seconded.

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York), rising to a question of personal privilege, stated he had two further amendments to offer. The Chair ruled the question of privilege was not well taken, and stated the reasons for the ruling.

The previous question was ordered. J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), having no further remarks to make for the Committee, the Report of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, as amended, was adopted. For Report see page 216.

Bishop H. Lester Smith stated the next order of business was the election of the Secretary, and that the hour of adjournment was imminent. Motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis), duly sec-

William T.
Muncy
Moves
Previous
Question

Question of
Privilege
Not Well
Taken

Report
Adopted

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Secretary

ended, prevailed that the time be extended to complete all business necessary for the opening session.

James E. Underwood (Memphis) nominated Lud H. Estes (Memphis) for Secretary. Fred D. Stone (Rock River) seconded the nomination. Miron A. Morrill (Minnesota) moved that the nominations be closed. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. Lud H. Estes (Memphis) was elected Secretary of the General Conference by acclamation.

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Lud H. Estes
Elected

Isaac E. Miller (Ohio) in well-chosen words, in behalf of the delegates from the Cincinnati Area, presented Bishop H. Lester Smith a gavel, made from native Indian ebony wood and ivory from the Area where Bishop Smith served his first quadrennium as Bishop. Bishop Smith fittingly replied.

I. E. Miller
Presents
Gavel

Andrew C. Caton (Montana) was recognized and stated that A. Raymond Reeves, Lay Delegate from the Montana Conference, was detained at home by illness and was facing a serious operation tomorrow, and moved that the Secretary be instructed to send greetings to Brother Reeves, and assure him of the prayers of his brethren for his speedy recovery. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Motion
Andrew
C. Caton
re
A. Raymond
Reeves

Bishop Smith, as a matter of personal privilege, called attention to the gavel he had been using the morning, stating that it is the property of the Philadelphia Area, and came from old St. George's Church, Philadelphia, which was dedicated in 1769, the oldest Methodist Church in this hemisphere. That the gavel was used at the first General Conference of the United Church, and was used to open this session today.

Bishop Smith
Personal
Privilege

On nomination of the Secretary, the following Assistants were elected:

FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania).

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SECOND ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska).

THIRD ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—Edgar H. Nease (Western North Carolina).

JOURNAL SECRETARIES.—Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska), Edgar H. Nease (Western North Carolina).

CALENDAR SECRETARIES.—Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), Frederick L. Pedersen (Pacific Northwest).

COMMITTEE REPORTS.—Elza L. Jorns (East Oklahoma).

COMMITTEE BOOKS.—Foster K. Gamble (North Alabama), Henry Gilligan (*) (Baltimore).

NON-CONCURRENT REPORTS.—John W. Haywood (East Tennessee).

MEMORIALS.—Robert B. Spencer (*) (Colorado), Paul B. White (West Wisconsin).

DISCIPLINE.—Frederick B. Newell (New York), Harry L. Upperman (Tennessee), Murray H. Leiffer (Southern California-Arizona).

BALLOTS AND TELLERS.—Thomas C. Mulligan (Peninsula). Section A: Robert M. Williams (Washington). Section B: G. Stanley Lynch (*) (Philadelphia). Section C: Alfred C. Crawford (*) (Rock River). Section D: William E. Brown (New Mexico).

STANDING VOTES.—Asa J. Kestle (Ohio). Section A: E. A. Seamands (South India). Section B: William F. Blackard (Holston). Section C: Robert E. Rooks (*) (Memphis). Section D: Will P. Ralph (*) (California).

TELEGRAMS AND GREETINGS.—Frank L. Shaffer (West Virginia).

DOCUMENT CLERK.—Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon).

CROSS-REFERENCE.—Benjamin M. Denniston (New York).

ROLL SECRETARY.—Charles A. Robbins (*) (Pacific Northwest).

Nominations
Council of
Bishops for
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Committees

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented nominations (DB-2) from the Council of Bishops for the Administrative and Legislative Committees provided for in the Plan of Organization, that were to be nominated by the Council of Bishops. On motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, the nominations were approved and the Committees elected, as follows:

CORRELATION OF LEGISLATION.—Costen J. Harrell, Tennessee (Convener); Boyd W. Miller (*), East Tennessee; Mrs. Warren E. Brown (*), Michigan; Arthur A. Callaghan, Maine; Matthew S. Davage (*), Louisiana-C; Mark Depp, Pittsburgh; Costen J. Harrell, Tennessee; Otto H. Houser, Colorado; Mrs. Fred A. Lamb (*), Southwest Missouri; Leon T. Moore, Philadelphia; W. P. Rankin (*), California; Frank D. Slutz (*), Ohio; Murray T. Titus, North India; Harry L. Upperman, Tennessee; Y. C. Yang, East China.

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COURTESIES AND PRIVILEGES.—Glenn R. Phillips, Southern California-Arizona, Convener; Charles W. Brashares, Detroit; Winfred F. Bryan, Texas; Otis A. Burns, South Florida; Charles A. Byers (*), Kansas; William E. Fletcher (*), Washington; Ezra C. Harrah (*), Colorado; Mrs. Edgar L. Hillman (*), Western North Carolina; Glenn C. James, Florida, SE; Clyde O. Law (*), West Virginia; Miss Katherine Liu (*), Foochow; J. Wesley Lord, Newark; Charles O. Loucks (*), Rock River; Glenn R. Phillips, Southern California-Arizona; Gaither P. Warfield, Poland.

Courtesies
and
Privileges

CREDENTIALS.—Leland Moore, South Georgia, Convener; J. S. M. Cannon (*), Little Rock; Mrs. Pinkie D. Johnson (*), Texas, C; Jackson C. McQuiston (*), Pittsburgh; Leland Moore, South Georgia; A. Wesley Pugh, North Indiana; James W. Walker, Wyoming State; Sam B. Wiggins, North Arkansas.

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FRATERNAL DELEGATES.—Hazen G. Werner, Ohio, Convener; W. Lafayette Doss, Jr., Louisiana SC; J. Wesley Hole (*) Southern California-Arizona; G. Ray Jordan, Western North Carolina; Edgar A. Love, Washington; Frank H. Ryder (*) Troy; Hazen G. Werner, Ohio.

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- Reference** REFERENCE.—Paul E. Martin, North Texas, Convener; Fred J. Jordan, West Wisconsin; Clyde E. Lundy, Holston; Paul E. Martin, North Texas.
- Rules** RULES.—J. Edgar Skillington, Central Pennsylvania, Convener; Miller W. Boyd (*), East Tennessee; Lud H. Estes, Memphis; Eugene B. Hawk, Central Texas; Costen J. Harrell, Tennessee; Thomas B. Lugg, Illinois; J. Edgar Skillington, Central Pennsylvania; Bishop H. Lester Smith.
- Sifting** SIFTING.—Frederick B. Newell, New York East, Convener; Oscar E. Allison, Kansas; Earl R. Brown, North-East Ohio; Silas Johnson, South Georgia; Frederick B. Newell, New York East; Frank C. Probert (*), New Jersey; Robert M. Williams, Washington; Alphaeus B. P. Wood (*), Southern California-Arizona.
- American Bible Society** AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.—Walter A. Blasingame (*), South Georgia; John T. Carson (*), Philadelphia; Claud C. Coile, New York; Wilmer Fell Davis (*), Peninsula; A. Merritt Deitterich, Genesee; Charles M. Donaldson, Idaho; Mrs. Frank P. Flegal (*), California; Glenn M. Frye, Michigan; Mrs. Ida B. Hubbard (*), Northwest Iowa; Charles A. Imboden (*), Illinois; Mrs. William R. Johnson (*), Kiangsi; David D. Jones (*), North Carolina, C; Roy N. Kean, Southern Illinois; Mrs. Fred A. Lamb (*), Southwest Missouri; Miss Elizabeth S. Langford (*), Lexington; Vernon E. Lewis (*), Montana; R. Guy Lord, North Mississippi; Leon T. Moore, Philadelphia; William T. Muncy (*), Nebraska; B. O. Petersen, North Philippine; Charles W. Prothro, Savannah; Claude M. Reves, Little Rock; Benjamin M. Stevens (*), Mississippi; Ernest C. Webb, East Oklahoma; Howard W. Whitaker, Kentucky; Miss Arsanian M. Williams (*), Central West; Lynn A. Wood, Pacific Northwest.
- Enabling Acts and Legal Forms** ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS.—Arthur A. Callaghan, Maine; Edward R. Carman (*), New York East; Cristobal G. Coates (*), Eastern South America; J. Emerson Ford, South Carolina, SE; Mrs. Maymie E. Gordon (*), South Carolina, C; Paul M. Hillman, Nebraska; James G. Houston (*), North Mississippi; G. Robert Huston (*), Pacific Northwest; Tully C. Knoles, California; Van R. Landrum, Mississippi, SE; Fred E. Lott, Wyoming; Charles O. Loucks (*), Rock River; Albert W. Martin, North Arkansas; Leo H. McKay (*), Erie; Kay

W. McMillan, West Texas; Fred B. Noble (*), Florida, SE; David T. Peel (*), Southwest Texas; Albert G. Schatzman, Ohio; B. Burton Sheppard, Wisconsin; John K. Strange (*), Wyoming State; Donald H. Tippett, Southern California-Arizona; Murray T. Titus, North India; Mrs. Edith M. White (*), Lexington; William H. Wilcox (*), East Oklahoma; Robert M. Williams, Washington; Robert B. Wise (*), Northwest Indiana.

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EVANGELISM.—Rufus C. Baker, Colorado; Wesley H. Bransford, North Indiana; John S. Brazier (*), Louisiana, C; Dawson C. Bryan, Texas, SC; Lydia D. Christensen (*), Indus River; Horace E. Cromer, Baltimore; George M. Davenport, North Alabama; Albert E. Day, Southern California-Arizona; James W. Golden, Tennessee, C; Mrs. T. J. Griffin (*), Southwest; Bachman G. Hodge, Tennessee, SE; William L. Hogg, Pittsburgh; George P. Howard, Eastern South America; Mrs. David J. Lawson (*), Pacific Northwest; J. Bruce McCullough (*), New England Southern; John G. Moore (*), North Arkansas; Ray H. Nichols (*), Northwest Texas; John H. Rosenberger (*), Virginia; Mrs. Clarence C. Sapp (*), South Georgia; Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*), New Jersey; J. Wesley Thomas, Atlanta; Frederick W. Wahl, St. Louis; Hazen G. Werner, Ohio; Frank O. Witcher (*), West Wisconsin; George E. Whitson (*), Dakota; Mrs. Byron H. Wilson (*), Southern California-Arizona.

Evangelism

HOSPITALS AND HOMES.—Miller W. Boyd (*), East Tennessee; P. M. Boyd, Florida, SE; Earl R. Brown, Ohio; Okey J. Carder, Missouri; George W. Carter, Louisiana, C; Andrew C. Caton, Montana; Thomas E. Colley, Erie; Abbott L. Fletcher (*), Northern Minnesota; Miss Henrietta Gibson (*), Troy; Walter S. Gleiser, Pacific Northwest; Ralph A. Goodell (*), Michigan; Robert E. Greer, Holston; George W. Henson, Philadelphia; Hubert T. Johnson (*), Central Texas; George A. Lawton, Iowa-Des Moines; Kennie M. Linn (*), South India; George I. McAllen (*), Virginia; Leslie Miller, Kansas; Albert G. Odell (*), Central New York; E. C. Perkins, Kiangsi; James O. Sexon (*), Southern California-Arizona; J. Harvey Smith (*), South Florida; J. H. Taggart, Southwest; Bernard Vessey (*), Colorado; Mrs. H. Wade King (*), Little Rock; Oscar V. Woosley (*), Western North Carolina.

Hospitals and
Homes

INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS.—Charles V. Adams (*), Central Pennsylvania; Benjamin F. Allgood, New Jersey; Floyd N. Anderson (*), Central Kansas; Earle A. Baker, Upper Iowa; Joseph P. Bartak, Bohemia-

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Moravia; Russell E. Clay, Southern California-Arizona; Matthew S. Davage (*), Louisiana, C; Chapin D. Foster (*), Pacific Northwest; Horace T. Freeman, South Georgia; Schuyler E. Garth, North-East Ohio; Harry C. Gossard (*), New Mexico; Frank H. Gregg (*), Louisville; Nolan B. Harmon, Jr., Virginia; Almos L. Holland, Mississippi, C; Otto H. Houser, Colorado; David D. Jones (*), North Carolina, C; Edward M. Jones, Central Alabama; Miss Frances Knight (*), Detroit; Umphrey Lee, North Texas; Ernest W. Peterson (*), Oregon; Mrs. Earl S. Riley (*), Indiana; Frank L. Shaffer, West Virginia; Henry N. Snyder (*), Upper South Carolina; Grace L. Stockwell (*), Burma; Cassius E. Street, Southwest Missouri; W. Clyde Sykes (*), Northern New York.

Judicial
Administration

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION.—Robert B. Carr (*), North Alabama; O. P. Clark, Northwest Texas; J. Rolland Crompton, Wyoming; Edmund Heinsohn, Southwest Texas; Paul G. James (*), Iowa-Des Moines; Miles W. Jordan (*), Texas, C; R. R. Kramer (*), Holston; James L. Lyons, Southern California-Arizona; Leslie J. Lyons (*), Southwest Missouri; Sam L. Macklin (*), Oregon; Carl K. Mahoney, Pacific Northwest; Elwood F. Melson (*), Peninsula; Cassius J. Miller, Troy; Samuel M. Miller, South Carolina, C; Charles C. Parlin (*), Newark; Clarence E. Peele, Upper South Carolina; Samuel C. Rice, Kentucky; Julius S. Scott, Texas, C; Thomas A. Stafford, Northern Minnesota; Edward A. Smith (*), Detroit; Robert B. Spencer (*), Colorado; Clyde B. Stuntz, Indus River; Ezriah L. Walker (*), Louisiana, SC; Herbert S. Wilson (*), Delaware; Y. C. Yang, East China; Claude Young, Northwest Indiana.

Ritual and
Orders of
Worship

RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP.—R. L. Archer, Malaya; Albert E. Beebe, New York East; Wesley A. Deneke (*), St. Louis; A. Raymond Grant, California; Walter K. Greene (*), Upper South Carolina; Costen J. Harrell, Tennessee; SE; Albert E. Henry, Central Kansas; Edward W. Kelly, Central West; Mrs. John G. Law (*), Wisconsin; Edgar A. Love, Washington; Reuben H. McAllister (*), Mississippi, C; James McGiffin (*), Southern California-Arizona; Mrs. Joy Elmer Morgan (*), Baltimore; Harry T. Morris, Colorado; H. Clifford Northcutt, Illinois; Robert J. O'Neal (*), Louisiana, SC; Mrs. Eva B. Parks (*), Atlanta; Marshall R. Reed, Detroit; Charles A. Robbins (*), Pacific Northwest; Wallace Rogers, North Georgia; Hubert Searcy (*), Alabama; J. N. R. Score, Central Texas; Frank D. Slutz (*), Ohio; LeRoy W.

Stringfellow, New Hampshire; Miss Ellen Studley (*), North China; Edgar T. Welch (*), Erie.

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Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented (DB-3) the following communication from the Council of Bishops:

Communication from Council of Bishops

The Joint Executive Committee of Faith and Order and Life and Work is being reorganized. It will be known as The Committee in the United States of America for the World Council of Churches. Under the plan of reorganization, The Methodist Church will be entitled to four members on the Committee and four alternates. At the present time, we have on the Joint Committee three members and one alternate.

The General Conference has voted membership in the World Council of Churches; and the Council of Bishops requests that the matter of electing Committee members be referred to the Committee on Interdenominational Relations. The Council of Bishops suggests that the custom in connection with the election of members to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America be followed in this matter—namely, that the Council of Bishops nominate and the General Conference elect. In this connection, it is suggested that vacancies between General Conferences be filled by the Council of Bishops.

For the Council of Bishops,
G. BROMLEY OXNAM.

Motion of Guy O. Carpenter (Indiana), duly seconded, prevailed referring the communication to the Committee on Interdenominational Relations.

Motion Guy O. Carpenter to Refer

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented a request from the Council of Bishops that the General Conference fix Tuesday, May 2, at 12:00 noon as the Order of the Day, for a brief moment of prayer and a brief program in which we will remember our Chaplains, and our sons and daughters in the armed service of the nation. The General Conference unanimously approved and adopted the request.

Order of Day Ordered

Bishop Titus Lowe was recognized, and presented the following communication (DB-4):

Unofficial Delegates Provided For

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Dear Fathers and Brethren:

At the December meeting of the Council of Bishops attention was directed to the fact that owing to war conditions many delegates elected by overseas Conferences could not reach Kansas City. Also certain Conferences had not found it possible to meet.

After discussion, a Committee was set up consisting of Bishops Arthur J. Moore, Kern, Baker, Wade, and Lowe to consider this matter. Consultation was had with the Inter-Division on Foreign Work of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and also with such Bishops of foreign Areas as were available.

It was decided to prepare a list of nationals and missionaries who might be designated as "Unofficial delegates"; these persons to (1) represent their respective Annual Conferences; (2) have all the privileges of regular Delegates, except the power to vote; (3) receive traveling expenses to and from Kansas City, and their American address, and also the regular per diem while in Kansas City.

The Council of Bishops, by unanimous vote, asks that their action be ratified by the General Conference, and that the following nationals and missionaries be duly seated.

It is also asked that the above named Committee be given authority to make substitutions, if any be found necessary.

SUGGESTED DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES

List of
 Unofficial
 Delegates

INDIA.—Bengal: Rev. Fred G. Williams, Miss Mildred L. Pierce (*). Burma: Miss Grace L. Stockwell (*). Central Provinces: Miss Lucile Colony (*). Gujarat: Rev. Leslie G. Templin, Mrs. Leslie G. Templin (*). Hyderabad: Miss Mildred Simmons (*). Indus River: Rev. Clyde B. Stuntz, Miss Lydia D. Christensen (*). Lucknow: Miss Nettie A. Bacon (*). Northwest India: Rev. J. C. Pace, Miss Gertrude E. Richards (*).

CHINA.—Central China: Rev. John B. Shen, Dr. Hyla S. Watters (*). East China: Rev. Sid R. Anderson, Dr. Y. C. Yang (*). Foochow: Miss Katherine Liu (*). Hinghwa: Rev. Charles Winter, Miss Pauline E. Westcott (*). North China: Rev. Horace E. Dewey, Miss Ellen M. Studley (*). Shantung: Rev. Perry O. Hanson, Miss Dorothy Jones (*). West China: Rev. Joseph Beach, Miss Mary C. Shearer (*). Yenping: Miss Jennie Lind (*).

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—Philippine: Rev. B. O. Peterson,

Miss Mary A. Evans (*). Northern Philippine: Rev. Ernest S. Lyons, Miss Hazel Davis (*).

MALAYSIA.—Malaya: Rev. R. L. Archer, Miss Thirsa Bunce (*).

SOUTH AMERICA.—Chile: Rev. Scott P. Hauser.

AFRICA.—Liberia: Rev. J. C. Wengatz. Rhodesia: —

NORTH AFRICA AND EUROPE.—Belgium: —. Bohemia-Moravia: Rev. Joseph B. Bartak. Central Germany: —. Northeast Germany: —. Northwest Germany: —. South Germany: —. Southwest Germany: —. Baltic and Slavic: Rev. Janis Laupmanis. Denmark: —. Poland: Rev. Gaither P. Warfield. Finland: —. Finland-Swedish: —. Norway: —. Sweden: —. Switzerland: —.

Motion of Lewis O. Hartman (New England), duly seconded, prevailed approving the action of the Council of Bishops, and seating the "Unofficial Delegates," as requested.

L. O. Hartman
Moves to
Approve

Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), Chairman of the Commission on Entertainment of the General Conference, presented Report No. 1 (DB-5), and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see p. 787.

Report No. 1
Commission
on Entertainment

Motion of Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), duly seconded, prevailed, requesting the Council of Bishops to nominate for election by the General Conference a Committee of six, one from each of the Jurisdictions, said Committee to receive and consider requests from the various Boards and Agencies of the Church desiring to have evening programs, and to make suitable recommendations to the Conference.

Committee on
Special
Programs

Motion of Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), duly seconded, prevailed that when we adjourn it be to meet tonight at 8 P.M., in this room, in official session for the purpose of hearing the Episcopal Address, and the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before us.

Night Session
Ordered

On motion of Fred D. Stone (Rock River), duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-6) was unanimously adopted:

Resolution
re Stenographic Report
—Fred D. Stone

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WHEREAS it is impossible to produce a stenographic report of this General Conference in the *Daily Advocate*; *Be it resolved*, That for historical purposes it is our judgment that the stenographic report of the proceedings should be printed, and we therefore grant authority to The Methodist Publishing House to print, at the earliest convenient time, a complete stenographic report of the proceedings in as economical a form as possible and to furnish the same to the Delegates at the expense of the General Administration Fund, and to offer for sale this Report to those who may desire to purchase it.

Report of
Committee
on Legisla-
tion, Board
of Pensions

Bishop J. Ralph Magee presented the Report of the Committee on Legislation of the Board of Pensions, found on pages 447-465, inclusive, of Quadrennial Reports of the Boards and Commissions of The Methodist Church to the General Conference 1944, with the request that it be referred to the proper Committee for action.

Referred to
Committee
on Confer-
ence Claim-
ants

Motion of Charles A. Robbins (*) (Pacific Northwest), duly seconded, prevailed that the Report be received, and referred to the Committee on Conference Claimants.

O. W. Auman
Granted
Privileges
of Floor

On motion of Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE), duly seconded, Dr. O. W. Auman, Treasurer of the Commission on World Service and Finance, was granted the privileges of the floor, but without vote, as certain other Secretaries had been granted, under Section 2, Paragraph 350, 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.

Order of Day
Set

On motion of Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE), duly seconded, the Conference set as the Order of the Day, for Thursday morning, April 27, immediately following the Report of the Committee on Courtesies, the hearing of the Report of Dr. O. W. Auman of the Survey and the Financial Report for the Quadrennium.

Reports of
World Serv-
ice and
Finance
Presented

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE), Secretary of the Commission on World Service and Finance, presented four Reports from the Commission, as follows: 1st. "Revision of the Legislation Per-

taining to the Financial Plan" (DB-7) ; 2nd. "The Episcopal Fund" (DB-8) ; 3rd. "The General Administration Fund" (DB-9) ; 4th. "World Service Ratios" (DB-10), and moved that they be printed in the *Daily Advocate* and consideration be made the Order of the Day for Friday, April 28, immediately following the Report of the Committee on Courtesies.

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Fred D. Stone (Rock River) inquired, before the motion was seconded, if there were not sufficient copies of the Reports to place them in the hands of the delegates without printing in the *Daily Advocate*, as it would be practically impossible to get them in tomorrow's edition (Thursday) on account of the mechanical and man-power conditions involved in the printing of the *Daily Advocate*, due to the war. Stating there was a sufficient number of Reports to be distributed to the delegates, motion of Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE), duly seconded, prevailed that the four Reports be made the Order of the Day for Friday, April 28, immediately following the Report of the Committee on Courtesies, and that the Reports be distributed to this body not later than tomorrow morning (Thursday), and that they be considered as official as though published in the *Daily Advocate*.

Order of Day
Set

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) made the following statement in regard to the Reports :

Costen J.
Harrell
Speaks

"There are a few corrections of the material contained in these Reports. Since we cannot go through every Report and correct them, we will give you tomorrow the Reports as they were originally prepared, if you will receive them officially as though the corrections had been made. We will ask common consent for that. I will make the corrections here when the Reports are under consideration."

No objection being raised by anyone, the above method of procedure for presentation and con-

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Silent Prayer
Ordered

sideration of the Reports was agreed to by common consent.

Motion of Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska) (DB-11), duly seconded, prevailed that just before the Benediction we have a few moments of silent prayer for the Delegates prevented from attending by war conditions, and also for our brethren in occupied and enemy countries.

Joint Committee on Central Conferences
Ordered

Lewis O. Hartman (New England) moved that a Joint Committee on Central Conferences for this session be created, composed of 25 members, 10 to be selected from the Committee on Ministry; 10 from the Committee on Conferences; and 5 at large. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Motion of Lewis O. Hartman (New England), duly seconded, prevailed that the members of this Committee be nominated by the Chairman of the Committee on Ministry, the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, and the Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Central Conferences, and that the Report of the General Conference Commission on Central Conferences, appearing on pages 437-444 inclusive of the large handbook "Quadrennial Reports of the Boards and Commissions of The Methodist Church to the General Conference 1944" be referred to this Committee.

Change in Schedule of Meeting of Committees

Motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis), duly seconded, prevailed that owing to the lateness of the hour of adjournment the Committees scheduled to meet for organization at 2:30 P.M. this afternoon, meet at 3:30 P.M., and those scheduled to meet at 3:30 P.M. meet at 4:30 P.M.

Organization of Legislative Committees

The Secretary announced the following (DB-12) to organize the Legislative Committees, the Bishops having been appointed by the Council of Bishops; meeting at 3:30 P.M.: Evangelism, Bishop Edwin F. Lee, Foster K. Gamble, Secretary; Hospitals and Homes, Bishop J. Lloyd Decell, Harry

L. Upperman, Secretary; American Bible Society, Bishop Paul B. Kern, Charles A. Robbins (*), Secretary; Ritual and Order of Worship, Bishop A. Frank Smith, Edgar R. Heckman, Secretary; Interdenominational Relations, Bishop J. Ralph Magee, Asa J. Kestle, Secretary; Judicial Administration, Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, Thomas C. Mulligan, Secretary; Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Bishop J. Wascom Pickett, John W. Haywood, Secretary.

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Meeting at 4:30 P.M.: Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Ernest W. Peterson (*), Secretary; Ministry, Bishop Urban V. W. Darlington, Frank L. Shaffer, Secretary; Education, Bishop Ernest G. Richardson, Paul B. White, Secretary; Missions and Church Extension, Bishop Charles C. Selecman, Frederick L. Pedersen, Secretary; Publishing Interests, Bishop Robert E. Jones, Henry Gilligan (*), Secretary; Conference Claimants, Bishop Titus Lowe, Edgar R. Heckman, Secretary; Conferences, Bishop Raymond J. Wade, Benjamin M. Denniston, Secretary; State of the Church, Bishop James C. Baker, Elza L. Jorns, Secretary.

Isaac E. Miller (Ohio), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, announced that Bishop James H. Straughn would preside at tonight's session, and Bishop Charles C. Selecman at Thursday morning's session, April 27.

Presiding
Officers
Announced

Pursuant to a motion previously adopted, the Conference stood in silent prayer for the Delegates detained from attending by war conditions, and also for our brethren in occupied and enemy countries.

The Conference adjourned with prayer and the benediction pronounced by Bishop H. Lester Smith at 1:35 P.M.

Adjournment

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James H.
 Straughn
 Presides

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1944,
EVENING SESSION

Pursuant to adjournment the General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in evening session at 8 P.M., Wednesday, April 26, 1944, with Bishop James H. Straughn in the Chair.

The Bishop announced, the Conference joined in singing, Hymn 382, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken," after which Edgar T. Welch (*) (Erie), President of the General Board of Lay Activities, led in prayer.

The Conference joined in reading responsively Reading on page 592 of the Hymnal, entitled "The Everlasting Life."

Under the direction of Prof. James R. Houghton, the Boston Seminary Singers sang "A Song of Joy" by Gretchaninoff.

Episcopal
 Address by
 Bishop
 Arthur J.
 Moore

Bishop Arthur J. Moore presented and read the Episcopal Address. At the conclusion of the reading the delegates stood and applauded. For Address see page 148.

Ordered to
 Record

On motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), duly seconded, the Episcopal Address was received, ordered to record, and its various statements referred to appropriate Committees.

Committee on
 Special
 Programs

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented the following nominations (DB-13) for the Special Committee on Evening or Other Special Programs, ordered this morning: J. Manning Potts (Virginia—SE), Convener; William Gunter (New England—NE); D. Stanley Coors (Michigan—NC); Charles M. Donaldson (Idaho—W); Frank C. Tucker (St. Louis—SC); Willis J. King (Texas—C). The Conference unanimously approved the nominations.

Order of Day
 Set

On motion of Lynn Harold Hough (DB-14), New York East), duly seconded, the Conference fixed as the Order of the Day for Friday morning, April 28th, immediately following the considera-

tion of the Reports of the Commission on World Service and Finance, the hearing of representatives of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and also representatives of the World Council of Churches.

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Motion of Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska), duly seconded, prevailed that we do now adjourn.

Adjournment

The audience stood and joined in singing the Doxology, after which the Conference adjourned at 10:30 P.M., with the benediction pronounced by Bishop John W. Robinson.

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MORNING SESSION

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The General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the session of the second day, at 8:30 A.M., Thursday, April 27, 1944, with Bishop Charles C. Selecman presiding. Bishop Selecman presented Bishop Bruce R. Baxter, who conducted the devotional services.

Bishop C. C.
Selecman
Presides

Bishop Baxter announced, and the Conference joined in singing, Hymn 315

Devotional
Address by
Bishop
Baxter

"How Firm a Foundation"

Bishop Baxter then led in the Responsive Reading on page 593 of the Hymnal, entitled "God's Loving Kindness," after which the Conference joined in the Third Prayer of Confession on page 510.

Prof. James R. Houghton sang as a solo, "Peace I Leave with You" by MacDermid.

Bishop Baxter's devotional message was from the theme "Three Great Needs: Quietness, Confidence, Strength," based on Isaiah 30:15, "For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One in Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." Bishop Baxter closed his address with prayer.

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Report

Bishop Selecman called the Conference to order, and as a matter of privilege, acknowledged the gift of a gavel which had been presented to him during the sessions of the Little Rock Conference, at Eldorado, Ark., in November, 1943.

The Report of the Committee on Journal (DB-15) was presented, and adopted, as follows:

We have examined the Journal and it is correct.

FRED'K L. PEDERSEN, *Chairman*;

LEROY L. WEIS, *Secretary*.

Greetings Or-
dered Sent

Motion of Charles W. Brashares (Detroit), duly seconded, prevailed, requesting the Secretary to send greetings, and a word of remembrance, to the wives and families of deceased Bishops and Delegates. (DB-16)

Report of
World Serv-
ice and
Finance
Commission

The Order of the Day having arrived, Bishop Selecman recognized Winfred F. Bryan (Texas, SC), Vice-President of the Commission on World Service and Finance, who presented Dr. Orrin W. Auman, Treasurer of the Commission, and also requested that Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE), Secretary of the Commission, come to the platform and assist in the presentation of the Report.

Dr. Auman presented Part I of the Report of the Commission, entitled "Receipts and Disbursements" (DB-17), and also Part II, "A Survey of the Benevolences of The Methodist Church" (DB-18).

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE), Secretary of the Commission on World Service and Finance, spoke briefly about Parts III and IV of the Report of the Commission, already in possession of the Conference by distribution and printing in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. By unanimous common consent Dr. Harrell was granted permission to indicate editorial changes in the Report on Legislation at the time the Reports are being consid-

ered, under the Order of the Day, tomorrow morning, Friday, April 28, 1944.

Motion of Winfred F. Bryan (DB-19) (Texas, SC), duly seconded, prevailed that Parts I and II of the Report of the Commission on World Service and Finance, just presented by Dr. Orrin W. Auman, be received and be made a part of the record of the General Conference. For Part I see page 792. For Part II see page 808.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, requested a change in the personnel of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, substituting Leslie G. Templin (Gujarat) for Murray T. Titus (North India) and at the request of Murray T. Titus, who is serving on the Committee on Central Conferences (DB-20), and finds it impossible to serve on the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms. Motion of Earl E. Story (New England Southern), duly seconded, prevailed approving the change.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented nominations for Tellers (DB-21) to serve in any elections ordered by the General Conference. On motion of Roy H. Short (Louisville), duly seconded, they were approved as follows:

GROUP I: Frank W. Bevan, Troy, NE; William E. Brown, New Mexico, SC; Otis A. Burns, South Florida, C; Thomas B. Clay (*), Genesee, NE; Albert C. Crawford (*), Rock River, NC; John C. Curry, East Oklahoma, SC; Henry Gilligan (*), Baltimore, NE; Nathaniel W. Greene, South Carolina, C; John W. Haywood, East Tennessee, C; Walter A. Hearn, Peninsula, NE; Mrs. Ida B. Hubbard (*), Northwest Iowa, NC; Harry R. Hummer (*), Pittsburgh, NE; Lester S. Ivins (*), Ohio, NC; Julius C. Johnson, Tennessee, C; Miles W. Jordan (*), Texas, C; Ernest C. Love, Northern New York, NE; G. Stanley Lynch (*), Phila-

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delphia, NE; Harry E. Morrow, Upper Iowa, NC; H. Clifford Northcott, Illinois, NC; Edward H. Redstone (*), New England, NE; Theodore J. Reykdal, Wisconsin, NC; William W. Robinson, North Indiana, NC; Alvah D. Rowell (*), New York, NE; George R. Savige, Wyoming, NE; Paul E. Secrest, North-East Ohio, NC; Earl E. Story, New England Southern, NE; Joe Z. Tower, Texas, SC; Howard Tyrer (*), West Wisconsin, NC; H. Wendell Ware, West Virginia, NE; Robert B. Wise (*), Northwest Indiana, NC.

GROUP II.—Rufus Baker, Colorado, W; D. Amos Barber (*), Southwest Texas, SC; William F. Blackard, Holston, SE; Richard Carlyon, Nebraska, SC; Hal H. Cherry (*), Central Texas, SC; J. Henry Chitwood, North Alabama, SE; Russell Clay, Southern California-Arizona, W; Edson Deal (*), Idaho, W; William L. Earp (*), Southwest Missouri, SC; Paul F. Evans (*), Western North Carolina, SE; Burgie L. Fisher (*), Virginia, SE; A. Raymond Grant, California, W; Edgar L. Hillman, North Carolina, SE; G. Robert Huston (*), Pacific Northwest, W; Carl McFall (*), West Oklahoma, SC; J. W. O. McKibben, North Georgia, SE; Sam L. Macklin (*), Oregon, W; Charles M. Miller (*), Kansas, SC; Fred T. Mickler (*), Florida, SE; Will P. Ralph (*), California, W; Joseph D. Randolph, Missouri, SC; Marcus C. Redwine (*), Louisville, SE; Roland P. Riddick, Virginia, SE; Robert E. Rooks (*), Memphis, SE; James O. Sexon (*), Southern California-Arizona, W; John K. Strange (*), Wyoming State, W; Donald H. Tippet, Southern California-Arizona, W; Woodrow Ward, South Carolina, SE; Mrs. Byron W. Wilson (*), Southern California-Arizona, W; Charles H. Yarbrough (*), Tennessee, SE.

Reserve
Tellers

RESERVE TELLERS.—Sid R. Anderson, East China, OS; Joseph P. Bartak, Bohemia-Moravia, OS;

Cristobal G. Coates (*), Eastern South America, OS; Perry O. Hanson, Shantung, OS; Harry J. Harwood, Burma, OS; Fred J. Keller, North Africa, OS; B. O. Peterson, Northern Philippines, O.S.; E. A. Seamands, South India, OS; Clyde B. Stuntz, Indus River, OS; Paul E. Wagner, Bombay, OS; J. C. Wengatz, Liberia, OS; Y. C. Yang (*), East China, OS.

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Otto H. Houser (Colorado), Chairman of the Committee on Correlation of Legislation, was recognized, and requested that anyone aware of any discrepancies in legislation to please notify Harry L. Upperman (Tennessee, SE), Secretary of the Committee, and thus help in this important matter (DB-22).

Bishop Selecman called for the Calendar. Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), Calendar Secretary, reported no Reports had been filed to date.

Calendar

On motion of Daniel L. Marsh (New England), duly seconded, the following Resolution (DN-23) was unanimously adopted:

Resolution
Daniel L.
Marsh re
Date of The
Methodist
Church

WHEREAS, There is a growing tendency to date The Methodist Church from the Uniting Conference, 1939, both in the General Church and in some of the Annual Conferences, as well as in certain local churches;

WHEREAS, The Uniting Conference specifically declared that "The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and The Methodist Protestant Church are and shall be one United Church";

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Union unequivocally states that these three Churches, "in adopting the name 'The Methodist Church' for the United Church do not and will not surrender any right, interest or title in and to these respective names," and, that "The Methodist Church is the ecclesiastical and lawful successor of the three Uniting Churches, in and through which the three Churches as one United Church shall continue to live and have their existence"; and

WHEREAS, It is therefore an historic fact that The Methodist Church was organized in 1784, and that the

APRIL 27 achievement of 1939 was not the organization of a new
SECOND DAY Church, but rather the healing of wounds in the Church
Thursday that was organized in 1784; therefore

Morning *Be it resolved*, That in all official literature and pronouncements of The Methodist Church respecting the date of its origin shall date from 1784; thus, for example, this is not the *second* General Conference, but the *forty-first* General Conference, and The Methodist Church as an ecclesiastical organization is not five years old, but one hundred and sixty years old."

Order of Day
Set

On motion of William K. Anderson (Pittsburgh), Educational Director of the Commission on Courses of Study, duly seconded, the Conference set as the Order of the Day for Tuesday morning, May 2, 1914, at 11 o'clock A.M., the consideration of the Report of the Commission on Ministerial Supply, said Commission having been authorized by the 1940 General Conference to investigate and make a report on this vitally important matter to the 1944 General Conference.

Rules
Suspended

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) moved that the Rules be suspended in order that we might rearrange our schedule for today, as there are now no Reports on the Calendar. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Night Session
Considered

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) moved that we adjourn at 9:50 A.M., to meet in night session at 8 P.M., and that Committees Nos. 1 to 8 meet at 10 A.M. today.

Committee
Meetings

Okey J. Carder (Missouri) moved to amend by ordering Committees Nos. 9 to 15 to meet at 11 A.M. today. There was no second to the motion.

J. N. R. Score (Central Texas) moved to amend by omitting the night session. This amendment was accepted by Dr. Henson.

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved that Committees 1 to 8 meet at 10:15 A.M. today, which ammendment was accepted by Dr. Henson. Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed that we adjourn at 9:50 A.M.;

that Committees 1 to 8 meet at 10:15 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. today, and that Committees 9 to 15 meet at 7:30 P.M. tonight.

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By common consent the time was extended to complete the business of this session.

Isaac E. Miller (Ohio), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, announced that Bishop Titus Lowe would preside at the session of Friday morning, April 28, 1944.

Presiding
Officer
Announced

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Chairman of the Commission on Rituals and Orders of Worship, presented the report of the Commission. Motion of Luther L. Gobbell (*) (Western North Carolina), duly seconded, prevailed referring the Report to the Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship.

Report
Referred

Lewis O. Hartman (New England) presented nominations for the Committee on Central Conferences (DB-24) and moved that they be elected. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the following constitute the Committee: Lewis O. Hartman, New England; E. Pearce Hayes, Foochow; Foster K. Gamble, North Alabama; Cristobal G. Coates (*), Eastern South America; Murray T. Titus, North India; R. L. Archer, Malaya; Mrs. Fred A. Lamb (*), Southwest Missouri; Willis J. King, Texas, C; Alvin C. Poffenberger (*), New Jersey; William C. Hartinger, Indiana; John W. E. Bowen, Louisiana, C; J. Edgar Skillington, Central Pennsylvania; Raymond H. Huse, Central New York; Roy H. Short, Louisville; Leon T. Moore, Philadelphia; J. N. R. Score, Central Texas; Earle A. Baker, Upper Iowa; E. Ray Jenkins (*), North-East Ohio; James O. Sexon (*), Southern California-Arizona; Guy O. Carpenter, Indiana; Mrs. Lois N. Murphree, Rhodesia; George W. Crabbe (*), Baltimore; Mrs. Leon R. Peel (*), Northern Minnesota; Edgar T. Welch (*), Erie; Lloyd F. Worley, New York East.

Personnel of
Committee
on Central
Conferences

The Conference adjourned at 10:50 A.M. with

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the benediction pronounced by Bishop Hiram A. Boaz.

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THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1944, MORNING SESSION

Bishop Lowe
Presides

Pursuant to adjournment the General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the session of the third day at 8:30 A.M., Friday morning, April 28, 1944, with Bishop Titus Lowe in the Chair.

Bishop L. H.
King
Conducts
Devotions

Bishop Lowe called the Conference to order and announced that Bishop Lorenzo H. King would be in charge of the Devotional Service.

Bishop King announced, and the Conference joined in singing, Hymn 370,

"O for a Heart to Praise My God"

Under the leadership of Bishop King, the Conference joined in the Second Prayer of Confession, on page 510 of the Hymnal. The Responsive Scripture on page 571, entitled "A Prayer of Penitence," was read by the Bishop and the Conference, responsively. Hymn 140, "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood," was sung, after which Bishop King brought the devotional address, based on the tenth verse of the fifty-first Psalm, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me," after which the Conference joined in singing Hymn 373, "For Ever Here My Rest Shall Be."

Journal
Approved

The Report of the Committee on Journal was presented (DB-25) and adopted, as follows:

We have examined the Journal of yesterday and found it to be correct.

F. L. PEDERSEN, *Chairman*;
L. L. WEIS, *Secretary*.

Report Com-
mittee on
Courtesies

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies

and Privileges, requested that Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), and Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, be given the privilege of making a presentation at this time.

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Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri) escorted the Hon. John C. Gage, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, to the platform and presented him to Bishop Lowe, with the statement that the Mayor was unavoidably prevented from being present at the opening session of the Conference. Bishop Lowe in turn presented the Mayor to the Conference. The Conference stood and applauded.

Mayor
introduced

The Mayor, in well-chosen words, welcomed the General Conference of The Methodist Church to Kansas City, Missouri. Bishop Lowe replied in a suitable manner.

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona) then presented Dr. E. W. Potts, President of the Kansas City Ministerial Association and Pastor of the Paseo Methodist Church.

Dr. E. W.
Potts
introduced

On motion of Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), duly seconded, the Committee on Privileges and Courtesies was accorded the privilege of presenting tomorrow morning the Bishops' wives who are present at the seat of the Conference.

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River) presented a Resolution authorized by unanimous vote of the Committee on State of the Church (DB-26) and moved its adoption. The motion, being duly seconded, the Resolution was adopted, as follows:

Resolution
E. F. Tittle

That the General Conference of 1944 now meeting in Kansas City express to the Local Committee on Arrangements its deep satisfaction in the symbols used in the reredos created for the auditorium in which the Conference sessions are held. Altar, cross, open Bible, candelabra, these against a backdrop presenting a map of the world, present a most fitting setting for the work and worship of the Conference, proclaiming the all-embracing love of

APRIL 28 God made manifest in Christ and summoning the Church
THIRD DAY yet once again to look upon all the world as its parish."

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Bishop Lowe stated that the candelabra had been furnished by the Jewish Synagogue.

Motion
 Chapin D.
 Foster

Chapin D. Foster (*) (Pacific Northwest) was recognized on a matter of privilege, and requested that arrangements be made by the Local Committee in rearranging the platform, so that the delegates seated in front of Section A could see, and be seen, by the Presiding Bishop.

Motion
 R. Gammon
 Morris

Motion of R. Gammon Morris (DB-27) (Lexington), duly seconded, prevailed requesting the Council of Bishops to formulate an appropriate statement to reassure those Methodists now in the armed service of our faith in them and prayers for them, and that this statement be circulated throughout the world wherever our youth are located, both through mail and radio.

Announcement
 Fred D.
 Stone

Fred D. Stone (Rock River) made an announcement that extra copies of the Episcopal Address could be secured at the office of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Motion
 J. N. R.
 Score

Motion of J. N. R. Score (Central Texas), duly seconded, prevailed that the Council of Bishops be requested to present the "Bishops and their song" at an appropriate and convenient time (DB-28).

Order of the
 Day
 Financial
 Plan for the
 Quadren-
 nium

The Order of the Day having arrived, Winfred F. Bryan (Texas, SC), Vice-President of the Commission on World Service and Finance, was recognized and stated that the 1940 General Conference had requested the Commission to rewrite the Financial Plan for the Church during the quadrennium; that a Committee on Legislation, with Bishop Clare Purcell as Chairman, was created and had given special study to the matter and was now ready to report. Coston J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) and J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), members of the Committee,

were requested to come to the platform and have charge of presenting the Report, together with Orrin W. Auman, Treasurer of the Commission, to assist them.

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Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE), Secretary of the Commission on World Service and Finance, requested permission to read the "Report on Apportionments" at this time as it would throw light on the "Report on Legislation" to be presented next in order. Common consent was given. The Report was read, and on motion of Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE), duly seconded, ordered published in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, and to go to the Calendar for consideration by the Conference.

Costen J.
Harrell
Presents
Report

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE), Secretary of the Commission on World Service and Finance, presented Part III of the Report of the Commission, entitled "Revision of the Legislation Pertaining to the Financial Plan," and moved that it be considered, section by section. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Part III
Presented

Chapter II, Church Finance, Paragraphs 100 and 101, were presented, and on motion of Winfred F. Bryan (Texas, SC), duly seconded, were adopted.

Chapter II

Section I, The General Commission on World Service and Finance, Paragraphs 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, and 109 were presented, and on motion of Winfred F. Bryan (Texas, SC), duly seconded, were adopted.

Section I

In order to save time, it was agreed, by unanimous common consent, to have the remainder of the Report presented and explained, section by section, dispensing with the making of a motion to adopt, with a second thereto, as the end of each section, unless some objection should be raised, and to deal with the objection, should such be raised, at the time it is raised.

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Section II

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) then presented Section II, The World Service Fund, Paragraphs 110 through 117 inclusive, stating that Paragraph 117 had been amended as follows:

117. The General Commission on World Service and Finance shall after careful study prepare an equitable schedule of apportionments by which the total World Service Budget (Par. 112) shall be distributed to the several Annual Conferences and shall present the same to the General Conference for its action and determination.

Sections III,
IV, V, VI

Section III, Promotion, Paragraphs 118 through 124 inclusive; Section IV, The General Administration Fund, Paragraphs 125 through 128 inclusive; Section V, The Episcopal Fund, Paragraphs 129 through 136 inclusive; Section VI, Miscellaneous, Paragraphs 137 through 145 inclusive, were presented in order. Paragraph 145, in the printed Report, had been edited as follows:

145. The word "Methodist" is not by our approval or consent to be used as, or as a part of, a trade name or trademark, or as a part of, the name of any public firm or organization except by corporations or other public units created for the administration of work undertaken directly by The Methodist Church.

Section VII

Section VII, The Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, Paragraphs 146 through 164 was presented and explained.

Edward A.
Smith Moves
to Amend

Edward A. Smith (*) (Detroit) moved to amend Paragraph 156, page 14, by inserting after the word "Conference" in the next to the last line the following: "The Commission on World Service and Finance, or the Treasurer, as the Conference may determine" (DB-29). Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) accepted the amendment for the Commission, no objection being raised by the Commission or the Conference.

Edward A. Smith (*) (Detroit) moved to further amend Paragraph 156, page 14, by striking

out the word "rent" in the fifth line, and insert in lieu thereof the word "dwelling" (DB-29). This amendment was also accepted by Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) for the Commission, no objection being raised by the Commission or the Conference.

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Claude Young (Northwest Indiana) moved to amend Paragraph 147 by inserting after the ending of the second sentence in line three, page 13, the following sentence: "The Treasurer, who is an employee of the Commission, shall not be a member of the same" (DB-30). Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) accepted the amendment for the Commission, no objection being raised by the Commission or the Conference.

Claude Young
Moves to
Amend

Section VIII, Ministerial Support, Paragraphs 165 through 174 inclusive, was presented. Roy H. Short (Louisville) asked if Paragraph 841 of the 1940 *Discipline* concerning the support of District Superintendents through the District Stewards had been eliminated. Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) answered that "it was not read, but it is not eliminated."

Section VIII

Guy O. Carpenter (Indiana) moved to amend Paragraph 174, page 17, by adding the following: "unless such publication is contrary to the policy of the Institution to which the man is assigned" (DB-31). Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) accepted the amendment for the Commission, no objection being raised by the Commission or the Conference.

Guy O.
Carpenter
Moves to
Amend

Section IX, The Local Church, Paragraphs 175 through 181 inclusive, was presented. This completed the presentation of the Report.

Section IX

Lud H. Estes (Memphis) moved the adoption of the Report. The motion was duly seconded.

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine) called attention to a typographical error in Paragraph 136 at the beginning of line 7, and moved that the word

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Callaghan
Moves to
Amend

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"each" be changed to the word "the." The amendment was accepted by Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) for the Commission, no objection being raised by the Commission or the Conference.

Roy R. Roudebush (*) (North Indiana) moved to amend Paragraph 162, page 15, by inserting after the words "District Superintendents" in line 5, the words "District Lay Leaders" (DB-32). The motion being seconded, Roy R. Roudebush spoke in favor of the amendment. Fred D. Stone (Rock River) and Louis E. Orcutt (*) (Newark) spoke against the amendment. Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) stated the amendment could not be accepted by the Commission, and gave the reasons. The amendment was not adopted.

Arthur M.
Wells Moves
to Amend

Arthur M. Wells (Illinois) moved the following amendment to Section VII, The Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance (DB-33), to be inserted at the proper place:

The Commission shall recommend to the Annual Conference the amount in which the Treasurers of all unincorporated Boards or Commissions shall be protected by fidelity insurance, and application for such fidelity bonds shall be made by the corporate body of the Annual Conference, and the costs shall be provided for out of the funds held by the unincorporated Board or Commission so insured. And institutions and organizations that are incorporated under the laws of the State shall secure fidelity bonds for the Treasurers of their funds and shall pay the cost of the premium required.

Amendment
Accepted

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) accepted the amendment for the Commission, no objection being raised by the Commission or the Conference, and suggested that the amendment be inserted at the end of Paragraph 159, page 15. Arthur M. Wells (Illinois) agreed to this.

Miron A.
Morrill

Miron A. Morrill (Minnesota) as a matter of privilege for the house requested Guy O. Carpenter (Indiana) to state the background of his

amendment to Paragraph 174, previously adopted. Guy O. Carpenter (Indiana) gave the reasons, whereupon Miron A. Morrill (Minnesota) moved to lay the amendment on the table. The Chair ruled the motion to lay on the table out of order.

Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) asked a question concerning Paragraph 153, page 14. Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) answered the question, and requested Thomas A. Stafford (Northern Minnesota) to explain more fully as the question involved Conference Claimants and annuity payments. Thomas A. Stafford (Minnesota) explained the proposed legislation.

Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) moved to amend Paragraph 153, page 14, by adding the words "observing the requirements in Par. 1323, Section 4" (DB-34). The motion was duly seconded.

Frederick B. Newell (New York East) moved as a substitute the deletion of the last two lines of the Paragraph, which read: "and shall recommend to the Annual Conference the method by which the same shall be apportioned to the Pastoral Charges of the Conference" (DB-35). The motion to substitute was duly seconded.

The hour of recess being at hand, motion of Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska), duly seconded, prevailed that we extend the time to hear Frederick B. Newell (New York East) and then take our recess.

Frederick B. Newell (New York East) spoke to the motion to substitute.

The Conference recessed for ten minutes, with action on the substitute proposed by Frederick B. Newell (New York East) pending.

Conference reassembled after the recess and the Boston University Seminary Singers, under the direction of Prof. James R. Houghton, sang "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" and the "De Pro-

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Benjamin W.
Meeks
Raises
Question

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F. B. Newell
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fundis," the setting of the 130th Psalm, which John Wesley heard sung in St. Paul's Cathedral on the day which he had his strange heart-warming experience.

Substitute
Accepted

The pending matter before the Conference was the consideration of the substitute offered by Frederick B. Newell (New York East) to the amendment proposed by Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore). Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) accepted the substitute offered by Frederick B. Newell (New York East). Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) accepted the substitute for the Commission, no objection being raised by the Commission or by the Conference.

A. W. Pugh
Moves to
Amend

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved to amend Paragraph 175, page 17, next to the last sentence, which reads: "The First or Second Quarterly Conference may accept, increase, or decrease the amount *apportioned* for World Service and Conference Benevolences," so that it shall read: "The First or Second Quarterly Conference may accept, increase, or decrease the amount of *its acceptances* for World Service and Conference Benevolences" (DB-36). The motion being seconded, Winfred F. Bryan (Texas, SC) spoke against the amendment. Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) accepted the amendment for the Commission, no objection being raised by the Commission or by the Conference.

Amendment
Accepted

G. S. Lynch
Moves to
Amend

G. Stanley Lynch (*) (Philadelphia) moved to amend Paragraph 175, page 17, by inserting the words "and the Chairman of the Local Board of Missions and Church Extension" after the words "the District Steward for the Charge" found at the beginning of line five (DB-37). The motion was seconded, and G. Stanley Lynch (*) (Philadelphia) spoke to the motion.

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) spoke against the amendment.

Walter V. Cropper (Kentucky) moved as a substitute that Paragraph 175 be recommitted to the Commission for rewriting. The motion being duly seconded, Walter V. Cropper spoke to the same.

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W. V. Cropper
Moves to
Substitute
Motion Lost

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) spoke against the motion to recommit. The motion to recommit, being put, did not prevail.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) spoke in favor of the amendment by G. Stanley Lynch (*) (Philadelphia) to amend Paragraph 175. Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) stated the Commission could not accept the amendment, and spoke against it. The motion to amend, being put, did not prevail.

G. W. Henson
Speaks to
Report

Edward A. Smith (*) (Detroit) moved to amend Paragraph 178, section A, at the top of page 19, by striking out the words "House Rent (if actually paid in cash)"; following the words "Salary and" at the beginning of line 2, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "suitable provisions for a dwelling" (DB-38). Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) spoke against the amendment. The motion to amend, being put, was adopted.

E. A. Smith
Moves to
Amend

Thomas H. West (*) (Rock River) moved to amend Paragraph 134, page 10, by deleting the pronoun "he" in line six, following the words "thirty days after such retirement," and substitute therefor the phrase "any effective Bishop so relieved of his duties" (DB-39). Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) and J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) both spoke against the proposed amendment. The amendment, being put, was not adopted.

T. H. West
Moves to
Amend

Charles A. Robbins (*) (Pacific Northwest) requested a rereading of the amendment of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana). The Secretary read the amendment. Charles A. Robbins (*) (Pacific

Amendment
Lost

Charles A.
Robbins
Moves
Reconsideration

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Northwest) moved that the Conference reconsider its action whereby the amendment of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) was adopted. The motion, being duly seconded, was adopted.

A. Wesley
Pugh
Point of
Order

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) made the point of order that you cannot reconsider a matter that was accepted by the Committee, and the Conference had not voted upon. The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

E. D. Baker
Moves to
Amend

E. D. Baker (Southwest Missouri) moved that Paragraph 175, page 17, be amended by restoring the original word "*apportioned*" for the words "*of its acceptances*" previously accepted by the Commission on the motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. Charles A. Robbins (*) (Pacific Northwest), Gus W. Thomasson (*) (North Texas), J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke to the motion.

Amendment
Accepted

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) accepted the amendment for the Commission, no objection being raised by the Commission or the Conference.

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) moved that the Report be adopted as a whole. The motion was duly seconded.

W. S. C.
Pellowe
Moves to
Amend

William C. S. Pellowe (Detroit) moved to amend Paragraph 180, page 20, item 3, by adding the words "and deposit in that bank in the name of the Church" (DB-40). James A. Perry (Troy) seconded the amendment and spoke to the same. The amendment was adopted.

P. M. Hillman
Moves to
Amend

Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska) moved to amend Paragraph 174, page 17, by the deletion of the clause "unless such publication is contrary to the policy of the Institution to which the man is assigned," which clause had previously been accepted by Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) on motion of Guy O. Carpenter (Indiana), thus restoring it to its original printed language (DB-

41). The motion being seconded, Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska) spoke to the same. Arthur M. Wells (Illinois) spoke in favor of the amendment. Guy O. Carpenter (Indiana) spoke in favor of his amendment. The amendment of Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska) was adopted.

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Amendment
Adopted

Motion of Edward A. Smith (*) (Detroit), duly seconded, prevailed that the General Commission on World Service and Finance be authorized and directed to make the changes in the wording of Paragraphs 130 and 132, which may be necessary to bring the allowance for the Bishop's dwelling within the provisions of the Revenue Act which exempts from gross income "the rental value of a dwelling furnished to a minister" (DB-42).

E. A. Smith
Moves to
Amend
Adopted

Earl F. Baumhofer (Northern Minnesota) moved to amend Paragraph 180, page 20, Section 1, by inserting after the word "He" at the beginning of the sentence, the words "or the Financial Secretary" (DB-43). Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) accepted the amendment for the Commission, no objection being raised by the Commission or the Conference.

E. F. Baum-
hofer Moves
to Amend

Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) moved to amend Paragraph 180, page 20, by adding "6. These regulations shall also apply to the Treasurer of Benevolences, where there is such a Treasurer" (DB-44).

Amendment
Accepted

B. W. Meeks
Moves to
Amend

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) accepted the amendment for the Commission, there being no objection raised by the Commission or by the Conference.

Amendment
Accepted

Reginald V. Bennett (Louisville) inquired if Paragraph 179 of the Report, page 19, is in harmony with Paragraph 770, 1940 *Discipline*. Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) replied, "There seems to be a conflict there," and requested that J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) and himself be given permission to make the necessary

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Changes
Ordered

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R. Gammon
Morris
Moves
Previous
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AdoptedEditorial
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AdoptedOrder of Day
Postponed

editorial changes, provided that no change is made in the law of the Church. The Conference gave unanimous consent for this to be done.

R. Gammon Morris (Lexington) moved the previous question. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

The Report, as amended, was adopted. For Report see page 827.

Motion of Winfred F. Bryan (Texas, SC), duly seconded, prevailed that Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE) and J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) be given permission to make any editorial changes needed in the Report, provided that no change is made in the law of the Church.

On motion of Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee, SE), duly seconded, the following Covering Resolution was adopted (DB-45) :

Resolved: First, That the Report on Revised Financial Legislation, adopted by the General Conference, be and is hereby substituted for Chapter II, Paragraphs 804 to 855 inclusive (1940 *Discipline*), and that the same be included in the 1944 *Discipline* as legislation duly enacted by the General Conference of The Methodist Church;

Second, That Paragraphs 550 to 560 inclusive, and Paragraphs 804 to 855, inclusive, 1940 *Discipline*, be and are hereby repealed;

Third, That all other legislation in the 1940 *Discipline* dealing with the financial plan of The Methodist Church in conflict or at variance with the Revised Financial Legislation above mentioned be and is likewise repealed.

Motion of Winfred F. Bryan (Texas, SC), duly seconded, prevailed that we postpone further action under the present Order of the Day, in order that representatives of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and also of the World Council of Churches, might be heard at this time, as the Conference, by a previous Order of the Day, had provided for their presentation and statements following the Reports of the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, at the request of Bishop Lowe, introduced Dr. Samuel McRae Cavert, General Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Dr. Cavert addressed the Conference and presented the Report of the Federal Council, with the request that it be referred to the Committee on Interdenominational Relations. Motion of Winfred F. Bryan (Texas, SC), duly seconded, prevailed referring the Report to the Committee on Interdenominational Relations.

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Samuel McRae
Cavert
Presented

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam presented Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, American General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. Dr. Leiper addressed the Conference.

Henry Smith
Leiper
Presented

Bishop Lowe suitably thanked Doctors Cavert and Leiper, in behalf of the General Conference, for their presence and addresses.

The time of adjournment nearing motion of Winfred F. Bryan (Texas, SC), duly seconded, prevailed that we postpone further consideration of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance until the next session of the Conference, and that it be resumed at that time, as the continuing Order of the Day.

Further Con-
sideration
Postponed

Bishop Lowe, in well-chosen words of appreciation, presented Dr. Orrin W. Auman, Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance. The delegates rose and applauded. Dr. Auman replied in a most appropriate manner. He then made some announcements relative to the business of the General Conference.

O. W. Auman
Presented

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed that when we adjourn it be to meet tomorrow morning, Saturday, April 29, 1944, at 8:30 A. M.

Motion of
G. W. Hen-
son

Edward D. Kohlstedt, Executive Secretary for Home Missions, of the Division of Home Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension,

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stedt Pre-
sents Report

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presented the Report of the Commission on Relations with the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, with a request from the Joint Commission on Co-operation and Counsel with the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, that the Commission be continued for another quadrennium. Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska) moved that the Commission be continued as requested. The motion was duly seconded. Dr. Kohlstedt presented the Report and spoke briefly to the same. On motion of Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia), duly seconded, the Report and the motion of Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska) were referred to the Committee on Interdenominational Relations.

Trustees of
Drew
University
Elected

Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) presented the following nominations for Trustees of Drew University (DB-46) and moved that the Secretary of the General Conference cast the vote of the body for their election. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. Class of 1956: Rev. Nolan B. Harmon, Jr., Rev. Chester C. Marshall, Rev. Albert H. Marion, Rev. Eric M. North, Rev. John M. Pearson, Rev. Harold Paul Sloan, Rev. J. Edgar Washabaugh, M. Luther Haggerty, William MacRossie, Oscar H. Merz, C. C. Moore, Charles C. Parlin, William S. Pilling, Paul Sturtevant. To fill vacancies in the Class of 1948: Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, Ross Allen Baker. Thereupon the Secretary of the General Conference cast the vote of the Conference for the persons named by Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) as Trustees of Drew University, and Bishop Titus Lowe declared the same to be duly elected Trustees of Drew University, and for the terms of office indicated.

By common consent the time was extended to complete the business of this session.

Special Order
of Day Set

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), in behalf of the Committee on the State of the Church, moved a suspension of the Rules of Order to hear

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on tomorrow morning a Report on the Church and Rural Life, prepared by Governor Thomas L. Bailey, of Mississippi, and a member of the Conference, to be published in tomorrow's *Daily Christian Advocate*. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed suspending the Rules of Order. Motion of Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), duly seconded, prevailed that we set as the Order of the Day for tomorrow morning, Saturday, April 29, 1944, the hearing of the Report, immediately following the conclusion of consideration of the Reports from the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam was recognized and made the following statement:

Bishop Ralph
A. Ward

"The Council of Bishops is in receipt of news, which has come indirectly but from a reliable source, that Bishop Ralph A. Ward, who has been interned in Shanghai, has had a decided improvement in health and, though detained, is in a good spirit of courage and contentment."

The following Resolution (DB-47) was adopted on motion of Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), duly seconded:

Motion of T.
B. Lugg re
Platform
Arrangements

INASMUCH as some 75 delegates are now prevented from seeing or being seen by the Presiding Officer, because of the platform arrangement, thus not only making it difficult to gain the floor, but also preventing them from being seen when voting, therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Conference Committee on Entertainment be requested to rearrange the platform before the next session, so that the Presiding Officer shall be within the vision of all delegates.

Leland Moore (South Georgia), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented Report No. 1 and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. For Report see page 744.

Report No. 1
Credentials

J. Manning Potts (Virginia), Chairman, presented Report No. 1 (DB-48) of the Committee

Report No. 1
Special
Programs

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on Special Programs, and it was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Special Programs recommends that the Association of Schools and Colleges be allowed time for a special program on Sunday afternoon, April 30, 1944, beginning at 3 P.M.

J. MANNING POTTS, *Chairman*;

FRANK C. TUCKER, *Secretary*.

Presiding
Officer
Announced

Isaac E. Miller (Ohio), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, announced that Bishop Francis J. McConnell would preside at Saturday morning's session.

Stenographic
Assistants

Leslie J. Lyons (Southwest Missouri) made a statement regarding securing stenographic assistance for the business of the Conference. John Q. Schisler (North Arkansas) stated the Board of Education could have four stenographers here by Monday morning. Motion of James A. Perry (Troy), duly seconded, prevailed authorizing Leslie J. Lyons (Southwest Missouri), Chairman of the General Conference Entertainment Committee, to do whatever was necessary to secure sufficient stenographic assistance.

Announcements were made. Motion of Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, that we do now adjourn.

Adjournment

The Conference adjourned at 12:45 P.M., with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Titus Lowe.

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FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1944, MORNING SESSION

Bishop
McConnell
Presides

The General Conference convened for the session of the Fourth Day on Saturday, April 29, 1944, with Bishop Francis J. McConnell presiding. Bishop McConnell called the Conference to order at 8:30 A.M., and announced that Bishop Carleton Lacy, of the South China Area, would conduct the devotional services.

Bishop Lacy announced, and the Conference joined in singing, Hymn 279, "God of Grace and God of Glory," after which he led in the responsive reading found on page 576 of The Methodist Hymnal, entitled "Spiritual Treasure."

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Bishop
Carleton
Lacy

Prof. James R. Houghton favored the Conference with a solo, "O Lord on High," by Mozart.

Bishop Lacy gave the Devotional Message based upon the words of the Responsive Reading and closed with prayer.

Bishop McConnell called the business session to order.

Business
Session

The Report of the Committee on Journal (DB-49) was presented and adopted, as follows:

Journal
Report

"We have examined the Journal for April 28 and it is correct."

FRED'K L. PEDERSEN, *Chairman*;
A. M. CARTER, *Secretary*.

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, requested that Bishop H. Lester Smith, President of the Council of Bishops, present the Bishops' wives, who were seated in a place of honor on the platform. The following were introduced and greeted with applause: Mrs. H. Lester Smith, Mrs. A. Frank Smith, Mrs. Raymond J. Wade, Mrs. William C. Martin, Mrs. Ivan Lee Holt, Mrs. Ralph S. Cushman, Mrs. Edwin F. Lee, Mrs. Carleton Lacy, Mrs. G. Bromley Oxnam, Mrs. Wilbur E. Hammaker, Mrs. Charles W. Flint, and Mrs. Titus Lowe.

Wives of
Bishops
Presented

Motion of Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), duly seconded, prevailed that the General Conference, through its Secretary, send appropriate greetings to the Bishops' wives who were not present today.

Greetings
Ordered

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona) next presented E. Pearce Hayes (Foochow).

Message from
Generalissimo Chiang
Kai-shek

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Bishop Chen
Presents
Message

Chairman of the China Delegation, for a privileged matter. E. Pearce Hayes (Foochow) stated that President Chiang Kai-shek of the Republic of China had sent a message to the General Conference, and requested Bishop W. Y. Chen to present the message. Bishop Chen read the message (DB-50), first in Chinese, see page 866, and then the English translation, as follows:

"Dear Bishop Chen: The World Conference of The Methodist Church is now in session. Since it is not possible for me to broadcast my message, I hereby cable you the greetings in Chinese which you will kindly translate into English and present to the World Conference.

"To the General Conference of The Methodist Church: I have learned that the World Conference of The Methodist Church is now in session. With utmost sincerity, I, Chung-Cheng (the Generalissimo's personal name), bring to you my greetings and congratulations, praying that the Conference may be crowned with great success, that all the members of the Conference will, with the spirit of forbearance and fortitude, unite in the common effort of securing the happiness and blessing of all mankind, and that His righteousness may prevail.

"CHIANG KAI-SHEK,
The President of the Republic of China."

The Conference stood at the reading of the message and applauded at its close.

Reply Ordered
Sent

Motion of E. Pearce Hayes (Foochow), duly seconded, prevailed, by a standing vote, instructing the Secretary of the General Conference to send the greetings and affections of this Conference to Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, assuring them of our determination to stand by their side in their heroic struggle until we together may build a lasting and enduring peace.

Resolution by
T. A. Stafford and A.
T. McIlwain

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona) presented, as a matter of privilege, the following Resolution offered by Drs. T. A. Stafford and A. T. McIlwain, of the Board of Pensions (DB-51), and it was adopted, as follows:

WHEREAS, The General Conference of 1940 referred several important problems to the Commission on Pension Legislation which it has not been able to deal with satisfactorily—namely, (1) provision of “old age security for lay workers of The Methodist Church” (see Par. 1697, *Discipline* of 1940); (2) the extension of the operation of the clearinghouse system of “Divided Annuity Responsibility” to the Territory of the Missouri Corporation (see Introduction to Par. 1698, *Discipline* of 1940); (3) the providing co-operatively a basic minimum annuity rate operative within the boundaries of one or more Jurisdictional Conferences;

WHEREAS, When the said Commission became aware that the Congress of the United States is considering legislation which would provide social security coverage to lay workers in the Churches, it did not deem it wise to act while Congressional legislation on this subject is pending; and

WHEREAS, It will require at least another quadrennium to complete the preparation of ministerial records in the office of the Missouri Corporation, so that the clearinghouse could be operated satisfactorily; and

WHEREAS, There are certain aspects of the clearinghouse extension problem that require further study; therefore be it

Resolved, That this General Conference create a Commission on Pension Legislation which shall consist of one Minister and one Layman from each Jurisdictional Conference, these to be chosen by The Board of Pensions from its membership as elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences, and two Bishops to be elected by the Board of Pensions from the three Bishops elected by the Council of Bishops to the membership of The Board of Pensions.

The said Commission, so constituted, shall investigate further the problems connected with the extension of clearinghouse operation to the Territory of the Missouri Corporation, obtain statistical data showing its probable effect, and bring recommendations to the General Conference of 1948. The Commission shall also have the responsibility of studying the operation of the entire pension plan of the Church and shall recommend such changes therein as it may deem suitable and necessary. If Congress does not enact the Walsh Bill which proposes extension of the benefits of Federal Social Security to lay workers of educational, charitable and religious organizations, the aforesaid Commission shall devise a plan whereby The

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APRIL 29 Methodist Church itself can provide old-age annuities for
FOURTH DAY such workers.
Saturday (Signed) T. A. STAFFORD, *Northern Minnesota Conference*
Morning A. T. MCILWAIN, *North Mississippi Conference.*

Resolution by
 C. W.
 Brashares

Charles W. Brashares (Detroit), as a privileged matter, presented the following Resolution (DB-52) and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, The effectiveness of the work of Christ (as carried on throughout the world of The Methodist Church) is greatly dependent on the funds raised for World Service in the local Churches of our Communion; and

WHEREAS, The splendid increase of 18 per cent recorded during the past ten months of the fiscal year requires an unusual response of the Church during the month of May if it is to be made actual for the year; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this General Conference of Methodism send a challenge to our people all over the nation to demonstrate their loyalty to the Church and the Kingdom during this crucial five weeks before May 31st by bringing extraordinary gifts to the altars of the Churches of Methodism for Methodism's service to the world, through its program of General Benevolences.

Roy L. Smith
 Speaks to
 Resolution

Charles W. Brashares (Detroit) requested the privilege of yielding the floor to Roy L. Smith (Southern California-Arizona) to speak to the Resolution. This was granted by common consent, and Roy L. Smith (Southern California-Arizona), Herschel R. Snavelly (*) (Illinois), and Edmundo G. Morgado (Cuba) spoke to the Resolution. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

H. R. Snavelly
 Edmundo G.
 Morgado

O. W. Auman

Orrin W. Auman (Colorado), Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, was recognized for an announcement concerning the expense accounts of the delegates.

J. E. Skillington
 Presents
 Report

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) presented a Report from the General Commission on World Service and Finance, called for by Paragraph 855 of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, relative to salaries, for such disposition

as the Conference might wish to make of it. By common consent, it was received and ordered to record. For Report see page 862.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) presented Report No. 1 of the General Commission on World Service and Finance (DCA-12) concerning World Service Ratios.

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Report No. 1
World Service and
Finance
Presented

Cassius E. Street (Southwest Missouri) moved to amend by adding Section III (DB-53), as follows:

C. E. Street
Moves to
Amend

“Under the supervision of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, authorization is granted for the solicitation of designated gifts with World Service credit on Apportionment for Freeman Hospital, Joplin, Mo., in the amount of \$4,000.00 per year.”

The motion being seconded, Cassius E. Street (Southwest Missouri) spoke to the same. J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke against the motion. Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri) spoke for the motion. William H. Utz, Jr. (*) (Missouri) spoke against the amendment.

J. Edgar Skillington
L. J. Lyons

The motion to amend, being put, did not prevail. The Report, as presented, was adopted. For Report see page 850.

Amendment
Lost
Report
Adopted

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) presented Report No. 2 of the same Commission relative to “The Episcopal Fund Budget” (DCA-12), calling attention to the following changes: In column 3, Roman numeral II should read “Episcopal residence, travel, secretarial and office expenses.”

Report No. 2
World Service and
Finance

Column 3, Section II, 1 (a) is rewritten, as follows (DB-54):

“a. For an Episcopal residence furnished there shall be allowed a sum of from \$500.00 to \$1,800.00, the exact amount of which shall be determined by the Commission upon consideration of the facts in each case.”

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Column 3, Roman numeral II, Arabic numeral 3, insert the words "and Jurisdictional" between the words "General" and "Conference" in line 3, changing the word "Conference" to "Conferences," so that the paragraph will read:

"3. For retired bishops: Traveling expenses incurred by each retired bishop and missionary bishop in attending the meetings of the General and Jurisdictional Conferences, and of the Council of Bishops shall be paid."

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), at the request of the Committee on Central Conferences, created at this session of the General Conference, asked permission to withdraw items 6 and 7, column 3, in order to confer with the Committee on Central Conferences, said items 6 and 7 to be presented to the Conference later during the session. Unanimous consent was given.

L. O. Hartman
Item 4, Col. 3
Withdrawn

At the request of Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Item 4, Column 3, under Section II, and at the request of Cristobal G. Coates (*) (Eastern South America), Paragraph 2, a and b, column 3, were also withdrawn for conference with the Committee on Central Conferences, there being no objections raised by either J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) for the Commission or the Conference.

A. W. Pugh
Moves a
Substitute

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved to amend Section I, paragraph 3, by substituting \$2,700.00 for \$3,300.00 (DB-55). The motion being seconded, A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) spoke to the same.

Lynn Harold
Hough

Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) spoke against the amendment.

Chester A.
Smith

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke for the amendment.

Winford F.
Bryan

Winfred F. Bryan (Texas), Vice-Chairman of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, spoke against the amendment.

David K. Pegues (Missouri) spoke in favor of the amendment.

Charles A. Robbins (*) (Pacific Northwest) moved the previous question. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) closed the debate for the Commission. Henry J. Gernhardt (North Dakota) raised the point of order that J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) was speaking under the previous question. The Chair ruled that he had the right to do so.

The time of recess being at hand, by common consent it was postponed until the vote on the amendment could be taken.

The amendment was adopted, and the Conference recessed for ten minutes.

Conference reassembled within ten minutes with Bishop McConnell in the Chair.

The Boston University Seminary Singers, under the direction of Prof. James R. Houghton, sang "The Creation" by Richter and a spiritual "Oh Mary, What You Goin' to Name That Pretty Little Baby?"

Fred E. Lott (Wyoming) called for a count vote on the A. Wesley Pugh amendment, adopted just before recess. The Chair ruled it out of order as the vote had been declared.

Troy W. Appleby (*) (Ohio) moved to amend Section I, paragraph 3, by substituting \$3,000.00 for \$2,700.00 (DB-56). The motion, being duly seconded, Troy W. Appleby (*) (Ohio) spoke to the same. The amendment, being put to vote, was adopted.

Claude Young (Northwest Indiana) moved to amend Section III by adding at the end of the first paragraph the following sentence (DB-57) " ; and if the receipts in the Fund admit, to reduce the apportionment below 1 3/4 % as much as possible,

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Pegues

Charles A.
Robbins
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Question

Henry J.
Gernhardt
Raises Point
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Moves Count
Vote

Troy W.
Appleby
Moves
Substitute

Claude Young
Moves to
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so as to avoid an unreasonable surplus." The amendment was accepted by J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) for the Commission, there being no objection raised by the Commission or the Conference.

Those parts of Report No. 2 of the General Commission on World Service and Finance which had not been withdrawn for further consideration, on motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, were adopted. For Report see page 850.

J. Edgar
Skillington
Moves
Covering
Resolution

On motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, the following covering Resolution was adopted:

"That the General Commission on World Service and Finance be authorized to make any changes deemed necessary in the phraseology of the Report which do not change the amounts therein stated to the end, if possible, that a portion of the allowance voted to retired Bishops shall come within the exclusion of the Revenue Act exempting from gross income the rental value of a dwelling furnished to a minister of the Gospel."

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World Serv-
ice and
Finance

Report No. 3 of the same Commission, entitled "General Administration Fund" (DCA-13), was presented by J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For Report see page 853.

Report No. 4
World Serv-
ice and
Finance

Report No. 4 of the same Commission, entitled "Miscellaneous Recommendations" (DCA-13), was presented by J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), and, on his motion, duly seconded, Section 1 with its four items was referred to the Committee on Missions and Church Extension.

Section 2, "Recommendations on Payments to Theological Schools," was presented. Paul N. Garber (Western North Carolina) moved to amend by inserting the word "Methodist" before the word "Theological" in the sixth line of the paragraph. This amendment was accepted by J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) for the Commis-

sion, there being no objection raised by any member of the Commission or of the Conference. This Section was adopted, on motion of Paul N. Garber (Western North Carolina), duly seconded.

Section 3 "Recommendations on Budgets" and Section 4 "Recommendation on General Administration Fund" were separately presented and each, on motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, separately adopted.

Section 5 "Matter of Reference" was presented, and, on motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, was adopted and referred to the Committee on Interdenominational Relations.

The Chair ruled there was no necessity of adopting the Report as a whole, inasmuch as each recommendation was a separate one. For Report see page 855.

A Special Report of the same Commission (DCA-51) concerning "Apportionments" was presented and explained by Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee), Secretary of the Commission. On motion of John W. Branscomb (Florida), duly seconded, the following amendment (DB-58) was adopted: "provided, that the apportionments of those Annual Conferences that paid a sum in excess of the amount apportioned to them during the year 1943-1944, shall be apportioned for the ensuing quadrennium on the basis of 10% in excess of the 1943-1944 apportionment." This amendment to be inserted in the second paragraph following the figures "31, 1944," at the beginning of the 25th line of said second paragraph.

The Report, as amended, was adopted, on motion of Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee), duly seconded. For Report see page 856.

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) moved that we suspend the Rules of Order for the consideration and action on Report No. 1 of the Committee on

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World Service
and
Finance

J. W.
Branscomb
Amends

Daniel L.
Marsh
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Education

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Education, Calendar No. 15, Subject, "Selective Service Deferment for Ministerial Students," published on page 56 of today's *Christian Advocate*. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Rules were suspended.

The Report was then presented by Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman of the Committee, who made the following motion (DB-59) concerning its adoption:

"I move that the Report be adopted, and that the Presiding Officer of this session, and the Secretary of the General Conference, be instructed to send it to the Selective Service Division, requesting that Service, in the name of the Methodist General Conference, to make the same exception for Protestant Pre-Theological students in our Colleges as are made for Pre or Junior Theological students in the schools of our sister Church, viz., the Roman Catholic Church."

Horace G.
Smith

Horace G. Smith (Rock River) spoke to the Report and seconded the motion for its adoption. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 546.

Bishop Arthur
J. Moore
Ferdinand
Sigg

Bishop Arthur J. Moore was recognized for a matter of special privilege for the Conference, and read the following cablegram (DB-60):

"Brotherly love and greetings to General Conference and friends. We remember blessed meetings of former years. Request General Conference grant prolongation of enlarged rights for Switzerland Church contained in Paragraph 1632 of the *Discipline*. With unbroken fellowship we remain faithfully yours."

(Signed) FERDINAND SIGG,

Elected President Switzerland Annual Conference.

L. O. Hartman

On motion of Lewis O. Hartman (New England), duly seconded, the request was referred to the Committee on Central Conferences.

Report No. 2
State of
Church

The Order of the Day having arrived, Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee on State of the Church Calendar No. 11, subject "The Church and Rural Life" (DCA-55) and moved that the

Rules of Order be suspended for the consideration and action of the Conference thereon, as the Report was published in today's *Christian Advocate*. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

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Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River) presented Thomas L. Bailey (*) (Mississippi), Governor of the State of Mississippi, who spoke to the Report. At the conclusion of the remarks, the Conference stood and applauded.

Thomas L. Bailey
Speaks

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend the Report by adding:

C. A. Smith
Moves to Amend

"Religious work in many rural communities would be greatly strengthened if their two or more weak Protestant Churches could be united into one strong Community Church. In communities where such unions are undertaken and would be beneficial, we urge our Methodist officials to assist in bringing them about." (DB-61)

The motion being seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the same.

James A. Perry (Troy) spoke against the amendment. The amendment, being put to a vote, did not prevail.

James A. Perry

B. Clyde Clark (*) (West Oklahoma) spoke for the Report. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 724.

B. Clyde Clark
Report
Adopted

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed, that we adjourn it to meet tomorrow night, Sunday, April 30, 1944, in an official session of the Conference, to be known as International Night.

Sunday Night
Session

Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), Chairman, moved that the Rules of Order be suspended for the consideration and action on Report No. 1 of the Committee on Judicial Administration (DCA-54), Calendar No. 9, subject "The Judicial Council." The motion, being duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was presented. On motion of Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), duly seconded, the Report was adopted,

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Judicial Administration
Presented

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Report
Committee
Special
Programs

with the proviso that it become effective immediately. For Report see page 454.

J. Manning Potts (Virginia), Chairman, separately presented two Reports (DB-62 and 63) from the Committee on Special Programs. They were adopted, as follows:

"The Committee on Special Programs recommends that the Commission on Evangelism be allowed to have a preaching service this evening at eight o'clock in the Little Theatre, with Dr. George Mecklenberg of Minneapolis as the preacher."

(Signed) J. MANNING POTTS, *Chairman*.

"The Committee on Special Programs recommends that the Boston University Seminary Singers be allowed to arrange a special musical program to be given in this auditorium Monday evening, beginning at 7:30 P.M. and ending at 8:15 P.M., and, that since they are here at their own expense, an offering be taken to be given to them. We feel that their great service to this Conference merits this recognition."

(Signed) J. MANNING POTTS, *Chairman*.

Report No. 2
Credentials

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Credentials (DCA-101) was presented by Leland More (South Georgia), Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 744.

Presiding
Officer
Announced

Isaac E. Miller (Ohio), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, announced that Bishop Robert E. Jones would preside at the session on Sunday night, April 30, 1944, and Bishop W. Walter Peele at the session Monday morning, May 1, 1944.

Resolution
M. LaFayette
Harris

On motion of M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington), duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-64) was adopted:

Resolved, That just before adjournment today this General Conference stand in a moment of silent prayer for the leadership of our country on the occasion of the death of the Honorable Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, and that the Secretary be instructed to convey appropriate expressions.

On motion of Lester Rumble (North Georgia), duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-65) was adopted:

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Resolved, That this body as individuals convey to our home Churches today, by air mail, special letters or telegrams, the necessity of urgent action on their part for the next five weeks that the financial goal of Methodism in World Service shall be reached this fiscal year.

Motion, Lester Rumble

Motion of Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), duly seconded, prevailed that no Memorials be received for reference to the various Committees of the Conference after the closing of Monday morning's session, May 1, 1944.

Time Limit
Memorials

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) presented a recommendation (DB-66) from the Commission on Records, Forms and Statistical Blanks, appointed by the 1940 General Conference, and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted, as follows:

Resolution
G. W. Henson re
Statistical
Blanks

"The Commission on Records, Forms, and Statistical Blanks recommends that the *Discipline* shall be amended by the insertion of the following after Paragraph 903 of the 1940 *Discipline*:

The records, forms, and statistical blanks, as prepared by the Commission on Records, Forms, and Statistical Blanks, for use in the quadrennium, shall become effective for use beginning with the Fall Conferences next succeeding the General Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
CURTIS B. HALEY, *Secretary*.

Calendar Secretary Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania) explained the method by which Standing Committee Reports go to the Calendar, and are called up for action, and stated that the Calendar was ready to be called.

Calendar
Edgar R.
Heckman

W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar, subject "Religion in

Report No. 1
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Interests

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- Report No. 2** Report No. 2 of the same Committee, subject "Christian Advocate, Central Edition" (DCA-46), Calendar No. 2, was presented by W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 703.
- Report No. 3** Report No. 3 of the same Committee, subject "Filling Vacancies on the Board of Publication" (DCA-46), Calendar No. 3, was presented by W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 704.
- Report No. 4** Report No. 4 of the same Committee, subject "Manuals for Training in Church Membership and the Christian Life" (DCA-46), Calendar No. 4, was presented by W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 704.
- Rules**
Suspended Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), Calendar Secretary, moved that the Rules of Order be suspended for consideration and action on Report No. 1 of the Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 5, appearing in today's issue of the *Christian Advocate*. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Rules were suspended.
- Report No. 1**
Ministry John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 5 (DCA-53), subject, "Receiving Ministers from Other Churches," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 667.
- Report No. 8**
Evangelism
Withdrawn At the request of Albert E. Day (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism, the Conference granted permission for the Committee to withdraw Report No. 6, Calendar No. 6 (DCA-53), that it might be presented later in connection with the larger program being

prepared in co-operation with the Council of Bishops and the Committee of Twenty-one. For Report see page 594.

Albert E. Day (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman, stated that there was a typographical error in the printing of Report No. 1 of the Committee, listed under Calendar No. 7 (DAC-53) in that it was a Non-concurrent Report, and is not properly before the Conference at this time.

Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), Chairman, moved that the Rules of Order be suspended for the consideration and action on Report No. 2 of the Committee on Judicial Administration (DCA-53), Calendar No. 8, appearing in today's issue of the *Christian Advocate*, page 53, Subject, "Declaratory Decisions." The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Rules were suspended. The Report was adopted on motion of Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), duly seconded. For Report see page 610.

After various announcements, the Conference stood for a moment in silent prayer, according to previous action, and adjourned at 12:33 P.M., with the benediction, pronounced by Bishop Francis J. McConnell.

FIFTH DAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 1944,
EVENING SESSION

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The Methodist Church convened at 8:00 P.M., Sunday evening, April 30, 1944, with Bishop Robert E. Jones in the Chair.

Previous to the beginning of the session, an orchestral meditation was given from 7:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. by the orchestra of the Southwest High School of Kansas City, Missouri, under the direction of Mr. Logan Zahn.

Seated on the platform were the Chancel, Saint Cecelia and Bobby Watkins Memorial Choirs from

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Presiding

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Linwood Methodist Church and the Senior Choir of the Centennial Methodist Church of Kansas City, Missouri. In the upper balcony, at the rear of the Convention Hall, the Chapel Choir of the Linwood Methodist Church was seated. The Linwood Choirs were directed by J. Max Kruwel, Minister of Music, and Mary Hargis White, Associate. The director of the Centennial Choir was J. Oliver Morrison. Mrs. Grace Jefferson, pianist, accompanied the Centennial Choir and J. Max Kruwel was at the pipe organ.

The Processional Hymn was "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand." This was followed by an antiphonal, "Jesus Stand Among Us," after which the congregation joined in singing "From All That Dwell Below the Skies."

Bishop Carle-
ton Lacy

Bishop Carleton Lacy of China read the Scripture lesson from Philippians, first chapter, verses 9 to 26 inclusive, after which Bishop Enrique C. Balloch of South America led in prayer.

Bishop E. C.
Balloch

The combined choirs sang "The Holy City" in an antiphonal arrangement, solos being rendered by Buddy Armstrong, boy soprano; Rebecca Bissell, soprano; Donna McQuerry, soprano; and Joan Havens, contralto.

Bishop
Broomfield
Takes
Offering

Bishop John C. Broomfield, Resident Bishop, presided over the taking of the offertory, an offertory anthem, "Listen to the Lambs," being sung by the Centennial Methodist Choir.

Bishop
J. Waskom
Pickett

Bishop Robert E. Jones presented Bishop J. Waskom Pickett of India, who gave an address based on Philippians 1:17, "I am set for the defense of the Gospel." At the close of the message, the congregation arose and joined in singing the Doxology. For Address see page 893.

Bishop W. Y.
Chen

Bishop Robert E. Jones next presented Bishop Wen-yuan Chen of China, who addressed the Conference on the subject, "The March of Methodism in China Today and Tomorrow," basing his re-

marks on the closing sentence of the twenty-eighth verse of the second chapter of Joel, "Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions." At the close of the message the audience stood and joined in singing "The Gloria." For Address see page 900.

Bishop Robert E. Jones then presented Bishop Eleazar Guerra of the Methodist Church of Mexico for the closing address of the evening. Bishop Guerra gave a graphic account of the progress of the Mexican Methodist Church. For Address see page 908.

At the close of the address the Conference stood and joined in singing one verse of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and adjourned with the benediction, pronounced by Bishop Edwin F. Lee of Malaya and the Philippine Islands, the massed choirs singing a choral response.

SIXTH DAY, MONDAY, MAY 1, 1944,
MORNING SESSION

The General Conference convened in the session of the sixth day on Monday, May 1, 1944, at 8:30 A.M., with Bishop W. Walter Peele in the Chair.

Bishop Peele announced that the devotional service would be conducted by Bishop John C. Broomfield.

Bishop Broomfield announced Hymn 379, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," the Conference rising and joining in the singing, led by Prof. James R. Houghton. The prayer "For the Church," found on page 515 of the *Methodist Hymnal*, and the Apostles' Creed were read by the Conference in unison, Bishop Broomfield leading. Bishop Broomfield brought the Devotional Address on the theme "Placing a Proper Value upon the Church," using as the basis of his remarks Ephesians 1:1, "To the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus." At the close of the Address the Con-

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Bishop Eleazar Guerra

Bishop Edwin F. Lee

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Bishop
Broomfield

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 Report

ference stood and sang "America," during which salutes were given the American and Christian flags.

Bishop Peele called the Conference to order for business, and the Report of the Committee on Journal (DB-67) was adopted, as follows:

"We have examined the Journal of Saturday morning, April 29, and Sunday evening, April 30, and find them correct."

FRED'K L. PEDERSEN, *Chairman*;
 A. M. CARTER, *Secretary*.

Bishop G.
 Bromley
 Oxnam
 Makes
 Statement

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, was recognized for an important announcement of the action taken by the Council of Bishops relative to the question of the proper treatment, by way of entertainment, for the Negro delegates to the General Conference.

Glenn R.
 Phillips

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented several matters, and action was taken on each separately, as indicated:

Cassius E.
 Street

1. Presented Cassius E. Street (Southwest Missouri), who in turn introduced Rabbi Samuel Mayerberg of the Temple, Kansas City, Missouri, with the statement that the candelabra used on the platform had been furnished by Rabbi Mayerberg and the Temple. Rabbi Mayerberg briefly addressed the Conference, closing with the following words:

Rabbi Samuel
 Mayerberg

"May I ask that old traditional blessing upon you that you find with me in our Bible: 'May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord enlighten His countenance upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and grant you peace. Amen.'"

Bishop H.
 Lester
 Smith
 Introduces
 Wives of
 Bishops

The Conference stood and applauded.

2. Requested Bishop H. Lester Smith, President of the Council of Bishops, to introduce the wives of the Bishops who were not present Satur-

day morning. Bishop H. Lester Smith introduced Mrs. Robert E. Jones, Mrs. Francis J. McConnell, Mrs. Enrique C. Balloch and Mrs. J. Lloyd Decell. The Conference stood and applauded.

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3. On behalf of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges moved that the Memorial Service be held at the devotional period tomorrow morning, Tuesday, May 2, 1944, that period to be extended to fifteen minutes, allowing from 8:30 to 9:15 A.M. for the Memorial Service; that Bishop J. Ralph Magee would preside, and Bishop Clare Purcell would bring the Address. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Memorial
Service
Ordered

4. On a question of high privilege, requested that Roy L. Smith (Southern California-Arizona) be granted the floor. This was done and Roy L. Smith (Southern California-Arizona) presented the following paper (DB-68) :

Roy L. Smith

GROVER CARLTON EMMONS
1886-1944

Grover Carlton
Emmons

Methodist people everywhere have heard with profound grief of the sudden passing of Dr. Grover Carlton Emmons, a servant of this General Conference, and affectionately known to all as the Editor and Creator of the devotional magazine, *The Upper Room*.

He died unexpectedly on the evening of Friday, April 14, 1944, at his home in Nashville, Tenn. The members of this General Conference, personally and officially, extend to his widow, Helen Boulware Emmons, and to his daughter, the two sons, and to his aged mother, our Christian greetings and sincere sympathy.

Dr. Emmons began his ministry in the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, where from 1912 through 1930 he held important pastorates. He became Presiding Elder of the Los Angeles District. In 1934 he was called to be Secretary of the Department of Home Missions Evangelism and Hospitals of the Board of Missions, serving in that capacity until Unification. He was a member of the General Conference of 1930, 1934 and 1938. In 1939 he was a member of the Uniting Conference, and the 1940 General Conference of the new Church saw him a delegate.

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As Co-ordinate Executive Secretary of the General Commission on Evangelism his service to the Church has been invaluable. His unusual business ability, together with his far-seeing and modest spirit, has long marked him as an outstanding servant of the Church and the Kingdom. His unusual abilities have been recognized outside of his official positions, so that in both 1943 and 1944 he was chosen to be the Executive Secretary of the Week of Dedication.

But Dr. Emmon's special monument will remain his remarkable creation, *The Upper Room*. Following the long-time dream which came to him for a devotional guide for those who wish to cultivate the acquaintance of God, this remarkable devotional magazine came to light in April, 1935. From a first edition of 100,000 it has grown to a paid circulation of over 2,000,000 and its ministry has gone around the world and embraces all communions. It is not only published in English but in Korean, Hindustanian, Spanish, Portuguese and the end is not yet. A quarter of a million copies go with each issue to our men in the armed forces around the world. All of this means that the ruling passion of Grover Emmons was to bring the knowledge of Christ to all peoples everywhere.

The funeral services were held at the Belmont Methodist Church in Nashville on Saturday afternoon, April 15.

"While we miss his living presence,
There's a light to pierce our gloom,
For we know he still is serving,
Living in God's Upper Room."

Paper Ordered
to Record

On motion of Roy L. Smith (Southern California-Arizona), duly seconded, the above paper, by a standing vote, was made a part of the records of this General Conference, and a copy ordered furnished the family and also published in *The Christian Advocate*.

L. O. Hartman
Moves Sus-
pension of
Rules

5. Requested that Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Central Conferences, be granted the privilege of the floor for the presentation of an important matter relating to the Central Conference. By common consent this was done, and Lewis O. Hartman (New England) moved that the Rules of Order be suspended

for the introduction of a Resolution to facilitate the work of the Committee on Central Conferences. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Rules were suspended.

Lewis O. Hartman (New England) presented the following Resolution (DB-69) and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That in order to provide adequate supervision for Central Conferences and Provisional Central Conferences, as need may arise, the General Conference shall elect one or more Missionary Bishops for administration in such areas.

The motion being duly seconded, Lew O. Hartman (New England) spoke to the same.

George M. Davenport (North Alabama) moved that the paper be referred to the Judicial Council for their decision as to its constitutionality. J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) made the point of order that as the Resolution had not been acted on by the Conference, there was nothing to refer. The Chair ruled the point well taken.

W. Marvette Curtis (Alabama) moved as a substitute for the Hartman Resolution the provisions of Paragraphs 35 and 431, section 5, of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, which reads as follows (DB-70):

Par. 35. Art. II. The Bishops shall be elected by the respective Jurisdictional, and Central Conferences and ordained or consecrated in the historic manner of Episcopal Methodism at such time and place as may be fixed by the General Conference.

Par. 431. 5. The General Conference shall make provision for the Episcopal supervision of work in the territory outside the United States which is not now included in Central Conferences.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke against the Curtis substitute.

Guy O. Carpenter (Indiana) moved to lay the

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Resolution, L.
O. Hartman

G. M. Davenport Moves
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J. Edgar Skillington
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W. M. Curtiss
Moves
Substitute

Guy O. Carpenter
Moves to
Lay on
Table

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- A. W. Pugh
Raises
Question
- substitute on the table, but withdrew his motion, since it would take everything connected with the pending matter, if the motion were adopted.
- A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) asked the question if it would weaken the Resolution if the word "may" was substituted for the word "shall." Lewis O. Hartman (New England) replied that it would, and that the proposed change could not be accepted.
- C. C. Bell
- C. Cooper Bell (Virginia) spoke against the Resolution.
- Leon T. Moore
Moves
Previous
Question
- Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) moved the previous question. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.
- N. B. Harmon,
Jr., Raises
Question
- Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia), asked if there are at present provisions for missionary Bishops in The Methodist Church. Lewis O. Hartman (New England) replied that there is, and that we have two missionary Bishops now at work, one in Malaya and the other in Africa.
- T. Morton
McDonald
Makes
Point of
Order
- T. Morton McDonald (*) (Indiana) made the point of order that, as the provisions are already in the *Discipline*, the substitute of W. Marvette Curtiss (Alabama) was not in order. The Chair ruled the motion to substitute was properly before the Conference.
- The motion to substitute, being put, did not prevail. The Resolution of Lewis O. Hartman (New England) was adopted.
- Motion of
J. Edgar
Skillington
Appealing
to Judicial
Council
- On motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, the following was unanimously adopted (DB-71) :
- "In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 604 of the *Discipline* I move an appeal to the Judicial Council to determine the constitutionality of the action just taken relating to the proposed election of Missionary Bishops."
- Hazen G.
Werner
6. Requested that Hazen G. Werner (Ohio), Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Dele-

gates, be recognized for a privileged matter. The request was granted by common consent. Hazen G. Werner (Ohio) introduced Mr. Elias Hernandez, (*) Fraternal Delegate from the Methodist Church of Mexico, who brought fraternal greetings from that Church. (See Fraternal Addresses, page 891. Senor Hernandez spoke in Spanish, Milton C. Davis (*) (Methodist Church of Mexico), President of the Union Theological Seminary of Mexico, acting as interpreter.

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Elias
Hernandez
Presented

Milton C.
Davis
Translates

Dr. B. C.
Roberson
Presented

Dr. Benjamin C. Roberson, Fraternal Delegate from the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, was then introduced by Hazen G. Werner (Ohio). Dr. Roberson brought fraternal greetings from that Church. (See Fraternal Addresses, page 883.)

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), as a matter of high privilege for the Conference, moved that the Chairmen of Committees 1 to 8 be excused for ten minutes to map out a program to be taken up after recess this morning. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Chairmen
Excused

7. Requested that J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) be heard on an important matter connected with the appeal to the Judicial Council on the constitutionality of the proposed election of Missionary Bishops. By common consent this was done, and J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved that the Committee on Central Conferences be directed to select one man to represent each side of the question before the Judicial Council. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Motion
J. Edgar
Skillington
re Appeal
to Judicial
Council

8. Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, at the request of certain Bishops and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules, moved that Rule 21 of the Rules of Order, dealing with the presentation of minority and majority Reports be referred to the Committee on Rules for

Motion, Glenn
R. Phillips
re Rules

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Francis R.
Bayley
Granted
Privileges
of Floor

clarification. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved that the privilege of the floor be granted to Francis R. Bayley, President of the Judicial Council, for a statement. This was done by common consent, and Francis R. Bayley stated that the Judicial Council would be glad to hear the arguments on both sides concerning the election of Missionary Bishops in the Judicial Council Room, on the mezzanine floor of the Muelbach Hotel, at 3 P.M. today.

Motion
Benjamin F.
Schwartz
re F. D.
Roosevelt

Benjamin F. Schwartz (Nebraska) as a matter of high privilege presented the following (DB-72):

"I move that the Secretary be instructed to prepare a suitable greeting to the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States and Commander-in-Chief of our Armed Forces, in which we express to him our lively interest in the profound issues, both domestic and international, which he faces as the Chief Executive of the Nation, and that we assure him of our continued earnest prayer that he be granted wisdom from Almighty God that he may render leadership worthy of a nation whose God is the Lord, and whose mission is that 'under God government of the people, for the people, and by the people shall not perish from the earth.'"

W. F. Bryan
Moves to
Refer

The motion was duly seconded. Winfred F. Bryan (Texas) moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges. The motion was duly seconded, but did not prevail.

Fred D. Stone
Moves to
Amend

Fred D. Stone (Rock River) moved that the motion be amended so that the greetings to the President include only the expression of our greetings and our prayers for his direction under the Spirit of God (DB-73). The amendment was accepted by Benjamin F. Schwartz (Nebraska), and the motion, as amended, was adopted.

Nominations
for General
Commission
on World
Service and
Finance

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, was recognized, and presented

the following nominations (DB-74) for the General Commission on World Service and Finance: Northeastern Jurisdiction: C. W. Kitto (Philadelphia), L. W. Stringfellow (New Hampshire), W. Clyde Sykes (*) (Northern New York), Henry Gilligan (*) (Baltimore); Southeastern: Henry W. Blackburn (Florida), Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee), Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), William F. McMurry (*) (Memphis); Central Jurisdiction: Gradison M. Phelps (North Carolina), Amos L. Holland (Mississippi), Samuel J. McDonald (*) (South Carolina), J. E. Wilkins (*) (Lexington); North Central Jurisdiction: Charles W. Brashares (Detroit), Richard C. Raines (Northern Minnesota), Herschel R. Snavely (*) (Illinois), George R. Klein (*), (North-East Ohio); South Central Jurisdiction: A. E. Kirk (Kansas), R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas), J. T. Thompson (*) (Little Rock), Frank L. McNeny (*) (North Texas); Western Jurisdiction: H. Guy Goodsell (Oregon), W. P. Rankin (California), J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona), A. Raymond Reeves (*) (Montana). On motion of Frederick L. Pedersen (Pacific Northwest), duly seconded, the nominees were elected as members of the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

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Elected

Bishop Oxnam stated that the Council of Bishops had received a telegram relative to possible changes in the law which may effect the 15% deduction for charitable purposes on the income tax (DB-75). Motion of Frederick L. Pedersen (Pacific Northwest), duly seconded, prevailed, referring the telegram, without reading, to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam and Telegram

Matthew S. Davage (Louisiana, C) was recognized, and, in behalf of the members of the Central Jurisdiction, expressed their deep appreciation of the stand taken by the Council of Bishops, as set

M. S. Davage

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forth by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam earlier in today's session, relative to the question of proper treatment by way of entertainment for the Negro Delegates to the General Conference.

J. N. R. Score
Moves Order
of the Day

On motion of J. N. R. Score (Central Texas), duly seconded, consideration of the Report of the Commission on Ritual and Orders of Worship was made the Order of the Day for Wednesday, May 3, 1944, immediately after the morning recess.

Recess

Bishop Peele declared the Conference to be in recess for ten minutes.

Bishop Peele called the Conference to order at the expiration of the recess period, and stated that Dr. James R. Houghton would lead the Conference in a hymn. Dr. James R. Houghton announced, and the Conference joined in singing, Hymn 240, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Presiding
Officer
Announced

Isaac E. Miller (Ohio), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, announced that Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker would preside at Tuesday morning's session, May 2, 1944.

Calendar

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, was recognized and outlined the plan agreed upon by the Chairmen of Committees 1 to 8 for the consideration of the Calendar at this session of the Conference, and moved that the Rules of Order be suspended for consideration and action on the following Reports appearing in today's *Christian Advocate*: Ministry, Calendar Numbers 19, 20, 21; Education, Calendar Numbers 31, 32; Publishing Interests, Calendar Numbers 24, 25, 26, 27, 28; Conferences, Calendar Numbers 30, 36, 37; State of the Church, Calendar Number 23. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Rules of Order were suspended for consideration and action on the above named Reports.

Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), First Assistant Secretary, and in charge of the

Calendar, proceeded with the call of the Calendar as agreed upon by the Committee of Chairmen.

Report No. 1, Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 10 (DCA-54), subject "Overseas Relief," was presented by Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 722.

Report No. 1, Committee on Interdenominational Relations, Calendar No. 12 (DCA-55), subject "Ecumenical Methodist Conference," was presented by Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia), Chairman, with the request that Paul N. Garber (Western North Carolina), Secretary of the Ecumenical Methodist Council, Western Section, speak to the Report. Paul N. Garber (Western North Carolina) spoke to the Report, after which it was adopted, on motion of Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia), duly seconded. For Report see page 603.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 13 (DCA-55), subject "Church Membership," was presented by Schuyler E. Garth (North-East Ohio), at the request of Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the Committee. Schuyler E. Garth (North-East Ohio) requested permission, by common consent, to make a correction in the printed Report. Consent being unanimously given, the following correction was made (DB-76): substitute for the word "otherwise" in line nine, Paragraph D, page 55 DCA, column 3, the words "other evidence of their recognition of their membership vows."

H. Wendell Ware (West Virginia) moved to amend, as follows (DB-77):

Section A, line 4, delete "and substituting therefor the Active and Inactive."

In place of Sections B, C, D, and E of the Report make word 'Inactive.' Line 7, strike out the words, "both Section B to read "Delete all of Part II, Section IV of the

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H. Wendell
Ware Moves
to Amend

- MAY 1** 1940 *Discipline* except Paragraph 148 (and place Paragraph 148 in Part II, Section V).
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- Amendment
Lost
- The motion to amend being seconded, H. Wendell Ware (West Virginia) spoke to the same. J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) and Schuyler E. Garth (North-East Ohio) spoke against the Ware amendment. The amendment did not prevail.
- B. W. Meeks
Moves to
Amend
- Amendment
Accepted
- Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) moved to amend Section G, page 56 DCA, column 1, by deleting the words "removed without certificate" found in line 14 (DB-78). The amendment was accepted by Schuyler E. Garth (North-East Ohio) for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the Conference, and, on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 632.
- Report No. 5
Publishing
Interests
- Report No. 5 of the Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 16 DCA 56, subject "Coordination of Good Literature," was presented by W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.
- M. C. Redwine
L. H. Hough
- Marcus C. Redwine (*) (Kentucky) spoke against the Report. Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) spoke in favor of the Report. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 705.
- Report No. 6
Publishing
Interests
- Report No. 6, Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 17, DCA 56, subject "Department of Public Information of The Methodist Church," was presented by W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 705.
- Report No. 7
Publishing
Interests
- Report No. 7, Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 18, DCA 57, subject "Annual Conference Records," was presented by W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, with a statement that there was a typographical error in the number recorded voting against the Report, as the Re-

port was adopted by a unanimous vote. On motion of W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 706.

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Report No. 2
Ministry

Report No. 2, Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 19, DCA 68, subject "Ad Interim Licensing Committee," was presented by John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, who moved its adoption. John R. Kenney (California) raised the question as to the effect of this amendment in Conferences which do not have District Conferences. John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, requested permission to withdraw the Report, in order that a conference might be had with the Committee on Conferences, which was dealing with the same matter. By common consent the request was granted and the Report was withdrawn. For Report see page 667.

Report No. 3, Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 21, DCA 68, subject "Reports of Local Preachers," was presented by John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 668.

Report No. 3
Ministry

Report No. 4, Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 20, DCA 68, subject "Duties of Ministerial Members of an Annual Conference," was presented by John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 668.

Report No. 4
Ministry

Report No. 8, Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 24, DCA 68, subject "Rearranging Sections IV and VI of the Discipline," was presented by W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, who asked common consent to postpone action on this Report until the Committee on Publishing Interests could have a conference with the Committee on Central Conferences. The request was unanimously granted. See page 307.

Report No. 8
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Interests

Report No. 9, Committee on Publishing Inter-

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ests, Calendar No. 25, subject "Rearrangement of Materials in 'Discipline' Dealing with the Local Church," was presented by W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, who asked common consent to change the words "the basic" at the end of line 1 of the first paragraph of the Report and substitute therefor the words "an important." Common consent was unanimously given. W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, moved the adoption of the Report, and the motion was duly seconded.

H. L. Lambdin
Moves to
Substitute

Henry L. Lambdin (Newark) moved to amend by substituting under Chapter I, The Pastoral Charge, the following (DB-79):

The visible Church of Christ is a fellowship of faithful men under God the Holy Spirit, united for worship and service, maintaining the preaching of the pure Word of God, and the due administration of the Sacraments, affirming the personal experience of the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the witness of the Spirit, and manifesting the love of God that is shed abroad in the heart through the Holy Spirit.

M. A. Morrill
Raises Point
of Order

Miron A. Morrill (Minnesota) raised the point of order, can the General Conference amend Article of Religion No. XIII?

The Chair ruled the point well taken, as it involved a constitutional matter. Henry L. Lambdin (Newark) and W. Angie Smith (North Texas) both spoke to the pending matter. Bishop W. Walter Peele then made the following statement:

Bishop Peele's
Statement

"The Chairman would like to apologize to the brother. His motion to substitute is not a change of the Article of Religion, but to substitute this in lieu of the Article of Religion in this paragraph, and he is in order."

Henry L. Lambdin (Newark) spoke in further support of his motion to substitute.

Motion of
Daniel L.
Marsh to
Refer

Motion of Daniel L. Marsh (New England), duly seconded, prevailed, referring the Report

back to the Committee for further consideration and report to this body. See page 296.

Report No. 10, Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 26, DCA 69, subject "Commission on Records, Forms, and Statistical Blanks," was presented by W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee) moved to amend by adding after the word "Superintendents" in line eleven the following "and a representative from the General Commission on World Service and Finance, or from the office of the Central Treasury" (DB-80). W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, accepted the amendment, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the Conference. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 710.

Report No. 2, Committee on Education, Calendar 31, DCA 70, subject "Increasing Sunday School Attendance," was presented by Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 546.

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, stated there was a typographical error in the numbering of the Reports, Calendar No. 31 is Report No. 2 instead of No. 4 and Calendar No. 32 is Report No. 3 instead of No. 5.

Report No. 3, Committee on Education, Calendar No. 32, DCA 70, subject "Increasing Enrollment and Attendance of the Church School," was presented by Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was referred to the General Board of Education. For Report see page 547.

Report No. 1, Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 30, DCA 70, subject "Lay Member of Annual Conference Added to Quarterly Confer-

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Interests

Costen J. Harrell Moves to Amend

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Education

Report No. 1
Conferences

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A. W. Martin

Earl R. Brown

C. W. Caldwell
Moves to
Amend

ence," was presented by George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded. Albert W. Martin (North Arkansas) and Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio) spoke to the Report.

Charles W. Caldwell (South Carolina, C) moved to amend by deleting the words "Lay Member of the Annual Conference" following the words "Lay Leader" at the beginning of line 6, second paragraph (DB-81). The motion was duly seconded. The amendment did not prevail.

Mrs. F. A.
LambDaniel L.
Marsh, A.
W. MartinMiron A.
MorrillBenjamin W.
Meeks
Moves to
Amend

Mrs. Fred A. Lamb (*) (Southwest Missouri), Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Albert W. Martin (North Arkansas) spoke to the Report. Miron A. Morrill (Minnesota) moved to recommit to the Committee for clarification. Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) moved to amend the motion to recommit to the Committee on Conferences, by adding that the Committee on Conferences confer with the Committee on Education before reporting back to the General Conference. The amendment was accepted by Miron A. Morrill (Minnesota). J. Ed Fain (South Georgia) and D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore) spoke to the Report.

Miron A.
Morrill

J. Ed Fain

D. Stewart
PattersonR. Gammon
Morris
Moves
Previous
Question

R. Gammon Morris (Lexington) moved the previous question. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered. The motion to recommit was adopted. For Report see page 532.

Bishop G.
Bromley
Oxnam
Presents
Reports

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, was recognized, and read the Preamble (DB-82) to the five Reports that are to be correlated under The Crusade for Christ, if the General Conference so orders.

Bishop Oxnam presented the Report of the Crusade for a New World Order, and, on motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis), duly seconded, it was referred without reading to the Continuing Committee, but with the proposals entitled "Next

Steps" appearing on page 54 to be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* (DB-83).

By common consent the time was extended to complete the matters before the Conference.

Charles A. Jones (Ohio) presented the Report of the Committee of Twenty-One (DB-84), and also the Report of the Committee on Evangelism (DB-85); Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas) presented Report No. 20 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy (DB-86); John Q. Schisler (North Arkansas) presented the Report of the Board of Education on Sunday School Enrollment and Attendance. Motion of Charles A. Jones (Ohio), duly seconded, prevailed that Reports be received, and printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* without reading.

On motion of Charles A. Jones (Ohio), duly seconded, consideration of the Preamble, and the five Reports listed above, was made the Order of the Day for Wednesday, May 3, 1944, immediately following the Report of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges.

Fred D. Stone (Rock River) stated that the publishers of the *Daily Christian Advocate* would do their best to have the Reports printed in time for consideration Wednesday morning, but that the printers were approaching the bottleneck in the production of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed that when we adjourn it be to meet tonight in regular session at 7:30 P.M., and that from 7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M., the Conference would be favored with a concert given by the Seminary Singers of Boston University School of Theology, as a part of the Conference session.

Motion of Lewis O. Hartman (New England), duly seconded, prevailed, that a suitable message of greeting, signed by the President of this session

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Charles A. Jones

Ray H. Nichols

John Q. Schisler

Motion of Charles A. Jones

Order of the Day Set

Fred D. Stone
re Printing

Night Session Ordered

Greetings to Vincent P. Clarke

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Presiding
 Officer
 Announced

Motion, Frank
 D. Slutz re
 Addresses

of the General Conference, and the Secretary, be sent to Vincent P. Clarke, a member of the Judicial Council, now overseas in the service of his country (DB-88).

Isaac E. Miller (Ohio), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, announced that Bishop Clare Purcell would preside at tonight's session.

On motion of Frank D. Slutz (Ohio), duly seconded, the addresses delivered by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Dr. W. Aiken Smart, and Dr. Fred G. Holloway at the special meeting in the interest of Christian Education on Sunday afternoon, April 30, 1944, were ordered printed in the Journal of the General Conference (DB-89). For addresses see page 868.

Luther W.
 Wells Pre-
 sents Report
 Junaluska

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia) presented the Report of the Trustees of Lake Junaluska (DB-90), and by common consent it was received and ordered to record. For Report see page 790.

Trustees Lake
 Junaluska
 Elected

On motion of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), duly seconded, the following were elected Trustees of Lake Junaluska for an eight-year term of office: Elmer T. Clark, New York, N. Y.; Edwin L. Jones, Charlotte, N. C.; Benjamin H. Littleton, Washington, D. C.; G. L. Morelock, Chicago, Ill.; C. C. Norton, Spartanburg, S. C.; Clare Purcell, Charlotte, N. C.; W. F. Quillian, New York, N. Y.; Guy E. Snavely, New York, N. Y.; and for a four-year term of office, the following: H. A. Dunham, Asheville, N. C.; R. L. Flowers, Durham, N. C.; Paul B. Kern, Nashville, Tenn.; W. A. Lambeth, Asheville, N. C.; W. Walter Peele, Richmond, Va.; W. S. F. Tatum, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Luther W. Wells, Richmond, Va.

Adjournment

After various announcements, the Conference adjourned at 12:50 P.M. with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Herbert Welch.

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EVENING SESSION

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The General Conference convened in the evening session of the sixth day, at 7:30 P.M., Monday, May 1, 1944, with Bishop Clare Purcell in the Chair.

Professor James R. Houghton led the Conference in the singing of the National Anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner," after which Dr. W. G. Henry, of the Judicial Council, led in prayer.

Special Musical Program
of Boston
Seminary
Singers

The Seminary Singers, Boston University School of Theology, under the direction of Dr. James R. Houghton, with Mr. Thomas Curtis, accompanist, gave the following concert:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Martin Luther
De Profundis (Out of the Deep) Arr. by Houghton
Glory to That New-Born King Arr. by John W. Work
The Seminary Singers

Soprano Solo: Love Has Eyes Bishop
Nora Riggs

A Song of Joy Gretchaninoff
Credo (I Believe) From the Russian Liturgy.
Gretchaninoff

The Seminary Singers

Reading: Gunga Din Kipling
The Rev. Newton Fritchley of Calcutta, India
Dear Harp of My Country (Paul Cargo, Soloist).

Welsh Folk Song

The Sleigh Kountz
The Roman Life Victor Herbert
The Seminary Singers and Nora Riggs

Offertory: Two Friends: a Trumpet Duet Selected
Roland Sundberg and Charles Benton

Chapel Quarter

All in the April Evening Robertson
Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray Spiritual
R. Courtney, P. Cargo, R. Clark, D. Nothdurft

The Creation Richter
Boston University Hymn (Alma Mater).

President Daniel L. Marsh

Bishop Purcell, in well-chosen words, expressed the deep appreciation of the General Conference

Bishop Purcell
Express
Thanks of
Conference

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to Dr. Houghton and the Seminary Singers for their fine music and ministry rendered to the General Conference. Dr. Houghton appropriately replied.

Bishop H. Lester Smith
Takes Offering

Bishop H. Lester Smith, President of the Council of Bishops, made a statement concerning the Seminary Singers, and an offering was taken amounting to \$784.00 to help defray their expenses to and from Boston.

The Committee on the Journal and the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges stated they would report tomorrow morning.

Francis R. Bayley
Presents Decisions of
Judicial Council

Francis R. Bayley, President of the Judicial Council, was recognized for a matter of high privilege and presented the following Decision of the Judicial Council (DB-91) :

DECISION OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL
*Constitutionality of the Election
of Missionary Bishops by the
General Conference*

On Monday, May 1, 1944, the General Conference passed the following Resolution :

“Resolved, That in order to provide adequate supervision for Central Conferences and Provisional Central Conferences, as need may arise, the General Conference shall elect one or more Missionary Bishops for administration of such areas.”

An appeal was taken by more than the necessary number to the Judicial Council on the question of constitutionality.

The Constitution, Paragraph 35, Article II, reads as follows :

“The Bishops shall be elected by the respective Jurisdictional and Central Conferences, and ordained or consecrated in the historic manner of Episcopal Methodism, at such time and place as may be fixed by the General Conference.”

There is no provision for the election of a Bishop by the General Conference.

Since the General Conference cannot go beyond the clear powers granted in the Constitution, we must declare that it would be unconstitutional for the General Conference to elect Missionary Bishops.

The Judicial Council is unanimous in this opinion.

(Signed) F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

(Signed) H. R. VAN DEUSEN, *Secretary*.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved that the Rules of Order be suspended for the session, relating to the number of members on the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, and a quorum for the same (DB-92), as the Rules of Organization adopted on the opening day called for a Committee of twelve members. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Rules of Order were suspended.

Motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, prevailed that the action of the General Conference in electing a Committee of twenty-five on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms be validated, and that the Committee be authorized to operate with a quorum of ten members (DB-92).

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), on a matter of privilege, moved that the Rules of Order be suspended in order that he might make a motion to appeal to the Judicial Council on a Disciplinary Paragraph. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Rules of Order were suspended.

Lewis O. Hartman (New England) moved an appeal to the Judicial Council as to the constitutionality of Paragraph 934, 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, which reads as follows:

"In fields outside the United States the Annual Conferences may seat regularly appointed lay missionaries

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Motion, J. Edgar Skillington re Validation of Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms

Motion, L. O. Hartman re Appeal to Judicial Council

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of the Board of Missions and Church Extension in the Annual Conference session and give them the privileges of the floor and the right to vote on all questions not Ministerial or constitutional and they shall be eligible for election to Mission or Conference Committees."

Rights of Lay
 Missionaries

The point the Committee on Central Conferences desired to bring out in this paragraph is "the right of lay missionaries who have not been appointed by their Annual Conferences to sit in the meetings of the Annual Conferences, and have the right to vote on questions other than Ministerial or Constitutional questions." The motion, duly seconded, was unanimously adopted.

Calendar

The Calendar was taken up. Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), First Assistant Secretary, and in charge of the Calendar, called for the presentation of Reports in the following order:

Report No. 1
 Conferences

Report No. 1, Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 30, DCA-70, subject "Lay Member of Annual Conference Added to Quarterly Conference," was presented by George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, who called attention to the following changes which had been made in the printed Report, since it had been recommitted to the Committee for clarification this morning:

In the second paragraph, line 3, strike out the comma after the word "Supernumerary"; delete the words "Superannuated and" in the same line; strike out the comma after the word "Preachers" in line four; make the word "Endeavor" in line 13 plural; change the word "representatives" in line 14 to "Presidents"; strike out the comma in line 15 after the words "Woman's Societies," inserting in lieu thereof the word "of" and strike off the letter "s" in the word "Services" at the end of the same line; in line 16 change the word "Brotherhoods" to "Men's Work."

E. D. Baker
 Asks Question

E. D. Baker (Southwest Missouri) asked a question concerning the various Presidents hold-

ing membership in the Quarterly Conference, and the Chairman of the Committee gave an explanation.

John Q. Schisler (North Arkansas) moved to amend the Report by striking out in lines 11 to 14 inclusive the following "Superintendents of Church Schools, Presidents of Young People's Divisions, Epworth Leagues, Christian Endeavors, and kindred societies"; and inserting in lieu thereof "the General Superintendents of the Church Schools, Presidents of Young People's Departments or Divisions." (DB-94) The amendment was accepted by George W. Henson (Philadelphia) for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or of the Conference.

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John Q. Schisler Moves to Amend

Amendment Accepted

W. Clyde Donald (Detroit) moved to amend the Report by adding the word "Charge" before the words "Lay Leader" at the beginning of line 6 (DB-95). This was accepted by the Chairman, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee or of the Conference.

W. Clyde Donald Moves to Amend

Loyd F. Worley (New York East) moved to amend by adding the words "Methodist Youth Fellowships" after the words "Young People's Divisions" in line 12, and adding the words "and kindred organizations" to follow the words "Woman's Societies of Christian Service" in line 15 (DB-96). The motion was duly seconded. The first offered amendment was accepted by the Chairman, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee or of the Conference. The second proposed amendment was put to a vote, and did not prevail.

Loyd F. Worley Moves to Amend

The Report, with accepted amendments, on motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 532.

Report No. 2 Conferences

Report No. 2, Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 36, DCA-70, subject "Minimum Support

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Report No. 3
Conferences

for Pastors," was presented by George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For Report see page 532.

Report No. 3, Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 37, DCA-70, subject "Duties of the Quarterly Conference," was presented by George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For Report see page 533.

Report No. 3
State of
Church

Report No. 3, Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 23, DCA-68, subject "Use of the Term 'Methodist,'" was presented by Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, who stated that he was instructed by unanimous vote of the Committee to amend the Report if the Conference would consent thereto. No objection being raised, the following was submitted (DB-07): "No person, no paper, no organization has the authority to speak officially for The Methodist Church, except only the General Conference under the Constitution." On motion of Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, duly seconded, the Report, as amended, was adopted. For Report see page 724.

Report No. 5
Ministry

Report No. 5, Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 22, DCA-68, subject "Duties of Unordained Local Preachers," was presented by John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded. Samuel C. Rice (Kentucky) moved as a substitute the following (DB-98):

S. C. Rice
Moves
Substitute

"When an unordained preacher on trial in an Annual Conference is regularly appointed to a Pastoral Charge, he shall be authorized to administer the Sacraments of Baptism, the Lord's Supper and to perform the marriage ceremony, if the laws of the State permit. Such authorization shall be valid only within the bounds of his Charge."

The motion to substitute, being duly seconded, Samuel C. Rice (Kentucky) spoke to the same.

John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, spoke against the substitute. T. Morton McDonald (*) (Indiana) moved to amend the substitute by striking out the last sentence, which reads, "Such authorization shall be valid only within the bounds of his Charge" (DB-99). The motion to amend was duly seconded. Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) spoke against the Report, the substitute, and the amendment to the substitute. Sidney H. Babcock (West Oklahoma) called attention to the fact that Paragraph 223, Section 3 of the 1940 *Discipline* was also involved, and moved that it be included in the Report (DB-100). The motion was duly seconded. John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, accepted the amendment for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee or of the Conference.

R. Gammon Morris (Lexington) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered. John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, closed the debate. The amendment to the substitute, being put to a vote, was not adopted. The substitute, being put to a vote, was not adopted. John L. Wolfe (West Virginia) moved to amend the Report. The Chair ruled no amendment is in order under the previous question. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 668.

Report No. 11, Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 27, DCA-69, subject "A Methodist Historical Magazine," was presented by W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 710.

Report No. 13, Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 28, DCA-69, subject "To Revise the Official Certificate of Baptism for Adults," was presented by W. Angie Smith (North

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 T. Morton McDonald Moves to Amend
 Lynn Harold Hough Speaks to Report
 S. H. Babcock Makes Statement

R. Gammon Morris Moves Previous Question

J. L. Wolfe Moves to Amend

Report No. 11 Publishing Interests

Report No. 13 Publishing Interests

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 Report No. 9
 Publishing
 Interests

Texas), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 711.

Report No. 9, Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 25, DCA-69, subject "Rearrangement of Materials in 'Discipline' in Dealing with the Local Church," was presented by W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

H. L. Lambdin
 Moves to
 Substitute

Henry L. Lambdin (Newark) renewed his motion to amend, by substituting for the 13th Article of Religion under the heading "Chapter I, The Pastoral Charge," the following (DB-101):

"The visible Church of Christ is a fellowship of faithful men under God the Holy Spirit, united for worship and service, maintaining the preaching of the pure Word of God and the due administration of the Sacraments, affirming the personal experience of the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the witness of the Spirit, and manifesting the love of God that is shed abroad in the heart through the Holy Spirit."

The motion being duly seconded, Henry L. Lambdin (Newark) spoke to the same.

Paul G. James
 Against

Paul G. James (*) (Iowa-Des Moines East) spoke against the amendment.

J. T. Ellison
 Moves
 Previous
 Question

John T. Ellison (*) (Alabama) moved the previous question. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

Henry L.
 Lambdin
 Point of
 Order

Henry L. Lambdin (Newark) made the point of order that there was nothing involved in the Report of a Constitutional nature. The Chair ruled that the point of order was not well taken.

Benjamin W.
 Meeks
 Makes
 Point of
 Order

Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) made the point of order that the mover of the previous question did not state "on all before the house" and therefore only the vote upon the amendment was properly before the Conference at this time. The Chair ruled the point of order well taken. The amendment, being voted upon, was not adopted.

Benjamin W.
 Meeks Moves
 to Amend

Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) moved to

amend the Report by substituting for the last paragraph of the Report, the following (DB-102) :

“A Pastoral Charge consists of one or more churches, organized under the *Discipline*, with a single Quarterly Conference, and to which a minister has been duly appointed as Preacher in Charge, or Pastor.”

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The amendment was accepted by W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference.

Amendment
Accepted

John Q. Schisler (North Arkansas) moved to amend the third paragraph of the Report beginning with the word “Therefore” and ending with the words “Local Church” by adding to the paragraph the words (DB-103) “and to print therewith cross references to the various General and Conference Boards and Agencies severally responsible in connection with the various sections of this Division.” This amendment was accepted by W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference.

John Q. Schisler
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Accepted

William C. S. Pellowe (Detroit) moved to amend the Report by substituting for the first two paragraphs under the heading “Chapter I, The Pastoral Charge,” the following (DB-104) : “A Methodist Local Church is a congregation of people who accept the membership requirements of The Methodist Church, and are organized and governed according to the Methodist *Discipline*.” The motion being duly seconded, William C. S. Pellowe (Detroit) spoke to the same.

William C. S.
Pellowe
Moves to
Amend

R. Gammon Morris (Lexington) moved the previous question on all before the body. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered. W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, closed the debate. The vote

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Morris
Moves
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Question

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LostMotion, Daniel
L. Marsh re
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mentBishop W. T.
WatkinsMotion
J. Emerson
Ford re
Message to
Bishop
WatkinsBishop R. J.
Wade

being taken on the amendment, the amendment was not adopted. The Report, with the accepted amendments, was adopted. For Report see page 709.

Motion of Daniel L. Marsh (New England), duly seconded, prevailed that after announcements we adjourn.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, stated that Bishop William T. Watkins was seriously ill in the Methodist Hospital at Memphis, Tenn. Motion of J. Emerson Ford (South Carolina, SE), duly seconded, prevailed, directing the Secretary to send our affectionate greetings to Bishop Watkins, and assure him of our prayers for his speedy recovery, and also that an appropriate message be sent Mrs. Watkins and the family.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam announced that Bishop Raymond J. Wade would be in charge of the Memorial Service tomorrow morning instead of Bishop J. Ralph Magee as previously announced.

After various announcements, the Conference adjourned at 9:55 P.M. with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Titus Lowe.

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SEVENTH DAY

*Tuesday**Morning*Bishop Ham-
maker
Presiding

SEVENTH DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1944, MORNING SESSION

The General Conference convened in the session of the seventh day on Tuesday, May 2, 1944, at 8:30 A.M., with Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker in the Chair. Bishop Hammaker announced that Bishop Raymond J. Wade would be in charge of the Memorial Service.

The Conference, led by Bishop Raymond J. Wade, joined in the following Invocation:

Memorial
Service,
Bishop
Wade
Presiding

“Into Thy Holy presence, O God, we come with great gratitude for the sacred memories of those who have rendered to Thee and to us a distinctive service. We pray Thee that these moments of memory may enliven in us

enriching experiences which will make us into better men. For Thy name's sake. Amen."

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The Conference then rose and sang Hymn 527, "For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest."

Bishop Raymond J. Wade then led the Conference in the Responsive Reading, as follows:

Leader: When my soul is in heaviness, and my heart is disquieted within me;

People: When darkness is round about my path, and all thy tempests go over my head;

Leader: Then will I betake me to the great congregation, to hear the psalm of thy redeemed and to cast my burden on the Lord.

People: Thou shalt cause me to hear of joy and gladness: the songs of the blessed shall visit me in the night.

Leader: They shall declare the might of thy Spirit: they shall also make mention of thy peace.

People: Of love made perfect through suffering, and the rest that remaineth for the children of God.

Leader: As a cloud of witnesses they shall surround me; as ministering spirits they shall strengthen my soul.

People: They fought the good fight; they kept the faith: they came through great tribulation, enduring to the end.

Leader: And now, O Lord, they rest in thy keeping: they shine as the stars forever and ever.

People: That the lost may be gathered in from all nations, and thy way made known to the uttermost parts of the earth;

Leader: To such as wander in the wilderness, and to them that are afar off upon the sea.

People: Thou callest us into the communion of thy beloved, the glorious fellowship of the children of light;

Leader: That we may walk in the joy of thy presence, who wilt greatly refresh us with the river of life.

People: Oh send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead me; let them bring me to thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling place.

Leader: Oh draw me from out the great waters: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

People: Then shall my soul return unto her rest: I shall come to the heaven where I would be.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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The Conference remained standing while the Secretary read the names of the deceased, as follows:

List of the
Deceased

Bishop William N. Ainsworth
Bishop Edgar Blake
Bishop Warren A. Chandler
Bishop Jashwant Rao Chitambar
Bishop Matthew W. Clair
Bishop Collins Denny
Bishop Horace M. DuBose
Bishop Samuel R. Hay
Bishop William A. C. Hughes
Bishop Adna W. Leonard
Bishop Charles L. Mead
Bishop Charles B. Mitchell
Bishop Thomas Nicholson
Bishop Ernest L. Waldorf

Mrs. Warren A. Candler
Mrs. Charles E. Locke
Mrs. J. Ralph Magee
Mrs. Charles B. Mitchell
Mrs. John M. Moore
Mrs. Charles C. Selecman

DELEGATES-ELECT.—E. Luther Brookes (*), Atlanta; Ransford S. Hayden, North Arkansas; Marvin M. Maxwell, North Georgia; Percy F. Morris (*), California; C. Leighton Shepard (*), South Georgia; Dean Taylor (*), Iowa-Des Moines.

RESERVE DELEGATES-ELECT.—Homer S. Baumgardner, Ohio; Frank G. Lindsey (*), New York.

Bishop Wade led in prayer, the Conference joining with him in the Lord's Prayer, at the close of which the Conference joined in singing Hymn 531, "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand."

Memorial
Address
Bishop Clare
Purcell

Bishop Clare Purcell gave the Memorial Address. The Conference stood and joined in singing Hymn 525, "I Will Sing You a Song of That Beautiful Land." The Memorial Service closed with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Raymond J. Wade.

Journal
Report

The Report of the Committee on Journal was approved, as follows (DB-105):

The Committee on Journal has examined the Journal for May 1, 1944, both morning and evening sessions, and find it correct.

FRED'K L. PEDERSEN, *Chairman*;
A. M. CARTER, *Secretary*.

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Morning

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented the following matters, and action was taken as indicated in each case:

Courtesies

1. Requested Bishop H. Lester Smith, President of the Council of Bishops, to introduce Bishop Robert Nelson Spencer, the Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Bishop H. Lester Smith fittingly introduced Bishop Spencer, and the delegates stood and applauded. Bishop Spencer briefly addressed the Conference.

Bishop Robert Nelson Spencer

2. Requested Bishop W. Walter Peele, Chairman of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, to make a statement and a presentation. Bishop Peele briefly addressed the Conference, and introduced Deputy Chief of Chaplains of the Army, Chaplain George F. Rixey. Chaplain Rixey spoke to the Conference.

Bishop Peele Makes Statement

Chaplain George F. Rixey Introduced

Bishop Peele requested the Chaplains present to come to the platform, that they might be presented to the Conference. The following were presented to the Conference, each one announcing his name and Conference:

Chaplains Presented

Elliott S. Ritch (Captain), Florida Conference, SE.

William R. Thomas (Captain), U. S. Navy, Mississippi Conference, SE.

R. W. Faulk (Lieutenant Commander, Chaplains Corps, U. S. Navy), Louisiana Conference, SC.

William Henry Tead (Chaplains Corps), Southwest Missouri Conference.

Arthur Hopkinson, Jr. (Captain, U. S. Navy), New England Conference.

Charles I. Carpenter (Captain), Peninsula Conference.

Harry C. Fraser (Colonel), Air Liaison, Office Chief of Chaplains, North Carolina Conference, SE.

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Kenneth I. Tucker (Captain), North Mississippi Conference.

Floyd M. Reeves (Captain), U. S. Army, Southern California-Arizona Conference.

Grover Chapman (Captain), U. S. Army, North-East Ohio Conference.

Phillip J. Allen (Captain), U. S. Army, Ohio Conference.

Benjamin L. Schmidtke (Captain), St. Louis Conference.

Vincent L. Odom (Lieutenant jg), U. S. Navy, Florida Conference, SE.

Donald B. Tarr (Captain), New England Southern Conference.

Armour H. Evans (Captain), U. S. Army, Central Kansas Conference.

Paul R. Hortin (Captain), Florida Conference, SE.

The Conference stood during the presentation, and applauded as each Chaplain announced his name and Conference.

F. L. Gibbs
Presented

3. Presented Frank L. Gibbs, Field Secretary of the Servicemen's Christian League, to make a brief statement, and also three introductions. Frank L. Gibbs briefly addressed the Conference, and introduced Rev. Ivan M. Gould (New York East Conference), General Secretary of the Servicemen's Christian League.

Ivan M.
Gould

Arthur Hop-
kinson, Jr.

Frank L. Gibbs then introduced separately Captain Arthur Hopkinson, Jr. (New England Conference), Combat Command B, 12th Army Division, Camp Barkley, Texas, and Lieutenant Commander Roland W. Faulk (Louisiana Conference, SE), of the United States Navy. Chaplains Hopkinson, Jr., and Faulk briefly addressed the Conference.

Roland W.
Faulk

Walter W.
Van Kirk

4. Presented Walter W. Van Kirk (New England Conference), Executive Secretary of the Department of International Justice and Good Will of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and Religious News Broadcaster for the National Broadcasting Company.

5. Requested that Thomas E. Colley (Erie) be heard upon a matter of high personal privilege. Thomas E. Colley (Erie) presented his resignation as a member of the General Commission on World Service and Finance (DB-106). Motion of Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), duly seconded, prevailed that we accept the resignation.

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Tuesday
Morning
T. E. Colley
Resigns

6. Requested that Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, be recognized. This was done and Bishop Oxnam presented the nomination of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) as a member at large of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, and the Conference, by vote, approved the nomination.

J. Edgar
Skillington
Elected

7. That Fred D. Stone (Rock River) be recognized for a privileged motion. This was done, and Fred D. Stone (Rock River) moved that the Rules of Order be suspended in order that a motion might be made that Report No. 2, Committee on Judicial Administration, Calendar No. 8, DCA-53, subject "Declaratory Decisions," should become effective immediately, and not at the close of the General Conference, as is the custom. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Rules of Order were suspended.

Motion, Fred
D. Stone re
Report No. 2
Judicial Ad-
ministration

Fred D. Stone (Rock River) moved that Report No. 2, Committee on Judicial Administration, Calendar No. 8, DCA-53, subject "Declaratory Decisions," be made effectively immediately, and not at the close of the General Conference, as our Rules of Procedure provide. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. Fred D. Stone (Rock River) stated that he was submitting a request from the Board of Publication to the Judicial Council for a decision as to whether or not ministers are to be counted in those places in the *Discipline* where the membership of the Church in its Jurisdictions control procedure.

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Resolution
Charles V.
Adams

8. Requested that Charles V. Adams (*) (Central Pennsylvania) be recognized for a special Resolution. This was done and Charles V. Adams (*) (Central Pennsylvania) presented the following Resolution (DB-107) and moved its adoption:

"In an hour of chaos and confusion there is very great need that the word of the Church shall be sure, clear, and so simple that it cannot be misunderstood.

"We have read with great appreciation the Editorial in *The Christian Advocate* entitled 'We Deal in the Supernatural' and desire to register herewith our profound conviction that it is in harmony with Methodism's historic position and points the way for the Church in this dread hour.

"In token of our confidence in the principles therein set forth, we herewith express our heartiest and most fixed approval of its general conclusions.

"We express our appreciation to the Editor of *The Christian Advocate* for having furnished it and request the Commission on Evangelism to prepare and publish this editorial in tract form and secure its widest possible distribution throughout the Church."

The motion being duly seconded, Charles V. Adams (*) (Central Pennsylvania) spoke to the same. The motion was unanimously adopted.

R. E. Diffendorfer
Presents Thomas
E. Ward
and Charles
E. Cooper

9. Requested that Ralph E. Diffendorfer (Rock River), Executive Secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions, Board of Missions and Church Extension, be recognized for a special introduction. This was done, and Ralph E. Diffendorfer (Rock River) presented Thomas E. Ward and Charles E. Cooper, Ministerial and Lay Delegate, respectively, of the Liberia Conference, who had just arrived at the seat of the General Conference, having left Monrovia, Liberia, by Clipper plane, Thursday evening at 8 P.M.

Messages
Sent to D.
W. Henry,
Leon S.
Moore, W.
C. Thompson

The Secretary of the General Conference was recognized and stated that information had just been received that David W. Henry, Ministerial Delegate, Leon S. Moore, Lay Delegate, and Wil-

liam C. Thompson, Reserve Ministerial Delegate, from the Delaware Conference, Central Jurisdiction, had been injured in an automobile wreck. By common consent the Secretary was authorized to send appropriate messages on ascertaining the particulars.

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Tuesday
Morning

Leland Moore (South Georgia), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented Report No. 3, DCA-101 and 102, and moved its adoption, without reading. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. For Report see page 745.

Report No. 3
Credentials

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) was recognized on a matter of privilege and made the following motion (DB-108): "Since the microphones in the aisles have caused confusion and loss of time, I move that we direct their removal before the next session." The motion, being duly seconded, A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) spoke to the same. The motion, being put to a vote, did not prevail.

Motion, A. W.
Pugh re
Microphones

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Chairman of the Committee on Rules, presented Report No. 1, DCA-102, subject "Clarification of Rule 21," and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 754.

Report No. 1.
Rules

Winfred F. Bryan (Texas), Vice-Chairman of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, stated that those Sections of Report No. 2 of the Commission, DCA-12, subject "The Episcopal Fund Budget," which had been withdrawn for conference with the Committee on Central Conferences, on Saturday, April 29, 1944, were now ready for the consideration of the Conference, and requested permission for J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) to present the same. Permission being granted, J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) made the following Report (DB-109): Column 3, page 12-DCA,

W. F. Bryan
Makes State-
ment

Report No. 2
World Serv-
ice and
Finance

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Section 6 (Arabic numeral) has been rewritten as follows:

"The General Commission on World Service and Finance shall determine what sum shall be paid from the Episcopal Fund for the support of the several retired Central Conference Bishops, and widows of Central Conference Bishops, after due consideration of the facts in each case."

Section 7 (Arabic numeral) has been rewritten as follows:

The grants-in-aid to the several Central Conferences shall be made as heretofore in such amounts as the General Commission on World Service and Finance shall determine after due consideration of the representations concerning the need for the same, as made by the respective Central Conferences, or their authorized representatives."

Under Roman numeral II, Arabic numeral 2, subject "For Effective Missionary Bishops," Sections a and b were withdrawn. Section "a" has been rewritten as follows:

"a. For Episcopal residence furnished, a maximum of \$1,200.00 shall be allowed annually to each effective Missionary Bishop, the same to be determined by actual rent paid, provided that in the event that a Missionary Bishop is temporarily located in the United States, the General Commission on World Service and Finance shall, after due consideration of the facts in the case, be authorized to increase such allowance for dwelling on the basis of rent actually paid to a sum not to exceed \$1,800.00."

Section "b" is unchanged, as printed.

Arabic numeral 4, Section II, subject "For Central Conference Bishops," is rewritten as follows:

"Travel expenses incurred by each Central Conference Bishop in attending sessions of the General Conference, and the meeting of the Council of Bishops held in connection therewith, and one other meeting of the Council of Bishops during the ensuing quadrennium shall be paid. Travel expense of the wife of each Central Conference

Bishop whose home is in the United States shall also be paid as incurred in attending the General Conference, or instead thereof, one trip to the United States at any time during the ensuing quadrennium."

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On motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, the withdrawn sections were adopted as amended and presented.

The Report as amended was then adopted as a whole. For Report see page 850.

Report
Adopted

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, prevailed that in the consideration of the Calendar those Reports printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* previous to Tuesday, May 2, 1944, be considered first, and then those appearing in today's issue of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, under a suspension of the Rules of Order.

Calendar
Matters

Dr. O. W. Auman, Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, as a privileged matter, made an announcement concerning the distribution and cashing of traveling expense checks.

O. W. Auman
Makes An-
nouncement

The Calendar was taken up, and Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), First Assistant Secretary, and in charge of the Calendar, directed the presentation of the following Reports:

Calendar

Report No. 8, Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 24, DCA-68, subject "Rearranging Sections IV and VI of the *Discipline*," previously withdrawn for a conference with the Committee on Central Conferences, was presented by W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 307.

Report No. 8
Publishing
Interests

Report No. 1, Committee on Hospitals and Homes, Calendar No. 39, DCA-71, subject "Constitution of Board of Hospitals and Homes," was presented by Okey J. Carder (Missouri), Chair-

Report No. 1
Hospitals
and Homes

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man, with Hubert T. Johnson (*) (Central Texas), Secretary, assisting.

Okey J. Carder (Missouri), Chairman, asked common consent to consider the Report paragraph by paragraph. This was unanimously granted. Paragraph I, "Name and Purpose," was presented. Mrs. J. D. Bragg (*) (St. Louis) asked for information concerning the definition of the word "Correlating" as related to the word "Agencies" in line 4 of the paragraph. Okey J. Carder (Missouri), Chairman, gave the information. Mrs. W. Raymond Brown (*) (Genesee) moved to amend by inserting after the word "institutions" in line 5 the following: "not affiliated with any other Board of the Church" (DB-110). This was accepted by Okey J. Carder (Missouri), Chairman, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the Conference. The paragraph, on motion of Okey J. Carder (Missouri), Chairman, duly seconded, was adopted.

Mrs. J. D.
Bragg

Mrs. W. Ray-
mond Brown
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Accepted

Paragraph 2 "Incorporation" was presented, and, on motion of Okey J. Carder (Missouri), Chairman, duly seconded, was adopted.

Paragraph 3 "Management" was presented. Charles A. Robbins (*) (Pacific Northwest) moved to amend by inserting in line 6 after the words "two Lay Members" the words "one of whom shall be a woman" (DB-111). This amendment was accepted by Okey J. Carder (Missouri), Chairman for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the Conference. The paragraph, with the accepted amendment, on motion of Okey J. Carder (Missouri), Chairman, duly seconded, was adopted.

C. A. Robbins
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Accepted

Okey J. Carder (Missouri), Chairman, in order to save time, requested common consent to change his motion for the adoption of the Report "para-

graph by paragraph" to read "Section by Section." This was unanimously granted.

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The time of the morning recess being near, the further consideration of the Report was postponed until after the recess.

The members of the Council of Bishops joined in singing the Bishops' Song, "Beloved, We Are the Sons of God," after which the Conference recessed for ten minutes, with the consideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Hospitals and Homes pending.

The Bishops'
Song

Recess

At the end of the recess Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker called the Conference to order and announced Hymn 204, which the Conference joined in singing.

Consideration of Report No. 1, Committee on Hospitals and Homes, was resumed, with Section I being before the Conference, William C. Hartinger (Indiana) spoke briefly in support of this Section. Section I was adopted.

Report No. 1
Hospitals
and Homes

Sections II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, and IX were separately presented by Okey J. Carder (Missouri), Chairman, and each, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. The Report as a whole was then adopted. For Report see page 595.

A covering Resolution (DB-112) was presented by Okey J. Carder (Missouri), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted, as follows:

Covering
Resolution

Resolved: First, That the Report on Revised Constitution of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, as adopted by the General Conference, be and is hereby substituted for Chapter VI, Paragraphs 1251 to 1262 inclusive (1940 *Discipline*) and that the same be included in the 1944 *Discipline* as legislation duly enacted by the General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Second, That Paragraphs 1251 to 1262, inclusive, 1940 *Discipline*, be and are hereby repealed.

On motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia) the Order of the Day, hearing of the Report of

Order of Day
Postponed

MAY 2 the Commission on Courses of Study, set for 11
SEVENTH DAY A.M., was by common consent unanimously post-
Tuesday ponied until 11:30 A.M. in order to continue con-
Morning sideration of the Calendar.

Rules Motion of Edgar R. Heckman (Central Penn-
Suspended sylvania), duly seconded, prevailed that the Rules
of Order be suspended, for consideration of and
action on Reports appearing in today's issue of the
Daily Christian Advocate, Tuesday, May 2, 1944.

Order of Day Motion of Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), duly sec-
Set onded, prevailed setting as the Order of the Day
for this evening's session, if one be held, the hear-
ing of the Report of the Committee on Conference
Claimants dealing with the General Pension Plan.

The Calendar was resumed.

Report No. 3 Report No. 3, Committee on Membership, Lay
Membership, Activities, and Temporal Economy, Calendar No.
LA-TE 40, DCA-75, subject "Amending Chapter in the
1940 *Discipline* on Lay Activities," was presented
by Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chair-
man, who requested D. Stewart Patterson (*)
(Baltimore), Chairman of the Sub-Committee on
Legislation of the Committee on Membership, Lay
Activities, and Temporal Economy, to guide the
Conference in its consideration of the Report.

D. Stewart D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore) present-
Patterson ed the Report and moved its adoption, with the
Presents following amendment presented by the Commit-
Report tee: first column, page 75-DCA, Paragraph 543; in
line 7 insert after the words "be Chairman" at the
beginning of the line, the following: "or they shall
be elected by the members of the Charge, 18 years
of age and over, at a meeting called for that pur-
pose, as may be arranged by the Quarterly Con-
ference" (DB-113). The motion was duly seconded.

Frank H. Frank H. Ryder (*) (Troy) moved to amend
Ryder Moves Paragraph 1244, DCA-77, column 1, by adding
to Amend the words "and the *Christian Advocate*" at the
end of the Paragraph (DB-114). This amendment

was accepted by Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman, for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the Conference.

Lyle O. Kirk (*) (Ohio) moved to amend Paragraph 1230, top of column 3, DCA-76, by substituting the following (DB-115) :

“The District and Associate District Lay Leaders shall be elected at the District Conference by the Charge Lay Leaders, upon nomination of a Committee to be named by the District Superintendent, provided that where there is no District Conference, the Annual Conference shall order the District and Associate District Lay Leaders shall be elected annually by the Annual Conference on nomination of the District Superintendents and the Conference Lay Leader. Nominations may be made from the floor of the Conference for these officers.”

The motion being duly seconded, Lyle O. Kirk (*) (Ohio) spoke to the same. Marcus C. Redwine (*) (Kentucky) spoke against the amendment, as did D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore) for the Committee. The amendment, being put to a vote, did not prevail.

Loyd F. Worley (New York East) moved to amend Paragraph 542-A, page 75-DCA, column 1, by adding to the Paragraph the words, “and such other Presidents of other organizations as may be approved by the Quarterly Conference” (DB-116). The motion being duly seconded, Loyd F. Worley (New York East) spoke to the same. James G. Houston (*) (North Mississippi) spoke against the amendment.

Guy O. Carpenter (Indiana) moved to further amend the same paragraph by adding the words (DB-117), “Provided that all members of the Official Board are members of The Methodist Church.” The motion of Guy O. Carpenter (Indiana), being duly seconded, prevailed. D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore), for the Committee,

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Amendment
Accepted
L. O. Kirk
Moves to
Amend

Marcus C.
Redwine
Against
Amendment

Amendment
Lost

Loyd F. Worley
Moves
to Amend

James G.
Houston
Against
Amendment

G. O. Carpenter
Moves to
Amend

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Amendment
Lost

J. A. Perry
Moves to
Amend

spoke against the amendment offered by Loyd F. Worley (New York East). The amendment, being put to a vote, did not prevail.

James A. Perry (Troy) moved to amend Paragraph 549, 17 c, Section V, page 75-DCA, column 3, by substituting the following (DB-118) :

"17 c. To make a report of all funds received and disbursed at the meetings of the Official Board or Quarterly Conference, monthly meetings being recommended; and give attention to unpaid bills with the Committee on Finance."

Amendment
Lost

W. H. Barradell
Moves
to Amend

The motion, being duly seconded, James A. Perry (Troy) spoke to the same. D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore), for the Committee, spoke against the amendment. The amendment, being put to a vote, did not prevail.

William H. Barradell (*) (New York East) moved to amend Paragraph 1230, Section, II, page 76-DCA, column 3, by substituting in place thereof the present Paragraph 1230 as contained in the 1940 *Discipline* (DB-119). The amendment being duly seconded, William H. Barradell (*) (New York East) spoke to the same.

Order of Day

Further Con-
sideration of
Report No. 3
Postponed

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), on a question of privilege, called attention to the fact that the time for the Order of the Day had arrived. Consideration of Report No. 3 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy was suspended, by unanimous common consent, until after the seconded Order of the Day set for twelve o'clock noon, a time of special prayer for those of our boys and girls in the Armed Service, with the amendment of William H. Barradell (*) (New York East) pending.

Order of Day
Report of
Commission
on Courses
of Study

The Order of the Day, consideration of the Report of the Commission on Courses of Study, was taken up. William K. Anderson (Pittsburgh), Educational Director, was recognized and present-

ed Dr. Murray H. Leiffer of Garrett Biblical Institute. Dr. Leiffer gave an exposition of the Report, entitled "A Study of Retirement and Recruitment in the Methodist Ministry."

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Horace G. Smith (Rock River) presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption (DB-120) :

Resolution
H. G. Smith

"Resolved, That the Report entitled 'A Study of Retirement and Recruitment in the Methodist Ministry' be received, and that the Commission on Courses of Study, and the nine Schools of Theology related to The Methodist Church, be requested to continue this study to the end that the Church may develop an adequate program of recruiting and training candidates for its ministry."

The motion being duly seconded, Horace G. Smith (Rock River) spoke to the same. Albert W. Martin (North Arkansas) moved to amend the Resolution by adding: "That in continuing this study the Commission on Courses of Study be instructed to include the Church-related Colleges in the scope of their study and investigation" (DB-121).

A. W. Martin
Moves to
Amend

The amendment was accepted by Horace G. Smith (Rock River).

Amendment
Accepted

Fred D. Stone (Rock River) was recognized, and stated he desired to yield to Mrs. J. D. Bragg (*) (St. Louis).

Fred D. Stone
Yields Floor
to Mrs. J.
D. Bragg

Bishop Hammaker called attention to the fact that the second Order of the Day had arrived—namely, a brief program and a season of prayer for our Chaplains and our sons and daughters in the Armed Forces of the nation, and presented Bishop W. Walter Peele, Chairman of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, to be in charge.

Second Order
of Day

Bishop W. Walter Peele, Chairman of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, briefly outlined the program of the Order of the Day.

Bishop Peele
in Charge

The Conference stood and sang two stanzas of "America."

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William N.
ThomasPrayer by
George F.
Rixey

Captain William N. Thomas (Mississippi Conference, SE), Chaplain United States Navy, stationed at Annapolis, Maryland, spoke briefly to the Conference about the Chaplaincy, after which the Conference stood in silent prayer. At the close of the period of silent prayer, Colonel George F. Rixey, Deputy Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army, led the Conference in prayer for our Chaplains and sons and daughters serving in the Armed Forces.

The Conference remained standing and sang Hymn No. 533 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," after which Bishop W. Walter Peele pronounced the benediction.

Report of
Course of
Study
Resumed

Consideration of the Report of the Commission on Courses of Study and the Resolution presented by Horace G. Smith (Rock River) was resumed. Mrs. J. D. Bragg (*) (St. Louis) spoke to the Report of the Commission.

Motion of the Secretary, duly seconded, prevailed extending the time of this session to complete the pending matters before the Conference.

W. W. Holmes

W. K. Ander-
son

William W. Holmes (Louisiana, EC) spoke to the pending matter. William K. Anderson (Pittsburgh) Educational Director for the Commission spoke to the Resolution. The Resolution as amended, was adopted.

Night Session
Ordered

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia) duly seconded, prevailed, that when we adjourn it be to meet tonight at 7:30 P.M. in a regular session of the General Conference.

Report No. 3
Membership,
LA-TE
Resumed

Consideration of the Report No. 3, Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 40, DCA-75, subject "Amending Chapter in the 1940 *Discipline* on Lay Activities" was resumed, with action on the amendment of William H. Barradell (*) (New York East) to Paragraph 1230, page 76 DCA, column 3 pending. J. Magruder Sullivan (*)

J. M. Sullivan

(North Mississippi) spoke against the amendment, as did D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore) for the Committee. The amendment, being put to vote, did not prevail.

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Claude Young (Northwest Indiana) moved to amend Section V, Paragraph 549, Item 13, DCA 75, column 3, by substituting the following (DB-122)

D. Stewart
Patterson
Amendment
Lost
Claude Young
Moves to
Amend

“Where the Unified Budget is used, at the first Board meeting of the Conference year, to fix the ratio between Ministerial support and local expenses, and the General and Annual Conference Benevolences, and to see that funds received for this Unified Budget are prorated monthly on the basis of the pro rata so fixed. Funds for connectional interests shall be distributed monthly to the Conference Treasurer.” (DB-f22)

The amendment, being put to a vote, did not prevail.

Amendment
Lost

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) moved to amend Paragraph 542A, page 75 DCA, column 1, by including “Local preachers and exhorters” in the Official Board. The motion was duly seconded. D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore) spoke against the amendment.

G. W. Henson
Moves to
Amend

R. Gammon Morris (Lexington) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

R. Gammon
Morris
Moves
Previous
Question

D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore), for the Committee, had nothing further to say.

The amendment of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), being put to a vote, did not prevail.

Amendment
Lost

The Report, as amended, was adopted as a whole. For Report see page 634.

Report
Adopted

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, for the information of the Conference, announced the following appointments made by the Council of Bishops, complying with the law of the Church :

Appointments
of Council
of Bishops

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*Tuesday**Morning*Commission on
Evangelism

EPISCOPAL MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM.—Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Charles W. Flint. Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Arthur J. Moore. Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Alexander P. Shaw. North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Ralph S. Cushman. South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Charles C. Selecman, Chairman. Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Bruce R. Baxter. (DB-123)

University
Senate

MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE.—Fred P. Corson, Charles N. Pace, G. Herbert Smith, Fred G. Holloway, Umphrey Lee, Hubert Searcy, James L. Robb, E. E. Voight, William P. Tolley, Goodrich C. White. (DB-124)

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON COURSES OF STUDY.—Bishop Paul B. Kern, Bishop Charles W. Flint, Bishop James C. Baker, Bishop William C. Martin, Bishop Bruce R. Baxter, Oscar T. Olson, Gideon I. Humphreys, Bachman G. Hodge, R. Franklin Thompson, Paul W. Quillian. (DB-125)

Commission on
World Peace

GENERAL COMMISSION ON WORLD PEACE.—Bishop Charles W. Flint, Bishop William C. Martin, Harry N. Holmes (*) (New York East, NE), Ralph W. Sockman (New York, NE), G. Ray Jordan (Western North Carolina, SE), Paul Worley (Holston, SE), George W. Carter (Louisiana, C), Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River, NC), Georgia Harkness (*) (NC), Frank D. Slutz (*) (Ohio), Edmund Heinsohn (Southwest Texas). (DB-126)

Commission on
Public
Information

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented the nominations of the Council of Bishops for the Commission on Public Information, and on motion of Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon), duly seconded, they were elected, as follows: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Josephus Daniels, Umphrey Lee, William A. Bailey, Roy L. Smith, Miron A. Morrill, Theodore H. Palmquist, G. W. Rideout, Walter W. Van Kirk (DB-129).

Presiding
Officer
Announced

Isaac E. Miller (Ohio), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, announced that Bishop William C. Martin would preside at the evening session tonight, Tuesday, May 2, 1944, and Bishop Ernest G. Richardson at the session tomorrow morning, Wednesday, May 3, 1944.

After various announcements the Conference adjourned at 12:40 P.M. with the benediction pronounced by Bishop J. Lloyd Decell.

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Adjournment

SEVENTH DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1944,
EVENING SESSION

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference convened at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, May 2, 1944, with Bishop William C. Martin in the Chair. Bishop Martin announced, and the Conference stood and joined in singing, Hymn 382, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken," after which Bishop John Gowdy, of China, led in prayer.

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Bishop W. C.
Martin Pre-
siding

Dr. James R. Houghton sang, as a solo, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," by MacGimsey.

The Committee on Journal requested that their Report be received at tomorrow morning's session.

Journal

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented the following matters, and action was taken on each as indicated.

Courtesies

1. Requested that Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) be heard on a privileged motion. By common consent this was done, and Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) moved that consideration of the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church relative to "War and Peace" be made the Order of the Day for Thursday morning, May 4, 1944, immediately following the Report of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges. The motion, being duly seconded, Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) spoke to the same. Albert E. Day (Southern California-Arizona) questioned the propriety of the method of the procedure, inasmuch as the Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church, Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), had not been consulted. The motion, being put to a vote, prevailed.

Lynn Harold
Hough
Moves Order
of Day

Albert E. Day
Speaks

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Lester A.
Welliver

2. Requested that Lester A. Welliver (Central Pennsylvania), President of Westminster Theological Seminary, be recognized for a privileged motion. This was done by common consent, and Lester A. Welliver (Central Pennsylvania) presented the following statement (DB-130) :

Trustees of
Westminster
Theological
Seminary
Elected

The Charter of the Westminster Theological Seminary, as amended in harmony with the action of the General Conference of 1940, provides that the Board of Governors of the Institution shall be elected by the General Conference of The Methodist Church, the Board itself having the power to fill vacancies ad interim.

The *resident Bishop* of the *Washington Area* is an *ex officio member*.

I, therefore, present the following nominations for membership on the Board:

Bishop James H. Straughn, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Rev. L. E. Bee, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Mr. John H. Baker, Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. F. Murray Benson, Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. George W. Culberson, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Charles E. Forlines, Westminster, Maryland.

The Rev. Thomas S. Holt, Federalsburg, Maryland.

Mr. George K. Mather, Westminster, Maryland.

The Rev. Benjamin W. Meeks, Frederick, Maryland.

Mr. Reginald G. Mowbray, Baltimore, Maryland.

The Rev. Reuben Y. Nicholson, Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. William C. Scott, Baltimore, Maryland.

I move that the Secretary of the General Conference be instructed to cast the ballot of the General Conference for the persons named, as members of the Board of Governors of The Westminster Theological Seminary.

(Signed) LESTER A. WELLIVER.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. In compliance with the motion the Secretary of the General Conference, Lud H. Estes (Memphis), cast the vote of the General Conference for Bishop James H. Straughn, L. E. Bee, John H. Baker (*), F. Murray Benson (*), George W. Culberson (*), Charles E. Forlines, Thomas S. Holt, George K. Mather (*), Benjamin W. Meeks, Reginald G. Mowbray (*), Reuben Y. Nicholson, and

William C. Scott (*) to be members of the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary, and Bishop William C. Martin declared the same to have been duly elected.

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Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) requested that if the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, made the Order of the Day for Thursday morning, should not appear in the *Daily Advocate* in due time for its consideration then, that consideration be deferred until the same time Friday morning. By common consent this request was granted.

Motion, Lynn
Harold
Hough re
Order of
Day

3. Requested that T. Morton McDonald (*) (Indiana) be heard on a matter of courtesy and privilege. By common consent this was done, and T. Morton McDonald (*) (Indiana) presented the following Resolution (DB-131) and moved its adoption:

Resolution
T. Morton
McDonald

“Resolved, That the General Conference request the Council of Bishops to have a recording made of the Bishops’ Song, at the next annual meeting of the Council of Bishops, or as soon thereafter as is convenient, the same to be made available through the appropriate agency of the Church for purchase generally throughout Methodism.”

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

4. Requested the Conference hear Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska) on a privileged matter. By common consent, this was done, and Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska) moved that the General Conference refer to the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms the request of the Southwest Mexican Annual Conference, for an enabling act consenting to its continuance as an Annual Conference, subject to the action of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference, as provided in Section 4 of Paragraph 15 of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church (DB-132). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Motion, Paul
M. Hillman

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Francis R.
Bayley Pre-
sents Deci-
sion, Judi-
cial Council

5. Requested that Francis R. Bayley (Baltimore), President of the Judicial Council, be heard for the presentation of a decision of the Judicial Council. By common consent, this was done, and Francis R. Bayley (Baltimore), President of the Judicial Council, presented the following decision (DB-133) :

CONSTITUTIONALITY OF PARAGRAPH NO. 934

At the evening session of May 1, 1944, the General Conference passed a motion made by L. O. Hartman that an appeal to the Judicial Council be made to determine whether Paragraph No. 934 of the *Discipline* of 1940 is constitutional.

Paragraph No. 934 reads as follows: "In fields outside the United States the Annual Conference may seat regularly appointed lay missionaries of the Board of Missions and Church Extension in the Annual Conference session and give them the privileges of the floor and the right to vote on all questions not Ministerial or Constitutional and they shall be eligible for election to Mission or Conference Committees."

Paragraph 21, Article I of the Constitution defines the composition and qualifications of the members of the Annual Conference. "The Annual Conference shall be composed of all the Traveling Preachers in full connection with it, together with a Lay Member elected by each pastoral charge. Lay Members shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and shall have been for the four years next preceding their election members of one of the constituent Churches forming this union, or of The Methodist Church."

From this it is clear that *only* those laymen who have been elected by pastoral charges are eligible to membership in the Annual Conference, and membership alone determines the right to vote on any matter before the Annual Conference.

We must decide, therefore, that the part of Paragraph No. 934 which reads as follows, "the right to vote on all questions not Ministerial and Constitutional and they shall be eligible for election to Mission or Conference Committees" is *unconstitutional*.

The first part of Paragraph No. 934 which reads as follows: "In fields outside the United States the Annual Conference may seat regularly appointed lay missionaries

of the Board of Missions and Church Extension in the Annual Conference session and give them the privileges of the floor" is constitutional; provided the phrase "may seat" used therein is not to be construed as extending to them membership in the Annual Conference.

(Signed) F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;
H. R. VAN DEUSEN, *Secretary*.

By common consent the decision was received and ordered to record.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, was recognized and made a brief statement relative to expediting the business of the Conference in the consideration of Calendar Reports.

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, stated that it was necessary for the Committee to have a meeting tonight and requested that the members of the Committee be excused from this session for that purpose. By common consent, members of the Committee were excused for this purpose.

The Calendar was called, and Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), First Assistant Secretary, and in charge of the Calendar, stated that consideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Conference Claimants, Calendar No. 60, DCA-89, had been made the Order of the Day for this hour.

Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee on Conference Claimants, Calendar No. 60, DCA-89, subject "Unified Pension Code," and requested that Thomas A. Stafford (Northern Minnesota), Executive Secretary of the Illinois Corporation of the Board of Pensions, and A. Thomas McIlwain (North Mississippi), Executive Secretary of the Missouri Corporation of the Board of Pensions, be permitted to come to the platform to

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Excused

Report No. 1
Conference
Claimants

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A. T. McIlwain

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assist in the presentation. By common consent this request was granted. At the suggestion of Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman of the Committee, the Conference, by common consent, agreed to consider the Report Section by Section.

E. P. Hocking
Moves to
Amend

Chapter I, Section I, subject "Organization," was presented, and its adoption moved by Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman. The motion was duly seconded. Edward P. Hocking (*) (Wisconsin) moved to amend Paragraph 1302, item 1, by inserting after the words "Jurisdictional Conference" at the beginning of line 4, column 2, DCA-89, the following sentence (DB-134): "In each Jurisdiction membership shall be divided equally between ministers and laymen in so far as this is possible." The amendment was accepted by Arthur M. Wells (Illinois) for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or of the Conference. Section I, with the accepted amendment, was adopted.

Amendment
Accepted

Section II, Chapter I, subject "Organization," was presented, and, on motion of Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, duly seconded, was adopted.

A. T. McIlwain
Moves to
Amend

Chapter II, "Permanent Funds," was presented, and Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded. A. Thomas McIlwain (North Mississippi) moved to amend by adding to Paragraph 1309, column 1, DCA-90, the following (DB-135):

"Beginning with the first fiscal year of the Missouri Corporation following the General Conference of 1944, the aforesaid income shall be distributed to the Annual Conferences concerned, in accordance with the years of annuity responsibility in each which are eligible for consideration under the preceding sentence of this Paragraph, the determination of the number of such years to be with the Missouri Corporation."

Amendment
Accepted

The motion was duly seconded. The amendment was accepted by Arthur M. Wells (Illinois),

Chairman, for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee or of the Conference.

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Chapter II, "Permanent Funds," was adopted, on motion of Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, duly seconded.

Chapter III, "Annual Conference Organizations," Section I, "Authorization," column 2, DCA-90, was presented, and motion made by Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, to adopt the same. The motion was duly seconded. A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) asked a question concerning item (5), paragraph 4. The question being answered by Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, the Section was adopted.

Section II, "Board of Conference Claimants," Chapter III, was presented, and, on motion of Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, duly seconded, was adopted. Thomas A. Stafford (Northern Minnesota) requested permission of the Conference to edit paragraphs, items 6 and 11, in order to combine them into one paragraph. This authority was granted by the Conference by common consent.

T. A. Stafford

Chapter IV, "General Pension Regulations," with the Preamble and Articles I to XX, inclusive, was presented (DCA-91, 92, 93 and 94) by Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

William C. S. Pellowe (Detroit) asked a question as to the practical operation of Paragraph 1316, column 1, DCA-91. Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, and Thomas A. Stafford (Northern Minnesota) satisfactorily answered the question.

W. S. C. Pellowe Asks Question

Edmundo G. Morgado (Cuba) asked if the legislation was limited to the Annual Conferences of the United States. Arthur M. Wells (Illinois),

Edmundo G. Morgado

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T. B. Lugg
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Accepted

Chairman, stated that Article XIX, "Operation in Foreign Countries," answered the question.

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois) moved to amend Article V, Paragraph 1318, Section 2, second column, DCA-91, by inserting the words "the last" in line 35 immediately following "(h)" (DB-136). The amendment was accepted by Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the Conference.

Earl R. Brown
Asks Question

Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio) asked for an explanation of the "bonus" as set forth in Article XI, Paragraph 1324, Section 4. Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, and Thomas A. Stafford (Northern Minnesota) satisfactorily answered the question.

F. B. Newell
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Accepted

Frederick B. Newell (New York East) moved to amend Article XI, Paragraph 1324, Section 4, by changing the word "intended" following the word "compensation" in line 1, column 3, DCA-92, to the word "tending." The amendment was accepted by Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the Conference.

F. B. Newell
Moves to
Refer

Frederick B. Newell (New York East) moved to refer Section 5, Paragraph 1323, Article X, "Apportionments," column 2, DCA-92, back to the Committee for further study. The motion being duly seconded, Frederick B. Newell (New York East) spoke to the same. After explanations by Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, and Thomas A. Stafford (Northern Minnesota), Frederick B. Newell (New York East), with the consent of his second, withdrew his motion, no objection being raised by the Conference.

A. W. Pugh
Moves to
Amend

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved to amend Section 5, Paragraph 1323, Article X, "Apportionments," column 2, DCA-92, by adding the

following sentence (DB-137): "However, this provision shall not apply to organizations which are owned and controlled by the Annual Conference." The motion being duly seconded, A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) spoke to the same. Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, and Thomas A. Stafford (Northern Minnesota) spoke to the amendment. The vote being taken, the amendment did not prevail.

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Ralph W. Sockman (New York), during the discussion of Article XVIII, "Financial Policy," inquired whether plans were being formulated for a church-wide approach to the question of Ministerial Pensions. Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, replied that the question would be considered by a Commission being set up within the Board of Pensions during the ensuing quadrennium.

Amendment
Lost
R. W. Sock-
man Asks
Question

Henry L. Lambdin (Newark) asked an explanation of Section 13, Paragraph 1330, Article XVII, "General Regulations," column 3 (DCA-93). Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, and Thomas A. Stafford (Northern Minnesota) gave the explanation.

H. L. Lamb-
din Asks
Explanation

William Gunter (New England) moved to amend Paragraph 1330 Section 1, Article XVII, "General Regulations" (DCA-93), column 2, by deleting the same. The motion being duly seconded, William Gunter (New England) spoke to the same. Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, spoke against the amendment to delete. The vote being taken, the amendment did not prevail.

William Gun-
ter Moves to
Amend

Marshall R. Reed (Detroit) asked a question relative to the provisions of Section 14, Paragraph 1330, Article XVII, column 3 (DCA-93), Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, answered the question.

Amendment
Lost

M. R. Reed
Asks Ques-
tion

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to

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C. A. Smith
Moves to
Amend

amend Section 15, Paragraph 1330, Article XVII (DCA-93), by adding the following (DB-139) :

"When a sister, or other near relative of a traveling preacher has assumed, over a period of years, the same relation to the parsonage as a minister's wife, she shall receive upon his death the same support from the Conference of which he was a member as the widow of a preacher receives."

The motion being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the same. Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, spoke against the amendment. The vote being taken, the amendment did not prevail.

Amendment
Lost

F. B. Newell
Moves to
Recommit

Frederick B. Newell (New York East) renewed his motion to recommit Section 5, Paragraph 1323, Article X, column 2 (DCA-92), to the Committee for further study and a later report to the Conference. The motion being duly seconded, Frederick B. Newell (New York East) spoke to the same. Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, spoke to the motion to recommit. The vote being taken, the motion did not prevail.

Motion Lost

J. Boyd Davis
Moves to
Amend

J. Boyd Davis (*) (Ohio) moved to amend Section 5, Paragraph 1333, Article XX, column 2, DCA-94, by inserting the words "including those on proportional payment" after the word "Code" at the beginning of line 2 of the Section (DB-140). The amendment was accepted by Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the Conference.

Amendment
Accepted

E. B. Brewster
Moves to
Amend

Edward B. Brewster (Ohio) moved to amend Section 1, Paragraph 1324, Article X, column 2, DCA-92, by inserting the words "or Pastors" after the word "Pastor" at the beginning of line 5 of the Section (DB-141). The amendment was accepted by Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, for the Committee, there being no objection

Amendment
Accepted

raised by any member of the Committee or of the Conference.

Henry L. Lambdin (Newark) moved to amend Section 2, Paragraph 1333, column 1, DCA-94 by adding to the Section the following (DB-142): "Families of deceased Ministers on trial shall be considered 'Special Conference Claimants.'" The motion being duly seconded, Henry L. Lambdin (Newark) spoke to the same. Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, spoke against the amendment. The vote being taken, the amendment did not prevail.

Alfred V. Hunter (Nebraska) moved to amend Section 1, Paragraph 1330, column 2, DCA-93, by adding to the Section the following (DB-143): "except that a Minister retired because of age shall not be restricted by the amount he shall receive as a Supply." The motion being duly seconded, Alfred V. Hunter (Nebraska) spoke to the same. Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, spoke against the amendment. The vote being taken, the amendment did not prevail.

John A. Galbraith (Erie) moved to amend Section 2, Paragraph 1333, column 1, DCA-94, by adding to the Section the following (DB-144): "This claim shall be allowed for years served as Accepted Supply before Conference membership." The motion being duly seconded, John A. Galbraith (Erie) spoke to the same. Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, spoke against the amendment. The vote being taken, the amendment did not prevail.

Lester L. Roush (Ohio) asked a question concerning the amendment to Section 1, Paragraph 1324, Article XI, column 2, DCA-92, which had been accepted by the Chairman for the Committee. Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, answered the question.

Thomas A. Stafford (Northern Minnesota),

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H. L. Lambdin
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Lost

A. F. Hunter
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Lost

J. A. Galbraith
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Lost

L. L. Roush
Asks Question

T. A. Stafford
and Inscr-
tion

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Executive Secretary of the Illinois Corporation of the Board of Pensions, asked common consent to insert at the close of Section 1, Paragraph 1325, Article XII, column 3, DCA-92, a subdivision which had inadvertently been omitted in typing the Report, and which reads as follows (DB-145): "(d) Money received from the apportionments to the Pastoral Charges for Annuity Distribution." Common consent was unanimously granted for this insertion.

B. W. Meeks
Moves to
Amend

Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) moved to amend the Report by deleting Section 14, Paragraph 1330, Article XVII, column 3, DCA-93, and referring it to the Special Commission to be set up by the Board of Pensions for further study of Pension Problems during the ensuing quadrennium. The amendment was accepted by Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the Conference.

Amendment
Accepted

E. C. Love
Asks for
Information

Ernest C. Love (Northern New York) asked for information concerning Subsection (b) in Section 3 of Paragraph 1318, column 2, DCA-91. Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, gave a satisfactory explanation.

Motion of F.
B. Newell
to Refer
Adopted

At the request of Thomas A. Stafford (Northern Minnesota), Frederick B. Newell (New York East) renewed his motion that Section 5, Paragraph 1323, Article X, be recommitted to the Committee for further study (DB-147). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Chapter IV, "General Pension Regulations," with the accepted amendments, and with Section 5, Paragraph 1323, Article X, recommitted, was then adopted.

Chapter V (published as Chapter III in the *Daily Advocate*, column 2, pages 94 and 95), subject "Special Regulations, Effective in the Territory of the Illinois Corporation," was presented

by Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Thomas A. Stafford (Northern Minnesota) moved to amend Section 4, Subsection (a), Paragraph 1336, Article III, column 3, DCA-94, by inserting the words "covering such services" after the words "annuity purposes" found in line 4 of the Section. The amendment was accepted by Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the Conference.

Chapter V (published as Chapter III, column 2, DCA-94) with the accepted amendment was then adopted.

Chapter VI (published in the *Daily Advocate* as Chapter IV, column 1, page 95), subject "Special Regulations Effective in the Territory of the Missouri Corporation," was presented by Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

A. Thomas McIlwain (North Mississippi) moved to amend Paragraph 1339, column 2, DCA-95, by adding a Section to be known as 5 which reads as follows (DB-149): "Other Conference or Jurisdictional funds shall be distributed in accordance with the purposes for which such funds were raised." The amendment was accepted by Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the Conference.

Chapter VI (printed as Chapter IV, DCA-95), with the accepted amendment, was then adopted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Conference Claimants was then adopted as a whole. For Report see page 510.

Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, presented a covering Resolution, and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted, as follows:

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T. A. Stafford
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Accepted

A. T. McIlwain
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Accepted

Report
Adopted

Covering
Resolution

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"Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Conference Claimants which has been substituted for Paragraphs 1301 to 1341 inclusive, of the *Discipline* of 1940, repeals all legislation in the *Discipline* of 1940 which may be in conflict with, or at variance with, the aforesaid Report."

(Signed) A. M. WELLS, *Chairman*;
P. E. RILEY, *Secretary*.

Report No. 2
Conference
Claimants

Report No. 2, Committee on Conference Claimants, Calendar No. 61, DCA-95, subject, "Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund," was presented by Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 529.

G. W. Henson
Makes
Request

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, was recognized and asked that Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), Chairman of the Committee on Judicial Administration, be given the privilege of presenting an important matter at this time. By common consent this was done.

Report No. 1
Judicial Ad-
ministration
Reconsider-
ed

Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), Chairman of the Committee on Judicial Administration, made a statement concerning Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 9, DCA-54, subject "The Judicial Council," which was adopted Saturday, April 29, 1944, and moved a reconsideration of this action. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. For Report see page 609.

Report No. 1
Amended

Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), Chairman, then presented an amended Report No. 1 from the Committee on Judicial Administration, clarifying some matters in connection with the election of the members of the Judicial Council, and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 612.

Motion, re Ad-
jourment

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed that after the announcements, and receiving nominations from the Council of Bishops, that we do adjourn.

Various announcements were made.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, announced the following appointments of the Council of Bishops:

Episcopal Member of Bureau of Deaconess Work: Bishop William T. Watkins (DB-127).

Episcopal Members of the Board of Pensions: Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Bishop J. Ralph Magee, Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker (DB-128).

The Conference joined in singing the Doxology and then adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Alexander P. Shaw at 10:10 P.M.

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of Council
of Bishops

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**EIGHTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1944,
MORNING SESSION**

The General Conference convened in the session of the eighth day at 8:30 A.M., Wednesday, May 3, 1944, with Bishop Ernest G. Richardson in the Chair, who announced that Bishop Edwin F. Lee would conduct the worship service.

Bishop Edwin F. Lee announced, and the Conference rose and joined in singing, Hymn No. 2, "Come, Thou Almighty King," after which the Conference joined in the recital of the prayer found on page 514 of *The Methodist Hymnal*, entitled "For All Conditions of Men." Bishop Edwin F. Lee read a scripture lesson from John 20: 10-16, after which Hymn 267, "Rise Up, O Men of God," was sung by the Conference. The Conference remained standing and joined in the Affirmation of Faith, No. III, page 512, *The Methodist Hymnal*. Dr. James R. Houghton sang a solo, "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne and Thy Kingly Crown." Bishop Edwin F. Lee brought the devotional address on the theme, "A Vibrant Christianity in a World of Comparative Religions." The Conference rose and joined in singing Hymn

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ardson
Presides

Devotions by
Bishop Lee

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501, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations," after which Bishop Edwin F. Lee pronounced the benediction.

Journal
Report

The Committee on Journal reported as follows (DB-150) :

"We have examined the Journal of Tuesday, May 2, morning and evening sessions, and found it to be correct."

LEROY L. WEIS,

ANNE M. EBNER,

For the Committee.

Courtesies

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesy and Privileges, presented the following matters, and action was taken in each case, as indicated.

Hazen G. Werner

1. Requested that Hazen G. Werner (Ohio), Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates, be recognized for an important matter.

Bishop L. H. King

This was done, and Hazen G. Werner (Ohio) presented Bishop Lorenzo H. King for a statement concerning the Fraternal Address of Bishop William Y. Bell of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop William Y. Bell, the fraternal delegate from the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, was unable to be present at the Conference. Bishop Lorenzo H. King requested that the Fraternal Address of Bishop William Y. Bell be received and published in the Journal of the General Conference. Motion of James A. Perry (Troy), duly seconded, prevailed that this be done. For Address, see page 886.

Bishop William Y. Bell

David H. Hargis Motion
re Greetings

2. Presented David H. Hargis (Delaware) for a privileged motion. On motion of David H. Hargis (Delaware), duly seconded, greetings (DB-151) were sent to the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session in Philadelphia, Pa., and to the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, now in session in Detroit, Mich.

3. Presented Bishop Robert E. Jones for two presentations. Bishop Robert E. Jones presented Edward M. Jones (Central Alabama), who has been a Delegate to thirteen General Conferences, as well as the Uniting Conference, having first been elected in 1896. Bishop Robert E. Jones then presented Herbert S. Wilson (*) (Delaware), who has been a member of all the General Conferences since 1900, including the Uniting Conference.

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Bishop R. E. Jones Presents E. M. Jones and H. S. Wilson

4. Presented Lynn A. Wood (Pacific Northwest) for a privileged motion. Lynn A. Wood (Pacific Northwest) brought the greetings of Mrs. D. C. McIver, sister of Bishop Richardson, living in Yakima, Wash., and moved (DB-152) that appropriate greetings be sent to Mrs. McIver and her daughter, Miss Edna McIver. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Lynn A. Wood Brings Greetings from Mrs. D. V. McIver

5. Presented Otto H. Houser (Colorado) for a privileged motion. Otto H. Houser (Colorado) moved that (DB-153) that the General Conference urge the District Superintendents to make recruiting for the ministry a matter of special effort for the ensuing quadrennium. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Motion O. H. Houser re Recruiting for the Ministry

6. Presented Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River) for a privileged Resolution. The following Resolution (DB-154) was presented by Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted.

Motion of E. F. Tittle re Garrett Biblical Institute

WHEREAS, The Methodist Church has shown a deepening interest in its nine Schools of Theology in which nearly two thousand students are enrolled annually; first, by recommending that all candidates for its ministry complete a course of study in one of these Methodist Schools of Theology; second, by receiving into the ranks of its ministry approximately three hundred graduates of these Schools each year; and third, by providing in part for the financial support of these Schools out of general Church funds; and

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WHEREAS, One of these schools—Garrett Biblical Institute—will observe its ninetieth anniversary this year, having served The Methodist Church continuously from 1854 to 1944; and

WHEREAS, Garrett Biblical Institute has enrolled in its classes during these ninety years over seven thousand students, most of whom have entered the ranks of the Methodist ministry to serve as missionaries, educators or pastors; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this General Conference extends its cordial greetings to the students, faculty and trustees of Garrett Biblical Institute on this anniversary occasion; acknowledge its *debt* to all those who have made possible these ninety years of fruitful service which this Institution has given to the Church and prays God's richest blessing upon Garrett Biblical Institute as it girds itself for still more effective service in the last decade of the first hundred years of its history.

(Signed) ERNEST F. TITTLE,
FRED D. STONE,
AUBREY S. MOORE,
CHARLES R. GOFF,
MRS. C. N. TIMMONS,
THOMAS H. WEST,
ALFRED C. CRAWFORD,
ROWENA A. ALDRICH,
CHARLES O. LOUCKS (Rock River Delegation).

Daniel L.
Marsh Sec-
onds Mo-
tion

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) spoke to the Resolution, in seconding the motion to adopt.

G. W. Henson
and Confer-
ence Busi-
ness

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, was recognized and made a statement relative to the work of the Conference, and moved that all Committees needing to do so meet at 2 P.M.; that an afternoon session of the Conference be held beginning at 3:30 P.M.; and that a night session be held beginning at 7:30 P.M. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Crusade for
Christ

The Order of the Day, consideration of the Report on the Crusade for Christ, was taken up.

Mrs. J. D. Bragg (*) (St. Louis) moved that Bishop Paul B. Kern be requested to introduce

the Report and speak to the Preamble. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. Bishop Paul B. Kern introduced the Report on the Crusade for Christ (DCA-97-100, inclusive), and spoke to the Preamble.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) requested unanimous common consent of the Conference to consider the five Reports as one Report, and that action on none of them be taken until all had been presented. By unanimous common consent, this method of procedure was agreed upon.

Motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, prevailed that Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam be accorded the privileges of the floor to direct the presentation of the five Reports, and that he speak to the Report of the Committee of Twenty-one.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam outlined the following plan of presentation and speakers:

1st. The Crusade for a New World Order. Speaker, Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River).

2nd. Report of the Committee of Twenty-one. Speaker, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam.

3rd. Evangelism. Speaker, Albert E. Day (Southern California-Arizona).

4th. Stewardship. Speaker, Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas).

5th. Sunday School Enrollment and Attendance. Speaker, John Q. Schisler (North Arkansas).

The above program of presentation was carried out.

In the presentation of the Report on Stewardship, Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas) requested unanimous consent to substitute "1947" for "1946" in the first line of Paragraph 2 at the bottom of column 1, page 99 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, and to insert at the end of Paragraph 4, column 4, page 99, DCA, the following sentence, "subject to correlation by the Continu-

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Bishop P. B. Kern

Motion J. Edgar Skillington re Procedure

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam Granted Privileges of Floor

Ray H. Nichols

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G. L. Morelock

Order of Day
Recon-
sidered

Order of Day
Set

Umphrey Lee
Moves
Adoption of
Report

Solo Bernard
Vessey

George Meck-
lenburg
Moves to
Amend

ing Committee." Unanimous consent was given. George L. Morelock (Memphis), Executive Secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, spoke to this Report. See page 781.

Motion of Miron A. Morrill (Minnesota), duly seconded, prevailed, by more than the required two-thirds majority, that we reconsider the action of the Conference, taken Monday morning, May 1, whereby consideration of the Report of the Commission on Ritual and Orders of Worship was made the Order of the Day immediately following recess this morning. Motion of Miron A. Morrill (Minnesota), duly seconded, prevailed, that we complete consideration of the Report on the Crusade for Christ, immediately after recess, and then take up consideration of the Report of the Commission on Ritual and Orders of Worship.

By common consent the time was extended in order that the motion to adopt the Report might be made before recess.

Umphrey Lee (North Texas) moved that the total Report before the Conference be adopted. The motion was duly seconded.

Bishop Ernest G. Richardson declared the Conference in recess for ten minutes.

Bishop Ernest G. Richardson called the Conference to order, and announced Hymn 147, "Ask Ye What Great Thing I know," the Conference standing and joining in singing.

Bernard Vessey (*) (Colorado) was introduced by Bishop Ernest G. Richardson, in behalf of Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker of the Denver Area, and sang as a solo "We Shall Shine as the Stars."

George Mecklenburg (Northern Minnesota) offered the following amendments to the Report of the Crusade for Christ (DB-156) :

In column 3, page 97 DCA insert immediately preceding Paragraph No. 1 the following:

"Believing that only as we undergird the future with a radical renewal of our faith in God, and an unqualified commitment in total loyalty to Jesus Christ, can we hope to meet this unparalleled situation, and build an enduring order of good will and peace,

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"We request the Council of Bishops, together with the General Commission on Evangelism, in co-operation with the Continuing Committee, to prepare and direct a Church-wide Campaign of intensive evangelism, beginning not later than the fall Conferences of 1944, and continuing through the year 1945. The details of this Campaign shall be worked out by the Commission on Evangelism and approved by the Council of Bishops."

"Delete the Paragraph beginning near the bottom of column 2, page 98 DCA, which directs that the year 1946 be set aside for special emphasis on evangelism."

The motion to amend being duly seconded, George Mecklenberg (Northern Minnesota) spoke to the same.

Albert E. Day (Southern California-Arizona) spoke against the amendment.

Albert E. Day

R. Gammon Morris (Lexington) spoke in favor of the amendment.

R. Gammon
Morris

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia) spoke against the amendment.

Cooper C. Bell

Charles E. Schofield (Central Kansas) spoke for the amendment.

Charles E.
Schofield

Albert P. Shirkey (Southwest Texas) spoke against the amendment.

Albert P.
Shirkey

Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) moved the previous question on the amendment. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

Lynn Harold
Hough

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam closed the debate on the amendment. The amendment, being put to a vote, did not prevail.

Bishop Ox-
nam Closes
Debate
Amendment
Lost

Leo H. McKay (*) (Erie) moved to amend (DB-157) by deleting Paragraph 4, column 2, page 97. The motion, being duly seconded, Leo

L. H. McKay
Moves to
Amend

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Amendment

Lost

J. R. Crummey Moves
to Amend

H. McKay (*) (Erie) spoke to the same.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam spoke against the amendment. The amendment, being put to a vote, did not prevail.

John R. Crummey (*) (California) moved to amend the Report by substituting the following (DB-158) for Paragraph 2, top of column 1, page 98, DCA:

“That we undertake to raise this entire amount by means of a special campaign during the half year beginning December 1, 1944, contributions to be in cash or in pledges payable on or before January 31, 1946.”

The motion, being duly seconded, John R. Crummey (*) (California) spoke to the same.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam stated that, not being a member of the body, he was not at liberty to accept any proposed changes, but that personally he had no objection to the proposed amendment. The amendment was unanimously adopted.

Amendment
AdoptedL. O. Kirk
Moves
Individual
Recorded
Vote

Lyle O. Kirk (*) (Ohio) moved that we suspend the Rules, and that an individual recorded ballot be taken (DB-159) on the adoption of the Report. The motion, being duly seconded, Lyle O. Kirk (*) (Ohio) spoke to the motion.

J. Edgar
Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) raised the point of order that an incidental motion is not debatable. The Chair ruled the point not well taken in the light of Rule 34 of the Rules of Order.

D. Stewart
Patterson

D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore) spoke against the Kirk motion.

J. L. Wolfe
Moves
Previous
Question

John L. Wolfe (West Virginia) moved the previous question. The Chair ruled that the previous question is in effect and that a motion to that end was not necessary. The motion of Lyle O. Kirk (*) (Ohio) was not adopted.

L. O. Kirk
Motion LostA. W. Martin
Moves
Amendment

Albert W. Martin (North Arkansas) moved to

amend Paragraph 2, column 1, page 98 DCA, by adding the following sentence (DB-160) :

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"In order that the proper emphasis be given to the other features of the Crusade—Evangelism, Stewardship, Church School Attendance, etc.—it is understood that the financial aspects of this Crusade will not be continued beyond January 31, 1946."

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam stated that unless there was objection from any of the groups involved he was ready to accept the amendment. No objection being raised by anyone, the amendment became part of Paragraph 2, column 1, page 98 DCA.

Amendment
Accepted

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

Daniel L.
Marsh
Moves
Previous
Question

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam stated he had nothing further to say. The Report was unanimously adopted. For Report see page 775.

Report
Adopted

The Order of the Day, consideration of Report No. 1, Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, was taken up. J. N. R. Score (Central Texas), Chairman, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, Calendar 67, subject "Action on the Report of the Commission on Ritual and Orders of Worship to the General Conference," DCA-100-101. J. N. R. Score (Central Texas) asked that Dr. Oscar Thomas Olson, Secretary of the Commission, be granted permission to come to the platform to assist in the presentation of the Report. This was unanimously granted. J. N. R. Score (Central Texas), Chairman of the Committee, requested common consent to change the word "Page" in Section 3, line 1, column 2, page 101 DCA, to the word "Section." No objection being raised by any

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for ReportMotion of
J. N. R.
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RichardsonMrs. G. W.
Plette
Moves to
Amend

member of the Committee or of the Conference, the change was made.

Motion of Isaac E. Miller (Ohio), duly seconded, prevailed granting the privileges of the floor to Dr. Oscar Thomas Olson, Secretary of the Commission, to assist in the presentation.

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee) spoke in favor of the Report.

Motion of J. N. R. Score (Central Texas), duly seconded, prevailed, that we pause in our deliberations for a moment of silent prayer at twelve o'clock noon, in compliance with the proclamation of the Mayor of Kansas City that this be done in this city. The Conference bowed for a moment of silent prayer. Bishop Ernest G. Richardson closed with the following oral prayer:

"We now know, our Father, that Thou hast heard every sincere prayer that has gone up from true hearts. Bless us, those for whom we pray. Bring them nearer to us. We ask it in the Saviour's name. Amen."

Consideration of the Order of the Day was resumed.

J. N. R. Score (Central Texas), Chairman, called attention to the changes set forth in the Report, and stated that if and when Section 1 of the Report was adopted, it would carry with it Report No. 14 of the Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 29, subject "Ritual Services in Hymnal and Discipline," page 69 DCA (see page 711), as that Report had the same content as Section 1 of the Report now under consideration. W. Angie Smith (North Texas), Chairman of the Committee on Publishing Interests, concurred in this statement.

J. N. R. Score (Central Texas), Chairman, moved the adoption of the Report. The motion was duly seconded.

Mrs. G. W. L. Plette (*) (Minnesota) moved

to eliminate pages 269 to 418, inclusive, from the *Book of Worship for Church and Home* (DB-161). The motion being duly seconded, Mrs. G. W. L. Plette (*) (Minnesota) spoke to the motion to delete.

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Motion Lost

J. N. R. Score (Central Texas), Chairman, spoke against the motion. The motion to delete did not prevail.

Okey J. Carder Moves Previous Question

Okey J. Carder (Missouri) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

Report Adopted

The Chairman having nothing further to say, the Report was adopted. For Report see pages 711, 717.

Covering Resolution

The following covering Resolution (DB-162) was, on motion of J. N. R. Score (Central Texas), Chairman, adopted:

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship which has been substituted for Paragraphs 1571 to 1601 inclusive of the *Discipline* of 1940 repeals all other legislation in the *Discipline* of 1940 which may be in conflict with the aforesaid Report.

(Signed) J. N. R. SCORE, *Chairman*;

ELLEN M. STUDLEY, *Secretary*.

Motion J. N. R. Score re Report

The following Resolution (DB-163) was adopted, on motion of J. N. R. Score (Central Texas), duly seconded:

Be it resolved, That the Editorial Committee of the Ritual Commission and the Book Editor be authorized to make any adjustments necessary in the matter of obtaining copyrights for materials in the *Book of Worship for Church and Home*.

(Signed) J. N. R. SCORE,

NOLAN B. HARMON, JR.

Report No. 1 Reference

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Reference, subject "Bishop's Address," page 119 DCA, and Report No. 2 of the same Committee, subject "Quadrennial Reports," page 119 DCA, on motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis), duly seconded, were

- MAY 3** adopted without reading. For Reports see page
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Rule 34 Motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Penn-
 Referred sylvania), duly seconded, prevailed, that Rule 34
 be amended to conform and harmonize with Rule
 18 (DC-164), and that the matter be referred to
 the Committee on Rules for action and report.
- C. F. Murphy** Isaac E. Miller (Ohio) was recognized and pre-
 Presented sented Chaplain C. F. Murphy of the Ohio Con-
 ference, with the Second Air Force, stationed at
 the Army Air Base, Lincoln, Nebr. Chaplain
 Murphy briefly addressed the Conference.
- Presiding** Isaac E. Miller (Ohio), Chairman of the Com-
 Officer mittee on Presiding Officers, announced that Bish-
 Announced op Paul B. Kern would preside at the afternoon
 session today, and that Bishop J. Ralph Magee
 would preside at tonight's session.
- Offering An-** Bishop John C. Broomfield, Resident Bishop of
 nounced the Area, was presented and stated that the offer-
 ings for the two public meetings on Sunday nights,
 April 23 and 30, were, respectively, \$548.10 and
 \$1,370.90, a total of \$1,919.00.
- Adjournment** After various announcements the Conference
 adjourned with the benediction pronounced by
 Bishop John M. Moore.

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EIGHTH DAY **AFTERNOON SESSION**
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Bishop Kern Pursuant to adjournment, the General Confer-
 Presides ence convened at 3:30 P.M., with Bishop Paul B.
 Kern in the Chair.

Bishop A. W. Bishop Kern spoke of the death of Bishop Adna
 Leonard Wright Leonard, Chairman of the Methodist Com-
 mission on Army and Navy Chaplains, and his
 aide, Captain Humphrey, a Methodist Chaplain,
 which occurred one year ago today in an airplane
 crash on a bleak headland in Iceland, and re-
 quested the Conference to stand and join in sing-

ing Hymn No. 521, "It Singeth Low in Every Heart." The Conference rose and joined in the singing of the hymn, after which Joseph P. Bartak (Czechoslovakia) led in prayer.

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David M. Jordan, Pastor of the Gammon Methodist Church, Chicago, and a graduate of Gammon Theological Seminary, sang a Negro spiritual, "Down to the River," by MacGimsey.

Solo by
David M.
Jordan

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, was recognized, and moved that the Calendar be taken up. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Calendar

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, moved that Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey), Chairman of the Subcommittee which prepared the pending reports, be permitted to present them to the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Ray H.
Nichols

F. A. Stanger,
Jr.

Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey), presented Report No. 4, of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 41 (DCA-77), subject "Disposal of Property of a Discontinued Charge," and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 644.

Report No. 4
Membership
LA-TE

Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey) presented Report No. 5 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 42 (DCA-77, 78), subject "Charters for Local Charges," and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 644.

Report No. 5
Membership.
LA-TE

Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey) presented Report No. 6 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 43 (DCA-78), subject "Vacancies

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Membership.
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in Board of Trustees of Charges," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) raised a question regarding the Report, which was answered satisfactorily by A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana).

Marcus C. Redwine (*) (Kentucky) asked a question, which was answered by Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey). The Report was adopted. For Report see page 645.

Elwood F.
Melson
Moves Re-
considera-
tion

Elwood F. Melson (*) (Peninsula) moved to reconsider (DCA-165) Report No. 5, Calendar No. 22 (DCA-68) of the Committee on Ministry, subject "Duties of Unordained Local Preachers," and adopted Monday, May 1, 1944. The motion, duly seconded, did not prevail.

Point of Order
J. Edgar
Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) raised the point of order that Elwood F. Melson (*) (Peninsula) should be permitted to state his reasons for reconsideration, before the vote was taken. The Chair ruled the point well taken. Elwood F. Melson (*) (Peninsula) stated his reasons. The vote on reconsideration was put and prevailed.

Elwood F.
Melson
Moves to
Amend

Elwood F. Melson (*) (Peninsula) moved to amend the Report (DB-166) by striking out the words "Such authorization shall be valid only within the bounds of his charge," found in lines seven and eight of both Paragraphs 215 and 287 of the Report, and substituting therefor in each Paragraph the following: "Any exercise by him of his authorization outside the bounds of his charge shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of his authorization by his Bishop, upon recommendation of his District Superintendent."

Amendment
Accepted

John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman of the Committee on Ministry, accepted the amendment for the Committee, there being no objec-

tion raised by the Committee or any member of the Conference.

Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri) raised a question about the definition of "bounds of his charge," but made no motion.

Charles V. Adams (*) (Central Pennsylvania) moved to delete the words "and to perform the marriage ceremony" (DB-167), found in lines five and six of Paragraphs 215 and 287 of the Report. The motion was duly seconded.

G. Mont Davenport (North Alabama) spoke against the amendment and for the Report, with the amendment accepted by the Chairman.

Littell J. Rust (*) (Tennessee) spoke to the matter pending.

The proposed amendment of Charles V. Adams (*) (Central Pennsylvania), being put to vote, did not prevail.

Frank L. Shaffer (West Virginia) moved that the words of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church be substituted for the Report (DB-168). The motion was duly seconded.

Guy O. Carpenter (Indiana) spoke against the substitute.

Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) moved the previous question on the substitute. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question on the substitute was ordered. The substitute was lost by a vote of 215 for to 287 against.

E. D. Baker (Southwest Missouri) moved to substitute for the Report the language of Paragraph 215 of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church with the words "within his pastoral charge" to be added to the end of said Paragraph (DB-169).

Leonard B. Smith (Baltimore) spoke against the substitute.

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) moved the previous question on all before the body. The

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Charles V.
Adams
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Amend

G. Mont
Davenport
for Report

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Frank L.
Shaffer
Moves Sub-
stitution

Guy O. Car-
penter
Against

Lynn Harold
Hough
Moves
Previous
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E. D. Baker
Moves
Substitute

L. B. Smith
Against

Daniel L.
Marsh
Moves
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motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

The substitute offered by E. D. Baker (Southwest Missouri) did not prevail.

Report
Adopted

The original Report as amended by acceptance was adopted. For Report see page 668.

Nominations
for Judicial
Council

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, was recognized and presented the nominations of the Council of Bishops for the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church (DB-170), as follows:

Ministers: Waights G. Henry (North Alabama), Sidney H. Babcock (West Oklahoma), Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Charles B. Ketcham (North-East Ohio), William H. LaPrade (North Georgia), Akbert G. Schatzman (Ohio), Raymond M. Shipman (Iowa-Des Moines), B. Rhett Turnipseed (Upper South Carolina).

Laymen: Martin E. Lawson (Missouri), Henry R. Van Deusen (Wyoming), James I. Dolliver (Northwest Iowa), Donald A. Odell (Southern California-Arizona), Robert J. O'Neal (Louisiana—SC), Frank M. Phelps (Oregon), Edward A. Smith (Detroit), Osso W. Stanley (Louisville).

Nominations
from Floor

Nominations being in order from the floor, Zachary T. Johnson (Kentucky) nominated Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey), a layman (DB-171). There being no further nominations, motion of Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, prevailed that the nominations be closed.

Calendar

Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), Calendar Secretary, announced that Serials 41 and 43, adopted this morning, had been reprinted on page 100 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, as Serials 65 and 66, and therefore will not be considered when reached in the regular consideration of the Calendar.

Angie W. Smith (North Texas), Chairman,

presented Report No. 19 of the Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 57 (DCA-84), subject "Editing the Discipline," and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see p. 714.

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Report No. 19
Publishing
Interests
Report No. 20
Publishing
Interests

Angie W. Smith (North Texas), Chairman, presented Report No. 20 of the Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 62 (DCA-95), subject "The Christian Advocate and Good Literature," and asked common consent to insert the words "or November" immediately following the word "October" found in line ten. Common consent was granted for this insertion, and, on motion of Angie W. Smith (North Texas), duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 715.

Angie W. Smith (North Texas), Chairman, presented Report No. 18 of the Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 63 (DCA-95, 96), subject "Quadrennial Report of the Publishing Agents and Editors, the Board of Publication," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 712.

Report No. 18
Publishing
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Motion of Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), Calendar Secretary, duly seconded, prevailed that the Rules be suspended for the consideration of and action on Calendar Reports printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of today, Wednesday, May 3, 1944.

Edgar R.
Heckman
Moves Sus-
pension of
Rules

John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 70 (DCA-109), subject "Appointment of Executive Secretaries of Preacher's Aid Societies," and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 671.

Report No. 9
Ministry

John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 74 (DCA-110), subject, "Con-

Report No. 8
Ministry

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mon Moves
to Amend

ference Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia) moved to amend by adding the word "Elders" after the word "nine" in line three (DB-172). The amendment was accepted by John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference.

Benjamin W.
Meeks Moves
to Amend

Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) moved that the word "Committee" be substituted for the word "Board" in line six, and that the word "elect" be substituted for the word "confirm" in line three. Both of these substitutions were accepted by John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh) for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference.

George W.
Henson

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) made a statement concerning the editorial changes.

Leon T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) raised the question as to whether the Committee on Conferences could change the name until the General Conference had acted. The Chair ruled it was a matter of editorial revision.

Report
Adopted

The Report, with the accepted amendments, was then adopted. For Report see page 670.

Report No. 7
Ministry

John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 71 (DCA-109), subject "Equal Clergy Rights for Women," with a Minority Report attached thereto, and stated that the Committee moved non-concurrence on the Majority Report.

A. Wesley
Pugh Pre-
sents
Minority
Report

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) presented the Minority Report.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) raised the point of order that the Majority Re-

port should be perfected before the presentation of the Minority Report, as Rule 21 required.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken. The Majority Report was presented and there were no amendments of any kind offered thereto.

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved that the Minority Report be substituted for the Majority Report. The motion was duly seconded.

Mrs. J. D. Bragg (*) (St. Louis) spoke in favor of the Minority Report.

Mrs. John E. Martin (*) (Detroit) spoke against the Minority Report.

George Mecklenburg (Northern Minnesota) spoke for the Minority Report.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved that we do now adjourn. Motion did not prevail.

Mrs. Anne M. Ebner (*) (New Jersey) spoke against the Minority Report.

Mrs. J. Walter Mills (*) (Texas) spoke in favor of the Minority Report.

Winfred F. Bryan (Texas) moved that when the vote is taken, it be taken by orders (DB-173). The motion was duly seconded, but, on being put, did not prevail.

Cassius E. Street (Southwest Missouri) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The vote was taken, and the previous question ordered.

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) closed the debate for the adoption of the Minority Report.

John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, closed the debate for the Committee.

The Minority Report was not adopted. The Report of the Committee, recommending non-concurrence, was adopted. For Report see pages 669, 670.

Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri) moved that the election of members, and alternate members, of the Judicial Council of The Method-

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A. Wesley Pugh Moves to Substitute

Mrs. John E. Martin

George Mecklenburg

Adjournment Voted Down

Mrs. Anne M. Ebner

Mrs. J. Walter Mills

Winfred F. Bryan Moves Vote by Orders

Cassius S. Street Moves Previous Question

Minority Report Lost

Election Members Judicial Council

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ist Church be made the Order of the Day, immediately following Recess on Friday morning, May 5, 1944 (DB-174).

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed, that we adjourn after the announcements.

Adjournment

After various announcements, the Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Bishop A. Frank Smith.

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**EIGHTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1944,
EVENING SESSION**

Bishop J.
Ralph
Magee
Presides

Pursuant to adjournment the General Conference convened in evening session at 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, May 3, 1944, with Bishop J. Ralph Magee in the Chair. Bishop Magee announced, and the Conference joined in singing, Hymn 72, "This Is My Father's World," after which Mrs. Harry Lauer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) led in prayer.

Dr. James R. Houghton favored the Conference with a solo, "Steal Away to Jesus," a Negro spiritual.

Courtesies

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, as a privileged matter read the following reply of the Archbishop of York to an invitation extended him through the Council of Bishops and the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges to address the General Conference:

Archbishop of
York

"Deeply grateful invitation to address quadrennial General Conference, but regret program will not permit visit to Kansas City."

Leslie G. Templin
Presents
Resolutions

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, next presented Leslie G. Templin (India) for a privileged matter. Leslie G. Templin (India) presented a Resolution and moved that

the General Conference receive the same and accept the thanks of the signers of the Resolution. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Resolution was adopted, as follows (DB-175) :

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“World conditions have prevented many regularly elected Delegates from Annual Conferences outside the United States from attending the General Conference of 1944. By the thoughtful arrangements of the Council of Bishops and the generous approval of this Conference it has been possible for missionaries and nationals, who have served within these Conferences, or been associated with the work thereof, to participate in the sessions of the Conference.

“We, the undersigned recipients of this high honor, desire to express to the Council of Bishops, and the members of the General Conference, our deep appreciation of, and gratitude for, the privilege extended to us and the uniform and kindly courtesy we have received.”

(Signed) Horace E. Dewey, Eloise M. Templin, Mary A. Evans, Thirza E. Bunce, Y. C. Yang, Mildred Simonds, Katherine Liu, Lydia D. Christensen, Nettie A. Bacon, Mildred Pierce, Grace A. Stockwell, Pauline E. Westcott, Jenny Lind, Clyde N. Stuntz, Ellen M. Studley, Leslie G. Templin, Mrs. Anton Hammarberg, J. C. Wengatz, Fred Williams, Ernest S. Lyons, B. O. Peterson, Hazel Davis, Jos. P. Bartak, Sidney R. Anderson, Gaither P. Warfield, R. L. Archer, Perry O. Hanson, Janie Laupmanis, Hyla S. Watters, M.D., John B. Shen, I. U. Townsley, Lucile Colony.

Benjamin F. Schwartz (Nebraska) was recognized at the request of Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, for the presentation of the following matter :

Benjamin F.
Schwartz
Presents
Privileged
Matter

“Captain Robert H. Shannon, of Washington, Iowa, a Methodist layman, was killed in the same airplane accident that took the life of Bishop Adna Wright Leonard. His father wrote a series of ‘Letters to Bob.’ I should like permission to read six sentences which seem to me to epitomize a marvelous faith in an hour of extreme sorrow, and I move that they be included in the record of the Conference. (DB-176)

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The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the following was ordered to record:

"We must understand, I guess, that our own lives are geared somehow with higher and broader purposes."

"You were one of God's expendables. And the reason and purpose of your leaving may be charted for us later."

"Maybe these are the threads the Master Weaver plans to use in His Grand Design."

"Into that Grand Design may be going at this moment the words 'No More Wars.'"

"And yours may be one of the threads needed to complete that glorious legend."

"Good night, son.

DAD."

Declaratory
Decision
Requested

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented a request (DB-177) for a Declaratory Decision, and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted, as follows:

"WHEREAS, This General Conference has adopted a Pension Code, Paragraph 1318, Section 2, Subdivision (d) which provides that years served as a member of an Annual Conference left without appointment to attend school for a period not to exceed three Conference years may be counted for annuity claim;

"WHEREAS, The Western North Carolina Conference, in common with other Annual Conferences in the Territory of the Missouri Corporation, has in its membership many Conference Claimants to whom such a provision has not been hitherto applicable; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the General Conference ask the Judicial Council to render a Declaratory Decision as to whether or not the aforementioned enactment is retroactive within the Territory of the Missouri Corporation, in order that the claims of these Conference Claimants may be accurately determined."

LeRoy L.
Weis
Moves
Reconsideration

LeRoy L. Weis (Iowa-Des Moines) moved a reconsideration of Report No. 4, Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 41, subject "Disposal of Property of a Discontinued Charge" (DB-178). The

motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and reconsideration was ordered.

Attention was called to the fact that Calendar No. 41 (DCA-77) and 65 (DCA-100) were identical Reports from the same Committee. LeRoy L. Weis (Iowa-Des Moines) moved that Reports, Calendar Nos. 41 and 65 be deleted from the records (DB-179). The motion was duly seconded.

Arthur M. Wells (Illinois) spoke against the motion.

Frank C. Propert (*) (New York) moved that the Report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration and report to the Conference (DB-180). The motion was duly seconded.

Francis A. Stanger, Jr., made a statement relative to the matter for the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.

Paul G. James (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) spoke in favor of the motion to delete.

R. Gammon Morris (Lexington) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

The motion of Frank C. Propert (*) (New York) to refer was adopted.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, briefly outlined the Calendar business of this evening's session.

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 56 (DCA-80, 81, 82, 83, 84), subject "Amending Chapter Three, 1940 Discipline," and by common consent, which was granted, to make some corrections of typographical errors and add Paragraphs 1090 and 1091, which had been left out of the printed copy, as follows:

(a) The Report is No. 4 and not No. 17.

(b) Add to the Memorial Serial Numbers the following: 86, 89, 92, 257, 621, 650, 674, 675.

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(c) Page 83, third column, last paragraph of Paragraph 1123, line 6, delete the word "hereby" and substitute the word "thereby."

(d) Page 84, first column, Paragraph 1139, after the word "Superintendents" at the beginning of line five, add "the President of the Young Adult Fellowship."

(e) Page 84, second column, Paragraph 1146, subsection 6, delete the word "department" and substitute the word "departments."

(f) Page 82, second column, insert Paragraph 1090, to read as follows: "Par. 1090. The Division shall promote and administer the Student Loan and Scholarship Fund, and other funds established for the aid of students, in accordance with regulations recommended by the Division, and adopted by the Board of Education."

(g) Page 82, second column, insert Paragraph 1091, following inserted Paragraph 1090, to read as follows:

"Par. 1091. One Sunday in each year shall be observed in the Local Churches as Methodist Student Day (formerly Children's Day or College Day), for the purpose, first, of calling attention to and creating interest of children, young people and adults in higher education, and second, of receiving an offering for the Student Loan and Scholarship Fund. The date of this day and the administration of the Fund shall be determined by the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education. Funds raised on this day shall be paid through the Annual Conference Treasurer, or the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Education, as the Annual Conference may direct, to the Treasurer of the Board of Education. These funds shall be given recognition in an additional column in the Pastor's report to the Annual Conference, but shall not be charged against the share of the Board of Education in the General Apportioned Benevolences."

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) then moved the adoption of the Report. The motion was duly seconded.

John L. Wolfe
 Moves to
 Amend

John L. Wolfe (West Virginia) moved to amend Paragraph 1139, column one, page 84, by deleting the word "Assistant" at the end of the fourth line in the first paragraph, and substituting therefor the words "Church School Divisional" (DB-181). The motion was duly seconded.

The amendment was accepted by Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) moved to amend by substituting for Paragraph 541, page 83 DCA, column one, Paragraph 541 of Report No. 3 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 40 (DCA-75), adopted May 2, 1940, and to further amend by substituting for Paragraph 529, page 83, second column, DCA, Paragraph 529 of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 30 (DCA-70) as amended and adopted May 1, 1944 (DB-182). The motion was duly seconded.

John Q. Schisler (North Arkansas) spoke to the matter pending.

D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore) raised a question concerning the official board. Bishop Magee answered the question satisfactorily.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) asked a question which was answered by George W. Henson (Philadelphia).

The motion of George W. Henson to amend by substitution, being put, was adopted.

Charles M. Coulter (Ohio) moved to amend Paragraph 1090, inserted by common consent on page 82, column two, by deleting the words "and Scholarship" (DB-183). The motion was duly seconded.

Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore) spoke against the motion to delete.

Roy L. Smith (Southern California-Arizona) spoke for the deletion.

M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington) spoke against the motion to delete.

Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) moved the previous question on the amendment. The

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Moves to
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Fred G.
Holloway

Roy L. Smith

M. LaFayette
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Question

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MarshGuy O. Car-
penter
Moves to
Amend

motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question on the amendment was ordered.

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, closed the debate for the Committee. The motion to delete did not prevail.

Guy O. Carpenter (Indiana) moved to amend Paragraph 1133, page 83, third column, by deleting the word "one-half" found in lines twelve and eighteen; and adding after the word "monthly" in line twelve, the words "as directed by the local Methodist Youth Fellowship between" (DB-184). The motion was duly seconded.

Mrs. J. D.
Bragg

Mrs. J. D. Bragg (*) (St. Louis) spoke against the amendment.

Paul W. Quil-
lian Speaks

At the request of Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, Paul W. Quillian (Texas) spoke to the proposed amendment in behalf of the Committee. The amendment, being put to a vote, was not adopted.

Paul N. Gar-
ber

Paul N. Garber (Western North Carolina) asked two questions concerning Paragraph 1097. At the request of Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, William K. Anderson (Pittsburgh), Educational Director of the General Conference Commission on Ministerial Training, answered the questions.

Horace E.
Cromer
Moves to
Amend

Horace E. Cromer (Baltimore) moved to amend Paragraph 1139, page 84, column one, third paragraph, by adding the words "for which the Board of Education is responsible," at the end of the third line of the said third paragraph. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment
Accepted

The amendment was accepted by Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, for the Committee, there being no objections raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference.

Donald Tim-
merman
Moves to
Amend

Donald Timmerman (Ohio) moved to amend Paragraph 1085, page 82, column two, by re-

inserting "8, Wesley Foundations and Similar Organizations" (DB-186). The motion was duly seconded.

Harry W. McPherson (Illinois) spoke to the pending matter.

Charles M. Coulter (Ohio) spoke in favor of the amendment.

Louis C. Wright (North-East Ohio) spoke against the amendment.

R. Gammon Morris (Lexington) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, closed the debate for the Committee.

The amendment of Donald Timmerman (Ohio) was not adopted. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 547.

At the request of Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, William K. Anderson (Pittsburgh) presented Report No. 5 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 79 (DCA-112, 113), subject "Ministerial Education and Simplified Course of Study for Accepted Supply Pastors," and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 562.

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 80 (DCA-113), subject, "Ministry of the Radio and Commission on Radio for The Methodist Church," and moved its reference to the General Conference Commission on Public Information. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was referred. For Report see page 566.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 89 (DCA-115), subject,

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H. W. McPherson

Charles M. Coulter

Louis C. Wright

R. Gammon Morris
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Closes
Debate

Amendment
Lost

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"A Secretary of Town and Country Work," and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 535.

Report No. 7
Conferences

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 91 (DCA-116), subject, "Ministerial Members of An Annual Conference," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded. A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) called attention to the fact that on May 1, 1944, Report No. 4 of the Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 20 (DCA-68), covering this particular matter, had been adopted. George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, requested permission to withdraw Report No. 7 of the Committee on Conferences, which had just been adopted. Permission was granted as requested and the Report withdrawn. For Report see page 534.

Report No. 6
Conferences

At the request of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, John R. Kenny (California) presented Report No. 6 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 92 (DCA-116), subject, "Oriental Provisional Annual Conference," and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 534.

Report No. 5
Conferences

John R. Kenny (California) presented Report No. 5 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 93 (DCA-116), subject "Continuation of South Florida Annual Conference," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded. Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska) moved to amend by deleting the word "permitting" in line seven, and substituting the words "consenting that," and deleting the word "to" in line eight. John R. Kenney (California) accepted the amendment for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference.

The Report, with the accepted amendment, was adopted. For Report see page 533.

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 76 (DCA-110, 111), subject "Segregation and Church-wide Meetings," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

A. Thomas McIlwain (North Mississippi) was recognized and yielded the floor to John E. Stevens (North Mississippi), who moved to amend the Report beginning with the word "seek" in the second line, so it would read as follows:

"We recommend that committees arranging for general meetings of the Church locate such meetings only in places where adequate and suitable entertainment can be provided for all delegates and representatives of the Church." (DB-187)

Fred D. Stone (Rock River) spoke in favor of the amendment.

Miss Thelma Stevens, Executive Secretary of the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, spoke against the amendment.

W. Marvette Curtis (Alabama) spoke for the amendment.

J. Boyd Davis (*) (Ohio) moved the previous question. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, stated he had no further remarks.

Miron A. Morrill (Minnesota) asked a question about the amendment, which was answered satisfactorily by Ernest W. Peterson (Oregon), the Document Secretary.

The amendment of John E. Stevens (North Mississippi) was adopted. The Report, as amend-

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A. T. Mc-
Ilwain
Yields Floor
to John E.
Stevens

Fred D. Stone

Miss Thelma
Stevens

W. M. Curtiss

J. Boyd Davis
Moves
Previous
Question

Miron A. Mor-
rill

Ernest W.
Peterson

Amendment
Adopted

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ed, was then adopted. For Report see page 725.

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 68 (DCA-107, 108, 109), subject "Conditions of Peace." Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, called attention to typographical errors, and then moved the adoption of the Report.

James A.
Perry

James A. Perry (Troy) moved that the Report be considered section by section. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Lynn Harold
Hough

Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) spoke to the Report as a whole and Section 1 in particular.

Ralph E.
Diffendorfer
Moves
Change

Ralph E. Diffendorfer, Executive Secretary, General Board of Missions and Church Extension, spoke to the Section and suggested that the last paragraph of sub-section 4 be changed to read as follows:

"We confess our sympathy with the aspirations of dependent peoples everywhere and believe that these aspirations are in full harmony with the struggle for freedom throughout the world. We also ask that the governments concerned be urged to regard the welfare of these peoples as their central purpose." (DB-188)

Changes
Accepted

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, accepted the changed reading for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference.

Section I (Political) and the Preamble were adopted, with the accepted rewriting of sub-section 4, as stated above.

Section II (Racial) was next considered. Edmund Heinsohn (Southwest Texas) and Willis J. King (Texas—C) spoke to the matter under consideration.

Fred B.
Noble Moves
to Amend

Fred B. Noble (*) (Florida—SE) moved to amend sub-section "A. Study Commission" (DCA-

108) by deleting the first three lines, which read as follows: "We look to the ultimate elimination of racial discrimination within The Methodist Church. Accordingly." (DB-189) The motion was duly seconded.

G. Mont Davenport (North Alabama) moved that we adjourn after announcements. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Isaac E. Miller (Ohio), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, announced that Bishop A. Frank Smith would preside at the session tomorrow morning.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Bishop J. Ralph Magee, with consideration of the amendment of Fred B. Noble (Florida—SE) pending. (NOTE: For resumption of consideration see Friday morning, May 5, 1944, page 405.)

NINTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1944,
MORNING SESSION

The General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the session of the ninth day at 8:30 A.M., Thursday, May 4, 1944, with Bishop A. Frank Smith in the Chair.

The worship service was under the direction of Bishop J. Lloyd Decell. Bishop Decell announced, and the Conference joined in singing, Hymn 220, "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned," after which he led the Conference in the responsive reading entitled "The Joy of Deliverance," found on page 600 of *The Methodist Hymnal*. A quartette from the National Training School for Christian Workers of Kansas City, composed of Mary Martin, Evelyn Weaver, Vada Hoch and Betty Hall, under the direction of Mrs. C. V. Gustafson, sang "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art" and "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," by Lehman. Prayer was offered by Benjamin L. Suth-

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G. Mont Davenport
Moves
Adjournment
Presiding Officer
Announced

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Bishop A.
Frank
Smith,
Presides

Devotions:
Bishop J.
Lloyd Decell

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erland (Mississippi), after which Bishop Decell gave the devotional address. The worship period closed with the singing of Hymn 471, "We Bear the Strains of Earthly Care," and the benediction, pronounced by Bishop Decell.

Journal
Report

The Report of the Committee on Journal was presented and adopted, as follows (DB-190) :

We have examined the Journal of the General Conference for morning, afternoon and evening sessions of Wednesday, May 3, 1944, and find same to be correct.

(Signed) A. M. CARTER,
F. L. PEDERSEN.

Courtesies

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented Fred D. Stone (Rock River) for a privileged matter.

Fred D. Stone
Introduces
Mr. M.
Lund

Fred D. Stone (Rock River) made a statement about the difficulties under which the *Daily Christian Advocate* was being printed under war conditions; and stated that only through the generous co-operation of the Nazarene Publishing Company has it been at all possible to have a paper for the General Conference. He then introduced Mr. M. Lund, Manager and Treasurer. Rev. P. A. Lund, President of the Company, was out of town. The Conference rose and applauded.

J. Manning
Potts
Moves to
Publish

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented J. Manning Potts (Virginia) for a privileged matter.

Motion of J. Manning Potts (Virginia), duly seconded, prevailed, as follows (DB-191): "I move that the Commission on Evangelism be authorized to publish in leaflet form those parts of the Episcopal Address pertaining to Evangelism."

Charles A.
Robbins
Motion re
Steno-
graphic
Report

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies

and Privileges, presented Charles A. Robbins (*) (Pacific Northwest) for a privileged motion.

Charles A. Robbins (*) (Pacific Northwest) moved "That the stenographic Report of this General Conference be mailed, without charge, to the Libraries of the Educational Institutions of The Methodist Church and of those related to it" (DB-192). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, moved that we fix the time for the final adjournment of this General Conference for not later than Saturday evening, May 6, 1944 (DB-193). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, prevailed, that we reconsider the action of the Conference whereby the Rules of Order were adopted.

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, prevailed, amending Rule 8, so that after the Order of the Day has been exhausted today, speeches be limited to five minutes, except the Chairman of a Standing Committee shall have ten minutes for the closing speech, and, further, that this change applies only to the General Conference of 1944 (DB-194). The Rules of Order, with the above changes, were then adopted.

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, prevailed that the Treasurer of the General Administration Fund be authorized to pay the *per diem* of all delegates for the time they are compelled to stay in Kansas City, owing to their inability to secure accommodations for their return home immediately after adjournment, but

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Fixed

Motion
George W.
Henson re
Speeches

Motion George
W. Henson
re per diem

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that no payment shall be made beyond Monday, May 8, 1944 (DB-195).

Motion
George W.
Henson re
Local Ex-
penses

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, moved that the Treasurer of the General Administration Fund be authorized to pay the Local Committee on Entertainment any amount of financial loss in their income due to the time of final adjournment, the amount so authorized not to exceed \$500.00 (DB-196). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

O. W. Auman

Orrin W. Auman, Treasurer of the General Administration Fund, was recognized, and made a statement concerning the *per diem* checks.

A. Wesley
Pugh Asks
Question

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) asked a question concerning the rights of the Chairman in charge of a Minority Report, and was answered by the Presiding Bishop.

Lynn Harold
Hough
Point of
Order

Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) made the point of order that the Order of the Day takes precedence over the matters pending when the General Conference adjourned last evening. The Chair ruled the point well taken.

Report No. 8
State of
Church

The Order of the Day having arrived, Report No. 8 of the Committee on the State of the Church, with a Minority Report attached, Calendar No. 108 (DCA-123), subject "The Church in Time of War," was taken up for consideration.

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church, moved that the Rules be suspended in order that a special method of procedure might be adopted for the consideration of the Report before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Presentation
Procedure
Outlined

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church, moved that the following method of presentation prevail, First: The Chairman of the Majority Report will present it with the aid of five other per-

sons who support the Majority Report. Second: The Chairman of the Minority Report will present it with the aid of five persons who support the Minority Report. Third: The debate will then become general (DB-197). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

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Bishop A. Frank Smith clearly stated the parliamentary situation governing the presentation of Report No. 8 of the Committee on the State of the Church.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) asked a question concerning the parliamentary situation, which was answered by Bishop A. Frank Smith.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved a reconsideration of the action of the Conference whereby the five-minute limit on speeches would begin to apply after the Order of the Day has been completed. The motion was duly seconded. The vote was taken, and it appearing that a count vote would be necessary to determine the outcome, J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), with the consent of his second, withdrew the motion to reconsider, and as a matter of privilege made a statement concerning the method of procedure adopted for the consideration of the pending Report.

J. Edgar
Skillington
Moves Re-
considera-
tion

Isaac E. Miller (Ohio) moved a reconsideration of the action of the Conference whereby it was planned to have five speakers on each side. The motion was duly seconded, but did not prevail.

Isaac E.
Miller
Moves Reconsideration

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee on the State of the Church, Calendar No. 108 (DCA-123), subject, "The Church in Time of War," and stated that by common agreement of both the Majority and Minority members of the Committee two amendments were to be inserted in the Majority Report, if there was no objection raised

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by the members of the Conference. No objection being raised, the following amendments were added to the Majority Report:

1st. "The Church cannot be indifferent to the issues at stake in the present conflict. It is deeply concerned in the human values in jeopardy and in the ultimate effect of the conflict upon the cause of justice, freedom and brotherhood. As a corporate body seeking to declare the will of God, it must express its moral judgment and use its moral force against tyranny, aggression, persecution, and all forms of political dictatorship and totalitarianism which run counter to our Christian belief in the worth and dignity of every individual." (DB-198)

2nd. "We call upon the Church to pray for the welfare of those in the armed forces, for the maintenance of their Christian faith and ideals and their safe return to our homes and churches, if this be possible. Believing that God has a stake in the victory of peace with justice in the present conflict, we commend our cause to Him, praying 'Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done.'" (DB-199)

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman of the Committee, moved the adoption of the Report. The motion was duly seconded, and Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River) spoke to the pending Report.

Speakers for
Report

Henry Hitt Crane (Detroit), Mrs. Nancy L. Wright (*) (St. Louis), Glenn C. James (Florida), Albert E. Day (Southern California-Arizona), and Edmund Heinsohn (Southwest Texas) spoke separately for the Majority Report.

Recess

Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) moved that we recess at this time. The motion was duly seconded. By common consent the rules were suspended, as the hour of Recess had not arrived, and the motion to recess *now* prevailed, and a ten-minute recess was taken.

RECESS

Reconvene

Bishop A. Frank Smith called the Conference to order, and James R. Houghton led the Confer-

ence in singing Hymn 73, "Be Still, My Soul, the Lord Is on Thy Side." James R. Houghton and Bernard Vessey (Colorado) then sang a duet, "God Will Take Care of You."

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By previous action of the Conference a photograph of the gathering was made at this time.

Orrin W. Auman, Treasurer of the General Administration Fund, was recognized, for a special matter concerning the business of the Conference.

O. W. Auman

The pending matter was resumed, and Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) presented the Minority Report, attached to Report No. 8 of the Committee on the State of the Church, Calendar No. 108 (DCA-123), subject "The Church in Time of War," and spoke to the same.

Minority
Report
Presented

Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio), Paul E. Secrest (North-East Ohio), R. Gammon Morris (Lexington), Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia), and Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) separately spoke in favor of the Minority Report.

Speakers for

Herschel R. Snively (*) (Illinois) was recognized, but ruled out of order because he desired to support the Minority Report, on the ground that the regular Rules of Order were now in force and that the Majority Report must be perfected before the Minority Report could be considered.

Herschel R.
Snively

Bishop A. Frank Smith ascertained by a show of hands of the Conference that the five-minute limit on speeches, previously ordered at this session, should now take effect, and that the Majority Report was under consideration.

C. Gordon Phillips (Detroit) spoke in favor of the Majority Report.

C. Gordon
Phillips

William K. Anderson (Pittsburgh) moved the previous question. The Chair ruled the motion out of order at the present time, as both sides of the question had not been heard.

William K.
Anderson

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) as a question of privilege for the Conference suggested that the

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Marsh
Makes Sug-
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method of procedure be for those having amendments to the Majority Report, now offer them in order to perfect the main question, and then take up the perfecting of the Minority Report. By common consent this was agreed to.

Harry R.
Hummer

Harry R. Hummer (*) (Pittsburgh) was recognized, but ruled out of order at this time because he desired to speak in support of the Minority Report.

Paul M. Hill-
man Moves
to Amend

Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska) moved to amend that Section of the Report reaffirming Paragraph 1716 of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, Section III, at the end of the sentence closing the second paragraph of the Section at the top of page 778 of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, by adding these words, "this does not deny the use of church buildings to agencies of mercy and healing, such as the Red Cross" (DB-200).

Amendment
Accepted

The amendment was accepted by Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference.

T. Morton
McDonald
Moves to
Amend

T. Morton McDonald (*) (Indiana) moved to amend by deleting the first four lines of the last paragraph at the bottom of page 777, 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, and substituting therefor the following: "Therefore we stand upon the ground, The Methodist Church makes no attempt to bind the consciences of its members" (DB-201).

John L. Wolfe

John L. Wolfe (West Virginia) spoke against the amendment and for the Majority Report.

Andrew C.
Caton
Moves
Previous
Question

Andrew C. Caton (Montana) moved the previous question. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question on the amendment was ordered.

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chair-

man of the Committee, spoke against the amendment. The amendment was not adopted.

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Horace T. Freeman (South Georgia) moved to amend the Report by deleting the first ten lines in the last paragraph of the printed Report and substitute therefor the following:

Horace T. Freeman
Moves to Amend

"Many Methodists in loyalty to conscience are in Civilian Public Service Camps, or in prison. We send our greetings and love to them. We affirm our confidence that God, whose wisdom embraces the total reality in every situation, and whose love and power are redemptively at work in all our ethical dilemmas, will accept and use their sincere devotion and often difficult decisions."

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, spoke against the amendment. The amendment was not adopted.

Amendment
Lost

Hazen G. Werner (Ohio) was recognized. Leonard B. Smith (Baltimore) raised a point of order relative to the recognition. The Chair ruled the point not well taken, and gave the reasons why.

Hazen G. Werner (Ohio) then offered the following amendment to be added to the Majority Report:

Hazen G. Werner
Moves to Amend

"As Christians we could not consent in our hearts to the world dominance of nihilistic powers anywhere and the extinction of free institutions, our Christian culture and the opportunity to continue building the Kingdom of God." (DB-203)

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, asked a question of Hazen G. Werner (Ohio), who replied in the negative to the question asked.

Carrol D. W. Hilderbrand (Northwest Indiana) spoke against the amendment.

William T. Muncy (*) (Nebraska) moved the previous question on the amendment. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

William T. Muncy
Moves Previous Question

Albert E. Day (Southern California-Arizona)

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asked for the reading of the Werner amendment, and also of the amendment inserted by common consent this morning, and offered by Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River).

Fred D. Stone
Makes
Point of
Order

Fred D. Stone (Rock River) made the point of order that the reading was to be for information only. The Chair ruled the point well taken. Both amendments were read for the information of the Conference.

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, spoke against the amendment. The amendment was not adopted.

A motion to adjourn was voted down.

Benjamin F.
Schwartz
Moves to
Amend

Benjamin F. Schwartz (Nebraska) moved to amend the second paragraph on page 777 of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, under Section III, by adding after the word "war" at the end of the sentence in the fourth line, the following:

"except in the matter of providing Chaplains and other means of ministering in the name of Christ to those engaged in military service" (DB-204).

Amendment
Accepted

The amendment was accepted by Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference.

Frank C.
Propert
Moves
Previous
Question

Frank C. Propert (*) (New Jersey) moved the previous question on the process of perfecting the Majority Report. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

Majority
Report
Perfectd

There being no motions relative thereto, the Chair declared the Majority Report to have been perfected, and that the Minority Report was now properly before the Conference for action thereon in perfecting the same.

Sessions
Ordered

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, duly sec-

ended, prevailed that sessions of the General Conference be ordered for Thursday, May 4, and Friday, May 5, at 2:30 P.M. and 7:45 P.M. for each respective day (DB-205).

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Motion of the Secretary, duly seconded, prevailed that the time be extended for to complete the making of announcements, etc.

Isaac E. Miller (Ohio), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, stated that Bishop James C. Baker would preside at the afternoon session today, and that tonight Bishop Arthur J. Moore would preside.

Presiding
Officer
Announced

Motion of John T. Ellison (*) (Alabama), duly seconded, prevailed that consideration of Report No. 5 of the Committee on Judicial Administration be made the Order of the Day for Friday, May 5., at the afternoon session, immediately following the Report of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges.

Order of
Day Set

Motion of G. Mont Davenport (North Alabama), duly seconded, prevailed that we do now adjourn.

Motion to
Adjourn

Bishop A. Frank Smith thanked the Conference for their co-operation and uniform courtesy in the conduct of the business of this session.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Bishop A. Frank Smith and consideration of Report No. 8 of the Committee on the State of the Church pending.

Adjournment

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Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference convened at 2:30 P.M., Thursday, May 4, 1944, with Bishop James C. Baker in the Chair.

Bishop James
C. Baker
Presides

Bishop Baker announced Hymn No. 12, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." The Conference rose

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and joined in the singing and remained standing while Bishop Baker led in prayer.

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented James R. Houghton, who introduced Dean Robert G. McCutchan, Editor of the *Methodist Hymnal*, to the Conference.

Courtesies

Chaplain
Hugh E.
Wilson

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, introduced Lieutenant (Chaplain) Hugh E. Wilson of the Alabama Conference.

Lester S.
Ivins, Ph.D.

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented Lester S. Ivins, Ph.D. (*) (Ohio), who called attention to the study entitled "Results of a Questionnaire on the Recruiting and Training of Ministers" which had been placed on the delegates' tables during the noon hour.

Motion Frank
H. Ryder

Motion of Frank H. Ryder (*) (Troy), duly seconded, prevailed that the document be printed and made available to pastors, and Conference, District, and Church Lay Leaders.

Chester A.
Smith
Moves
Reference
to Judicial
Council

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) for a privileged matter. Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) asked the reference of the following matter (DB-206) to the Judicial Council:

WHEREAS, The second affirmation of faith appearing on page 512 of the Hymnal contains no reference to the birth of Jesus, his bodily resurrection, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body or the life everlasting, thereby raising the question whether it is in violation of the Articles of Religion, and

WHEREAS, The third affirmation of faith likewise contains no reference to the birth of Jesus, his suffering or the resurrection of the body, thereby raising the question whether it is in violation of the Articles of Religion, and

WHEREAS, The use of the word "wine" in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper likewise raises the question whether it is a violation of the Articles of Religion, because of the fact that it does not follow the word used in the scriptures in describing the institution of that Sacrament, the word "wine" being nowhere used in such description, but only the word "cup," the word "cup" being the word used by Jesus himself; therefore

Resolved, That we appeal to the Judicial Council for an opinion and decision as to whether the second and third affirmation of faith are a violation of the Articles of Religion, and whether the use of the word "wine" in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a violation of the Articles of Religion.

J. N. R. Score (Central Texas) raised the question as to whether the Judicial Council passes on questions of doctrine or questions of law?

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J. N. R. Score
Raises Point
of Order

The Chair ruled the reference to the Judicial Council out of order at the present time.

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented the following paper (DB-207), and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was referred to the Judicial Council.

Declaratory
Decision
Requested
Judicial
Council

Resolved, That the General Conference ask the Judicial Council to give a Declaratory Decision on the following case:

A retired minister of the Mississippi Conference who was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church on May 10, 1939 (the date of Unification) originally entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, rendered service therein in the effective relation, was subsequently involuntarily located and thereafter he was received into the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church. Since Unification, and until the present time, his approved years of service counted for annuity claim in the Mississippi Conference have been those served as a Minister in the Methodist Protestant Church.

In this case the adoption of a new Pension Code by this General Conference raises under Paragraph 1318, No. 2, and Paragraph 1319, last clause thereof, the question as to whether or not the years of the said Retired Minister formerly rendered in the Methodist Episcopal Church,

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South, should be included with the years for which annuity claim can be made.

(Signed) A. T. McILWAIN,
T. A. STAFFORD.

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Special
Gavel

Bishop Baker called attention to the gavel he was using at this session. In 1907 the three Methodist Churches in Japan, the Canadian Methodist Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, united, and the Japanese Methodist Church was organized. The gavel was used at the first General Conference held in the chapel of Aoyama Gakusko in Tokyo, beginning on May 22, 1907.

Report No. 8
State of
Church
Resumed

Consideration of Report No. 8 of the Committee on the State of the Church was resumed, perfection of the Minority Report being the matter before the Conference.

James I.
Dolliver

James I. Dolliver (*) (Northwest Iowa) spoke in favor of the Minority Report.

Daniel L.
Marsh

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) raised the question as to what does the Minority Report do with what is now in the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church in Paragraph 1716?

Charles C.
Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), in charge of the Minority Report, answered the question by stating that the Minority Report would take the place of all that is now printed under Paragraph 1716 in the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.

James G.
Houston

James G. Houston (*) (North Mississippi) was recognized, and desired to speak for the Minority Report. Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois) raised the point of order that the previous speaker had also been for the Minority Report and therefore the present speaker was out of order. The Chair ruled the point well taken.

Thomas B.
Lugg
Point of
Order

T. Morton
McDonald
Raises
Question

T. Morton McDonald (*) (Indiana) raised the question that the only thing before the Confer-

ence was the offering of amendments to the Minority Report. The Chair ruled the statement correct.

Paul G. James (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) moved to amend the Minority Report by adding the following pronouncements (DB-208) :

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Paul G. James
Moves to
Amend

(1) We call upon the Church to pray for the welfare, guidance and protection of all those in the armed forces, for the maintenance and strengthening of their Christian faith and ideals, and their safe and speedy return to our homes and to our churches.

(2) We denounce all forms of human oppression, persecution, totalitarianism and autocracy, and we pray God's blessings upon all those who by word and deed protect and defend human liberty and freedom.

(3) We urge that our Government exert its power and its influence to establish international law and order, banish international anarchy, and seek an interpretation of responsible sovereignty as liberty under law and not as license; that Peace may be implemented and secured by instruments of international law and justice, and be collectively protected against aggression.

(4) We recognize that the post-war plans and programs which we have adopted can never be instituted or realized unless and until our men and women in the service by victory present us with the opportunity—the chance—to build a better world; and to them we express our gratitude and appreciation, and we pledge our loyal support.

(5) We express our loyalty and devotion to the Christian ministers and laymen in enemy and occupied territory, who have been persecuted and imprisoned, and we join in their prayers for a speedy victory, and their liberation and restoration to the service of the Kingdom.

(6) We acknowledge the right to freedom of conscience of every individual, and we accept the decision of those who conscientiously believe in abstention from participation in war, and we pray that God may sustain and comfort them.

(7) We express our gratitude and appreciation to the Mennonite Church, and to the Quakers, who have assumed the expense of the support of Methodist men in Civilian Public Service Camps; and we recommend that The Methodist Church assume the responsibility of caring for Methodist youth in such camps.

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(8) We pledge our loyal support to our enlisted Chaplains, and we pray God's blessings upon them and their service.

(9) We pledge the loyal support of our Church in the sustaining of the morale of our people, and our support and encouragement of the men and women engaged in the service of our country.

(10) We pray for a just and enduring peace in which the Brotherhood of man may become a reality.

The motion to amend was duly seconded.

Lynn A. Wood

Lynn A. Wood (Pacific Northwest) spoke to the pending question.

Point of
Order
J. Edgar
Skillington

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) raised the point of order that after all amendments have been presented, there will be the opportunity for debate, *provided* the previous question is not ordered on all before the Conference. The Chair ruled the point well stated.

Paul N. Garber
Moves
Previous
Question

Paul N. Garber (Western North Carolina) moved the previous question on the pending amendment. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered on the pending amendment.

Charles C.
Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the Minority Report, spoke against the amendment. The amendment was not adopted.

Walter W.
Ward Moves
to Amend

Walter W. Ward (Central Texas) moved to amend by adding at the close of the first paragraph at the top of the third column (DCA-123) the following (DB-209) :

We declare that the responsibility to protect our institutions and Democratic way of life, is that of the State, even by resort to war: but we also declare that it is the distinctive mission of the Church to declare itself against the evils that produce war. Its chief business is the assertion of truth, the dissipation of hate, the instruction of the hearts and minds of men.

The motion was duly seconded.

Lynn Harold
Hough

Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) spoke

to the pending matter and against the amendment.

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

Leo H. McKay (*) (Erie) proposed an amendment to protect the right of the conscientious objector. The Chair ruled the amendment out of order at this time.

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the Minority Report, spoke against the amendment of Walter W. Ward (Central Texas). The amendment was not adopted.

Leo H. McKay (*) (Erie) renewed his amendment to protect the rights of the conscientious objector. Frank C. Propert (*) (New Jersey) raised the point of order that it was out of order to propose such an amendment. The Chair ruled the point well taken.

The Chair ruled that no formal motion was necessary to substitute the Minority Report for the Majority Report, as the fact that it has been printed is evidence of its being proposed.

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the Minority Report, closed the debate for the Minority Report, first stating that the conscientious objector was fully protected in the Social Creed.

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, closed the debate for the Committee on the State of the Church.

Bishop James C. Baker stated that the vote would now be taken on the substitution of the Minority Report for the Majority Report.

Motion of Leland Moore (South Georgia), duly seconded, prevailed that when we vote it be by "Aye" and "No," the vote to be recorded in the Journal of the General Conference. (DB-210).

Littell J. Rust (*) (Tennessee) moved that the

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Leo H. McKay
Moves to
Amend

Ward Amend-
ment Lost

Point of
Order Frank
C. Propert

Ruling of
Chair

Charles C.
Parlin
Closes
Debate

Ernest
Fremont
Tittle
Closes
Debate

Vote taken on
Substitution

"Aye" and
"No."
Vote
Ordered

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Vote by
Orders
Ordered

Vote Taken

vote be taken by "Orders." The motion was duly seconded. The laymen voted by a vote of 115 for to 227 against for the vote by orders, and the motion prevailed by the one-third vote necessary in matters of this kind (DB-211).

A "Aye" and "No" was then taken, the lay delegates voting first, and then the ministerial delegates. The tellers retired to count the vote. For Report see page 386.

During the counting of the signed vote, the Conference proceeded to the following business:

Nominations
for Federal
Council

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, was recognized, and presented the nominations of the Council of Bishops for membership on the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America (DB-212). On motion of Roy H. Short (Louisville), duly seconded, they were elected, as follows:

The effective Bishops of all Jurisdictions at the close of the Jurisdictional Conferences.

CENTRAL JURISDICTION—*Ministers*: John W. Haywood (East Tennessee), Herman Brown (Delaware), Nathaniel W. Greene (South Carolina), M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington), James D. Wheaton (Mississippi), *Laymen*: Lee W. Lynn (Central Alabama), Robert E. Hunt (Upper Mississippi).

NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION—*Ministers*: Lynn Harold Hough (New York East), Franklin Dunscombe, Philadelphia), Frederick B. Newell (New York East), John M. Pearson (New York), Ralph W. Sockman (New York), R. L. Shipley (Baltimore), Percy M. Spurrier (New England Southern), Walter A. Hearn (Peninsula), *Laymen*: Mrs. Dorr Diefendorf, Miss Margaret Forsyth, Mrs. Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore), Mrs. E. L. Phillips, W. L. Hunt, L. C. McQuiston.

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION—*Ministers*: W. Angie Smith (North Texas), J. Walter Mills (Texas), Joe E. Bowers, Charles E. Schofield (Central Kansas), Thomas B. Mather, Paul E. Martin (North Texas), Benjamin F. Schwartz (Nebraska), R. J. Smith (West Oklahoma), *Laymen*: Mrs. George S. Sexton, Jr. (Louisiana), Mrs. W. W. Fondren (Texas), Walter W. Parker (St. Louis), Dr.

Mary E. Shannon (Kansas), Nels Barnett, Mrs. J. D. Bragg (St. Louis).

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SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION—*Ministers*: William F. Quillian (South Georgia), Zachary T. Johnson (Kentucky), Mark M. Moore (Holston), Cawthon A. Bowen (Mississippi), J. Manning Potts (Virginia), Jesse M. Ormond (North Carolina), A. L. Gunter (Upper South Carolina), *Laymen*: Ben A. Whitmore (Tennessee), George L. Morelock (Memphis), J. Earl Moreland (Virginia), Luther L. Gobel (Western North Carolina), J. Caldwell Guilds (South Carolina).

NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION—*Ministers*: William F. Smith (Iowa Des Moines), William W. Robinson (North Indiana), Paul E. Secrest (Northeast Ohio), Charles M. Coulter (Ohio), Marshall R. Reed (Detroit), Carroll D. W. Hildebrand (Northwest Indiana), Henry Hitt Crane (Detroit), Ralph E. Diffendorfer (Rock River), *Laymen*: Mrs. Anna E. Kresge (Detroit), Hiram A. Douglass (Northern Minnesota), Thomas H. West (Rock River), Ernest H. Cherrington (Ohio), Amos L. Heer (North-East Ohio), Walter C. Coffey (Northern Minnesota).

WESTERN JURISDICTION—*Ministers*: Albert E. Day (Southern California-Arizona), Theodore H. Palmquist (California), Harry T. Morris (Colorado), J. Brett Kenna (Pacific Northwest). *Laymen*: Fred D. Parr (California), John K. Strange (Wyoming State), Edson Deal (Idaho).

AT LARGE—John R. Mott, Mrs. C. W. Mead, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Dr. Glenn R. Phillips, George M. McKibben, Dr. Nolan B. Harmon, Jr., Governor Thomas L. Bailey, Governor Homer W. Adkins, Carl Magee, E. A. Love.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary, presented the nominations of the Council of Bishops for membership of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (DB-213), and, on motion of Anson C. Clark (Troy), duly seconded, they were elected, as follows:

Nominations
for Overseas
Relief
Committee

NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION—The Resident Bishop of the Boston Area, Amos Thornburg (M) (New England Southern), Harry N. Holmes (L) (New York East), Mrs. William C. Scott (L) (Baltimore).

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION—Bishop W. Walter Peele, Lester Rumble (M) (North Georgia), Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon (L) (North Carolina), J. B. Ivey (Western North Carolina).

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NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION—Bishop J. Ralph Magee, Guy O. Carpenter (M) (Indiana), Mrs. Conrad C. Long (L) (Ohio), Jacob Kindleberger.

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION—Bishop William C. Martin, J. O. Haymes (M) (Northwest Texas), Carl Hollis (L), Mrs. W. W. Fondren (L) (Texas).

WESTERN JURISDICTION—Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker, Walter B. Spaulding (M) (Montana), John R. Crummey (L) (California), Mrs. David Lawson (L) (Pacific Northwest).

Motion
George W.
Henson re
Commission
on Entertain-
ment

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, presented the following (DB-214), which was adopted:

Your Committee on Conferences recommends that the Council of Bishops be requested to nominate to the General Conference a Commission on Entertainment, composed of one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction, to determine the place of holding the General Conference of 1948, and to make all necessary arrangements in connection therewith.

(Signed) GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

Rules
Referred

Motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, was adopted, as follows (DB-215): That the following Rules be referred to the Committee on Rules for clarification and the ironing out of contradictions, or supposed contradictions, viz.: Nos. 14, 19, 20, 24, 33, 34, and sub-section (4) on page 157 of the Handbook.

Report No. 2
Interde-
nominational
Relations

Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia), Chairman, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee on Interdenominational Relations, Calendar No. 83 (DCA-113), subject "Commission on Interdenominational Relations," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

W. Foss
Curtiss
Point of
Order

W. Foss Curtiss (*) (West Virginia) raised the point of order that there was not a quorum

present when the Report was adopted in the Committee. The Chair ruled the point well taken.

Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia), Chairman of the Committee on Interdenominational Relations, moved that the Rules be suspended for the consideration of and action on the Report, and any other Report of the Committee which lacked a quorum at the time of its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Rules were suspended. Report No. 2, Calendar No. 83, was adopted. For Report see page 604.

Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia), Chairman, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee on Interdenominational Relations, Calendar No. 85 (DCA-114), subject "The World Council of Churches," and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report, see page 606.

Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia), Chairman, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee on Interdenominational Relations, Calendar No. 84 (DCA-114), subject "Relations with the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

At the request of Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia), Chairman, Dr. Edward D. Kohlstedt, Executive Secretary of Home Missions of the Division of Home Missions of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, was granted the privileges of the floor and spoke to the Report, as did Bishop Arthur J. Moore, who also was granted the privileges of the floor, for this purpose. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 604.

Motion of Daniel L. Marsh (New England), duly seconded, prevailed that after hearing announcements we adjourn.

After various announcements, the Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced in

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Report No. 3
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Edward D.
Kohlstedt
Granted
Privileges
of Floor

Bishop Arthur
J. Moore
Granted
Privileges
of Floor

Adjournment

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Spanish by Bishop Eleásar Guerra of the Methodist Church of Mexico.

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NINTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1944, EVENING SESSION

Bishop
Arthur J.
Moore
Presides

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference convened at 7:45 P.M., Thursday, May 4, 1944, with Bishop Arthur J. Moore in the Chair.

The Conference stood, and joined in singing Hymn 162, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," after which Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, of Poland, led in prayer.

James R. Houghton, Director of Music for the General Conference, introduced Dr. Earl E. Harper, head of the Department of Fine Arts at the University of Iowa. James R. Houghton then sang "The Holy City," accompanied on the piano by Dr. Earl E. Harper.

Courtesies

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, requested Bishop H. Lester Smith to make an introduction. Bishop H. Lester Smith introduced E. Dow Bancroft (*) (Ohio), Associate Secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, and stated that the Conference was appreciative of the long service rendered the Church by this noble layman who is soon to retire on account of the age limit.

E. Dow
Bancroft
Presented

Francis R.
Bayley
Presents
Decision
Judicial
Council

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented Francis R. Bayley (Baltimore), President of the Judicial Council for the reading of opinions from the Council, as follows (DB-216):

DECISION OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL

In regard to the request for a Declaratory Decision regarding sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph 1318, Art. V, Chapter IV, under the title of *General Pension Regulations*,

as found on page 91, of the Daily Christian Advocate of Tuesday, May 2, 1944.

At the session of the General Conference on May 4, 1944, the following was adopted:

WHEREAS, This General Conference has adopted the Pension Code, Paragraph 1318, Section 2, Subdivision (d) of which provides that years served as a member of an Annual Conference left without appointment to attend school for a period not to exceed three Conference years may be counted for annuity claim,

WHEREAS, The Western North Carolina Conference, in common with other Annual Conferences in the Territory of the Missouri Corporation, has in its membership many Conference Claimants to whom such a provision has not been hitherto applicable, Therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Conference ask the Judicial Council to render a declaratory decision as to whether or not the aforementioned enactment is retroactive within the Territory of the Missouri Corporation, in order that the claims of these Conference Claimants may be accurately determined.

The Judicial Council is ready at all times to render such service to the General Conference as it may within the limits of the jurisdiction conferred upon it but we do not believe that the enactment of the legislation in regard to Declaratory Decision was intended to put into our hands any *legislative* authority, but that, contra, the General Conference itself, outside of matters involving constitutional questions, is the sole judge and interpreter of the meaning of any legislation passed, so long as the Conference enacting such laws *is in session*.

While the General Conference is in session it would appear that if there is any lack of clarity in legislation it should be clarified by the General Conference and not be left to Judicial determination.

We therefore respectfully return this request with the suggestion that the General Conference itself clarify the enactment at issue.

Signed:

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

H. P. VAN DEUSEN, (*) *Secretary*.

DECISION OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL

On May 2, 1944, the General Conference referred to the Judicial Council the following com-

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munication with request that the Judicial Council answer the inquiry therein set forth:

On question referred to it by the General Conference, on the question of the meaning of the words "Church Members" in connection with the plan for the organization of the Board of Publication.

April 30, 1944

To the members of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

Brethren:

In behalf of the publishing interests of The Methodist Church, we desire to ask of the Judicial Council a "Declaratory Decision" on the following question:

Paragraph 871 of the *Discipline* of 1940 specifies:

"The Board of Publication shall be constituted by the respective Jurisdictional Conferences, with a representation of each in proportion to Church membership upon a basis of one member of the Board for each 150,000 Church members or major fraction thereof within the Jurisdictional Conference; . . ."

In order that there may be uniformity of action in each of the respective Jurisdictions, we desire a decision on this question: Does the 150,000 church members required as a basis for election include laymen and ministers or laymen only?

There will be in these next Jurisdictional Conference sessions some changes in the number of members elected to this Board predicated on the changes in membership and it is necessary that we be able to notify the Jurisdictions of their proper action and assure uniformity.

As the Board in charge of the Statistical Department of the Church, we desire to state that to the best of our knowledge and belief page 500 of the *Discipline* of 1940, which has on it a map of the various Jurisdictions and a statement of the membership of each Jurisdiction, was created to simply include the lay members of the Church. Therefore, if the membership of the several Jurisdictions are added to show the membership of the Church in the United States, it will not include the ministers.

Purely for the purpose of information for the Judicial Council we desire further to state that we have issued to the Statistical Department instruction that when preparing a like map for the publication in the *Discipline* of 1944 two sets of figures shall appear in each Jurisdiction:

(1) the number of lay members; (2) the number of ministers.

With very great appreciation of the service being rendered to the Church by the Judicial Council, we are

Respectfully yours,

T. W. APPLEBY,
Vice-Chairman, Board of Publication;
B. A. WHITMORE,
FRED D. STONE,
Publishing Agents.

After careful examination of the *Discipline* of 1939 and the *Discipline* of 1940, and of the *Journal and Daily Christian Advocate* of the Uniting Conference, and of the *Journal and Daily Christian Advocate* of the General Conference of 1940, we can report only that we are unable to find any legislative interpretation of the meaning of the words "Church members" as used in connection with this subject.

The General Conference is thoroughly competent to define such term as it may desire. Since there appears no legislation on the subject, it is our opinion that any definition given to the term "Church member" in connection with this matter should be by action of the General Conference rather than by judicial interpretation.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President;*
H. P. VAN DEUSEN, *Secretary.*

Motion of Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, duly seconded, prevailed that a period of twenty minutes be set apart, at the beginning of the session tomorrow evening, Friday, May 5, 1944, for appropriate recognition of our Bishops who retire from active service this year.

Recognition
Service
Ordered

Leland Moore (South Georgia), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented Reports Nos. 4 and 5 of the Committee (DCA-127) and moved their adoption, without reading. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Reports were adopted. For Reports see pages 746, 747.

Reports Nos. 4
and 5
Credentials

The Report of the Tellers on the substitution of

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Report of
Tellers on
Report No.
8 State of
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the Minority Report for the Majority Report, Report No. 8 of the Committee on the State of the Church was announced by the Secretary, as follows (DB-217) :

LAYMEN: Votes cast, 334; Aye, 203; No, 131.

MINISTERS: Votes cast, 341; defective, 1; not voting, 1; total votes cast, 339; Aye, 170; No, 169.

Laymen voting to substitute the minority for majority report :

Laymen Vot-
ing to Sub-
stitute
Minority
Report

T. E. Acker, C. V. Adams, Mrs. A. O. Aldrich, W. F. Allison, F. N. Anderson, W. M. Andrews, W. D. Archer, Mrs. A. G. Avery.

D. Amos Barber, W. H. Barradell, Mrs. E. R. Bartlett, O. F. Bartz, Mrs. F. G. Bell, W. A. Blasingame, M. W. Boyd, J. S. Brazier, G. W. Bright, H. R. Brockett, I. W. Brown, R. B. Bryant.

J. S. M. Cannon, R. B. Carr, J. T. Carson, H. Almon Chafee, Mrs. H. V. Cherrington, Hal H. Cherry, B. G. Childs, W. B. Christenberry, Mrs. P. L. Cobb, S. A. Co-hagan, Mrs. R. S. Cole, H. Westlake Coons, C. E. Cooper, A. W. Cox, B. C. Clark, Mrs. S. H. Clark, Alfred C. Crawford, J. D. Crummey, Miss Margaret Currie, W. Foss Curtis.

C. M. Dannelly, M. S. Davage, J. B. Davis, Wilmer Fell Davis, W. H. Davis, Edson Deal, R. L. Dean, C. H. De-Long, H. O. DeWeese, Mrs. George Dismukes, J. I. Dol-lier, Mrs. E. B. Dunlop.

W. L. Earp, J. A. Eastman, J. E. Easter, J. R. Ed-wards, Linden E. Eells, J. A. Egan, M. L. Ellis, J. T. Ellison, T. B. Ely, E. C. Evans, P. F. Evans.

H. W. Fitch, Mrs. F. P. Flegal, Mrs. W. W. Fondren.

Mrs. F. E. Gaither, B. O. Gammon, R. S. Gault, Henry Gilligan, J. M. Gillinder, F. H. Gregg, W. K. Greene, Karl Greenhaw, H. M. Greenslitt, Mrs. Laura V. Guyer.

P. S. Haley, A. L. Heer, Z. S. Henderson, J. N. Hillman, J. Wesley Hole, J. C. Holler, Gurney P. Hood, A. L. Hoover, J. G. Houston, Earl Huffor, H. R. Hummer.

C. A. Imboden, J. B. Ivey.

H. E. Jackson, P. G. James, E. R. Jenkins, Mrs. A. C. Johnson, H. T. Johnson, Mrs. W. R. Johnson, S. L. John-son, C. A. Jones, J. A. Jones.

L. O. Kirk, G. R. Klein, W. J. Kurth.

Mrs. F. A. Lamb, Miss E. S. Langford, Mrs. Harry Lauer, C. O. Law, J. L. Liles, A. T. Lord, F. P. Loring,

C. O. Loucks, J. L. Lyons, Leslie J. Lyons, G. Stanley Lynch.

G. I. McAllen, A. E. McCrea, L. H. McKay, J. C. McQuiston.

Paul Meek, E. F. Melwood, C. V. Michener, F. T. Mickler, J. G. Moore, J. Earl Moreland, J. C. Murphree, Mrs. L. N. Murphree.

Mrs. J. P. Naftzger, H. E. Newton, R. H. Nichols, F. B. Noble.

W. H. O'Dell, A. G. Odell, R. L. O'Neal, L. E. Orcutt, Miss Eva Ostrom.

C. C. Parlin, C. B. Peeler, J. J. Perkins, E. W. Peterson, H. R. Phelps, W. R. Phelps, Mrs. G. W. L. Plette, A. C. Poffenberger, George Pohlman, Mrs. J. B. Pollard, F. C. Propert.

Hubert Quillian.

J. H. Redd, E. H. Redstone, M. C. Redwine, Mrs. E. S. Riley, E. H. Roberts, W. D. Roberts, Mrs. J. T. Rogers, R. E. Rooks, J. H. Rosenberger, R. R. Roudebush, Littell J. Rust.

Mrs. C. C. Sapp, Mrs. J. R. Seward, J. O. Sexon, Mary E. Shannon, Mrs. W. E. Shappell, Lynn Sheely, J. B. Simms, L. J. Simpson, N. G. Slaughter, C. A. Smith, E. A. Smith, D. V. Snapp, H. R. Snavely, Will Stackhouse, F. A. Stanger, Jr., B. M. Stevens, Mrs. B. R. Stout, J. K. Strange, Ray Streeter, D. F. Strong, J. M. Sullivan, W. C. Sykes.

E. A. Tanner, Mrs. Homer Tatum, Van Buren Taunton, G. W. Thomasson, Pat Thompson, F. H. Trotter, H. G. Tyrer.

W. H. Utz, Jr.

M. Faye VanDyke, Bernard Vessey.

E. L. Walker, J. A. Wells, L. W. Wells, F. G. Witcher, Mrs. E. M. White, J. Slater Wight, W. H. Wilcox, W. C. Williams, J. M. Willson, R. B. Wise, W. H. Wiseman, Alphaeus B. P. Wood, O. V. Woosley.

C. H. Yarbrough.

203 Votes.

Laymen voting NOT to substitute the Minority Report for the Majority Report:

Laymen
Voting NOT
to Substi-
tute Minor-
ity Report

Mrs. L. M. Awtrey.

Miss Marion M. Bailey, Mrs. J. H. Baker, L. C. Baker, E. Dow Bancroft, Mrs. C. A. Barr, Miss Evelyn M. Berger, Mrs. C. A. Bickley, Domingo Boero, Moises Boudet, D. A. Boyd, Mrs. J. D. Bragg, H. D. Brown, S. L. Brown, Mrs. W. E. Brown, Mrs. W. Raymond

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Brown, Mrs. Gid J. Bryan, R. C. Bunch, C. W. Burrows.
C. W. Caldwell, R. W. Campbell, E. H. Cherrington,
Anson C. Clark, A. W. Cliffe, C. G. Coates, Mrs. R. E.
Connell, G. W. Crabbe.

W. A. Deneke, Mrs. B. R. Donaldson, Mrs. M. M.
Drake.

Mrs. Ann M. Ebner, Earl Elijah, W. P. Elliott.

A. L. Fletcher, W. E. Fletcher, Chapin D. Foster.

Homer R. Gettle, Miss Henrietta Gibson, B. H. Gifford,
L. L. Gobbel, R. A. Goodell, H. C. Gossard, J. H. Grace,
Mrs. J. T. Griffin, J. C. Guilds.

G. A. Hample, Mrs. C. H. Hardie, E. C. Harrah, J. C.
Hart, Mrs. W. C. Henn, J. S. Henry, Mrs. E. L. Hillman,
J. C. Hindman, Mrs. W. M. Hubbard, Edward Huckle-
berry, W. L. Hunt, R. E. Hunt, S. C. Hunter, G. Robert
Huston.

Mrs. P. D. Johnson, D. D. Jones, M. W. Jordan, Mrs.
W. O. Jordan.

A. H. Kemper, R. M. Kibler, Arthur Knapp, Miss
Frances Knight.

Mrs. J. G. Law, Mrs. D. J. Lawson, Mrs. H. M. Le
Sourd, Miss E. M. Lee, V. E. Lewis, Mrs. Conrad C.
Long, Mrs. W. E. Longstreth, L. W. Lynn.

J. B. McCullough, S. J. McDonald, T. Morton Mc-
Donald, C. S. McFall, James McGiffin.

S. L. Macklin, Mrs. J. E. Martin, Mrs. C. W. Mead,
Mrs. H. S. Metcalfe, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. Joy Elmer
Morgan, W. T. Muncy, Mrs. O. E. Munn.

Mrs. F. K. Nye.

Mrs. E. B. Parks, D. Stewart Patterson, D. T. Peel,
Mrs. L. R. Peel, Mrs. G. M. Prince.

W. P. Ralph, Irwin Raut, C. A. Robbins, W. S. Rogers,
A. D. Rowell, F. H. Ryder.

Mrs. C. T. Schaedel, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Mrs.
Jerome Seymour, J. T. Slaton, F. D. Slutz, R. B. Spencer.

Mrs. C. N. Timmons.

Mrs. Mabel B. Wagner, Mrs. C. C. Weaver, Mrs. H. E.
Werner, Thomas H. West, Mrs. E. B. White, Miss Arsan-
ia Williams, Mrs. Byron Wilson, H. S. Wilson, Mrs. Brice
Wright, Mrs. F. L. Wright.

J. Lee Yocom.

Mrs. Foss Zartman.

119 Votes.

(NOTE: The Tellers reported 131 No, but only 119 No
votes reached the Secretary's table.—Secretary.)

Ministers voting to substitute the Minority Report for the Majority Report:

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B. F. Allgood, B. H. Andrews, H. M. Andrews.

S. H. Babcock, C. C. Bacon, A. L. Baner, H. W. Bartley,
J. A. Bays, A. E. Beebe, C. C. Bell, R. V. Bennett, B. B.
Black, W. F. Blackard, J. W. E. Bowen, A. C. Brady, A. L.
Branscomb, P. B. Brown, W. E. Brown, T. M. Brownlee,
D. C. Bryan, W. F. Bryan.

A. A. Callaghan, O. D. Cannon, O. J. Carder, A. G.
Carroll, H. O. Chambers, M. M. Chunn, O. P. Clark,
C. C. Coile, C. M. Coulter, H. E. Cromer, W. V. Cropper,
J. C. Curry, W. M. Curtis.

G. M. Davenport, E. E. Davis, C. M. Donaldson, W. L.
Doss, Jr., Franklin Dunscombe.

J. Ed Fain, C. F. Ferguson, Marvin Franklin, H. T.
Freeman.

J. A. Galbraith, F. K. Gamble, P. N. Garber, H. J.
Gernhardt, H. Guy Goodsell, R. E. Gordon, N. W. Greene,
R. E. Greer, C. C. Grimes, William Gunter.

Nolan B. Harmon, Jr., C. J. Harrell, W. C. Hartinger,
L. O. Hartman, E. Pearce Hayes, J. O. Haymes, W. A.
Hearn, E. R. Heckman, G. W. Henson, G. M. Hicks, J. H.
Hicks, B. G. Hodge, J. C. Hoffman, W. W. Holmes, Lynn
Harold Hough, G. I. Humphreys, R. H. Huse.

A. C. Johnson, J. C. Johnson, Silas Johnson, Z. T. John-
son, G. F. Jones.

R. N. Kean, F. J. Kellar, J. R. Kenney, S. O. Kim-
rough, T. C. Knoles.

D. H. LaGrange, W. H. LaPrade, H. L. Lambdin,
V. R. Landrum, G. A. Lawton, Umphrey Lee, L. N. Lips-
comb, W. F. Lister, R. G. Lord, E. A. Love, E. C. Love,
C. E. Lundy.

A. T. McIlwain, J. W. O. McKibben, Arba Martin, A. W.
Martin, P. E. Martin, B. W. Meeks, Leslie MiHer, J. W.
Mills, Leland Moore, Leon T. Moore, R. E. L. Morgan,
R. Gammon Morris, H. E. Morrow, T. C. Mulligan, M. J.
Murphree.

F. B. Newell, H. C. Northcutt.

E. H. Ogle, J. M. Ormond.

John Patterson, C. E. Peele, W. C. S. Pellow, A. R.
Perkins, E. C. Perkins, W. L. Perryman, H. W. Peterson,
Frank Prentzel, Jr.

Paul W. Quillian, Karl K. Quimby.

J. D. Randolph, W. R. Rankin, W. R. Raver, C. M.
Reeves, T. J. Reykdal, C. C. Reynolds, S. C. Rice, Leonard

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Riggleman, P. E. Riley, J. J. Rives, W. W. Robinson, Wallace Rogers, H. J. Root, L. L. Roush, Benjamin Rowe, G. T. Rowe, Lester Rumble.

J. D. Salter, J. Q. Schisler, J. N. R. Score, E. A. Seamands, Paul Secrest, F. L. Shaffer, Roy H. Short, D. P. Slaughter, H. G. Smith, R. L. Smith, W. Angie Smith, J. E. Stephens, C. E. Street, Fred D. Stone, B. L. Sutherland.

H. D. Temple, Arthur Terry, J. S. Thrailkill, Joe Z. Tower.

J. E. Underwood.

J. W. Walker, A. J. Walton, T. E. Ward, W. W. Ward, J. E. Washabaugh, E. C. Webb, A. M. Wells, Hazen G. Werner, S. B. Wiggins, R. M. Williams, Abram S. Woodward, L. C. Wright.

170 Votes.

Ministers
Voting NOT
to Substitute
Minority Report

Ministers voting *No* on substituting the Minority for the Majority Report :

O. E. Allison, W. K. Anderson.

J. F. Baggett, E. A. Baker, R. C. Baker, E. F. Baumhofer, F. W. Bevan, P. M. Boyd, R. W. Bradshaw, J. W. Branscomb, W. H. Bransford, C. W. Brashares, E. B. Brewster, R. N. Brooks, Earl R. Brown, H. W. Burgan, J. W. Bunch, O. S. Burns, J. C. Buthman.

R. E. Carlyon, G. O. Carpenter, G. W. Carter, A. C. Caton, R. E. Clay, J. W. Cleland, C. O. Goldsmith, T. E. Colley, O. J. Collins, A. P. Coman, C. W. Cooper, D. Stanley Coors, F. P. Corson, H. H. Crane, J. R. Crompton, R. F. Curl.

J. W. Danford, W. C. Daniels, A. E. Day, Mark Depp, B. M. Denniston, A. M. Dietterich, W. C. Donald, K. E. Downs.

Lud H. Estes.

J. Emerson Ford, J. W. Fox, Glenn M. Frye.

E. R. Garrison, Schuyler E. Garth, W. S. Gleiser, C. R. Goff, A. Raymond Grant, A. R. Grummon, W. C. Gum.

J. E. Hanifan, M. H. Harper, H. J. Harwood, F. C. Havighurst, L. D. Havighurst, J. W. Hawley, J. W. Haywood, Edmund Heinsohn, W. H. Helrigel, N. C. Henderson, A. E. Henry, D. W. Henry, C. W. D. Hilderbrand, E. L. Hillman, Paul M. Hillman, W. L. Hogg, A. L. Holland, F. G. Holloway, O. H. Houser, G. P. Howard, A. V. Hunter.

James C. Glenn, E. M. Jones, A. P. Jordan, Fred J. Jordan, G. Ray Jordan.

E. W. Kelly, Asa J. Kestle, C. B. Ketcham, L. A. Kilpatrick, Willis J. King, LeRoy H. Klaus.

W. Earl Ledden, F. E. Lochridge, J. W. Lord, F. E. Lott, Thomas B. Lugg.

H. A. McCurdy, K. W. McMillan, H. W. McPherson.

R. F. Magnuson, C. K. Mahoney, Daniel L. Marsh, George Mecklenburg, Juan Medellin, C. J. Miller, Isaac E. Miller, R. G. Minkler, Leon S. Moore, Emundo G. Margado, H. T. Morris.

E. H. Nease, Fred Needham.

T. H. Palmquist, R. O. Pearson, F. L. Pedersen, D. K. Pegues, J. A. Perry, B. M. Persinger, G. R. Phillips, Gordon Phillips, J. Manning Potts, C. W. Prothro, A. Wesley Pugh.

Raye Ragan, M. R. Reed, R. P. Riddick, C. R. Riffin, G. R. Savage, A. G. Schatzman, B. F. Schwartz, Lloyd Scheerer, C. E. Schofield, B. L. Schubel, J. S. Scott, J. W. Searles, R. B. Sheppard, A. P. Shirkey, J. E. Skillington, W. A. Smart, H. C. Smith, L. B. Smith, R. J. Smith, Ralph W. Sockman, L. U. Spellman, P. M. Spurrier, G. R. Stafford, T. A. Stafford, E. E. Story, LeRoy W. Stringfellow.

J. H. Taggart, L. R. Templin, J. W. Thomas, Donald Timmerman, D. H. Tippet, Ernest F. Tittle, Murray T. Titus, F. C. Tucker, R. Z. Tyler.

Paul E. Wagner, Woodrow Ward, H. W. Ware, J. W. Warren, C. C. Weaver, LeRoy L. Weis, E. L. Wilson, J. D. Wheaton, P. B. White, J. L. Wolfe, P. D. Womeldorf, L. A. Wood, L. F. Worley, Q. R. Wright.

Claude Young.

169 Votes.

T. L. Stovall marked his ballot "Present, NOT VOTING. Cannot consistently support either."

Bishop Arthur J. Moore announced that by this vote the Conference had substituted the Minority Report for the Majority Report, and that Report No. 8 of the Committee on the State of the Church was before the Conference for action. The Report was adopted. For report see page 733.

Minority
Report
Substituted

Minority
Report
Adopted

Bishop H. Lester Smith requested permission of the Conference for the Council of Bishops to retire for some necessary work that must be done

Council of
Bishops
Excused

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Winifred F.
Bryan
Moves
Reconsideration

by that body for the furtherance of the business of The Methodist Church. Permission was granted.

Winifred F. Bryan (Texas) moved to reconsider the action of the Conference in adopting the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, in order that he might move to substitute the statement contained in the Episcopal Address. The motion, duly seconded, did not prevail.

Status of
Conscientious
Objectors
Referred to
Judicial
Council for
Declaratory
Decision

Motion of Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), duly seconded, prevailed that the status of conscientious objectors, in view of the vote just taken, be referred to the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision, as to whether the exemption of our conscientious objectors is fully protected.

Paul G. James (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) raised the point of order that it was not proper to refer this matter to the Judicial Council. The Chair ruled that the Conference was competent to refer, if it so desires.

Resolution of
Charles C.
Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) presented a Resolution (DB-218) and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Resolution was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That there be immediately referred to the Judicial Council the question of whether members of our Church who are conscientious objectors are entitled to assert their claim to exemption under the Selective Service Act in spite of the adoption of the statement on "The Church and War" today adopted.

Resolution
George W.
Henson re
Journal

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) presented the following Resolution, and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted (DB-219):

Resolved, That the Editors of the Journal be instructed to print in the Journal all decisions made by the Judicial Council during this session of the General Conference, and those not printed during the quadrennium previous to this General Conference.

Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), Calendar Secretary, stated the agreement of the Committee of Chairmen for the presentation of Reports, and moved that the Rules be suspended for the consideration of and action on Report No. 10, of the Committee on Central Conferences, Calendar No. 124 (DCA-137), printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of this date. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

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Motion Edgar
R. Heckman
re Suspension
Rules

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee on Central Conferences, Calendar No. 59 (DCA-85, 86), subject "Disciplinary Changes," and called attention to the following editorial changes:

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Central
Conferences

(1) Column 1, page 85, Par. 402, line fifteen; place a period after the word "Finance." Begin the next sentence with "After"; delete the period (.) after the word "approval," and join the word "The" to the sentence so that it will read "After approval the,"

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, asked common consent to amend Paragraph 453, Article 2, of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church by adding "An Annual Conference cannot financially obligate The Methodist Church, or any organizational unit thereof, except by the Annual Conference itself" (DB-220). Common consent was granted, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Common consent was also asked to change the words "Council of The Methodist Church," found at the top of page 86, first column, to read "Court of the Central Conference." No objection being raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference, consent was granted.

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, then moved the adoption of the Report. The motion was duly seconded.

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T. Morton
McDonald
Moves to
Recommit

T. Morton McDonald (*) (Indiana) moved to recommit to the Committee the amendment to Paragraph 452, Article 2, agreed to by common consent during the presentation of the Report (DB-221). The motion was duly seconded.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke against the motion to recommit. The motion to recommit did not prevail.

John R. Ken-
ney Moves
Deletion

John R. Kenney (California) moved to delete Item 3, Paragraph 363, Article 3, found at the top of page 85, second column, as being unconstitutional. The motion was duly seconded.

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) asked a question relating to the pending matter, which was answered by the Presiding Bishop.

Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) and Charles E. Schofield (Kansas) spoke to the pending motion on deletion.

Point of
Order
Costen J.
Harrell

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee) made the point of order that Paragraph 363, Article 3, proposes a change in the Constitution, and therefore is not properly before the Conference. The Chair ruled the point well taken.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke for the proposed amendment. Bishop Arthur J. Moore restated his ruling and gave the reason therefor.

Frederick B.
Newell
Moves to
Recommit

Frederick B. Newell (New York East) moved that the entire Report be recommitted for further study, calling attention to the fact that there was another conflict with the Constitution in the proposed substitute for Paragraph 434, found in column 1, page 86 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. The motion was duly seconded, and Frederick B. Newell (New York East) spoke to the same.

Paragraph
434 Re-
committed

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, agreed to have Paragraph 434 recommitted, and not the entire Report. Frederick B. Newell (New

York East) withdrew, with the consent of his second, the motion to recommit the entire Report, on this statement of the Chairman.

John R. Kenney (California) made a further statement regarding Paragraph 363, Article 3, and asked if it had been recommitted also. Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, spoke to the question. Walter W. Ward (Central Texas) made the point of order that Paragraph 363, Article 3, had already been ruled out of order, and removed from consideration by the ruling of the Chair. J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) asked Bishop Arthur M. Moore if that ruling had not set this Paragraph aside, and the Chair replied that it had.

William C. S. Pellowe (Detroit) moved to amend Paragraph 332, at the top of page 85 DCA, second column, by deleting all the words after the word "annually" in the second line, and then place the sentence in Paragraph 389 (DB-222). The motion was duly seconded.

Murray T. Titus (North India) spoke to the proposed amendment.

R. Gammon Morris (Lexington) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

The proposed amendment of William C. S. Pellowe (Detroit) was not adopted.

With Paragraph 363, Article 3, removed on constitutional grounds, and Paragraph 434 re-committed to the Committee, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 759.

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee on Central Conferences, Calendar No. 88 (DCA-115), subject "Enabling Acts," and explained its provisions.

Cristobal G. Coates (*) (Eastern South Amer-

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Paragraph 363
Set Aside

William C. S.
Pellowe
Moves to
Amend

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Morris
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Question

Amendment
Lost

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Coates
Moves to
Amend

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ica) moved to amend the Report by substituting the words "twelve Ministerial and twelve Lay Delegates," for the words "fifteen Ministerial and fifteen Lay Delegates," found in lines 8 and 9 of Paragraph 7, "Latin America Central Conference," DCA-115, column 2. The motion was duly seconded.

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine) called attention to the provisions of Par. 434, whereby a Provisional Annual Conference may elect Delegates, and the Chair ruled the point well taken.

Amendment
Withdrawn

Cristobal G. Coates (*) (Eastern South America), with the consent of his second, withdrew his proposed amendment, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 764.

Report No. 10
Central
Conferences

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee on Central Conferences, Calendar No. 124 (DCA-137), subject "Episcopal Supervision in Mission Fields," and moved that Section I, containing an amendment to Par. 339 of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, be adopted. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, then explained the remainder of the Report.

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) asked a question relative to the "Africa Provisional Central Conference," as provided for in Par. 7 of Section II of the Report. Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, replied to the question.

Marshall J.
Murphree
to Substitute

Marshall J. Murphree (Rhodesia) moved as a substitute for Paragraph 7 of Section II of the Report the following (DB-223) :

"7. The General Conference shall make it possible for the Council of Bishops to provide Residential supervision for the work in Angola, Belgian Congo, Portuguese East Africa, Southern Rhodesia and the Union of South Africa, of the Africa Provisional Central Conference. Any vacancy caused by such assignment by the Council of Bishops

shall be filled as provided for according to the provisions of Paragraph 8, Section 4, and Paragraph 339 as amended."

The motion being duly seconded, Marshall J. Murphree (Rhodesia) spoke to the same. His speaking time expiring, motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), duly seconded, prevailed, extending the time for three minutes.

Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) spoke in favor of the substitute.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) called for a reading of the proposed substitute, and spoke to the same.

Zachary T. Johnson (Kentucky) spoke for the substitute, calling attention to Paragraph 1612 of the 1940 *Discipline*.

Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Executive Secretary of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, spoke against the substitute.

Newell S. Booth (Southern Congo) spoke in favor of the substitute.

Albert R. Perkins (Kentucky) moved the previous question on the substitute. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, closed the debate for the Committee.

LeRoy L. Weiss (Iowa-Des Moines) asked a question relative to "Residential" and "Presidential" supervision. The Chair replied to the question.

Murray T. Titus (North India) was recognized and made a statement.

The substitution was ordered by a vote of 302 for to 250 against. The substitute was adopted.

Motion of Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, duly seconded, prevailed that the adopt-

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Moves to Extend Time
Lynn Harold Hough
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Zachary T. Johnson
Sallie Lou MacKinnon
Newell S. Booth
Albert R. Perkins
Moves Previous Question
LeRoy L. Weiss
Raises Question
Murray T. Titus
Speaks
Substitution Ordered
Substitute Referred

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ed substitute be referred to the Committee on Central Conferences, in order that the Committee may confer with the Council of Bishops to discover a method of implementing the substitute and make a recommendation to the General Conference (DB-224).

The Report as amended was then adopted. For Report see page 769.

J. Edgar Washabaugh (Newark) moved that we do now adjourn, but withdrew the motion at the request of George W. Henson (Philadelphia) for the presentation of two privileged matters.

Francis R. Bayley (Baltimore), President of the Judicial Council, presented the following Decision of the Judicial Council:

Francis R.
Bayley
Presents
Decision of
Judicial
Council

DECISION OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL

In Re: *Conscientious Objectors*

At the session of General Conference, May 4, 1944, the following Resolution was adopted:

That there be immediately referred to the Judicial Council the question of whether members of our Church who are conscientious objectors are entitled to assert their claim to exemption under the Selective Service Act in spite of the adoption of the statement on "The Church and War" today adopted.

Paragraph 1716 of the 1940 *Discipline*, under the heading "Statement on Peace and War," and Paragraph 1712 of the 1940 *Discipline* under the heading "Our Social Creed," seemed to be of equal standing, each being under the division of the 1940 *Discipline* known as "Resolutions, etc."

The pertinent language in these paragraphs in protection of the rights of conscientious objectors is identical. Note the following quotations from these respective paragraphs:

Par. 1716 (page 778 of the 1940 *Discipline*): "We ask and claim exemption from all forms of military preparation or service for all conscientious objectors who may be members of The Methodist Church."

Par. 1712 (Part of sub-section 16, page 769, 1940 *Discipline*): "We ask and claim exemption from all forms of military preparation or service for all conscientious ob-

jectors who may be members of The Methodist Church."

We have not been advised of any action of the General Conference altering, changing or deleting Par. 1712. Assuming that Par. 1712 has not been repealed or altered, it would appear obvious that conscientious objectors still have the same protection under the *Discipline* that they had prior to the action of the General Conference today on the report on "The Church in Time of War."

Any action regarding Par. 1716 under the heading "Statement on Peace and War" could not be interpreted as affecting in anywise Par. 1712 under the subject "Our Social Creed."

Dated May 4, 1944.

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL.

By F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

H. P. VAN DEUSEN, *Secretary*.

J. N. R. Score (Central Texas), Chairman, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, Calendar No. 102 (DCA-117), subject "Harmonization of Hymn Tunes," and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. For Report see page 720.

George P. Howard (Eastern South America) moved to reconsider Report No. 2 of the Committee on Central Conferences, Calendar No. 88 (DCA-115), subject, "Enabling Acts," adopted at this session of the Conference, for the purpose of modifying Paragraph 7, "Latin America Central Conference" (DB-225). The motion to reconsider, duly seconded, prevailed. Motion of Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, duly seconded, prevailed that this particular Paragraph of the Report be referred to the Committee on Central Conferences. The Report was then adopted on motion of Lewis O. Hartman, duly seconded. For Report see page 764.

Motion of Daniel L. Marsh (New England), duly seconded, prevailed that we adjourn after announcements.

Isaac E. Miller (Ohio), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, reported that Bishop

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Ritual and
Orders of
Worship

George P.
Howard
Moves
Reconsider-
ation

Adjournment

Presiding
Officer
Announced

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Raymond J. Wade, would preside at tomorrow morning's session, Friday, May 5, 1944.

After various announcements the Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Arthur J. Moore.

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Bishop Raymond J. Wade, Presides

TENTH DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1944,
MORNING SESSION

The General Conference, pursuant to adjournment, convened in the morning session of the tenth day at 8:30 A.M., on Friday, May 5, 1944, with Bishop Raymond J. Wade, in the Chair.

Bishop Wade presented Bishop Alexander P. Shaw to conduct the devotions of the morning. Bishop Shaw announced, and the Conference joined in singing, Hymn No. 19, "Let All on Earth Their Voices Raise." Bishop Shaw led in the responsive reading entitled "Spiritual Service," found on page 612 of the *Methodist Hymnal*, after which Edgar A. Love (Washington) led in prayer.

Devotions :
Bishop
Alexander
P. Shaw

Mrs. C. V. Gustafson, of Kansas City, sang a solo "The Twenty-Third Psalm," by Alfred Hay Malotte.

Bishop Shaw then brought the devotional message of the morning, closing with prayer.

Journal
Report

The Report of the Committee on Journal was presented (DB-226) and adopted, as follows:

"We have examined the Journal of Thursday's session, morning, afternoon, and evening, and find same to be correct."

(Signed) GEORGE POHLMAN,
A. R. PERKINS.

Mrs. W. A.
C. Hughes
Presented

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented Bishop H. Lester Smith for an introduction. Bishop H. Lester Smith presented Mrs. W. A. C. Hughes, widow of Bishop W. A. C. Hughes, who died within two weeks after his election to the office of Bishop by the

1940 Central Jurisdictional Conference. The Conference stood in silent tribute.

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented Chaplain P. K. Corley of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference.

Fred D. Stone (Rock River), one of the Publishing Agents, requested all members of the Conference to give their home mailing address, for the last edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, on the card to be given them this morning.

The following Resolution (DB-227), presented by Ralph W. Sockman (New York), duly seconded, was adopted:

Be it resolved, That the General Conference of 1944 direct the Board of Pensions to engage in an aggressive campaign during the coming quadrennium to help as many Annual Conferences as possible to formulate and execute plans necessary to put their new Entrants into the Reserve Pension Fund, and to supply improved pension support for present Claimants."

Claude M. Reeves (Little Rock), Chairman, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee on American Bible Society, Calendar No. 114 (DCA-125), subject "American Bible Society," and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 509.

Okey J. Carder (Missouri), Chairman, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee on Hospitals and Homes, Calendar No. 107 (DCA-122-123), subject "Liquidation of Methodist Homes," moving its adoption, and requested Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio) to speak to the Report. The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio) spoke to the Report and moved that the Secretary of the General Conference be instructed to cast the vote

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Chaplain P.
K. Corley
Presented

Fred D. Stone
Makes
Request

Resolution
Ralph W.
Sockman

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American
Bible Society

Report No. 2
Hospitals
and Homes

Trustees
Elected

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of the General Conference for the Trustees, of the West Lafayette Home, as indicated in the Report. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Secretary of the 1944 General Conference of The Methodist Church cast the vote as directed for

D. L. Curtis, Youngstown, Ohio
H. W. Peterson, Steubenville, Ohio
Roy I. Farmer, Cleveland, Ohio
O. F. Hull, Crestline, Ohio
C. L. Yode, West Lafayette, Ohio
F. E. Stottlemire, Cambridge, Ohio
T. L. Montgomery, Coshocton, Ohio

as Trustees as set forth in the Report, and Bishop Raymond J. Wade declared the same to have been duly elected. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 600.

Covering
Resolution

On motion of Okey J. Carder (Missouri), Chairman of the Committee on Hospitals and Homes, duly seconded, the following covering Resolution (DB-228) was adopted:

"WHEREAS, The General Conference of The Methodist Church in session in Kansas City, Missouri, May 5, 1944, authorized the liquidation of the Methodist Home at West Lafayette, Ohio, as outlined in Report No. 2 of the Committee on Hospitals and Homes, pages 122-123 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, May 3, 1944; therefore, be it
"Resolved, That the Boards authorized in this Report be instructed and empowered through their proper officers to convey property and sign all necessary legal documents to complete liquidation."

Council of
Bishops
Excused

Bishop H. Lester Smith requested that the Council of Bishops be permitted to retire that they might complete some work germane to the proceedings of the General Conference. By common consent, permission was granted.

Motion Edgar
R. Heckman
re Suspension
of
Rules

Motion of Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), Assistant Secretary in charge of the Calendar, duly seconded, prevailed that the Rules be suspended for consideration of and action on

Reports printed in today's issue of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Friday, May 5, 1944.

Okey J. Carder (Missouri), Chairman, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee on Hospitals and Homes, Calendar No. 131 (DCA-147), subject "Quadrennial Reports," and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 602.

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed adopting the following Resolution (DB-229):

"In order to facilitate the organization of the new Boards and Agencies after the sessions of the Jurisdictional Conferences, and in order to make the legal status of their new membership clear; therefore be it

Resolved: 1st. That the Secretary of the General Conference is hereby directed to secure from the Secretaries of the various Jurisdictional Conferences certified lists of the names and addresses of those whom the Jurisdictional Conferences have elected to the various General Boards and Agencies, and to send these lists to the Bishops designated as Convenors; and

2nd. That the Bishops named as Convenors are hereby authorized to issue the official call to these persons for the purpose of organizing the various Boards and Agencies. In this organization meeting the certified lists from the Secretary of the General Conference will be regarded as the credentials of those whom the various Jurisdictional Conferences have elected."

By common consent the suggestion of Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) was adopted that in the further presentation of Reports both the serial number and the page in the *Daily Christian Advocate* be given by those presenting the Reports.

Albert E. Day (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee on Evangelism, Calendar No. 78 (DCA-111-112), subject "Legislation to Substitute for

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Report No. 4
Hospitals
and Homes

Motion George
W. Henson
re Organi-
zation
Quadrennial
Boards, etc.

Benjamin W.
Meeks
Makes
Suggestion

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Paragraphs 165 to 1287 Inclusive, in the *Discipline of 1940*," explaining the Report, and moved its adoption. The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

C. Gordon
Phillips

C. Gordon Phillips (Detroit) called attention to the wording of Par. 1283, Article 2, pages 111 and 112, *Daily Christian Advocate*. The Chairman stated that the words "to be elected by" following the words "three Laywomen" in line 8, first column, page 112 DCA, had been inadvertently omitted.

Littell J.
Rust Moves
to Amend

Littell J. Rust (*) (Tennessee) moved to amend the Report by adding to Paragraph 1266, the words "or the present Tennessee charter of incorporation of the Commission on Evangelism may be amended" (DB-230).

Amendment
Accepted

The proposed amendment was accepted by Albert E. Day (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman, for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference.

The Report was adopted. For Report see page 585.

Report No. 2
Evangelism

Albert E. Day (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee on Evangelism, Calendar No. 104 (DCA-121), subject "The Needs," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

G. Mont
Davenport
Moves to
Refer

G. Mont Davenport (North Alabama) moved that the fourth paragraph, which reads, "Rural life often presents the tragic spectacle of religion drying up at its source. Churches are being abandoned and rural people with them" be referred to the Chairman and Dr. Harry Denman for re-writing and insertion in the 1944 *Discipline* (DB-231). The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment
Adopted

Albert E. Day (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman, spoke to the amendment. The amend-

ment was adopted. The Report, as amended, was adopted. For Report see page 588.

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Albert E. Day (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee on Evangelism, Calendar No. 106 (DCA-122), subject "Methods," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 591.

Report No. 4
Evangelism

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) moved a reconsideration of the action of the Conference of Thursday, May 4, 1944, whereby speeches were limited to five minutes, and ten minutes for the Chairman. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Motion
George W.
Henson re
Reconsidera-
tion

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed, that for the remainder of this General Conference speeches be limited to three minutes, with five minutes for the Chairmen of Committees (DB-232).

Speeches
Limited

Consideration of Report No. 7 of the Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 68 (DCA, 107, 108, 109), subject "Conditions of Peace," was resumed, with consideration of and action on the amendment offered by Fred B. Noble (*) (Florida—SE) to Paragraph "A. Study Commission," found on page 108, column 1 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, said amendment to delete the words "We look to the ultimate elimination of racial discrimination within The Methodist Church. Accordingly," found in the first three lines of the Paragraph, so that the Paragraph will begin with the words "We ask the Council of Bishops," etc. Consideration of "Section II. Racial" of this Report was pending at the time of adjournment of the Conference Wednesday evening, May 3, 1944, the Preamble and Section I having been adopted. See page 360.

Report No. 7
State of
Church
Resumed

Julius S. Scott (Texas, C) spoke against the amendment.

Julius S. Scott

Guy F. Jones (Texas—SC) offered the follow-

Guy F. Jones
Moves to
Substitute

MAY 5 ing substitute for the amendment of Fred B. Noble (*) (Florida—SE) (DB-233):

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“Encouraged by marked progress made in understanding and co-operation between the races represented in the membership of The Methodist Church, since and as a result of unification, we confidently hope for and seek the ultimate elimination of all lack of understanding and prejudice that may remain.”

Substitute
Accepted

The substitute was accepted by Fred B. Noble (*) (Florida—SE) in lieu of his proposed amendment, with the consent of his second.

Daniel L.
Marsh
Suggests
Change

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) suggested that the word “between” be changed to read “among,” so that the sentence would read “among the races represented,” etc. This was accepted by Guy F. Jones (Texas—SC).

James Mc-
Giffin

James McGiffin (*) (Southern California-Arizona) spoke against the substitute.

W. LaFayette
Doss, Jr.,
Moves
Previous
Question

W. Lafayette Doss, Jr. (Louisiana—SC) moved the previous question on the substitute and Section II. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, closed the debate for the Committee.

Amendment
Lost

The substitute was not adopted. Section II was then adopted.

“Section III. Economic” was taken up. Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, asked common consent to change the word “which” to the word “that” appearing in the twenty-third line of the second paragraph, column three, page 108, DCA. Common consent was unanimously granted. Section III was then adopted.

“Section IV. Religious Liberty” was presented and adopted.

Report
Adopted

The Report was then adopted as a whole. For Report see page 726.

Motion
Ernest E.
Davis

Ernest E. Davis (Genesee) offered a motion,

which, being duly seconded, was adopted, as follows (DB-234) :

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"That we direct the Secretary of the General Conference to send a copy of Section IV of Report No. 68 on 'Religious Liberty' to the President of the United States and the Secretary of State, as an expression of the ardent hope and strong conviction of The Methodist Church."

George P. Howard (Eastern South America), as a matter of personal privilege, expressed the thanks of the Delegates from Latin America at the action just taken, with special reference to the Section on Religious Liberty.

George P.
Howard
Expresses
Thanks

Murray T. Titus (North India), as a matter of privilege, requested common consent to add in "Section II. Racial" under Paragraph C, column one, page 108 (DCA), the following (DB-235) :

Murray T.
Titus
Proposes
Addition

"In the meantime we rejoice that the Government of the United States of America has already repealed the 'Chinese Exclusion Laws,' and has thus done belated justice to a great people. We are deeply interested, also, in the present brave effort being made to provide similar legislation to do justice to the people of India, and we, the members of this General Conference, pledge ourselves to lend our cordial support to this legislation now before Congress."

The proposed addition was accepted by Ernest Freemont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference, and by common consent became a part of the Report, as adopted.

Addition
Accepted

Lloyd F. Worley (New York East) moved (DB-236) that the first full paragraph at top of column three, page 108 DCA, be wired the President of the United States and the Secretary of State by the Secretary of the General Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Lloyd F.
Worley
Moves a
Wire

Newell S. Booth (Southern Congo) asked com-

Newell S.
Booth
Proposes
Addition

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mon consent to add to Paragraph "B. Peace Treaty," column 1, page 108 DCA, the following (DB-237) :

"and we pledge ourselves towards the forming of a public opinion recognizing the mutual interaction of conditions in this country and in other parts of the world, and, further, we accept our responsibility to co-operate in improving these conditions."

A. Wesley
Pugh
Point of
Order

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) made the point of order that the proper method of procedure would be to reconsider the action whereby the Report was adopted, perfect it, and then adopt the Report.

Objection
Raised

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, stated he would be willing to accept the proposed addition, if there was no objection raised. Objection was raised from the floor of the Conference, and the addition was not adopted.

Motion
Paul E.
Wagner

Paul E. Wagner (Bombay) moved (DB-238) that we request the Council of Bishops to take into account the exceeding importance of providing in the nomination of members of this Commission the most complete representation of all racial groups as possible. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Resolution
Albert E.
Day

On motion of Albert E. Day (Southern California-Arizona), duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-239) was adopted :

"Resolved, That the closing hours of this General Conference session be set aside for a season of spiritual renewal and dedication, and that the President of the Council of Bishops, and the Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Evangelism, and the Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism, be requested to arrange the program."

Report No. 3
Missions
and Church
Extension

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension, Calendar No.

139 (DCA-150), subject "Proper Celebration of the Centennial of the Work of The Methodist Church in China," and moved its adoption, and requested permission for Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon to present two Delegates from China to speak to the Report. The motion was duly seconded, and the requested permission granted.

Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Executive Secretary of Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, introduced Dr. Y. C. Yang of the East China Conference and President of Soochow University and Dr. Hyla S. Watters of the Central China Conference and a surgeon in our great General Hospital in Wuhu, who separately addressed the Conference, speaking to the Report. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 701.

The Conference recessed for ten minutes.

Bishop Raymond J. Wade called the Conference to order at the end of the recess period and announced Hymn No. 542, "When All Thy Mercies, O My God." The Conference stood and joined in singing the hymn.

Dr. James R. Houghton, Director of the General Conference Music, and Bernard Vessey (*) (Colorado) sang as a duet "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling."

The Order of the Day having arrived, the election of members of the Judicial Council whose terms of office expire with this General Conference, the ballots were distributed and the vote taken. The votes were collected, the ballot declared closed by Bishop Wade, and the tellers retired to count the same.

As a matter of privilege Albert E. Day (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism, asked common consent of the Conference to add to Report No. 1, Paragraph 1268, Article 2, "Authority," found in col-

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Dr. Y. C.
Yang and
Dr. Hyla S.
Watters
Presented

Recess

Election
Members
Judicial
Council

Addition to
Report
Ordered

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umn 2, page 111 DCA, Calendar No. 78, the following (DB-240) for the purpose of taking care of legal possibilities:

"provided, that in the case of devises or gifts of real estate to this Board in States where such devises or gifts are not valid when made to religious corporations, that the Board shall be empowered to name Trustees for the purpose of receiving and taking title to such gifts or devises for the benefit of the Board."

Common consent was unanimously granted for the insertion as requested.

Further
Amendment
Ordered

William T. Munsey (*) (Nebraska), with the approval of the Chairman of the Committee, requested common consent for the insertion of the words "and financial support" in Paragraph 1278, Article 2, column three, page 111 DCA, following the words "Further organization" found in line eight (DB-241) of the same Report. Common consent was unanimously granted for this matter.

Report No. 1
Missions and
Church
Extension

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension, Calendar No. 123 (DCA-130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135 and 136 inclusive), subject "Amending Chapter II in the 1940 *Discipline* on Board of Missions and Church Extension," with the suggestion that it be considered in four parts, and with the request that Mrs. J. D. Bragg (*) (St. Louis) come to the platform to assist in the presentation of the Report.

Sections I, II,
III

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman, explained Section I, The Aim of Missions; Section II, Incorporation; and Section III, Constitution, asking common consent to delete the last five lines of the printed Report as found at the close of Par. 934, second column, page 131 DCA, and which reads as follows: "and the right to vote on all questions not Ministerial or constitu-

tional and they shall be eligible for election to Mission or Conference Committees," as the Judicial Council has declared same to be unconstitutional. Common consent was unanimously granted for the deletion. Motion of Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman, duly seconded, prevailed, adopting Section I, The Aim of Missions; Section II, Incorporation; and Section III, Constitution.

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Section IV, Division of Foreign Missions, was presented and explained by the Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted.

Section IV

Section V, Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, was presented and explained by the Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted.

Section V

Section VI, Woman's Division of Christian Service, was presented and explained by the Chairman, who asked common consent to delete item "(g) Insert paragraph 952," found in Par. 994, sub-section (3), second column, page 134 DCA. Common consent was unanimously given for the deletion. Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman, moved the adoption of this Section. The motion was duly seconded.

Section VI

Edmundo G. Morgado (Cuba) moved to amend Paragraph 994 by inserting a new subdivision No. (3), the present No. (3) to become No. 4 and to read as follows (DB-242) :

Edmundo G.
Morgado
Moves to
Amend

"(3) All Missionary work of the Woman's Division outside of the United States and its dependencies shall be under the supervision of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields, and of the Central Conferences or Provisional Central Conferences, or Annual Conferences where there is not a Central Conference concerned."

The amendment was seconded by Moises Boudet (*) (Cuba).

Moises Boudet
Seconds
Motion

At the request of Frederick B. Newell (New

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Lee Speaks

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York East), Chairman, Miss Elizabeth M. Lee (*) (Pittsburgh), one of the Executive Secretaries of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, spoke concerning the pending amendment.

Edmundo G. Morgado (Cuba) spoke in support of his amendment, using the Spanish language, and being interpreted by George P. Howard (Eastern South America).

Mrs. J. D.
Bragg
Speaks

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman, yielded the floor to Mrs. J. D. Bragg (*) (St. Louis), who spoke against the amendment.

Amendment
Lost

The amendment was not adopted. Section VI was then adopted.

Sections VII,
VIII

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman, presented Section VII, Joint Division of Education and Cultivation, and Section VIII, Councils, explaining each, and moved their adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Sections IX,
X, XI, XII

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman, presented and explained Section IX, Cooperation with Other Boards and Agencies; Section X, Funds; Section XI, Jurisdictional Boards; Section XII, Annual Conference Boards, and moved their adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Section XIII

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman, presented Section XIII, Local Church Boards, and asked common consent to make the following three amendments to Paragraph 1041 (DB-243):

1st. Insert a new Item 2, renumbering the remaining Items as 3, 4, 5, and 6, and to read as follows:

"2. To plan each year under the leadership of the Pastor, with the co-operation of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Board of Education, for a Church-wide School of Missions in order that the entire congregation may be drawn into a period of intensive

study, using the Study Book and other materials issued by the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation."

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2nd. In printed "Item 3," fourth line, insert after the word "projects" the words "both home and foreign" so that it will read "to recommend to the Quarterly Conference missionary projects, both home and foreign, etc."

3rd. Add a new Item to be numbered "7" at the end of Paragraph 1041, to read as follows:

"7. To unite with the Pastor and Finance Committee in an effort to secure an effective every-member canvass each year with emphasis on stewardship and missions."

By unanimous common consent, the three amendments were accepted.

Motion of the Chairman, duly seconded, prevailed, adopting Section XIII. The Report was then adopted as a whole. For Report see page 677.

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), as a matter of privilege, presented and moved the adoption of the following Resolution (DB-244):

Resolution
Charles C.
Parlin

"In order that there shall be no conflict in the *Discipline*, in our statement concerning War, be it

Resolved, That the Minority Report, entitled 'The Christian Church and War,' as amended, and adopted by the General Conference yesterday, be and it is hereby substituted for in lieu of, and in the place of, the whole of Par. 1716 of the 1940 *Discipline*, and that all portions of Section 15 of Par. 1712, 'Our Social Creed,' in conflict therewith be and the same are hereby repealed."

Miron A. Morrill (Minnesota) raised a point of order about considering this Resolution at this time in the form presented. The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Miron A. Mor-
rill, Point
of Order

Loyd F. Worley (New York East) called in question the ruling of the Chair and referred to the third sentence of Paragraph 1737 of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church. Bishop Ray-

Loyd F. Wor-
ley Raises
Question

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Charles C.
Parlin
Speaks

mond J. Wade explained his reason for ruling the point of order well taken.

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) spoke in support of his Resolution as it applied to Paragraph 1712 "Our Social Creed."

William K.
Anderson,
Point of
Order

William K. Anderson (Pittsburgh) raised the point of order that the action in adopting Report No. 8 of the Committee on the State of the Church, was a separate resolution, not contingent on any other action. The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) spoke in further support of his Resolution.

Albert E. Day
Moves
Restatement

Albert E. Day (Southern California-Arizona) moved the restatement of the matter to bring it into harmony with our action of yesterday be referred to a Special Committee composed of Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), and two such other men as they may select. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Silent Prayer

Bishop Wade asked the Conference to pause for a moment of silent prayer at twelve o'clock noon, in accordance with the request made in a proclamation by the Mayor of Kansas City.

Result Ballot
Judicial
Council

The tellers reported the results of the ballot for members of the Judicial Council, as follows (DB-245):

Votes cast, 623; defective, 3; total vote, 629; necessary to elect, 315.

MINISTERS: Waights G. Henry, 404; Sidney H. Babcock, 144; Rufus C. Baker, 111; Charles B. Ketcham, 161; William H. LaPrade, 57; Albert G. Schatzman, 103; Raymond M. Shipman, 139; B. Rhett Turnipseed, 139.

LAYMEN: Martin E. Lawson, 394; Henry R. Van Deusen, 449; James I. Dolliver, 96; Donald A. Odell, 42; Robert J. O'Neal, 47; Frank M.

Phelps, 29; Edward A. Smith, 65; Francis A. Stanger, Jr., 112; Osso W. Stanley, 24.

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Bishop Raymond J. Wade announced that Waights G. Henry had been elected a Ministerial Member of the Judicial Council, and that Martin E. Lawson and Henry R. Van Deusen had been elected Lay Members of the Judicial Council, each of them having received the required majority of the votes cast.

The ballots were distributed and the vote taken for one Ministerial Member of the Judicial Council. Bishop Wade declared the ballot closed and the tellers collected the ballots and retired to count the same.

Second Ballot
Taken

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman, presented Report No. 2 of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, Calendar No. 113 (DCA-125), subject "Report on the Reference of This Committee of the Miscellaneous Recommendations found in Report No. 4 of the General Commission on World Service and Finance printed on page 13 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* on April 27, 1944," and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 701.

Report No. 2
Missions and
Church
Extension

On motion of Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman, duly seconded, the following Covering Resolution was adopted:

Covering
Resolution

"Be It Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension which has now been substituted for Paragraphs 911 to 1041 inclusive of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church repeals all other legislation in the *Discipline* of 1940 of The Methodist Church which may be in conflict with or at variance with the aforesaid Report."

Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia), Chairman, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee on Interdenominational Relations, Calendar No. 86

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Interdenom-
national
Relations

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(DCA-114), subject, "Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Costen J. Harrell Moves to Amend

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee) moved to amend by deleting the last paragraph of the Report. The motion was duly seconded. Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia), Chairman, accepted the deletion of the paragraph, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 607.

Amendment Accepted

Report No. 6 Interdenominational Relations

Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia), Chairman, presented and explained Report No. 6 of the Committee on Interdenominational Relations, Calendar No. 87 (DCA-114), subject, "The Proposed National Council of Churches," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

John Q. Schisler Moves to Amend

John Q. Schisler (North Arkansas) moved to amend by inserting after the word "Relations" in line thirteen, the words "in conference with the various Boards and Agencies of the Church which are concerned" (DB-246). Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia), Chairman, accepted the proposed amendment for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 607.

Amendment Accepted

Memorials 789, 790 Referred

Motion of Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia), Chairman of the Committee on Interdenominational Relations, duly seconded, prevailed, referring Memorials 789, subject "Union of British and American Methodism," and Memorial 790, subject "Union with Colored Methodist Episcopal Church," to the permanent Commission on Interdenominational Relations, as they had reached the Committee after its final adjournment.

Motion, Fred D. Stone re Jurisdictional Elections

Motion of Fred D. Stone (Rock River), duly seconded, prevailed, as follows (DB-247) :

"In all elections in a Jurisdictional Conference which are based on the number of Church members in that Jurisdiction, the number counted shall include lay members, ministerial members and Bishops assigned to that Jurisdiction."

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Isaac E. Miller (Ohio), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, reported that Bishop Charles W. Flint would preside at the afternoon session today, and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt at the evening session tonight.

Presiding
Officers
Announced

Motion of the Secretary, duly seconded, prevailed that the time be extended to hear the result of the ballot for the Ministerial Member of the Judicial Council.

The tellers reported the result as follows (DB-248): Votes cast, 618; defective, 2; total ballots cast, 616; necessary to elect, 309. Sidney H. Babcock, 138; Rufus C. Baker, 40; Charles B. Ketcham, 230; William H. LaPrade, 8; Albert G. Schatzman, 28; Raymond M. Shipman, 74; B. Rhett Turnipseed, 98. No one having received the required number of votes, Bishop Raymond J. Wade declared the result, "No election."

Result Ballot
Judicial
Council

By common consent it was agreed to take the next ballot at the afternoon session.

No Election

The Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by A. K. Jensen, missionary to Korea.

Adjournment

**TENTH DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1944,
AFTERNOON SESSION**

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Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The Methodist Church convened at 2:30 P.M., Friday, May 5, 1944, with Bishop Charles Wesley Flint in the Chair. Bishop Flint announced, and the Conference joined in singing, Hymn No. 179, "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart," after which Bishop Flint led in prayer.

Bishop Charles
Wesley Flint
Presides

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Dr. James R. Houghton, General Conference Director of Music, and Miss Adena Pellett, soloist of the Grand Avenue Temple Methodist Church of Kansas City, sang, as a duet, "The Old Rugged Cross."

Courtesies

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented, separately, seven matters, and action was taken on each, as indicated:

Resolution
Henry J.
Gernhardt

1st. Presented Henry J. Gernhardt (North Dakota) on a matter of privilege. On motion of Henry J. Gernhardt (North Dakota), duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-249) was adopted:

WHEREAS, There is need of a greater recognition of the value of the Church, and specific literature on the subject is important thereto,

We therefore request the Board of Evangelism to publish, and make available for general distribution, the message, "Placing a Proper Value on the Church," as presented to this body by John C. Broomfield, Bishop of this Area.

Resolution
Edward D.
Kohlstedt

2nd. Presented Edward D. Kohlstedt, Executive Secretary of the Department of Home Missions of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, for a privileged matter. The following Resolution (DB-250) was presented by Edward D. Kohlstedt, with the request that the Secretary of the General Conference send it to the Pacific Japanese Provisional Conference, meeting in Denver, Colorado, July 7-9, and also to an Interdenominational Convention of American Christian Ministers and Laymen of Japanese Descent, meeting in Denver, Colorado, July 10-11. On motion of Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska), duly seconded, the Resolution was adopted, and the Secretary of the General Conference requested to send greetings, and the Resolution to the Conferences as indicated above. The Resolution is as follows:

"WHEREAS, The President of the United States, in his message to the Senate, relative to the segregation of loyal and disloyal Japanese in Relocation Centers, says, 'It is now established that the disloyal persons among the evacuees constitute but a small minority, and that the great majority of the evacuees are loyal to the democratic institutions of the United States, and in vindication of the very ideals for which we are fighting this war, it is important to maintain a high standard of fair, considerate and equal treatment for the people of this, as of all other minorities'; therefore be it

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"Resolved: 1st. That we commend the War Relocation Authority for its policy of finding homes and employment for the Japanese Americans now living in relocation centers. We urge the active participation of our churches in this relocation, especially in the preparation of communities to welcome and assimilate these persons into American life.

"2nd. That we earnestly urge that, at the earliest possible moment consistent with the public interest, loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry have restored to them their full rights as citizens, especially the right to return to their former residences and occupations."

3rd. Presented by J. N. R. Score (Central Texas), Chairman of the Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, for the purpose of making a clarifying statement relative to Paragraph 7 of Report No. 1, which had been adopted Wednesday morning, May 3, 1944.

J. N. R. Score:
Clarifying
Statement

4th. Presented Fred E. Lott (Wyoming) for the presentation of the following Resolution (DB-251):

Resolution
Fred E. Lott

"WHEREAS, It is evident in this General Conference that our Plan of Organization and Rules of Order need revision; therefore be it

"Resolved, That for the provision in our Plan of Organization and Rules of Order which read as follows, as found on page 157 of The Handbook for Delegates of this General Conference:

"(1) Rules: There shall be a Committee of Six on the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. The Secretary of the Conference shall be an ex officio member and one of the six. To this Committee shall be referred any

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proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. To it may be referred any other matters relating to parliamentary procedure in the business of the Conference.'

"There shall be substituted the following provision, to wit:

"*Rules*: There shall be a Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order consisting of one minister and one lay delegate from each Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, nominated by the Council of Bishops from the membership of the General Conference. The Council of Bishops shall designate one of its members to preside over the deliberations of this Committee. The Secretary of the General Conference shall be an ex officio member of this Committee.

"Proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order shall be referred to this Committee. Questions of parliamentary procedure arising during any session of the General Conference may be referred to this Committee; also

"That in preparation for the General Conference of 1948, the said Committee shall be constituted at this session of the General Conference; also,

"That all provisions of our *Discipline* and Plan of Organization and Rules of Order in conflict with the said provisions of these Resolutions hereby are repealed, and

"That in presenting the Rules of Order for the General Conference of 1948, the said Rules of Order be so revised, arranged, and reprinted that the more important Rules shall be conspicuously presented, so that reference to them may easily be made.'"

(Signed) FRED E. LOTT (Wyoming Conference),

GEORGE R. SAVIGE (Wyoming Conference).

Fred E. Lott (Wyoming) moved that the above Resolution be referred to the Committee on Rules. The motion was duly seconded.

Charles V. Adams (*) (Central Pennsylvania) suggested that there also be referred to the Committee on Rules the request that in future General Conferences, the Conference and Area Delegations be requested to alternate the Chairmanship of the Delegation between the ministerial and lay delegates (DB-252). The suggestion was accepted by Fred E. Lott (Wyoming) and became

Suggestion
Charles V.
Adams

a part of this Resolution. The motion to refer was adopted.

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5th. Presented the following Resolution (DB-253) :

WHEREAS, This General Conference has adopted the Pension Code, Paragraph 1318, Section 2, subdivision (d) of which provides that years served as a member of an Annual Conference left without appointment to attend school for a period not to exceed three years may be counted for annuity claim, and

Resolution re-
Conference
Claimants

WHEREAS, Many Conferences in the territory of the Missouri Corporation have in their memberships many Conference Claimants to whom such a provision has not been applicable hitherto, and

WHEREAS, Not to provide for all Conference Claimants alike is manifestly unfair; therefore, be it

Resolved by this General Conference that the aforementioned subsection (d) of section 2 of Paragraph 1318 of the Pension Code shall be administered retroactively.

(Signed) GARLAND R. STAFFORD,
PAUL N. GARBER,
CHAS. C. WEAVER,
E. H. NEASE,
GIDEON I. HUMPHREYS.

Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska) asked a question relative to the pending matter.

Garland R. Stafford (Western North Carolina) replied to the question.

Arthur M. Wells (Illinois) moved that the Resolution be referred to the Commission on Pension Legislation that is being set up for the purpose of study. The motion was duly seconded.

Arthur M.
Wells Moves
to Refer

Thomas A. Stafford (Northern Minnesota) spoke against the motion to refer.

Paul G. James (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) spoke in favor of the Resolution.

William F. Quillian (South Georgia) requested a reading of the Resolution again.

Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska) spoke in favor of the Resolution, and against reference.

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Motion to Re-
fer With-
drawn

Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), with the consent of his second, withdrew his motion to refer, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference. Arthur M. Wells (Illinois) then spoke against the Resolution.

E. Cranston Riffin (Baltimore) spoke in favor of the Resolution.

George W.
Henson
Moves
Previous
Question

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

The Resolution was adopted.

Council of
Bishops
Excused

During the above business, the Conference, by unanimous common consent, granted the request of Bishop H. Lester Smith, for the Council of Bishops, to withdraw from the Conference room that they might continue with the work assigned them by the General Conference.

Chaplain
Thoburn
Speicher

6th. Presented Chaplain Thoburn Speicher of the Northwest Iowa Annual Conference and stationed at the Amarillo Army Air Field.

Thanks to Ste-
nographers
from Nash-
ville

7th. Presented the Secretary, who moved that the General Conference express their appreciation of and thanks to Miss Elizabeth Talbot, Mrs. Ruby Sandefur, Miss Anne E. Stroh and Mrs. Florence Griffin for their coming to the seat of the General Conference from Nashville, Tennessee, to facilitate the work of the Conference, in the copying of Reports for presentation to the various Committees, as due to local conditions sufficient stenographic help could not be secured to efficiently carry on the work of the Conference as rapidly as was necessary. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Ballot for
Judicial
Council
Member

The ballot was taken for the remaining Ministerial Member of the Judicial Council. The ballot was spread, the votes collected, the ballot declared closed by the Presiding Officer, and the tellers re-

tired to count the same. At the request of Albert G. Schatzman, his name was withdrawn from the list of nominees.

Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), Chairman, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee on Judicial Administration, Calendar No. 125 (DCA-137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142 and 143), subject, "Revision of Judicial Administration," and requested Robert B. Carr (*) (North Alabama), Chairman of the Subcommittee which had prepared the Report, to be in charge of its presentation to the Conference.

Motion of Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), duly seconded, prevailed, that the Rules be suspended for consideration of and action on the Report, as at the time of its adoption by the Committee a quorum was not present.

Robert B. Carr (*) (North Alabama) requested that Clyde B. Stuntz (Indus River), Cassius J. Miller (Troy), and John T. Ellison (*) (Alabama) come to the platform to assist in the presentation of the Report.

Motion of Robert B. Carr (*) (North Alabama), duly seconded, prevailed, extending the privileges of the floor to Bishop J. Lloyd Decell, during the presentation of the Report.

Bishop J. Lloyd Decell made a statement regarding the formulation of the Report and its meaning, and asked to be excused to attend the meeting of the Council of Bishops. Permission was unanimously granted.

Motion of Robert B. Carr (*) (North Alabama), duly seconded, prevailed, that the Report be adopted Section by Section.

Section I, subject "Offenses for Which a Bishop or a Traveling Preacher or Preacher on Trial in an Annual Conference May Be Tried," was presented, explained, and adopted.

The tellers reported the results of the third

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Robert B. Carr
in Charge

Bishop J.
Lloyd Decell

Section I

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Result Ballot
Judicial
Council
Election

ballot for members of the Judicial Council, as follows (DB-254) :

Total ballots cast, 597; defective, 1; total good ballots, 596; necessary to elect 299. Sidney H. Babcock, 144; Rufus C. Baker, 11; Charles B. Ketcham, 388; William H. LaPrade, 1; Albert G. Schatzman, 2; Raymond M. Shipman, 24; B. Rhett Turnipseed, 26. Bishop Charles Wesley Flint stated that Charles B. Ketcham, having received the required majority, had been duly elected a Ministerial Member of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, thus completing the election of members whose terms of office expire with this session of the General Conference.

Section II

Consideration of the pending matter was resumed and Section II, subject, "Investigation and Trial of a Bishop," was presented and explained. Robert B. Carr (*) (North Alabama) moved that the same be adopted, and the motion was duly seconded.

Robert B. Carr (*) (North Alabama) asked common consent to change the words "house rent," found in line three of Par. 628, Article 5, first column, page 138 DCA, and substitute therefor the word "dwelling." Common consent was unanimously given for this substitution.

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), John R. Kenney (California) and T. Morton McDonald (*) (Indiana) asked questions regarding the Section, which were answered satisfactorily by the Chairman presenting the Report. Section II was then adopted.

Section III

Section III, subject "Investigation and Trial of a Traveling Preacher, or a Preacher on Trial," was presented and explained. Robert B. Carr (*) (North Alabama) asked common consent to insert the words "not his own" following the words "a Pastoral Charge" found in Par. 643, line three,

first column, page 139 DCA. Common consent was unanimously granted for this insertion.

Robert B. Carr (*) (North Alabama) moved the adoption of the Section, and the motion was duly seconded.

Arthur M. Wells (Illinois) moved to amend the Report by deleting the last sentence in Par. 634, Article 4, column two, page 138 DCA, which reads, "The accused may be suspended from all ministerial services pending the trial," and substituting therefor the sentence (DB-255), "The Bishop may suspend the accused from all ministerial services pending the trial." The motion was duly seconded. The amendment was accepted by Robert B. Carr (*) (North Alabama), there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference.

Claude M. Reves (Little Rock) moved to amend Par. 635, Article 5, column two, page 138 DCA, by deleting the words, "for entry on its Journal," found in the fifth line from the bottom of the column, and substituting therefor the words, "for permanent record" (DB-256). This was accepted by Robert B. Carr (*) (North Alabama), there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference.

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) raised a question relative to the amendment offered by Arthur M. Wells (Illinois) and accepted by the Committee, by common consent, in Par. 634, Article 4, second column, page 138 DCA, and which reads as follows: "The Bishop may suspend the accused from all ministerial services pending the trial." By common consent the amendment was finally adopted to read as follows: "On recommendation of the Committee of Investigation the Bishop may suspend the accused from all ministerial services pending the trial." This was accepted by Robert R. Carr (*) (North Alabama), there being no

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Arthur M.
Wells Moves
to Amend

Amendment
Accepted

Claud Reves
Moves to
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Accepted

A. Wesley
Pugh Raises
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Skillington
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objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved to amend the accepted amendment by changing it to read (DB-257), "The accused may be suspended by action of the Committee from all ministerial services pending the trial." The motion was duly seconded.

Louis C.
Wright

Louis C. Wright (North-East Ohio) spoke against the Skillington amendment.

Lester R.
Templin

Lester R. Templin (Central Kansas) read a relevant passage from Par. 632 of the *Discipline*.

D. Stewart
Patterson
Moves
Previous
Question

D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

The amendment of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) was not adopted. Section III was adopted.

Motion
George W.
Henson re
Adoption

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) moved, as a question of privilege for the Conference, that the Report be adopted as presented, without further reading. The motion was duly seconded.

James A. Perry (Troy) spoke against the motion, as also did J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), no one claiming the right of speaking for the motion. The motion did not prevail.

Motion Lost
Sections IV,
V, VI, VII,
VIII

Section IV, subject "Trial of an Accepted Supply"; Section V, subject "Preachers in Provisional Annual Conferences"; Section VI, subject, "Maladministration"; Section VII, subject, "Status of a Bishop, Traveling Preacher, or Preacher on Trial Deposed or Expelled"; and Section VIII, subject, "Withdrawn under Complaints or Charges," were separately presented and explained, and each separately adopted on a motion of Robert B. Carr (*) (North Alabama), duly seconded.

Section I,
Chapter III

Section I of Chapter III, subject, "Investigation

and Trial of a Local Preacher, or an Accepted Supply," was presented and explained by Robert B. Carr (*) (North Alabama) who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

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W. Clyde Donald (Detroit) moved to amend Par. 663, column three, page 139 DCA, by inserting the words "not his own" after the words "a Pastoral Charge," found in line three of the Paragraph. The motion was duly seconded. Robert B. Carr (*) (North Alabama) accepted the amendment) there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

W. Clyde
McDonald
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Accepted

William Gunter (New England) asked a question as to whether the provision applied to an "ordained local deacon" and an "ordained local elder." Bishop Wade ruled that "An ordained, or local preacher, is covered by the term 'local preacher.'"

William Gunter
Asks
Question

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved to amend Par. 657 by adding the sentence (DB-258), "In Annual Conferences where there are no District Conferences, these District Committees shall be created by the Annual Conference on nomination of the Cabinet."

J. Edgar
Skillington
Moves to
Amend

W. Foss Curtiss (West Virginia) called attention to the provision found at the end of Par. 659, column three, page 139 DCA, and which reads: "Where there is no District Conference, then the Quarterly Conference of which the accused is a member shall act."

W. Foss
Curtiss

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) asked common consent to include in his amendment the deletion of the sentence found at the close of Par. 659 and common consent was granted. The amendment was not adopted.

Section I, Chapter III, was then adopted.

Section
Adopted

Section II, Chapter III, subject "Investigation and Trial of a Deaconess," was presented and ex-

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Callaghan
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plained by Robert B. Carr (*) North Alabama, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine) moved to amend by striking out Paragraph 668 from the Report. The motion, duly seconded, did not prevail.

Edgar A. Love
Raises
Question

Edgar A. Love (Washington) asked a question as to the procedure in a Conference which does not have a Deaconess Board. Clyde B. Stuntz (Indus River), at the request of the Chairman, spoke to the question. Miss Mary Lou Barnwell, Executive Secretary of Urban Work, Department of Work in Home Fields, Woman's Division of Christian Service, stated that where there is no Annual Conference Deaconess Board, the Jurisdictional Deaconess Association acts for the Deaconess.

Section
Adopted

Section II, Chapter III, was adopted.

Motion to
Adopt

G. Mont Davenport (North Alabama) moved that the entire Report be adopted, and the motion was duly seconded.

Claude Young
Moves to
Amend

Claude Young (Northwest Indiana) moved to amend Par. 657, Section I, Chapter III, column two, page 139 DCA, by adding after the words "Committee on Investigation," at the end of line seven, the following (DB-259): "In case there is no District Conference, the Committee of Investigation of the Annual Conference shall act." The amendment was accepted by Robert B. Carr (*) (North Alabama), there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference.

Amendment
AcceptedGuy O.
Carpenter
Raises
Question

Guy O. Carpenter (Indiana) asked the relationship of Paragraphs 657 and 645 of the Report to Paragraph 297 of the present *Discipline*, and Robert B. Carr (*) (North Alabama) answered the same.

Arthur M.
Wells Moves
to Amend

Arthur M. Wells (Illinois) moved to amend Section III, subject "Notice," Paragraph 684, Article 1, column one, page 141 DCA, and Sec-

tion IV, subject, "Trials," Paragraph 686, Article 1, column one, page 141 DCA, by inserting the words "at least ten days in advance" at the place to be selected by the Committee in each Paragraph.

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John T. Ellison (*) (Alabama) moved to substitute the word "seven" for the word "ten." Arthur M. Wells (Illinois) accepted the suggestion.

John T. Ellison Moves to Substitute

Robert B. Carr (*) (North Alabama) accepted the amendment, with the word "seven" substituted for the word "ten," there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference.

Amendment Accepted

G. Robert Huston (*) (Pacific Northwest) moved to amend Paragraph 677, Article 1, column three, page 140 DCA, by striking out the word "five" at the end of line three, bottom of column, and substituting the word "two (DB-260). The motion was duly seconded.

G. Robert Huston Moves to Amend

Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska) spoke in favor of the amendment. The amendment was adopted.

Paul M. Hillman

R. Gammon Morris (Lexington) moved the previous question. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

R. Gammon Morris Moves Previous Question

The Report was adopted as a whole. For Report see page 613.

Report Adopted

Robert B. Carr (*) (North Alabama) moved a Resolution (DB-261), which, being duly seconded, was adopted, as follows:

Resolution re Revision Study Commission

WHEREAS, The General (statutory) sections of our *Discipline* do not receive the same continuous study and adjustment that legislation touching General Boards and Commissions properly receive; and

WHEREAS, Inevitably minor corrections, at least, may be needed; therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That the Council of Bishops shall appoint a *Revision Study Committee* for the quadrennium 1944-1948 of seven members: one Bishop, three Ministers, and three Laymen.

2. This Committee shall study those general sections of the 1944 *Discipline* not related to the Constitution, Judi-

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cial Council, Boards or Commissions. They shall not recommend changes in the substance of any law, but may seek to clarify, improve arrangement of paragraphs or sections, and resolve conflicts in general statutes.

3. That the Committee shall make their report available to the Bishops and Members of the General Conference at least thirty days before the opening of the 1948 session.

4. That the expense of this Commission be paid out of the General Administration Fund.

Covering
Resolution

On motion of Clyde B. Stuntz (Indus River), duly seconded, the following covering Resolution (DB-262) was adopted:

Be It Resolved, That the Report No. 5 of the Committee on Judicial Administration, duly adopted by the General Conference, shall be substituted for the legislation on Judicial Administration in the *Discipline* of 1940, and shall repeal all the provisions in Chapters II to VI of Judicial Administration of the *Discipline* of 1940.

(Signed) CLYDE B. STUNTZ (Indus River Conference).

Organization
of Judicial
Council

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, requested, as a matter of privilege for the Conference, that the Secretary and the President of the Judicial Council be recognized for special announcements.

Henry R. Van Deusen was recognized and announced that the Judicial Council, as now constituted, had met and organized by the election of the following officers:

PRESIDENT.—Francis Reed Bayley.

VICE-PRESIDENT.—Martin E. Lawson.

SECRETARY.—Henry R. Van Deusen (*).

Dr. C. B.
Ketcham
Presented

Francis Reed Bayley, President of the Judicial Council, was recognized and presented Rev. Dr. Charles B. Ketcham, President of Mount Union College, newly elected member of the Judicial Council.

Leave of
Absence
Granted

At the request of Francis R. Bayley, the Gen-

eral Conference granted unanimous permission for leave of absence for three members of the Judicial Council for the remainder of the session, as they were compelled to leave at this time.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, requested that Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River) be permitted to make a Report. The Conference gave common consent for this procedure.

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River) presented a Resolution (DB-263) and moved its adoption. The motion to adopt, being seconded by Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), was unanimously adopted, as follows:

Resolution
Ernest Fre-
mont Tittle

Seconded by
Charles C.
Parlin

Resolved, That Section 16 of Par. 1712 of the 1940 *Discipline* be affirmed and confirmed; and, further,

Resolved, That for Section 15 of Par. 1712 of the 1940 *Discipline* the following be substituted:

We stand for these propositions:

“Christianity cannot be nationalistic; it must be universal in its outlook and appeal. War makes its appeal to force and hate, Christianity to reason and love. The influence of the Church must, therefore, always⁸ be on the side of every effort seeking to remove animosities and prejudices which are contrary to the spirit and teaching of Christ. It does not satisfy the Christian conscience to be told that war is inevitable. It staggers the imagination to contemplate another war with its unspeakable horrors, in which modern science will make possible the destruction of whole populations. The methods of Jesus and the methods of war belong to different worlds. War is a crude and primitive force. It arouses passions which in the beginning may be unselfish and generous, but in the end war betrays those who trust in it. It offers no security that its decisions will be just and righteous. It leaves arrogance in the heart of the victor and resentment in the heart of the vanquished. When the teachings of Jesus are fully accepted, war as a means of settling international disputes will die, and dying, will set the world free from a cruel tyrant. We have looked to international diplomacy to prevent war and it has failed. We have trusted in international law to reduce the horrors and eliminate in a measure the cruelties of war, but war grows

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only more hideous and destructive. The time is at hand when the Church must rise in its might and demand an international organization which will make another war impossible."

ERNEST F. TITTLE, *Chairman*;
 CHARLES C. PARLIN, *Secretary*;
 ALBERT E. DAY,
 LYNN HAROLD HOUGH,
 DANIEL L. MARSH,
 NOLAN B. HARMON.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, requested that the Committee on Temporal Economy be permitted to present a report at this time, involving the election of Trustees for the John Street Methodist Church, New York City.

Report No. 21
 Membership,
 LA-TE

At the request of Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman, Winfred F. Bryan (Texas) presented Report 21 for the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 73 (DCA-110), subject "St. George's Church," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

G. Stanley Lynch (*) (Philadelphia) moved to delete the last Paragraph of the Report and substitute the following (DB-264) :

"Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the needs for renovation and repairs of St. George's Methodist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, be referred to the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension for such action as the condition of the building may require."

The amendment was not adopted. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 652.

Report No. 17
 Membership,
 LA-TE

In behalf of the Committee, Winfred F. Bryan (Texas) presented Report No. 17 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 54 (DCA, 79-80), subject "Endowment Fund for the John Street Methodist Church," and moved its adoption. The motion,

duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 649.

Winfred F. Bryan (Texas) for the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, presented the following communication (DB-265) and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was unanimously adopted, as follows:

"The Trustees of John Street Church in New York City are elected each quadrennium by the General Conference.

"In accordance with this custom, and on nomination of the present Board of Trustees, I nominate the following nine persons to be elected Trustees of John Street Church for the ensuing quadrennium, with power to fill any vacancies occurring by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, until the next General Conference:

"The Resident Bishop of New York, Arlo A. Brown, Edward R. Carman, John C. Hegeman, James R. Joy, Annie M. Pfeiffer, Millard L. Robinson, Clayton Snyder and Wilson P. Tanner."

(Signed) HERBERT WELCH.

Bishop Charles Welsey Flint declared that the Resident Bishop of New York, Arlo A. Brown, Edward R. Carman, John C. Hegeman, James R. Joy, Annie M. Pfeiffer, Millard L. Robinson, Clayton Snyder and Wilson P. Tanner have been duly elected Trustees of the John Street Methodist Church of New York City, New York.

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman, presented Report No. 22 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 172 (DCA, 156-157), subject "Study of the Local Church," and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 653.

At the request of Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman, Schuyler E. Garth (North-East Ohio) presented Report No. 27 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities

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Trustees
Elected

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and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 176 (DCA-158) subject "The Status of Baptized Children," and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 657.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, requested that Lewis O. Hartman (New England) be heard on a privileged matter at this time.

Lewis O. Hartman on Central Conferences

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Central Conferences, reported the result of the conference with the Council of Bishops, and the Committee on Central Conferences relative to residential supervision of the work in Africa, and read a memorandum from the Council of Bishops as follows:

Statement of Council of Bishops

"It is the judgment of the Council of Bishops that the action taken last evening is impossible of fulfillment by the Council of Bishops under the law. If residential supervision is to be furnished for Africa, the election of a Bishop by some Jurisdiction beyond the quota must be made possible by the General Conference."

Report No. 10 Central Conferences Reconsidered

On motion of Lewis O. Hartman (New England), duly seconded, the action of the Conference in adopting Report No. 10 of the Committee on Central Conferences was reconsidered.

Paragraph 7 Restored

On motion of Lewis O. Hartman (New England) (DB-266), duly seconded, Paragraph 7 of Section II, of Report No. 10 of the Committee on Central Conferences, was adopted as originally printed, and restored to its place in the Report. Paragraph 7 reads as follows:

"7. The Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall provide residential supervision for the work in Angola, Belgian Congo, Portuguese East Africa, Southern Rhodesia and the Union of South Africa of the Africa Provisional Central Conference and is hereby authorized according to the provisions of Par. 8, Section 4 and Par. 339 as

amended to elect one Bishop in addition to its membership quota in order to provide for this supervision."

The Report, as amended, was then adopted as a whole. For Report see page 769.

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Central Conferences, reported on Item 12, Par. 434, of Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 59, which had been recommitted to the Committee, and stated a Constitutional Amendment touching the matter in Par. 434 had been adopted by the Annual Conferences by a vote of 15,571 for to 18 against, and that the present Par. 434 in the 1940 *Discipline* takes care of the situation, therefore he moved a reconsideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Central Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

By common consent, Item 12, Par. 434 as printed in column one, page 86 DCA was withdrawn, and the Report, adopted as amended, on motion of Lewis O. Hartman (New England), duly seconded. For Report see page 759.

Motion of John F. Baggett (Tennessee), duly seconded, prevailed, that after announcements we do adjourn.

Isaac E. Miller (Ohio) Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, announced that Bishop Ralph S. Cushman would preside at the session, tomorrow morning, Saturday, May 6.

The Conference then adjourned with benediction pronounced by Bishop Charles Wesley Flint.

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EVENING SESSION

Pursuant to adjournment the General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in evening session at 7:45 P.M., Friday, May 5, 1944, with Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, in the Chair.

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Report No. 1
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Withdrawn

Presiding
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Lee Holt
Presides

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Bishop Holt announced, and the Conference stood and joined in singing Hymn No. 60, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!" after which Dr. Mary Shannon (*) (Kansas) led in prayer.

Dr. James R. Houghton, the General Conference Director of Music, presented Mr. Virgil Woodside, soloist at Linwood Boulevard Methodist Church, who sang, as a solo, "The Stranger of Galilee."

Recognition
Service

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, announced that in accordance with the Order previously established by the Conference, twenty minutes would be given to appropriate recognition services for the Bishops who are to retire this year, and outlined the program to be followed in this service.

The Secretary of the General Conference called the names of the Bishops who retire this year as follows:

Retiring
Bishops

General Superintendent Brenton T. Badley
General Superintendent John C. Broomfield
General Superintendent Urban V. W. Darlington
General Superintendent Hoyt M. Dobbs
General Superintendent Robert E. Jones
General Superintendent Francis J. McConnell
General Superintendent Ernest G. Richardson
Missionary Bishop John M. Springer

Umphey Lee
Speaks for
General
Conference

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt presented Umphey Lee (North Texas), President of Southern Methodist University, who spoke in behalf of the membership of the General Conference.

Bishop Titus
Lowe for
Council of
Bishops

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt presented Bishop Titus Lowe, who spoke in behalf of the Council of Bishops. At the request of Bishop Titus Lowe, Bishop Bruce R. Baxter escorted the retiring Bishops, who were present to seats of honor on either

side of the altar, and pinned a white boutonniere on the coat lapel of each, namely: John C. Broomfield, Urban V. W. Darlington, Robert E. Jones, Francis J. McConnell and Ernest G. Richardson. The Bishops unable to be present were Brenton T. Badley, Hoyt M. Dobbs and John M. Springer. At the close of the remarks of Bishop Lowe, the Council of Bishops stood in honor of their retiring brethren, and then the entire Conference rose and applauded.

The Recognition Service closed with a solo, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains Are the Feet of Him Who Bringeth Good Tidings," by Harker, rendered by Mrs. G. Robert Huston of Yakima, Washington, daughter of a member of the Southern Illinois Conference, and wife of G. Robert Huston, lay delegate from the Pacific Northwest Conference.

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented Henry Hitt Crane (Detroit) who took an offering for the ushers and pages who had so efficiently served the Conference.

The call of the Calendar was resumed, under the direction of Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), Secretary in charge of the Calendar, who moved a suspension of the Rules, for the purpose of consideration of and action on Reports printed in today's *Daily Christian Advocate* of May 5, 1944. The motion duly seconded, prevailed.

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, presented Report No. 7, of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 162 (DCA, 154-155), subject, "Boundaries of Delaware Conference," and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see pages 540, 579. In the presentation of Reports from this Com-

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mittee, Robert M. Williams (Washington) assisted the Chairman.

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 165 (DCA-155), subject "Continuation of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church," and asked common consent to delete the last sentence of the Report; and to insert the word "Episcopal" between the words "Methodist" and "Church," found in line three of "Subject," column two DCA 155, and to insert a comma (,) following the word "permanent," in line ten, column three DCA-155. By Common consent the requested changes were unanimously accepted and the Report adopted, on motion of Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), duly seconded. For Report see page 576.

Report No. 5

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Acts and
Legal Forms

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 167 (DCA, 155-156), subject "Continuation of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 577.

Report No. 2

Enabling
Acts and
Legal Forms

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 164 (DCA-155), subject "Continue the Savannah Annual Conference," and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 575.

Report No. 4

Enabling
Acts and
Legal Forms

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 166 (DCA-155), subject "Southwest Mexican Conference; Continuation as An Annual Conference," and asked common consent to delete the last sentence. Common consent was unanimously

granted for the deletion, and the Report was adopted on the motion of Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), duly seconded. For Report see page 576.

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Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 169 (DCA-156), subject "Continuation of South Florida Annual Conference as An Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 580.

Report No. 8
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Acts and
Legal Forms

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 170 (DCA-156), subject "Continuing the Wyoming State Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 580.

Report No. 9
Enabling
Acts and
Legal Forms

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, presented a paper (DB-267) for reference to the Committee on Editorial Revision, and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Daniel L. Marsh, and the paper was adopted as follows:

Ray H. Nichols
Presents
Paper

"For the sake of clarifying and removing duplication, we recommend the following recommendations:

"1. In Par. 1147, 3 of the 1940 *Discipline*, in line 6, delete the words 'Methodist Brotherhoods, Men Clubs.'

"2. In Par. 1212 of the 1940 *Discipline*, in line 9, delete the words, 'work for boys and youth.'"

(Signed) RAY H. NICHOLS, *Chairman,*
Committee on Membership, Lay Activities
and Temporal Economy.

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman,*
Committee on Education.

Ray H. Nichols (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, presented Francis A.

Francis A.
Stanger, Jr.,
Presents
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Stanger, Jr., (*) (New Jersey), Chairman of the Sub-Committee which had prepared Reports Nos. 31, 32 and 33 of the Committee.

Motion of Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey), duly seconded, prevailed that the Rules be suspended for consideration of and action on these Reports.

Report No. 31
Membership,
LA-TE

Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey) presented Report No. 31 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 180 (DCA-159), subject "Clarify Paragraph 783," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 660.

Report No. 32
Membership,
LA-TE

Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey) presented Report No. 32 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 181 (DCA-159), subject "Adjustment of Property Rights," and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 661.

Report No. 33
Membership,
LA-TE

Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey) presented Report No. 33 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 182 (DCA, 159-160), subject "Conveyances of Churches and Parsonages," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 662.

Report No. 2
Ministry

John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman of the Committee on Ministry, stated that Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 19 (DCA-68), subject, "Ad Interim Licensing Committee," was withdrawn from the Calendar as the matter treated had been taken care of in Report No. 19 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 161 (DCA-154). For Report see page 667.

Report No. 10
Ministry

John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 101 (DCA-117), subject "Ordination of Deacons Under Seminary Rule," and

on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 671.

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Report No. 13
Ministry

John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, presented Report No. 13 of the Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 133 (DCA-148), subject "Annuity Claim of a Located Person," and requested that the word "in" found in the second line from the bottom of the Report column one (DCA-148) be changed to read "within the boundaries of," and moved the adoption of the Report as amended. The motion was duly seconded.

Thomas A. Stafford (Northern Minnesota) moved to amend by adding the words "plus the two years on probation" to immediately follow the words "Effective Ministry," found at the end of line six of the last paragraph, column one, DCA-148. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Thomas A.
Stafford
Moves to
Amend

The Report was adopted. For Report see page 675.

John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 134 (DCA-148), subject "Requirements for Admission or Ordination," and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 675.

Report No. 14
Ministry

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 81 (DCA-113), subject "Questions for Youth and Youth as Students," and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 566.

Report No. 7
Education

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 116 (DCA, 125-126), subject "Legislation Concerning the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 567.

Report No. 10
Education

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman,

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presented Report No. 22 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 126 (DCA-147), subject "Amending the Name of the Board of Education," and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 572.

Report No. 21
Publishing
Interests

Charles E. Schofield (Central Kansas), Secretary, presented Report No. 21 of the Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 64 (DCA-100), subject "An Abridged Edition of the *Discipline*," and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 715.

Report No. 16
Publishing
Interests

Charles E. Schofield (Central Kansas), Secretary, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 58 (DCA, 84-85), subject, "A Glossary of Terms," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 712.

Report No. 3
Conference
Claimants

Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Chairman, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee on Conference Claimants, Calendar No. 132 (DCA-147), subject "Pension Legislation," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 530.

Report No. 10
Conferences

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 137 (DCA, 149-150), subject "Business of An Annual Conference, Paragraph 470," and requested common consent to make the following corrections (DB-268): (1) In column three, (DCA-149) 16, strike out "a" in the second line, and insert in place thereof the words "any ministerial." (2) In column one (DCA-150) under 30 (a), delete the word "as" in the third line; (3) second column (DCA-150). Insert the words "Pastoral Charges," immediately under the sentence "41. What is the total number of:" (4) column two (DCA-150) delete (b) immediately preceding "Deceased" under Question 41; also delete "Total (b)"

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....." under same Question. (5) Change (c) to (b) immediately before the words "In Effective Relation:" (6) Add "Total (b)....." following the words "(4) On Sabbatical Leave." In the same paragraph. Common consent being unanimously granted for the requested changes, the Report was adopted on the motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, duly seconded. For Report see page 536.

Report No. 11
Conferences

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, stated that the matter contained in Report No. 11 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 142 (DCA-151), subject "Negro Work in New Jersey and New York," had been taken care of by the adoption of Report No. 7, Calendar No. 162 (DCA, 154-155) of the Committee on Enabling Acts. See page 437.

Report No. 12
Conferences

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 143 (DCA-151), subject, "Local Church Election," and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 541.

Report No. 19
Conferences

At the request of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), John R. Kenney (California), Secretary, presented Report No. 19 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 161 (DCA-154), subject, "District Committee on License to Preach, Paragraph 488," and requested common consent to make the following changes: (1) In line three of the second paragraph insert the word "an" between the words "shall elect" and the words "ad interim," striking out the "a" in the same line following the words "ad interim." (2) In line four, of the same paragraph, strike out the words "or four" following the words "Committee of six." Common consent being unanimously given, the Report was adopted on motion of John W.

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Kenney (California), Secretary, duly seconded. For Report see page 544.

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 109 (DCA-123), subject "Personnel of the Board of Temperance," and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 735.

Report No. 10
State of
Church

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 110 (DCA, 123, 124, 125), subject "Temperance," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Edward B.
Brewster
Moves to
Amend

Edward B. Brewster (Ohio) moved to amend paragraph seven, column three, (DCA-124), relative to Congressional legislation, by adding the following (DB-269) :

"The General Conference of The Methodist Church requests the Board of Temperance, in co-operation with affiliated organizations, work to secure a Congressional Law or Resolution instructing the Treasury Department that the advertising budgets of all concerns engaged in the manufacture, transportation, or sale of spiritous liquors (including 3.2 per cent beer) shall be regarded as taxable profits and subject to all provisions governing profits and excess profit taxes."

Amendment
Accepted

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, accepted the amendment, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 735.

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Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee on State of the Church, subject "Paragraph 1724 of the 1940 *Discipline*," Calendar No. 111 (DCA-125) and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

A. Wesley
Pugh Moves
to Amend

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved to

amend by adding "and also Paragraph 1721 of the Discipline." (DB-270)

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Amendment Accepted

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, accepted the amendment, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 739.

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee on State of the Church, Calendar 112 (DCA-125), subject "Temperance (Episcopal Address)," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 739.

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Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, was recognized for the purpose of presenting nominations of the Council of Bishops, as follows:

Nominations
of Council
of Bishops

Elected by the Council to represent the Church at large on the General Board of Evangelism, Bishop Charles C. Selecman, and to become its Chairman; to take the place of Bishop Charles C. Selecman from the South Central Jurisdiction, a Bishop to be selected by the College of Bishops of the South Central Jurisdiction at the close of the forthcoming South Central Jurisdictional Conference.

General Board
of
Evangelism

TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH (DB-271).— Terms expire 1948: Harry Shaw Fairmont, West Virginia; Troy W. Appleby, Cincinnati, Ohio; J. B. Doan, Cincinnati, Ohio; H. W. Whitaker, Ashland, Kentucky; Arnold A. Johnson, Fort Thomas, Kentucky; Bishop H. Lester Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Trustees of
The Method-
ist Church

Term expires 1952: Rev. Samuel W. Marble, Denver Colorado; Henry Zimmerman, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky; Reber Boulton, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. J. F. Caskey, St. Louis, Missouri; Rev. W. H. Williams, Detroit, Michigan; Rev. F. M. Bailey, Jefferson City, Missouri.

The General Conference, by a unanimous show of hands, authorized the Secretary of the General

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Conference to cast the vote of the Conference for the Trustees, as named. In accordance with this motion, the Secretary of the General Conference, cast the vote of the body for the Trustees, as named, and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt declared the same to have been duly and properly elected as Trustees of The Methodist Church.

Trustees of
Methodist
Episcopal
Church,
South

TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH (DB-272).—Terms expire 1950: Rev. J. T. Leggett, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Rev. M. A. Stevenson, Morristown, Tennessee; Rev. John Q. Schisler, Nashville, Tennessee; George H. Armistead, Jr., Nashville, Tennessee; Reber Boulton, Nashville, Tennessee.

Terms expire 1954: Rev. John L. Ferguson, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. B. B. Pennington, Columbia, Tennessee; B. A. Whitmore, Nashville, Tennessee; C. F. Lovell, Nashville, Tennessee; W. H. Wiseman, Erin, Tennessee.

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The General Conference, by a unanimous show of hands, authorized the Secretary of the General Conference to cast the vote of the body for the Trustees, as named. In accordance with this motion, the Secretary of the General Conference, cast the vote of body for the Trustees, as named, and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt declared the same to have been duly and properly elected as Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

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TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (DB-273).—Term expires 1948: Bishop H. Lester Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio; M. C. Slutes, Cincinnati, Ohio; Carrol H. Lewis, Middletown, Ohio; H. F. Dornette, Cincinnati, Ohio; Anson C. Fry, Cincinnati, Ohio; Rev. Charles M. Coulter, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Term expires 1952: Rev. Isaac E. Miller, Cincinnati, Ohio; Rev. Fremont E. Fribley, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Rev. Albert G. Schatzman, Columbus, Ohio; Leonard Garver, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio; Troy W. Appleby, Cincinnati, Ohio; J. B. Doan, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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The General Conference, by a unanimous show of hands, authorized the Secretary of the General

Conference to cast the vote of the body for the Trustees as named. In accordance with this motion the Secretary of the General Conference, cast the vote of the body for the Trustees, as named, and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt declared the same to have been duly and properly elected as Trustees of The Methodist Episcopal Church.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH (DB-274).—Bishop James H. Straughn, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Rev. Roby F. Day, Inwood, Long Island, New York; H. O. Deweese, Elwood, Indiana; Harry Shaw, Fairmont, West Virginia; Rev. Cuthbert Bates, Brown's Summit, North Carolina; W. C. Scott, Baltimore, Maryland; B. M. Mitchell, Parkersburg, West Virginia; Ely D. Miller, Columbus, Ohio.

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Committee
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The General Conference by a unanimous show of hands authorized the Secretary of the General Conference, to cast the vote of the body for the Executive Committee as named. In accordance with this action, the Secretary of the General Conference cast the vote of the body for the Trustees, as named, and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt declared the same to have been duly and properly elected the Executive Committee of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Executive
Committee
Elected

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE LOCAL CHURCH

NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION.—Bishop James H. Straughn, H. H. Burgan, Frank Prentzell, Fred P. Loring (*), Edgar T. Welch (*), Mrs. Charles H. Hardie (*).

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION.—Bishop J. Lloyd Decell, G. E. Glary, B. M. Persinger, Dennis V. Snapp (*), B. G. Childs (*), Miss Mamie D. Ledbetter (*).

CENTRAL JURISDICTION.—Bishop Lorenzo H. King, Caleb E. Queen, Timothy B. Echols, M. W. Boyd (*), Mrs. P. M. Gibbs (*), Miles W. Jordan (*).

NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION.—Bishop Raymond J. Wade, Marvin B. Kober, Earl R. Brown, Alfred C. Crawford (*), Mrs. John Law (*), J. Boyd Davis (*).

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION.—Bishop A. Frank Smith,

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Warren Johnston, Fred M. Bailey, Mrs. R. G. Cole (*), Roy M. Green (*), Harmon Lowman (*).

WESTERN JURISDICTION.—Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker, N. A. Christensen, C. M. Donaldson, Ernest W. Peterson (*), E. C. Harrah (*), Mrs. Jerome Seymour (*).

The General Conference unanimously elected them.

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COMMISSION ON ENTERTAINMENT OF THE 1948
GENERAL CONFERENCE (DB-276)

NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION.—Frederick B. Newell, George W. Crabbe (*).

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION.—Walter A. Stanbury, E. C. Watson (*).

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION.—Walter W. Ward, Leslie J. Lyons (*).

NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION.—Aubrey S. Moore, T. Morton McDonald (*).

WESTERN JURISDICTION.—Carl K. Mahoney, J. Wesley Hole (*).

CENTRAL JURISDICTION.—R. J. Morris, L. W. Lynn (*).

They were unanimously elected by the General Conference.

World Council
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WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (DB-277)

PRINCIPALS.—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Bishop James C. Baker, Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon.

ALTERNATES.—The Resident Bishop of New York, A. W. Wasson, Halley P. Johnson, William P. Tolley.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, at the request of the Presiding Officer, put the motion of election, which had been made by Lud H. Estes (Memphis) and duly seconded. The motion of election prevailed.

Commission
on Records,
etc.

COMMISSION ON RECORDS, FORMS AND
STATISTICAL BLANKS (DB-278)

Robert L. Wood (District Superintendent), John F. Baggett (District Superintendent), Claude Young (Conference Treasurer), R. E. Spangler (Conference Statis-

tician), Edgar H. Nease (Pastor), and Frank Webber (Layman).

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Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee) called attention to an amendment which had been adopted to include in the personnel of the Commission, a representative from the General Commission on World Service and Finance, or from the Central Office. Bishop Oxnam stated that due to the records not being printed in full, it was extremely difficult to check on all the amendments and that a nomination would be brought in later. The list, as submitted, was unanimously elected.

Costen J. Harrell Moves to Amend

Vacancies filled by the Council of Bishops on the Commission on Ritual and Orders of Worship (D-279): A. L. Baner for J. S. Ladd Thomas; Fred G. Holloway for C. E. Forlines; Amos Thornburg for Fred W. Adams; Oscar P. Bennett for William J. Williams; and, Roy H. McVicker for Lindsay B. Longacre.

Vacancies on Commission on Ritual and Orders of Worship

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 163 (DCA-155), subject "Request from Committee on Central Conferences for Enabling Acts," and moved that because of the legal questions that are involved, a count vote be taken on the adoption of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, now before the Conference, and that the count vote be made applicable to the fourteen (14) separate Items found in Report No. 2 of the Committee on Central Conferences, Calendar No. 88 (DCA-115), subject, "Enabling Acts," and which was adopted Thursday evening, May 4, 1944. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Report No. 1 Enabling Acts and Legal Forms

Claude Young (Northwest Indiana) moved that in taking the count vote the Chairman of each Annual Conference Delegation, poll the del-

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egation and hand the Annual Conference vote over to the tellers. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska) raised the question as to whether the fourteen items should not be called by name.

Ballot Taken
and
Announced

The ballot was spread. The tellers collected the ballot and retired to count the same. The Report was adopted by a count vote of 596 for to 1 against. (DB-280) For Report see page 573.

Report No. 6
Enabling
Acts and
Legal Forms

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 168 (DCA-156), subject "California Oriental Mission. For Permission to Organize An Oriental Provisional Annual Conference," and asked common consent to insert the following paragraph, which has been inadvertently omitted on account of a typographical error:

"There being no Central Conference in the Area, it is understood that the Western Jurisdictional Conference shall be substituted for a Central Conference, in making effective the requirements of Par. 433."

Common consent being unanimously granted for the insertion, the Report was adopted on motion of Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, duly seconded. For Report see page 578.

Report No. 10
Enabling
Acts and
Legal Forms

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 171 (DCA-156), subject, "Continuation of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church," and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 580.

Report No. 3
Central
Conferences

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee on Central Conferences, Calendar No. 94 (DCA-116),

subject "Bishops for Africa," and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 766.

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Central
Conferences

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee on Central Conferences, Calendar No. 96 (DCA-116), subject "Conference of Bishops," and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 767.

Report No. 12
Central
Conferences

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee on Central Conferences, Calendar No. 147 (DCA-152), subject "Report of Commission on Central Conferences," and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 771.

Report No. 7
Central
Conferences

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee on Central Conferences, Calendar No. 98 (DCA-117), subject "Term Episcopacy and Retirement Allowances," and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 768.

Report No. 6
Judicial Administration

Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), Chairman, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee on Judicial Administration, Calendar No. 156 (DCA-154), subject, "Appeals to the Judicial Council by Annual and Provisional Annual Conferences," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Chester A. Smith Moves to Amend

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend by striking out the words "two-thirds of the members" in the third line from the bottom of the last paragraph, and substituting therefor the words "any member" (DB-280). It was duly seconded, and Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the amendment.

Amendment Lost

Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), Chairman, spoke against the amendment. The amendment was not adopted. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 631.

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Report No. 23
Membership,
LA-TE

At the request of Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman, Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey) presented Report No. 23 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 173 (DCA-157), subject "Clarify Paragraph 779," and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 655.

Report No. 24
Membership,
LA-TE

Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey) presented Report No. 24 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 174 (DCA-157), subject "To Define More Fully the Powers and Duties of the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 656.

Report No. 28
Membership,
LA-TE

Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey) presented Report No. 28 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 177 (DCA-158), subject "J. Wesley Robinson Estate, Anderson County, South Carolina," and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For Report see page 658.

Report No. 11
Ministry

John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 135 (DCA-148), subject "Admission of Preachers on Trial," and asked common consent to make the following changes (DB-282):

(1) Insert after the words "on the prescribed form," found in line fourteen, first paragraph, column two, (RCA-148), the words, "one copy of which shall be filed with the Secretary of the Annual Conference, and one with the Commission on Ministerial Training,"

(2) Insert the words "Paragraph 1097" at the close of the second paragraph, column two (DCA-148), following the words "one of our Schools of Theology."

Common consent being unanimously granted to make the changes, John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, moved the adoption of the Report. The motion was duly seconded.

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A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) called attention to the fact that a quorum was not present when the Report was adopted in Committee, and moved that the Rules be suspended, and the requirement of a quorum be waived in the adoption of this Report, and all other Reports adopted without a quorum being present in the Committee meeting. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 671.

Rules Sus-
pended for
Adoption

John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 136 (DCA-148-149), subject "Admission of Preachers Into Full Connection," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 673.

Report No. 12
Ministry

John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 140 (DCA-151), subject "Duties of a Bishop—Making Appointments," and asked common consent to make the following correction (DB-283): delete the last two lines of the Report and substitute the following: "Conference from which he withdrew, its legal successor, or the Annual Conference of which the major portion of his former Conference is a part."

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Common consent being unanimously granted, the Report, as amended, was adopted on motion of John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, duly seconded. For Report see page 676.

John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 141 (DCA-151), subject "Chaplains in Government Hospitals," and asked

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common consent to make the following changes (DB-284) :

(1) In line two of the *Resolution* change the word "instruct" to the word "request."

(2) In line four of the *Resolution* after the word "Government" insert the words "or State governments."

(3) In line six of the *Resolution*, insert the words "seek to" before the word "provide."

Common consent being unanimously granted for the changes, the Report was adopted on the motion of John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh), Chairman, duly seconded. For Report see page 675.

Report No. 15
Education

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, requested permission to withdraw Report No. 15 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 121 (DCA-130), subject "Credit in Conference Courses of Study." No objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference, the Report was withdrawn. For Report see page 569.

Report No. 16
Education

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 122 (DCA-130), subject "Recognition of Teaching Ministry," and called attention to an editorial change, as follows: delete the words in the first paragraph which read "Board of Hospitals, Homes and Deaconess Work," and substitute the words "Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions and Church Extension." Common consent was unanimously granted for the change, and the Report was adopted on the motion of Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, duly seconded. For Report see page 570.

Report No. 8
Education

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 82 (DCA-113), subject "Youth Members of Boards and Commission,"

and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 566.

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 115 (DCA-125), subject "Emphasis on Public Worship," and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 567.

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Report No. 9
Education

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 117 (DCA-126), subject "Church Membership Manual," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 568.

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Education

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 118 (DCA-126), subject "Church School Superintendent and General Superintendent," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 568.

Report No. 12
Education

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 13 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 119 (DCA-126), subject "Providing Kindergartens in Methodist Charges," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 569.

Report No. 13
Education

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 120 (DCA-126), subject "Volunteer Service by Methodist Youth and Youth in the Armed Service," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 569.

Report No. 14
Education

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 17 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 127 (DCA-147), subject "Boy Scout Recognition," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 570.

Report No. 17
Education

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman,

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presented Report No. 18 of the Committee on Education Calendar, No. 128 (DCA-147), subject "The Use of Radio," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 571.

Report No. 19
 Education

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 19 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 129 (DCA-147), subject "Children's Literature," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 571.

Report No. 20
 Education

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 20 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 130 (DCA-147), subject "Goodwill Industries to Train Ministers," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 571.

Daniel L.
 Marsh
 Expresses
 Thanks

Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Chairman, as a matter of personal privilege, thanked the Committee on Education for its fine work, and the General Conference for its patience and co-operation.

Ad Interim
 Committee
 Crusade for
 Christ
 Authorized

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, was recognized and requested authority for the Council of Bishops to set up an Ad Interim Committee for the Crusade for Christ, to function between now and the time the Council of Bishops can set up the General Committee. Motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis), duly seconded, prevailed, authorizing the Council of Bishops to appoint such Ad Interim Committee.

Legal Require-
 ment

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt stated that in the adoption of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 163 (DCA-155), subject "Request from Committee on Central Conferences for Enabling Acts," which was adopted this evening, the count vote was 596 for to 1 against, and that to take care of any possible legal question, the vote should be announced as applying to and in the adoption of each of the fourteen separate Enabling Acts

recommended in Report No. 2 of the Committee on Central Conferences, Calendar No. 88 (DCA-115), subject "Enabling Acts."

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Bishop Ivan Lee Holt called the list of the recommended Enabling Acts and announced the vote, as follows:

Vote
Announced

1. Central Conference of Southern Asia; adopted by a count vote of 596 for to 1 against.

2. Central China Conference; adopted by a count vote of 596 for to 1 against.

3. Philippine Islands Central Conference; adopted by a count vote of 596 for to 1 against.

4. Northern Europe Central Conference; adopted by a count vote of 596 for to 1 against.

5. Germany Central Conference; adopted by a count vote of 596 for to 1 against.

6. Germany Central Conference; adopted by a count vote of 596 for to 1 against.

7. Latin America Central Conference; adopted by a count vote of 596 for to 1 against.

8. Switzerland Annual Conference; adopted by a count vote of 596 for to 1 against.

9. Africa Provisional Central Conference; adopted by a count vote of 596 for to 1 against.

10. Southern Asia Provisional Central Conference; adopted by a count vote of 596 for to 1 against.

11. Angola Provisional Annual Conference; adopted by a count vote of 596 for to 1 against.

12. Southeast Africa Provisional Annual Conference; adopted by a count vote of 596 for to 1 against.

13. Central Congo Provisional Annual Conference; adopted by a count vote of 596 for to 1 against.

14. Baltic and Slavic Annual Conference; adopted by a count vote of 596 for to 1 against.

Motion of Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore), duly seconded, prevailed that after thanking Bishop Ivan Lee Holt for expediting the work of the Conference and announcements that we do now adjourn.

Bishop Holt
Thanked

Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), Secretary in charge of the Calendar, as a matter

Edgar R.
Heckman
Speaks

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of personal privilege, spoke in appreciation of the presiding of Bishop Ivan Lee Holt.

Bishop H. Lester Smith announced the Program for the closing moments of the Conference, as follows:

Closing
Program
Announced

Chairman of the Closing Worship and Devotional Service, Bishop Charles C. Seceman, who would also speak briefly; Dr. Albert E. Day, to speak for the Conference; and Bishop Francis J. McConnell, to speak for the Council of Bishops, taking the place of Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, detained by illness.

Adjournment

The Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by John W. Haywood (East Tennessee).

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*Saturday**Morning*

ELEVENTH DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1944, MORNING SESSION

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the morning session of the eleventh day on Saturday, May 6, 1944, at 8:30 A.M., with Bishop Ralph S. Cushman presiding.

Bishop Ralph
H. Cushman
presides

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman presented Bishop Enrique C. Balloch of South America, who conducted the devotions of the morning. Bishop Balloch announced, and the Conference, standing, joined in singing Hymn No. 4, "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above," after which Bishop Balloch led in the reading of the Responsive Scripture on page 566, "The Eternal Presence." Bishop Balloch brought the message of the morning from the text found in Genesis 5:24, "And Enoch walked with God." The devotional service closed with prayer by Bishop Balloch, and the Conference joining in singing the first and last stanzas of Hymn No. 268, "Are Ye Able, Said the Master."

Devotions:
Bishop
Enrique C.
Balloch

The Report of the Committee on Journal (DB-285) was presented and adopted, as follows:

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Report

"We have examined the minutes of Friday morning and afternoon sessions, and find them to be correct.

(Signed) L. L. WEIS,
MRS. ANNE M. EBNER (*).

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, reported as follows, and action was taken on each matter, as indicated:

Courtesies
Correlation

(1) Presented Otto H. Houser (Colorado) for a privileged motion. On motion of Otto H. Houser (Colorado), Chairman of the Committee of Correlation of Legislation, duly seconded, the following (DB-286) was adopted:

Report
Correlation
of
Legislation

"By the adoption of the Rules of Order, the General Conference of 1944 raised a Committee on Correlation of Legislation. This Committee now reports that it has functioned throughout the General Conference in many a helpful service; having served and reported, it now asks to be discharged by reason of the completion of its work."

OTTO H. HOUSER, *Chairman*;
HARRY L. UPPERMAN, *Secretary*.

(2) Presented Vernon E. Lewis (*) (Montana) for a privileged motion (DB-287). Motion of Vernon E. Lewis (*) (Montana), duly seconded, prevailed, that the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy be required to report on Memorial No. 362, Calendar No. 52, found on page 79 of the DCA, at the next calling of the Calendar.

Motion
Vernon E.
Lewis re
Report

(3) Presented William F. Quillian (South Georgia) for a privileged Resolution. On motion of William F. Quillian (South Georgia), duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-288) was adopted:

Resolution
Wm. F.
Quillian re
Episcopal
Address

"Be it resolved, By the General Conference of The Methodist Church, that we urge our Publicity Agencies to

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"That we request our Publishing Agents to consider the advisability of printing the Address in pamphlet form in order that it may be made available to representative Christians of all faiths; to our public officials in State and National life, and as far as possible to the leaders of our armed forces throughout the world."

(Signed)

WM. F. QUILLIAN,
 B. M. PERSINGER.

Motion
 Winfred F.
 Bryan re
 Pensions

(4) Presented Winfred F. Bryan (Texas) for a privileged Resolution. On motion of Winfred F. Bryan (Texas), duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-289) was adopted:

Be it resolved, That the Board of Pensions, and the Special Committee to study pensions, be requested to work out a uniform pension system for employees, laymen and ministers, of the General Boards and Commissions of The Methodist Church, and to make a Report of their recommendations to the General Conference of 1948.

(Signed)

WINFRED F. BRYAN,
 GUY F. JONES.

Motion
 Murray T.
 Titus re
 Offering for
 Relief

(5) Moved, at the suggestion of Murray T. Titus (North India) (DB-290), that at the proper time a special offering be taken for the stricken people of Asia, China and India, before adjournment, and that Bishop W. Y. Chen of China and Bishop J. Waskom Pickett of India be requested to speak to this important matter. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Resolution
 Charles A.
 Jones re
 Cherrington
 and
 Diffendorfer

(6) Presented Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio) for privileged Resolutions. On motion of Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio), duly seconded, the following Resolutions (DB-291) were adopted:

Be it resolved, That this General Conference express to Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington, Executive Secretary of the Board of Temperance, its sincere appreciation for his

work leading to completely freeing the Board of the mortgage of \$450,000.00 on the Methodist Building and Annex in Washington.

Be it resolved, That we also express to Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions, our deep appreciation of his foresight and leadership in setting up the Delaware Conference of 1943 on "The Christian Bases of World Order."

(7) Presented James E. Ellis, General Secretary of Christian Education for Brazil, and representing the Methodist Church of Brazil, for the following words of greeting (DB-292) : (See page 890)

"It is a real privilege you are generously giving me to bring you Christian greetings from one of the daughters of this great Methodist family, the Methodist Church of Brazil, one of your affiliated autonomous Churches, and also to bring you the personal greetings of Bishop Cesar Dacorso Filho, our consecrated and tireless General Superintendent, who ought to be here, but who was detained for health reasons.

"In that great, growing and rapidly developing nation to the South, you have a fine, growing and rapidly developing Church which is grateful for what you have done, and are doing, to make possible a larger growth and more adequate expansion of the influence of Methodism in Brazil, and to make it possible to enter some of the doors opening to us.

"Brazilians speak of you affectionately as the 'Mother Church,' and you may be sure that the manner in which your daughter Church is addressing herself to the task of bringing to Christ more and more of the people of Brazil, and of building up a strong Church to continue this in the future would gladden your heart if you could see it at first hand."

"Come to see us."

The Conference applauded.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, reported that in compliance with the action of the General Conference on yesterday requesting the Council of Bishops to fix the place and dates for the organization of Boards and Commissions, that the Council of Bishops had

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fixed the place as Chicago, Illinois, and the dates July 25 to July 28, 1944, inclusive, and that Bishop J. Ralph Magee, Dr. Fred D. Stone and Dr. Orrin W. Auman be the Committee on Arrangements.

Motion
Earnest W.
Peterson re
Expenses
Crusade for
Christ

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, stated that the Crusade for Christ would involve certain necessary expenses in advance of the funds that may be received. On motion of Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon), duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-293) was adopted:

Be it resolved, That the General Commission on World Service and Finance is hereby authorized to make arrangements for, or to advance from funds that may properly be so used, such amounts as may be necessary to meet expenses of the Crusade for Christ, such sums to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the Crusade."

Chaplaincy
Bill re Navy

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, stated that the Council of Bishops had unanimously adopted a resolution, in support of a bill now pending in Congress to provide a separate Bureau for the Chaplaincy in the Navy, whereby said Chaplaincy may be placed in a Bureau to be known as a Bureau of Religion, and that the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America had likewise heartily approved the same, and that the approval of the General Conference would help lift the Chaplaincy in the Navy, so far as administration is concerned, to the same status it has in the Army, the Army already having a separate Bureau for the Chaplaincy.

Motion of Paul M. Hillman (Nebraska), duly seconded, prevailed that the General Conference of The Methodist Church approve the bill now pending to provide a separate Bureau for the Chaplaincy in the Navy, and urges its speedy passage.

Orrin W. Auman, Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, stated that the Commerce Trust Company of Kansas City, Missouri, had rendered invaluable services in the handling of the financial arrangements of the General Conference, and, on motion of J. Edgar Underwood (Memphis), duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-294) was adopted:

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Resolution
J. E. Underwood re
Commerce Trust Co.

Be it resolved, That the General Conference of The Methodist Church hereby expresses its deep appreciation of the facilities provided and the services rendered for the work and convenience of the Conference by the Commerce Trust Company of Kansas City, Missouri.

By common consent it was agreed to take the offering for Asiatic Relief, previously ordered during this session, immediately after the recess period.

Leland Moore (South Georgia), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented Reports Nos. 6, 7 and 8, found on page 165 DCA, and moved their adoption without reading. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. For Reports see pages 748, 749, 750.

Reports
7, 8, 9,
Credentials

On motion of Leland Moore (South Georgia), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-295) was adopted: (For Report No. 9 see page 751.)

Motion Leland
Moore re
Credentials

“There will be one other similar Report, if not two, to come from your Committee on Credentials, which may not be ready for publication, or to be read before the hour of final adjournment,

Therefore be it resolved, That your Committee be authorized to file with the Secretary of the General Conference, with your approval, such Report, or Reports.”

(Signed) LELAND MOORE, *Chairman,*
Committee on Credentials.

Motion of Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), Secretary in charge of the Calendar,

Motion Edgar
R. Heckman
re
Suspension
of Rules

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Excused

duly seconded, prevailed, that the Rules of Order be suspended for the consideration of and action on all Reports appearing in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for May 6, 1944.

Bishop H. Lester Smith, President of the Council of Bishops, requested that the Council of Bishops be excused for the completion of business that is now pending before the Council of Bishops, by General Conference action. By common consent the Council of Bishops were granted permission to retire.

Authority
Granted
Council of
Bishops

Bishop H. Lester Smith, President of the Council of Bishops, requested the Council of Bishops be granted authority to complete all nominations, and other business referred to the Council of Bishops by the General Conference, which cannot be completed before the final adjournment of the General Conference, at the conclusion of the Jurisdictional Conferences, or at a later meeting of the Council of Bishops. By common consent this authorization was granted.

Report No. 2
Rules

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Chairman, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee on Rules of Order, subject "Amendment of Rule 34 of the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order" (DCA-165 and 166), and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 754.

Report No. 3
Rules

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Chairman, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee on Rules, subject "Revision of Rules" (DCA-166) and requested common consent to make the following corrections:

1. In Item I, lines 5, 6 and 7 change the word "shall" to the word "should."

2. In Item 3, insert the words "by striking out" in line 2, following "No. (9)."

Chester A.
Smith Moves
to Amend

Common consent was unanimously given, and J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania)

moved the adoption of the Report. The motion was duly seconded.

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Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend the Report by the addition of the following (DB-296):

“That there be a Roll Call of Conferences for the presentation of matters for consideration, and that the Chairmanship of Committees be equally divided between ministers and laymen.”

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) raised the point of order that Rule 36 provides the method of amending or changing the Rules of Order, and that the proposed amendments of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) were not in order.

Motion Out of Order

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

The Report was adopted. For Report see page 755.

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved a reconsideration of the action of the Conference whereby the Rules of Order had been previously adopted. The Chair ruled the motion not in order.

Chester A. Smith Moves Reconsideration

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Chairman, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee on Rules, subject “Composition of Committee on Rules,” and requested common consent to present it now without printing in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. Unanimous common consent was granted. Report No. 4 was presented, explained, and on motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 756.

Report No. 4 Rules

Motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), duly seconded, prevailed, that the amendments presented by Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) be referred to the Committee on Rules.

Amendments of Chester A. Smith Referred

The Calendar was taken up, under the guidance of Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), Secretary of the Calendar.

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Central
Conferences

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Central Conferences, moved that "Section 7, Latin American Central Conference," of Report No. 2 of the Committee on Central Conferences, Calendar No. 88 (DCA-115), subject "Enabling Acts," which had been referred back to the Committee for consideration, be now restored to its original place in Report No. 2 of the Committee on Central Conferences, as the results of the vote on a Constitutional Amendment relative to Provisional Annual Conferences, which had been announced two weeks previous to the convening of this session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, makes it unnecessary to make any changes in the Latin American Central Conference Section as originally presented. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, by the count vote of 596 for to 1 against. The Report, as thus amended, was adopted. For Report see page 764.

Report No. 4
Central
Conferences

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, requested permission to withdraw Report No. 4 of the Committee on Central Conferences, Calendar No. 95 (DCA-116), subject "Authority to Propose Changes to the Constitution of The Methodist Church," as the proposal contained therein had been declared unconstitutional. There being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference, the Report was withdrawn. For Report see page 767.

Report No. 6
Central
Conferences

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee on Central Conferences, Calendar No. 97 (DCA-116 and 117), subject "Laymen in the Annual Conference," and stated that in the light of the decision of the Judicial Council, he would move to amend the Report by deleting the words "and the right to vote on all questions not ministerial or constitutional, and they shall be eligible for election to

Mission or Conference Committees" following the words "privileges of the floor," found in line nine of the second paragraph. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. The Report, as thus amended, was then adopted on motion of Lewis O. Hartman (New England), duly seconded. For Report see page 768.

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Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee on Central Conferences, Calendar No. 99 (DCA-117), subject "Affiliated Autonomous Churches," and requested permission to substitute the Report for Par. 951, Article 6, paragraph 1, found on page 132 DCA, top of column two, of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension, Calendar No. 123 (DCA-130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136), subject "Amending Chapter II in the 1940 *Discipline* on Board of Missions and Church Extension."

Report No. 8
Central
Conferences

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension, accepted the proposed substitution, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference.

Frederick B.
Newell
Accepts
Substitution

Rufus C. Baker (Colorado) raised the point of order that Report No. 1 of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension had already been adopted, and that reconsideration was in order. The Chair ruled the point well taken.

Frederick B. Newell (New York East) moved that we reconsider the action whereby Report No. 1 of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension, Calendar No. 123 (DCA-130 to 136, inclusive), had previously been adopted, and for the purpose only of making the proposed substitution. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the substitution was made. Report No. 1 of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension, Calendar No. 123 (DCA-130 to 136, inclusive), as amended,

Frederick B.
Newell
Moves
Reconsideration

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Karl K. Quimby and
Correction

was then adopted. For Report see pages 677, 768.

Karl K. Quimby (Newark) called attention to a typographical error in line four of Item (2) of the Report, and the word "imparting" was changed, by common consent, to the word "impairing."

Report No. 9
Central
Conferences

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee on Central Conferences, Calendar No. 100 (DCA-117), subject "Boundaries Within The Central China Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 769.

Report No. 11
Central
Conferences

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee on Central Conferences, Calendar No. 146 (DCA-152), subject "Central Conference of Latin America," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 771.

A point of order, raised by Abbott L. Fletcher (*) (Northern Minnesota), was overruled.

Committee
Excused

By common consent, the Committee on Central Conferences was excused to consider matters pertaining to their work.

Report No. 13

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, presented Report No. 13 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 144 (DCA-151), subject "Examination of Records of a Quarterly Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 541.

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Report No. 15
Conferences

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 157 (DCA-154), subject, "Orphanages and Children's Homes," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 543.

Report No. 17
Conferences

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, presented Report No. 17 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 159 (DCA-154), subject "Election of Delegates to the General Confer-

ence," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Charles V. Adams (*) (Central Pennsylvania) moved to amend the Report by substituting the word "shall" for the word "may" in line four of paragraph 1, and in line one of paragraph three. The motion, duly seconded, did not prevail. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 543.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, presented Report No. 18 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 160 (DCA-154), subject "Basic Salary Financial Plan," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 544.

John R. Kenney (California), Secretary, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 90 (DCA-115 and 116), subject "Disciplinary Questions Asked of Pastors," and requested permission to withdraw the printed Report and substitute the following (DB-297) :

"Insert at the end of Par. 485, page 156, in the *Discipline*, Section 10, under a new Section 11, these words: 'and other forms of Christian service.' Section 11 as it now is in the *Discipline* will then become Section 12.

"In Par. 532, page 170, in the *Discipline* insert a new Section 6, 'To inquire the names of persons who desire to enter full-time Christian service.' Section 6 of the *Discipline* will then become Section 7 and the numbers of the Sections will be successively changed."

Permission to substitute was unanimously granted, and, on motion of John R. Kenny (California), duly seconded, the substitution was adopted.

The Report, as thus amended, was then adopted on motion of John R. Kenney (California), duly seconded. For Report see page 535.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, presented Report No. 20 of the Committee on

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Conferences, Calendar No. 187 (DCA-163), subject "Southwest Mexican Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 545.

Report No. 4
State of
Church

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 75 (DCA-110), subject "The Christian Home," and asked common consent to insert the words "and Church School Superintendents," after the words "Lay Leaders," found in line two of Item 10. Common consent was unanimously granted, and the Report was adopted on motion of Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), duly seconded. For Report see page 725.

Report No. 6
State of
Church

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 77 (DCA-111), subject "Resolutions on the Bishops' Crusade for a New World Order," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 725.

Report No. 13
State of
Church

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, presented Report No. 13 of the Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 148 (DCA-153), subject "Support of Conscientious Objectors," and moved its adoption.

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) seconded the motion and spoke in favor of its adoption. The Report was adopted unanimously. For Report see page 739.

Report No. 14
State of
Church

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 149 (DCA-153), subject "Detached Service for Conscientious Objectors," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Wilmer Fell
Davis Moves
to Amend

Wilmer Fell Davis (*) (Peninsula) moved to

amend by inserting between the first and second paragraphs the following (DB-298) :

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“Resolved, That we commend the Federal Government for permitting the use of conscientious objectors in State Institutions, thereby relieving a critical labor shortage, and allowing their efforts to alleviate human suffering.”

The amendment was accepted by Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), there being no objections raised by any member of the Committee or of the General Conference. The Report was then adopted. For Report see page 739.

Amendment
Accepted

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 150 (DCA-153), subject “Postpone Action on Postwar Conscription,” and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 740.

Report No. 15
State of
Church

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 151 (DCA-153), subject “Against General Conscription of Labor,” and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Report No. 16
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Church

Fred B. Noble (*) (Florida) spoke against the adoption of the Report.

Fred B. Noble

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend (DB-299) by striking out the words “be not now undertaken,” at the end of the sentence, and substituting therefor the words, “be undertaken whenever necessary for the success of the war effort.” The motion was duly seconded, and Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the same.

Chester A.
Smith Moves
to Amend

Louis C. Wright (North-East Ohio) spoke against the amendment.

Louis C.
Wright

Motion of Albert P. Shirkey (Southwest Texas), duly seconded, prevailed, laying the Report and the proposed amendment on the table. Page 740.

Motion Albert
P. Shirkey
Laying on
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 Report No. 17
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 Church

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, presented Report No. 17 of the Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 152 (DCA-153), subject "Social Action Commission" and requested common consent to insert after the word "appoint" in line two the words "a Committee to inquire into the advisability of creating," and also to pluralize the word "Board" in line five, and also change the word "Commission" in line six to the word "Committee." Unanimous common consent was granted for the changes as set forth. Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River) moved the adoption of the Report, and the motion was duly seconded.

Fred D. Stone
 Raises
 Question

Fred D. Stone (Rock River) raised the question as to when the Committee would report, and Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, requested common consent to add to the Report the Paragraph, "The Committee shall report to the 1948 General Conference." Unanimous common consent was granted for the addition, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 740.

Report No. 18
 State of
 Church

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, presented Report No. 18 of the Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 153 (DCA-153), subject "Church and Economics," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 741.

Report No. 19
 State of
 Church

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, presented Report No. 19 of the Committee on the State of the Church, Calendar No. 154 (DCA-153 and 154), subject "Social Security for Lay Employees," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 742.

Report No. 20
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 Church

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, presented Report No. 20 of the Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 155 (DCA-154), subject "Wartime Prohibition," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 742.

Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), Chairman, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee on Judicial Administration, Calendar No. 69 (DCA-109), subject "Appeal of a Traveling Preacher," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

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Report No. 3
Judicial Ad-
ministration

Clyde B. Stuntz (Indus River) made the point of order that the matter included in this Report had already been passed upon in the adoption of Report No. 5 of the Committee on Judicial Administration, Calendar No. 125 (DCA-137 to 143, inclusive), subject "Revision of Judicial Administration."

Clyde B.
Stuntz
Raises
Question

Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri) requested the adoption of the Report. The Report was adopted, Bishop Ralph S. Cushman ruling that the Editorial Committee could take care of all duplications in preparing the *Discipline*. For Report see page 611.

Report
Adopted

The Conference recessed for ten minutes.

Recess

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman called the Conference to order at the end of the recess period, and requested James R. Houghton, General Conference Director of Music, to introduce the soloist. James R. Houghton introduced Thomas Tibbets, tenor soloist of the Linwood Boulevard Methodist Church of Kansas City, Missouri, who sang "Fear Not Ye, O Israel," by Dudley Buck.

The Order of the Day having arrived, the taking of an offering for relief in Asia, Bishop Ralph S. Cushman presented Bishop J. Wascom Pickett of India, who addressed the Conference.

Bishop J.
Wascom
Pickett

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman then presented Miss Katherine Liu (*) (Foochow) of China, who spoke to the Conference in the absence of Bishop W. Y. Chen.

Miss Kath-
erine Liu

The Conference, standing, was led in prayer by Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, and then joined in singing Hymn No. 148, "When I Survey the Won-

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drous Cross," after which a special freewill offering was taken for Asiatic relief. The offering amounted to \$1,154.85.

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, as a matter of personal privilege, stated that when Report No. 16 of the Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 151 (DCA-153), subject "Against General Conscription of Labor," was before the Conference, and was laid on the table, the Chairman of the Committee had the right to speak to the motion to table, if he had so desired, and that this right had not been accorded him at that time; therefore the Chair apologizes to Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman of the Committee, and grants him his right to speak to the said Report, if he so desires. The Conference applauded.

Reply of
Ernest
Fremont
Tittle

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church, stated he waived all right to speak on the Report that was tabled, and moved that the Secretary of the General Conference be instructed to notify the Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs of Congress of the action taken by the General Conference of The Methodist Church, in the adoption of Report No. 15 of the Committee on the State of the Church, Calendar No. 150 (DCA-153), subject "Postpone Action on Postwar Conscription." The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Schuyler E.
Garth
Presents
Reports

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman, requested Schuyler E. Garth (North-East Ohio), Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Membership, of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, to present some Reports prepared by his Sub-committee:

Report No. 9
Membership,
LA-TE

Schuyler E. Garth (North-East Ohio), presented Report No. 9 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 46 (DCA-78), subject "Transfer of Church

Membership," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 646.

Schuyler E. Garth (North-East Ohio) presented Report No. 12 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 49 (DCA-78 and 79), subject "Definition of Pastoral Charge," stating the Committee had reconsidered the Report as printed, and that in order to make it conform to action already taken by the General Conference on the matter (see pages 284, 298) were changing Par. 527.1 which reads, "A Charge is a Pastor's field of responsibility; a Charge of one Church is a station. A Charge of two or more churches is a Circuit." So that it shall read (DB-300):

"A Pastoral Charge consists of one or more churches organized under the *Discipline* with a single Quarterly Conference to which a minister has been duly appointed as Preacher in Charge or Pastor. A Charge of two or more churches in a Circuit."

The Report, as amended, was then adopted, on motion of Schuyler E. Garth (North-East Ohio), duly seconded. For Report see page 647.

Schuyler E. Garth (North-East Ohio) presented Report No. 25 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 175 (DCA-157 and 158), subject "Pastor's Service Record," and requested common consent to make the following change (DB-301): strike out following the word "available" in line three, top of column one, DCA-158, the words "to the Board of Conference Claimants for pension purposes," and substitute therefor the following: "for use by the Board of Conference Claimants of that Conference, and any other Annual Conference supplemental organization existing under *Par. 1313*, and the Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church."

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Common consent, being unanimously granted, the suggested change was made, and the Report, as amended, was adopted, on motion of Schuyler E. Garth (North-East Ohio), duly seconded. For Report see page 657.

Report No. 30
Membership,
LA-TE

Schuyler E. Garth (North-East Ohio) presented Report No. 30 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 179 (DCA-158 and 159), subject "Age of Preparatory Members," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Motion Henry
M. Greenslit
to Lay on
Table

Henry M. Greenslit (*) (Nebraska) spoke to the Report and moved to lay the Report on the table. The motion was duly seconded.

A. Wesley
Pugh Point
of Order

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) made a point of order relative to the motion to lay on the table. The Chair overruled the point of order as presented.

Motion Lost

The motion to lay on the table did not prevail. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 660.

Francis A.
Stanger,
Jr. to
Present
Reports

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman, requested Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey), Chairman of a Sub-committee, to present some Reports from the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.

Report No. 15
Membership,
LA-TE

Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (New Jersey) presented Report No. 15 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 52 (DCA-79), subject, "Amend Paragraph 800 Relating to Trustees of Schools and Other Institutions," and moved non-concurrence in the memorial in the adoption of the Report. The motion was duly seconded.

Vernon E.
Lewis Moves
to Substitute

Vernon E. Lewis (*) (Montana) moved, as a substitute that we concur in Memorial 362, as presented in the Report. The motion was duly seconded, and Vernon E. Lewis (*) (Montana)

A. LaFayette
Doss, Jr.,
Moves to
Amend

spoke to the substitute.

W. LaFayette Doss, Jr. (Louisiana, SC) moved

to amend by adding to the end of the Report (DB-302): "This shall not apply to the State of Montana, where the required Methodists shall be only a majority." The motion was duly seconded.

Lloyd F. Worley (New York East) moved as a substitute for all that was before the Conference the reference of the pending matter to the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms. The motion was duly seconded.

Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey) spoke in favor of reference, and the motion to refer prevailed. For Report see page 648.

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, requested that the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms be excused to consider the matter just referred to them. By unanimous common consent the Committee was excused for the purpose indicated.

Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey) presented Report No. 4 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 41 (DCA-77), subject "Disposal of Property of a Discontinued Charge," with a statement that it had been adopted at the afternoon session May 3, 1944, had been reconsidered, and recommitted to the Committee, at the evening session of May 3, 1944, for further action, and that now Report No. 4 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, relative to the matter referred would be found on page 100 of the DCA, under Calendar No. 65, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Paul G. James (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) spoke against the adoption of the Report.

Henry Gilligan (*) (Baltimore) spoke in favor of the Report, and it was adopted. For Report see page 644.

Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (New Jersey) presented Report No. 7 of the Committee on Membership.

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Lloyd F. Worley Moves to Refer

Motion to Refer Prevails

Committee on Enabling Acts Excused

Report No. 4 Membership, LA-TE

Paul G. James

Henry Gilligan

Report No. 7 Membership, LA-TE

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Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 44 (DCA-78), subject, "Minimum Standard of Ministerial Support," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Statement
George W.
Henson

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, called attention to the fact that the same subject matter had been considered at the morning session in the adoption of Report No. 18 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 160 (DCA-154), subject "Basis Salary Financial Plan," which referred the pending matter to the General Commission on World Service and Finance for consideration, and also for report to the 1948 General Conference.

Report No. 7
Membership,
LA-TE
Withdrawn

Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey), with the consent of Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, requested permission to withdraw the Report, No. 7, Calendar No. 44, now under consideration. The Report was withdrawn, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference. For Report see page 645.

Report No. 13
Membership,
LA-TE

Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey) presented Report No. 13 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 50 (DCA-79), subject "Election of Boards of Trustees," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 647.

Report No. 18
Membership,
LA-TE

Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey) presented Report No. 18 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 55 (DCA-80), subject "Nannie Findley Bean Bequest," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 650.

Report No. 26
Membership,
LA-TE

Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey) presented Report No. 26 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 138 (DCA-150), subject "Trustees

Not Liable," and moved its adoption, with the request that Fred B. Noble (*) (Florida) be permitted to speak to the Report. The motion was duly seconded. Permission being granted, Fred B. Noble (*) (Florida) spoke to the Report.

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Frank C. Propert (*) (New Jersey) moved as a substitute the following (DB-303) :

Frank C.
Propert
Moves to
Substitute

"Amendment to Paragraph 987, Section 7, 1940 Discipline, to be added at the end of that Section: however, trustees or members or other members of local churches shall not be required to guarantee personally any loan to a local church made by a Board created by, or under the authority of the General Conference, unless the offered security for the loan and its repayment is considered inadequate by the Board or Division providing the funds."

The motion to substitute was duly seconded, and Frank C. Propert (New Jersey) spoke to the same.

William H. Utz, Jr. (*) (Missouri) spoke against the substitute.

William H.
Utz, Jr.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved to amend the Report by changing the words "any Board," found in line four, top of column three, page 150 DCA, to the words "this Board." The motion was duly seconded.

J. Edgar
Skillington
Moves to
Amend

R. Gammond Morris (Lexington) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

R. Gammond
Morris
Moves
Previous
Question

Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey) stated he was against the substitute.

The amendment of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) was ruled out of order, as it had not been presented in writing, as the Rules provide.

Amendment
Out of Order

At the request of Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri) the substitute was read.

Leslie J.
Lyons

The substitute of Frank C. Propert (*) New

Substitute
Lost Report
Adopted

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George W.
Henson re
Closing

Jersey) was not adopted. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 657.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, made a statement concerning procedure for closing the business of the Conference, announcing it would be necessary to hold an afternoon session in order to give the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms time to prepare their Report on the matter referred to them earlier in this session.

Edward B.
Brewster
Moves
Reconsideration

Edward B. Brewster (Ohio) on a matter of privilege moved reconsideration of Report No. 7 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 44 (DCA-78), subject "Minimum Standard of Ministerial Support." Bishop Ralph S. Cushman ruled that it was not a privileged matter.

Chair Ruled
Not a
Privileged
Motion

At the request of Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, the Conference paused for a moment of silent prayer at this moment, twelve o'clock noon, in pursuance of a request made in a proclamation by the Mayor of Kansas City, and concluded with the Lord's Prayer, in unison.

Silent Prayer

Report No. 27
Membership,
LA-TE

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 47 (DCA-78), subject "Correlation of Legislation," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 646.

Report No. 14
Membership,
LA-TE

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 51 (DCA-79), subject "Vacancies on the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance," and requested permission to withdraw the Report, as the matter had already been acted upon by the General Conference. (See page 839.) No objection being raised

by any member of the Committee, or of the General Conference, the Report was withdrawn. For Report see page 648.

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 53 (DCA-79), subject "Vacancies on Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 649.

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Report No. 16
Membership,
LA-TE

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman, presented Report No. 19 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 72 (DCA-109 and 110), subject "Definition of a Pastoral Charge," and requested permission to withdraw the Report, as the same subject matter had been taken care of in the adoption of Report No. 12 of this Committee, Calendar No. 49. No objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or the General Conference, the Report was withdrawn. For Report see page 651.

Report No. 19
Membership,
LA-TE

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman, presented Report No. 29 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 178 (DCA-158), subject "Quadrennial Reports," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 659.

Report No. 29
Membership,
LA-TE

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman, presented Report No. 34 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 183 (DCA-163), subject "Question in Statistical Forms Regarding World Service Giving of Church Schools," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 663.

Report No. 34
Membership,
LA-TE

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman, presented Report No. 35 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal

Report No. 35
Membership,
LA-TE

MAY 6 Economy. Calendar No. 35 (DCA-163), subject
ELEVENTH DAY "Pensions for Lay Workers," and requested per-
Saturday mission to withdraw the Report, as legislation
Morning on the matter had already been enacted by the
 General Conference in adopting a Resolution this
 morning presented by Winfred F. Bryan (Texas).
 (See page 460.) No objection being raised by any
 member of the Committee, or of the General Con-
 ference, the Report was withdrawn. For Report
 see page 664.

Report No. 36 Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chair-
Membership, man, presented Report No. 36 of the Committee
LA-TE on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal
 Economy, Calendar No. 185 (DCA-163), subject
 "Representation on the General Commission on
 World Service and Finance," and, on his motion,
 duly seconded it was adopted. For Report see page
 664.

Unprinted Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chair-
Report man, presented an unprinted Report (DB-304)
Membership, of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities
LA-TE and Temporal Economy, with the statement that
 as Congress had already acted upon the legisla-
 tion involved, the Committee recommended "Non-
 concurrence" on the Report presented. The mo-
 tion, duly seconded, prevailed. The Report is as
 follows:

"We, your Special Committee of three appointed for
 the study of a memorial from Dr. Charles V. Vickery in
 regard to the new simplified tax bill HR4646, after careful
 study of the bill and the Memorial, concur in the purposes
 and wishes expressed in the Memorial, and offer the fol-
 lowing for the consideration of the General Conference:

"The General Conference of 1944 of The Methodist
 Church respectfully requests the Treasury Department of
 the United States, and the Ways and Means Committee of
 the Congress of the United States, to give due considera-
 tion in the completion of the new simplified tax bill
 HR4646 to making provision for withholding exemptions
 up to 15% of the tax payer's adjusted gross income upon
 proper declaration of the tax payer of his purpose to con-

tribute such amounts to churches, charities or other philanthropic institutions."

Later during this session Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman, read a telegram handed him by Bishop Paul B. Kern, stating that Bill HR4646 had been passed by the House of Representatives but was now before the Senate, and urged all who would to contact their Senators, and urge the passage of the Bill.

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, moved to amend Paragraph 840 of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, by striking out in line seven, at the beginning of the line, the word "rent" and substituting therefor the word "dwelling." The motion was duly seconded.

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved that the Rules of Order be suspended that require the publication in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of Legislative Reports, making changes in the *Discipline*, in order that we may consider and take action on the motion just made, or on any other similar motion, or motions, for the remainder of this Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

The motion of Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas) was thereupon adopted. For Report see page 665.

Isaac E. Miller (Ohio), Chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, announced that Bishop J. Lloyd Decell would preside at the afternoon session today.

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas), Chairman of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, on a question of personal privilege, thanked each and every one who in any way had helped in the successful handling of the arduous work of the Committee, to which had been referred more than one fifth of

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Ray H. Nichols Moves to Amend

A. Wesley Pugh Moves Suspension of Rules

Presiding Officer Announced

Ray H. Nichols Expresses Thanks

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Winfred F.
Bryan
Moves
Reconsideration

the total Memorials presented to this General Conference.

Winfred F. Bryan (Texas) moved reconsideration of the action of the General Conference, whereby Paragraph 179 on page 19 of Part III of the Report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance had been adopted, for the purpose of making an amendment. The motion, duly seconded, was adopted.

Motion to
Insert

Winfred F. Bryan (Texas) moved to insert after the word "funds" found in the first line the words "except funds administered by Trustees" (DB-305). The motion was duly seconded.

Statement
Costen J.
Harrell

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee) stated that the General Conference had authorized J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) and himself to make any editorial changes necessary, and that they had added to the aforementioned Paragraph 179 the words, "except such as are committed to the responsibility of the Board of Trustees."

Winfred F. Bryan (Texas) stated that he would be glad to accept it, and moved that it take the place of his proposed amendment. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. For Report see page 827.

Report
Adopted

Joseph S. Henry (*) (West Texas) moved that the Report, as amended be adopted. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. For Report see page 827.

Calendar

Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), Secretary in charge of the Calendar, stated that only one serial number remained to be called on the regular Calendar, No. 105 of the Committee on Evangelism, which had been ordered to be presented just before final adjournment.

Chester A.
Smith
Desires to
Amend

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) asked that Report No. 38 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 189 (DCA-164), subject "Non-concurrence,"

be called up at this time, as he desired to make an amendment to the Report.

Francis A. Stanger, Jr. (*) (New Jersey) called attention to Rule 28 which provides for the consideration of Non-Concurrent Reports.

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, moved to reconsider Report No. 10 of the Committee on Central Conference, Calendar No. 124 (DCA-137), subject "Episcopal Supervision in Mission Fields," for the purpose of inserting a new Paragraph. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

On motion of Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman, duly seconded, the following new Paragraph was added to the Report (DB-306) to follow Paragraph 7:

"8. The Western Jurisdiction shall provide, if and when necessary, for visitation of mission councils in Japan and Korea."

The Report as amended was then adopted. For Report see page 769.

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Central Conferences moved to amend Chapter VI, "Episcopacy," of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, Section VII, "Missionary Bishops," Paragraph 341, by adding a new Section, to be numbered 3 (DB-307) reading as follows: (See page 774)

"3. Notwithstanding the above definitions, in an emergency, the Council of Bishops may assign a Missionary Bishop for specified service in any Foreign Field, in consultation with the authorities, where such exist, of the Provisional Central Conference and/or the Central Conference concerned."

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman of the Committee on Central Conferences, as a matter of personal privilege, thanked the General Conference, in behalf of the Committee, for its patience and co-operation.

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Rule 28

Report No. 10
Central Con-
ferences Re-
considered

New
Paragraph
Added

Report
Adopted

Lewis O.
Hartman
Moves to
Amend

Lewis O.
Hartman
Expresses
Thanks

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*Saturday**Morning*Nominations
Commission
on Central
Conferences

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented the following nominations of the Council of Bishops for the Commission on Central Conferences (DB-308) :

Bishops: Arthur J. Moore, Titus Lowe; Alternates: Raymond J. Wade, Paul B. Kern.

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Lewis O. Hartman.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Foster K. Gamble.

Central Jurisdiction: John W. E. Bowen.

North Central Jurisdiction: Chester A. McPheeters.

South Central Jurisdiction: A. W. Wasson.

Western Jurisdiction: John W. Kenney.

Elected

On motion of Frederick L. Pedersen (Pacific Northwest), duly seconded, they were elected.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, stated that the rest of the personnel of the Commission on Central Conferences, coming from the Central Conferences and the Provisional Central Conferences, would be named later, as authorized by the action of the General Conference at this morning session.

Orrin W.
Auman
Named to
Commission
on Records,
etc.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented the name of Orrin W. Auman, nominated by the Council of Bishops for membership on the Commission on Records, Forms, and Statistical Blanks (DB-309), and, on motion of Edgar H. Nease (Western North Carolina), duly seconded, he was elected.

Ad Interim
Committee
on Crusade
for Christ

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, announced the names of the Ad Interim Committee on the Crusade for Christ, the same having been authorized by previous action of the General Conference (DB-310) :

Bishops J. Ralph Magee, Paul B. Kern, Titus Lowe, William C. Martin, Alexander P. Shaw, Wilbur E. Hammaker, G. Bromley Oxnam.

Mrs. J. D. Bragg (*), Mrs. W. Raymond Brown (*), Mrs. J. Walter Mills (*), Costen J. Harrell, Charles A. Jones (*), Mark Depp, Richard C.

Raines, Earl R. Brown, Albert E. Day, Charles W. Brashares, Albert P. Shirkey, Ralph E. Diffendorfer, John Q. Schisler, George L. Morelock (*), Harry Denman (*). Bishop J. Ralph Magee to convene the Committee.

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Bishop Raymond J. Wade was recognized and read the following cablegram (DB-311) from Theodor Arvidson of Sweden:

Theodor
Arvidson
Cablegram

NA387 INTL-CD STOCKHOLM (VIA RCA) 3 6 5 1310 NLT. Bishop Raymond Wade,

Methodist General Conference KSC.

Thanking The Methodist Church for valuable relief and support of our missionaries and pleading help neighboring children and afterwar assistance Scandinavia and Balticum. We greet Conference. Wishing Divine guidance.

(Signed) THEODORE ARVIDSON.

Bishop Charles C. Selecman announced that the meeting scheduled to be held in the Music Hall at four o'clock this afternoon, under the supervision of the Commission on Evangelism, had been called off by common consent of all concerned.

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed, that when we adjourn, it be to meet in afternoon session at 2:30 P.M. today.

Motion
George W.
Henson re
Afternoon
Session

On motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-312) was adopted:

Resolution
George W.
Henson re
Journal

Be it resolved, That the Secretary of the General Conference be authorized to edit the Journal of the General Conference for publication; that he be authorized to make such verbal changes in the phraseology of the Journal as may be necessary to correctness and uniformity, but not so as to change the meaning of any action of the General Conference; and the published copy, properly certified by him be the Official Journal of this General Conference.

Be it further resolved, That the Publishing Agents be authorized to publish the Journal of the General Conference, and to send a copy to each Delegate of the General

MAY 6 Conference, to each Bishop, to each member of the Judicial
ELEVENTH DAY Council, and to each approved College, Seminary, and
Saturday Theological School of The Methodist Church in the United
Morning States; the expense for publication and distribution to be
 charged to the General Conference Expense Fund."

Chaplain Price Presented Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented Chaplain Harry Allen Price, of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference, and stationed at the Winter General Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, to the Conference.

Adjournment After various announcements, the Conference adjourned with prayer, offered by George W. Henson (Philadelphia).

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ELEVENTH DAY **AFTERNOON SESSION**

Saturday Pursuant to adjournment, the General Confer-
Afternoon ence convened at 2:30 P.M., Saturday afternoon,
 May 6, 1944, with Bishop J. Lloyd Decell in the
 Chair.

Bishop J. Lloyd Decell, Presides Bishop J. Lloyd Decell announced, and the Conference stood and joined in singing, Hymn No. 302, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," after which G. Mont Davenport (North Alabama) led in prayer.

Journal Report The Report of the Committee on Journal (DB-313) was presented and adopted, as follows:

"We have examined the Journal of Friday night's session of May 5, 1944, and it is correct."

(Signed) FREDERICK L. PEDERSEN.

Courtesies Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented the following matters, and action was taken on each, as indicated.

W. M. Burnett Presented (1) Presented Chaplain William M. Burnett, of the Troy Annual Conference stationed at Fort Robinson, Nebraska.

Resolution re Y.M.C.A. (2) Presented the following Resolution (DB-

314) which, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted:

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WHEREAS, On June 6, 1944, the Young Men's Christian Association will observe its one hundredeth anniversary, and

WHEREAS, This great international Christian movement has always been considered one of the outgrowths of the Christian Church, and has continued to be an arm of the Church; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Methodist Church by action of the 1944 General Conference urge all Methodist churches to recognize in their services to be held Sunday, June 4th, in whatever way may be appropriate this one hundredeth anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association, and that a message of congratulation and felicitation be sent to the whole movement through its General Secretary, Mr. Gene Barnett, by the Secretary of this General Conference.

(3) Presented Rev. Horace E. Dewey, of the North China Conference, recently repatriated from a Japanese internment camp, who addressed the Conference on the necessity and importance for missionary recruiting.

Rev. H. E.
Dewey

(4) Presented Thomas E. Ward (Liberia), President of Liberian College, Monrovia, Liberia, who brought greetings from the Liberian Annual Conference, the oldest missionary field of the Church; from Bishop John M. Springer and also from the President of the Republic of Liberia, a local preacher of The Methodist Church.

Thomas E.
Ward

(5) Presented Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio) for a privileged Resolution (DB-315). On motion of Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio), duly seconded, the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolution
Charles A.
Jones re
Executive
Secretaries

Be it resolved, That the General Conference express its sincere appreciation of the effective services given throughout the quadrennium by the Executive Secretaries of our Boards and Agencies.

(6) Presented Paul N. Garber (Western

Resolution
P. N. Garber
re Greetings

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North Carolina) for the presentation of a Resolution (DB-316). On motion of Paul N. Garber (Western North Carolina), duly seconded, the Resolution was adopted, as follows:

"Be it resolved, That the members of the Conference of 1944 of The Methodist Church send our fraternal greetings and affectionate regards to all branches of Methodism related to the Ecumenical Methodist Council, and we pray that the day may speedily come when all the spiritual sons and daughters of John Wesley will be enabled again to work together in our common task of the spiritual and social redemption and reconstruction of the entire world."

(Signed)

PAUL N. GARBER,
HENRY H. CRANE,
NOLAN B. HARMON, JR.

Resolution
Albert P.
Shirkey re
Houghton

(7) Presented Albert P. Shirkey (Southwest Texas) for a privileged Resolution. On motion of Albert P. Shirkey (Southwest Texas), duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-317) was adopted:

WHEREAS, Dr. James R. Houghton, the Director of Music for this General Conference, has added so richly to all of the sessions of the Conference by his directing and singing,

Be it, therefore, resolved, That we express to him our deep and abiding appreciation for his helpful and inspiring ministry of music.

(Signed)

L. U. SPELLMAN,
R. F. CURL,
ALBERT P. SHIRKEY.

Resolution of
Thanks

Albert P. Shirkey (Southwest Texas), for the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented a Resolution (318), and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted, as follows:

"We express our appreciation to the Paseo Methodist Church for the use of the Memorial Organ dedicated to

the memory of Dr. Cladius B. Spencer, former Editor of *The Christian Advocate*; and to Mr. J. Max Kruwel, who has provided the excellent music for this General Conference."

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COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES AND PRIVILEGES.

(8) Presented Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon), for a privileged matter. On motion of Ernest W. Paterson (*) (Oregon), seconded by Lud H. Estes (Memphis), the following was adopted (DB-319) :

Resolution
Ernest W.
Peterson
re Oxnam

This body has Rules requiring the filing with the Secretary of three copies of all matters to be presented to it.

I believe you are entitled to know of the faithful compliance with this Rule by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops. His reports have been neatly typed for immediate filing with the Documents of this Conference.

On behalf of the Secretarial Staff, the Daily Advocate Staff, and the stenotype operators, I desire to thank Bishop Oxnam for his co-operation in this important matter of keeping our records in good form.

(Signed)

ERNEST W. PETERSON.

(9) Presented the Report of the Sifting Committee, and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. For Report see page 757.

Calendar

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, moved that we now take up the Calendar to hear from the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 52 (DCA-79), subject "Amend Paragraph 800 Relating to Trustees of Schools and Other Institutions," said Report having been referred to the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, for consideration and report.

Report No. 15
Enabling
Acts and
Legal Forms

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Arthur A.
Callaghan
Moves to
Amend
Par. 803

On motion of Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 582.

Motion of Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, duly seconded, prevailed, that Paragraph 803 of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church shall be changed to follow Paragraph 800 in the same *Discipline* (DB-320).

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine) moved that the matter of the continuance of the North Africa Annual Conference, without the required number of members, be referred to the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, for an Enabling Act granting such continuance (DB-321). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Report No. 18
Enabling
Acts and
Legal Forms

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, presented Report No. 18 of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms (not printed in the DCA), subject "Continuance of North Africa Annual Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted by a count vote of 596 for to 1 against. For Report see page 583.

Report No. 11
Enabling
Acts and
Legal Forms

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms (not published in the DCA), subject "Re-enactment of Certain Paragraphs in 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church," and, on his motion, it was unanimously adopted. For Report see page 581.

Report No. 12
Enabling
Acts and
Legal Forms

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms (not published in DCA), subject "Continuation of Corporations," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was unanimously adopted. For Report see page 581.

Report No. 13
Enabling
Acts and
Legal Forms

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, presented Report No. 13 of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms (not published in

DCA), subject "In Re Authority to Amend the Charters of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of The Methodist Church," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 581.

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Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms (not published in DCA), subject "Continuation of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 582.

Report No. 14
Enabling
Acts and
Legal Forms

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms (not published in DCA), subject "Provision for Hawaii Mission to Organize as a Provisional Conference," and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted by a count vote of 596 for to 1 against. For Report see page 583.

Report No. 16
Enabling
Acts and
Legal Forms

On motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, and by common consent, a special order was adopted permitting one minute for the presentations of Resolutions and items of business, to be voted on without debate, unless the Conference should by a two-thirds vote grant the privilege of discussion of the matter.

Time Limit
on Presentations

Wilmer Fell Davis (*) (Peninsula) moved a reconsideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension, Calendar No. 123 (DCA-130 to 136, inclusive), subject "Amending Chapter II in the 1940 *Discipline* on Board of Missions and Church Extension," for the purpose of making an amendment to Paragraph 924, column 1, DCA-131. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Wilmer Fell
Davis Moves
Reconsideration

Wilmer Fell Davis (*) (Peninsula) moved to amend Paragraph 924, column 1, page 131 DCA,

Wilmer Fell
Davis Moves
to Amend

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by adding at the end of the third paragraph, the words "but without vote" (DB-322). The motion being duly seconded, Wilmer Fell Davis (*) (Peninsula) spoke to the same.

Frederick B.
Newell
Against
Amend-
ment

Frederick B. Newell (New York East), Chairman of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension, spoke against the amendment.

Winfred F.
Bryan

Winfred F. Bryan (Texas) spoke in favor of the amendment.

Amendment
Adopted
Report
Adopted

The amendment was adopted. The Report, as thus amended, was adopted. For Report see page 677.

Report No. 1
Evangelism

Albert E. Day (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman, moved that Report No. 1 of the Committee on Evangelism, Calendar No. 78 (DCA-111 and 112), subject "Legislation to Substitute for Paragraphs 1265 to 1287, inclusive, in the *Discipline* of 1940," as adopted by the General Conference, be and is hereby substituted for Paragraphs 1265 to 1286, inclusive; and Paragraph 333 No. 5 and Paragraph 532 No. 3 (a) (1940 *Discipline*) and that the same be included in the 1944 *Discipline* as legislation duly enacted by the General Conference of The Methodist Church (DB-323). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Resolution
Fred D.
Stone re
Decisions
Judicial
Council

On motion of Fred D. Stone (Rock River), duly seconded, the following Resolution was adopted (DB-324):

"WHEREAS, Paragraph 1691, Section 11, provides that the decisions of the Judicial Council shall be published as the Judicial Council may direct in *The Christian Advocate*, and in such other form as the General Conference may determine;

"Therefore, be it resolved, That it be declared that the publication of these decisions in the *Daily Edition of The Christian Advocate* issued during the General Conference be considered as fulfilling this requirement for publication in *The Christian Advocate*.

"Be it further resolved, That the General Conference now direct that all decisions rendered by the Judicial Council since 1940 be now printed in one pamphlet."

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia) moved the following Resolution (DB-325) be adopted and referred to the Committee on Rules:

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“Conditions permitting, that the Rules Committee for the General Conference of 1948 be instructed to arrange two groups of Committees meeting on alternate days, and to provide the opportunity for equal lay and ministerial representation on these Committees and on Administrative Committees.”

Resolution
Leon T.
Moore re
Rules for
1948

The motion was duly seconded.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke to the Resolution. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution
Adopted

On motion of Daniel L. Marsh (New England), duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-326) was adopted:

Daniel L.
Marsh
Moves
Addition

“Be it resolved, That a new Paragraph be added to the Discipline to follow Paragraph 1098 and to read as follows: The educational standards for non-English speaking Annual Conferences and Provisional Annual Conferences within the United States, shall be set by the Jurisdictional Conferences of which they are respectively a part.”

On motion of Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), Chairman of the General Conference Committee on Entertainment, duly seconded, the following (DB-327) Resolution was adopted:

Honorarium
for
Secretary

“Be it resolved, That this General Conference, in appreciation of the very efficient service rendered to The Methodist Church, and to this General Conference in particular, by the Reverend Lud H. Estes, its General Secretary, grant him an honorarium of \$750.00, and authorize the Treasurer of the General Conference Expense Fund to pay said sum to him.”

George W. Crabbe (*) (Baltimore) moved a reconsideration of Report No. 10 of the Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 110 (DCA, 123-124-125), subject “Temperance,” for

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Crabbe
Moves
Reconsideration

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George W.
Crabbe
Moves a
Deletion

the purpose of making an amendment. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. George W. Crabbe (*) (Baltimore) moved to amend by deleting the amendment offered by Edward B. Brewster (Ohio) and adopted at the Friday evening's session, and which read as follows:

"The General Conference of The Methodist Church requests The Board of Temperance, in co-operation with affiliated organizations, work to secure a Congressional Law or Resolution instructing the Treasury Department that the advertising budgets of all concerns engaged in the manufacture, transportation, or sale of spiritous liquors (including 3.2 per cent beer) shall be regarded as taxable profits and subject to all provisions governing profits and excess profits taxes."

Amended
Report
Adopted

The motion to delete the amendment of Edward B. Brewster (Ohio), duly seconded, prevailed. The Report, as amended was then adopted. For Report see page 735.

Resolution
C. A. Smith

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved the adoption of the following Resolution (DB-329):

"Resolved, That the General Conference of The Methodist Church request the Platform Committees of the two major political parties to include in the Platforms of those parties a plank pledging the United States to join a world organization of liberty-loving peoples of the world in order to put the world upon a basis of law and order, universal prosperity and enduring peace, and to limit our national sovereignty to the extent necessary to bring this about."

Motion George
re Non-
W. Henson
concurrent
Reports

The motion was seconded, but did not prevail.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, moved that the Reports of the various Committees recommending Non-concurrence, appearing in the *Daily Christian Advocate* be received and their recommendations approved. The motion was duly seconded to cover Report No. 13 of the Committee on Central Conferences, Calendar No. 188 (RCA, 163

and 164), subject "Miscellaneous Matters"; Report No. 21 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 191 (DCA-164), subject "Non-Concurrence"; Report No. 4 of the Committee on Conference Claimants, Calendar No. 190 (DCA-164), subject "Non-Concurrent Report"; Report No. 21 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 197 (DCA-164), subject "Non-concurrence"; Report No. 5 of the Committee on Evangelism, Calendar No. 193 (DCA-164), subject "Nominating Committee for Members of Annual Conference Commission on Evangelism"; Report No. 3 of the Committee on Hospitals and Homes, Calendar No. 194 (DCA-164), subject "Nominating Committee Annual Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes"; Report No. 7 of the Committee on Judicial Administration, Calendar No. 196 (DCA-164), subject "Trial of a Church Member, Amend Paragraph 43"; Report No. 2 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities, Calendar No. 14 (DCA-56), subject "Non-Concurrence"; Report No. 8 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 45 (DCA-78), subject "Non-Concurrence"; Report No. 37 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 186 (DCA-163), subject "Statistical Conference Report"; Report No. 38 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 189 (DCA-164), subject "Non-Concurrence"; Report No. 6 of the Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 71 (DCA-109), subject "Full Clergy Rights For Women"; Report No. 17 of the Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 198 (DCA-164), subject "Non-Concurrence"; Report No. 22 of the Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 35 (DCA-70), subject "Non-Concurrence"; Report No. 3 of the Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, Calendar No. 195

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(DCA-164), subject "Non-Concurrence"; Report No. 21 of the Committee on the State of the Church, Calendar No. 192 (DCA-164), subject "Non-Concurrence."

Chester A.
Smith Moves
to Amend

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) moved to amend Report No. 38 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 189 (DCA-164), subject "Non-Concurrence," by substituting the word "Concur" (DB-330) for the word "Non-Concurrence" as related to Memorial 533, subject "Remove Restrictions on Laymen," which is found in the Report. The motion was duly seconded, and Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke to the motion.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) and Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River) spoke to the pending amendment.

Frank C.
Propert
Raises Point
of Order

Frank C. Propert (*) (New Jersey) raised the point of order that the pending matter was embodied in the Constitution of The Methodist Church, and therefore the amendment was not in order. The Chair ruled the point of order well taken, and that the amendment was out of order.

The motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia) was then adopted. For Reports see pages 531, 545, 571, 593, 602, 631, 634, 645, 665, 669, 676, 716, 721, 742, 774.

Poem of
Benjamin F.
Schwartz

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, moved that the poem written by Benjamin F. Schwartz (Nebraska) under the title "Horsemen," inspired by the picture of John Wesley on the platform (DB-331) be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, for our reading. The motion, duly seconded, was adopted. The poem is as follows:

One little man on horseback
Set forth on a westward track,
A brave new world for his parish
And a heart that turned not back.

A thousand men on horseback,
Have ridden thru storm and rain,
To carry his glorious gospel
Far to the western plain.

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O brave little man on horseback,
Your sons in Conference met;
Look on your pictured features
To show you are with us yet.

With the map of the world above you,
A challenge to us to ride,
The shining steeds of the Sky-ways
As far as the earth is wide.

God grant you may speed us forward
Still on your westward track,
Still with that dauntless spirit
The heart that turns not back.

Speed us on that glorious mission
To a world all wracked with pain;
Give us a heart that is strangely warmed—
Your Horsemen, riding again.

BENJAMIN F. SCHWARTZ

Ernest Fremont Tittle (Rock River), Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church, on a matter of privilege, made the following statement:

Statement of
Ernest
Fremont
Tittle re
Resolution
Chester A.
Smith

“Several members of this body believe we should make it entirely clear that The Methodist Church is committed almost unanimously to the idea of having our nation cooperate with other nations in persistent effort in behalf of world order and peace.

“Lest we be interpreted, on the part of anyone outside this body, outside this room, throughout the country, it has been suggested that I state, as I now do state, a Resolution presented by Mr. Chester A. Smith—and that we turned down by a majority vote—does not mean repudiation of the idea to which we are committed in one resolution after another and in a rather lengthy statement entitled ‘Conditions of Peace.’

“We are committed to collaboration with other nations in behalf of world order and peace, but we could not, at

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Charles W.
Brashares
Presents
Resolutions
of Thanks
and Appreciation

the end of a Conference when we were all weary, commit ourselves to what some of us regarded as a rather poorly worded Resolution."

Glenn R. Phillips (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, introduced Charles W. Brashares (Detroit), who presented the Report of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, on "Resolutions and Thanks," and moved that the Report be adopted. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was unanimously adopted by a standing vote, as follows (DB-332) :

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to all those thru whom He has worked to make this General Conference a success.

Therefore let us thank the General Conference Commission, the local Committee on Entertainment, and the Mayor and Officials of this community for inviting us again to Kansas City.

Let us thank railroads, transportation bureau, banks, hotels, hosts, waitresses, nurses of Bethany, ushers, taxi drivers, decorators, and others of every vocation who have ministered to our comforts and our needs.

Let us thank God for our Secretary and for all good secretaries, stenographers and stenotypists.

Let us thank God for our Bishops and for their Episcopal Address and for their wise chairmanship and guidance.

Let us thank God for the wives of the Bishops and for all wives. Many friends arise to call them blessed.

Let us thank God for fraternal delegates and for inspiring speakers of our own number who day unto day uttered speech and night unto night shewed forth knowledge.

Praise God for those who thru faith have wrought righteousness, obtained promises and stopped the mouths of lions.

Praise Him for the press and postoffice and publicity; and for the radio and for public address systems that send the word thru all the earth and their words unto the ends of the world.

Praise Him for Seminary Singers and organists and musicians and for a Director of Music who makes us sing the Lord's song in a strange land.

Praise Him for the Nazarene publishing house and for visiting sacrificial printers thru whose labors we have an advocate daily.

Praise God for a chance to serve Him ourselves and for a world fellowship thru the Christian Church to the ends of the earth.

Praise Him for entrusting us anew with a gospel that is the hope of the world, and for a Bishops' Crusade for Christ which sends us forth united in a five fold plan to win the world for a Christian order thru a new quadrennium.

Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord, Let us go forth to serve the Lord with gladness. For the Lord is good. His mercy is everlasting and His love endureth to all generations.

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, moved that the following Enabling Act (DB-333) be passed, it having come to the attention of the Committee too late for Committee action :

"Permission is hereby granted the Czechoslovakia Annual Conference, called in the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, the Bohemia-Moravia Conference, to continue its life as an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1948, even though it should fall below the number of members required, as indicated in Par. 416 of the 1940 *Discipline* of said Church."

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Enabling Act for the Czechoslovakia Annual Conference was adopted by a count vote of 596 for, to 1 against. For Report see page 584.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, on a question of personal privilege, thanked the members of the Conference for their patience, kindness and co-operation in helping in making this a great General Conference.

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed, that when we finally ad-

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Unwritten
Report
Enabling
Acts and
Legal Forms

George W.
Henson
Expresses
Personal
Thanks

Motion George
W. Henson
re 1948 General
Conference

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Leslie J.
Lyons to
Write Letter
of Thanks

journal it be to meet at ten o'clock on the morning of the last Wednesday in April, 1948.

On motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia) duly seconded Leslie J. Lyons (*) (Southwest Missouri), Chairman of the Commission of Entertainment of the 1944 General Conference of The Methodist Church, was requested to write a letter of sincere appreciation (DB-334) to those to whom we are indebted for the free use of the commodious and beautiful auditorium in which we have been meeting.

Bishop Decell
Expresses
Thanks to
George W.
Henson

Bishop J. Lloyd Decell, in behalf of the General Conference, thanked George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, for the splendid service he had rendered in guiding the Conference through its various sessions.

Bishop Charles
C. Selecman
Assumes the
Chair

Bishop J. Lloyd Decell resigned the Chair to Bishop Charles C. Selecman, who had been appointed by the Council of Bishops to be in charge of the closing devotional service of the Conference.

Silent Prayer

At the request of Bishop Charles C. Selecman, the Conference stood in silent prayer, after which all joined in singing Hymn No. 162, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

Addresses
John Q.
Schisler,
Harry Den-
man, George
L. Morelock

The Conference remained standing, and was then led in prayer successively by John Q. Schisler (North Arkansas), Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama), and George L. Morelock (*) (Memphis).

James R. Houghton, Conference Director of Music, then sang, as a solo, "The Lord's Prayer."

Bishop Charles C. Selecman spoke briefly to the Conference, and presented Albert E. Day (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism, who addressed the Conference.

Address
Albert E.
Day

Bishop Charles C. Selecman announced, and

the Conference stood and joined in singing, Hymn No. 249, "I Love to Tell the Story."

Bishop Charles C. Selecman stated that it was the unanimous choice of the Council of Bishops that Bishop Francis J. McConnell bring the closing message of the 1944 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church. The Conference rose and applauded.

Bishop Francis J. McConnell brought a masterful and timely address for the closing moments of the 1944 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Bishop Charles C. Selecman requested Bishop H. Lester Smith, President of the Council of Bishops, to lead in prayer.

Bishop J. Lloyd Decell resumed the Chair for the closing business of the General Conference of The Methodist Church for the session of 1944.

Dawson C. Bryan (Texas) presented Report No. 3 of the Committee on Evangelism, Calendar No. 105 (DCA-121 and 122), subject "Message to the Church," and asked common consent to make two corrections:

(1) In paragraph three, column two, DCA-121, change the word "unescapable" in line seven to the word "inescapable."

(2) In paragraph five, column three, DCA-121, change the word "obtain" in line five to the word "appoint."

Common consent was unanimously granted, and on motion of Dawson C. Bryan (Texas), duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 589.

On motion of Dawson C. Bryan (Texas), duly seconded, Report No. 3 of the Committee on Evangelism, Calendar No. 105 (DCA-121 and 122), subject "Message to the Church," was ordered printed in the *Dicipline* in the section devoted to Resolutions, etc.

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Closing
Address
Bishop
Francis J.
McConnell

Prayer
Bishop H.
Lester
Smith

Bishop Decell
Resumes
Chair

Report No. 3
Evangelism

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Journal
Report

The final Report of the Committee on Journals (DB-335) was adopted on motion of Frederick L. Pedersen (Pacific Northwest), duly seconded, as follows:

"We move that the approval of the Journal of the morning and afternoon sessions of May 6, 1944, of the Conference be left to the Secretarial Staff."

FREDERICK L. PEDERSEN, *For the Committee.*

Lud H. Estes
Moves *Sine*
Die Ad-
journalment

Lud H. Estes (Memphis) moved that we do now adjourn *sine die*. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Bishop J. Lloyd Decell announced, and the Conference stood and joined in singing Hymn No. 416, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Adjournment
and
Benediction

The 1944 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, held in Kansas City, Missouri, April 26, 1944, to May 6, 1944, thereupon adjourned at 5:57 P.M. on Saturday, May 6, 1944, with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Bruce R. Baxter.

Presiding
Officers

Presiding officers of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, Kansas City, Missouri, April 26, 1944, to May 6, 1944:

First Day, Wednesday, April 26

Morning: H. Lester Smith (Pages 198 to 229).

Evening: James H. Straughn (Pages 230 to 231).

Second day, Thursday, April 27

Morning: Charles C. Selecman (Pages 231 to 238).

Third day, Friday, April 28

Morning: Titus Lowe (Pages 238 to 254).

Fourth day, Saturday, April 29

Morning: Francis J. McConnell (Pages 254 to 269).

Fifth day, Sunday, April 30

Evening: Robert E. Jones (Pages 269 to 271).

Sixth day, Monday, May 1

Morning: W. Walter Peele (Pages 271 to 288).

Evening: Clare Purcell (Pages 257 to 298).

Seventh day, Tuesday, May 2

Morning: Wilbur E. Hammaker (Pages 298 to 317).

Evening: William C. Martin (Pages 317 to 331).

Eighth day, Wednesday, May 3

Morning: Ernest G. Richardson (Pages 331 to 342).

Afternoon: Paul B. Kern (Pages 342 to 350).

Evening: J. Ralph Magee (Pages 350 to 361).

Ninth day, Thursday, May 4

Morning: A. Frank Smith (Pages 361 to 371).

Afternoon: James C. Baker (Pages 371 to 382).

Evening: Arthur J. Moore (Pages 382 to 400).

Tenth day, Friday, May 5

Morning: Raymond J. Wade (Pages 400 to 417).

Afternoon: Charles W. Flint (Pages 417 to 435).

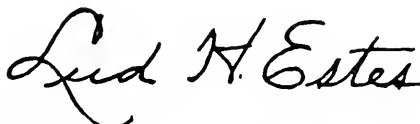
Evening: Ivan Lee Holt (Pages 435 to 458).

Eleventh day, Saturday, May 6.

Morning: Ralph S. Cushman (Pages 458 to 488).

Afternoon: J. Lloyd Decell (Pages 488 to 504).

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*Secretary of the General Conference
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COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Chairman, Claude M. Reves.

Vice-Chairman, John T. Carson (*).

Secretary, Ida B. Hubbard (*).

Calendar No. 114. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 401.
M, 26; P, 18; F, 18

REPORT NO. 1. AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

(MEMORIAL: REPORT OF AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY)

Four major facts stand out in the quadrennial report of the American Bible Society. Each one represents an achievement in the face of war conditions: (1) Scripture circulation in the United States reached its highest figures—over 7,000,000 Bibles, Testaments, and Gospels; (2) Though work in the Orient has been almost suspended, Latin American circulation is approaching a peak; (3) More than two and a quarter million Testaments have been freely supplied to Chaplains for service men and over a million sold to churches and others for similar purposes; 40,000 have been placed in life-boats and life-rafts of both ships and planes; (4) More than half a million Scriptures in thirty languages have been carried through war barriers for prisoners of war on both sides; still others have been supplied for stricken civilian populations in Europe. Production for the great post-war needs of these and other areas is now underway.

The Committee recommends:

1. That the work of the American Bible Society, striving to bring the blessing of the Holy Scriptures to all mankind, be most heartily commended.

2. That our pastors and people annually observe Universal Bible Sunday.

3. That the General Commission on World Service and Finance name three persons to represent The Methodist Church on the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society, with expense to the Church.

CLAUDE M. REVES, *Chairman*;

IDA B. HUBBARD, (*) *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

Chairman, Arthur M. Wells.

Vice-Chairman, Sidney H. Babcock.

Secretary, Philip E. Riley.

Calendar No. 60. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 329.
M, 68; P, 54; F. 54

REPORT NO. 1. UNIFIED PENSION CODE

(MEMORIAL: IN COMMITTEE)

Delete Paragraphs 1301 to 1341 inclusive, *Discipline* of 1940 and substitute therefor the following:

Chapter I

BOARD OF PENSIONS

SECTION I. ORGANIZATION

1301. 1. There shall be a Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church having the administration of the support of Conference Claimants of The Methodist Church in succession to "The Board of Pensions and Relief of the Methodist Episcopal Church," which is incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois in that name, and in succession to the Board of Managers of "The General Fund for Superannuates of the Methodist Protestant Church," which is incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland in that name, and in succession to "The Board of Finance of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," which is incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri in that name. The three Corporations aforesaid are referred to hereinafter, respectively, as the Illinois Corporation, the Maryland Corporation, and the Missouri Corporation. These three Corporations shall be continued with their headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, Baltimore, Maryland, and St. Louis, Missouri, respectively, but with their corporate names changed to, and to be known as "The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, Incorporated in Illinois" and "The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, Incorporated in Maryland," and "The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, Incorporated in Missouri," respectively.

2. The Illinois Corporation shall be responsible for the administration of funds for the support of Conference Claimants in the North-eastern, the North Central, the Western, and the Central Jurisdictional Conferences, and the Missouri Corporation shall be responsible for the administration of funds for the support of Conference Claimants in the Southeastern and the South Central Jurisdictional Conferences.

1302. 1. The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, hereinafter, for the sake of brevity, called The Board, shall be composed of three Bishops at large, to be chosen by the Council of Bishops, and one member from each Jurisdictional Conference, for every 300,000 Church Members of the Jurisdictional Conference or major fraction of that number; *provided*, that each Jurisdictional Conference shall have at least one Minister and one Layman, all to be elected by the Jurisdictional Conference. In each Jurisdiction membership shall be divided equally between Ministers and Laymen in so far as this is

possible. A member of the Board shall serve for a period of four years and, in any case, until his successor shall have been elected.

2. The members of the Board shall constitute the members of the Illinois Corporation, the Maryland Corporation, and the Missouri Corporation, respectively, and the annual meetings of the three aforesaid Corporations and of the Board shall be held at the same place and consecutively in the order mentioned.

3. In all matters not specifically covered by General Conference legislation, the Board shall have authority to adopt rules and policies for the administration of the support of Conference Claimants, with variations for each of the territories assigned respectively to the Illinois Corporation and to the Missouri Corporation as conditions may require. It shall meet annually for the review and consideration of the work committed to its care and shall take such measures as it may deem advisable to co-ordinate the work of the Illinois Corporation and the Missouri Corporation.

1303. 1. The Board shall elect quadrennially a President, a Vice-President, and a Recording Secretary from its own membership. At the first meeting of the Board following the respective meetings of the Jurisdictional Conferences, it shall elect two Executive Secretaries for a term of four years. The Executive Secretaries of the Board shall be members thereof by virtue of their office. A vacancy in the office of an Executive Secretary shall be filled by the Board. One of the Executive Secretaries shall have charge of the affairs of the Illinois Corporation and of the Maryland Corporation; the other shall have charge of the affairs of the Missouri Corporation, under the direction of the Board, in the respective Jurisdictional Conferences assigned to each, and both shall have co-ordinate powers and duties as executive officers of the Board. The respective Treasurers of the Illinois Corporation, the Maryland Corporation and the Missouri Corporation shall be elected by the Board and shall be the Treasurers of the Board. The aforesaid Treasurers may be persons who are not members of the Board.

2. A vacancy in the membership of the Board shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Board.

3. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION II. AUTHORIZATIONS

1304. 1. The Illinois Corporation and the Missouri Corporation shall be responsible for the administration of the funds and properties already in their hands, respectively, or which shall be put into their hands hereafter for their respective groups of Jurisdictional Conferences, and they shall also be responsible for the execution of the rules and policies of the Board, particularly as these rules and policies relate to their respective fields of operation, as given above, ¶ 1301, § 1, 2.

2. In general, the respective tasks and functions of the Illinois Corporation, the Maryland Corporation, and the Missouri Corporation, shall be those heretofore performed respectively, by the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Methodist Episcopal Church, The General Fund for Superannuates of the Methodist Protestant Church, and the Board of Finance of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

1305. 1. The Board is authorized to receive, hold in trust and administer, through its Corporations, all such funds as Connectional Permanent Funds, Reserve Pension Funds, and the Chartered Fund, and it shall have power to apportion these duties to the Illinois Corporation, the Maryland Corporation, and the Missouri Corporation as it may deem advisable.

2. The Board is authorized to receive, hold in trust, and administer, through its Corporations, Endowment Funds belonging to Annual Conferences, or other funds for the support of Conference Claimants to be administered for the benefit of such Annual Conferences; *provided*, that at no time shall any part of the principal of the Endowment Funds be appropriated for any purpose. The net income of such Endowment Funds shall be disbursed annually for the benefit of Conference Claimants of the Annual Conferences in their respective fields of operation.

3. The Board is authorized and empowered to receive any bequest made or intended for the benefit of disabled, Superannuated, or Retired Ministers, the widows of Ministers and the dependent minor children of Ministers, such persons being commonly called "Conference Claimants," of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Methodist Protestant Church, or The Methodist Church, and if the language of such bequest be inexact, the Board shall administer or dispose of such bequests in the manner deemed most equitable, according to the intent of the donor, after careful inquiry into the circumstances connected with the making of the bequest.

1306. The Board and each of its Corporations shall adopt ways and means of increasing the Endowment Funds to be administered either for the Board or the Annual Conferences, by obtaining gifts, annuities, and bequests and also for the purpose of increasing the current contributions of the Pastoral Charges for Conference Claimants.

Chapter II

PERMANENT FUNDS

1307. The Board shall share in the funds raised for the Benevolent Budget of the denomination, as provided for in ¶ 824 and Enabling Acts.

1308. The Chartered Fund shall be administered by the Illinois Corporation for the benefit of all Annual Conferences in The Methodist Church, the boundaries of which are within the United States, unless the General Conference shall order otherwise, and once a year the net earnings of the Fund, after provision for depreciation, shall be divided equally among such Annual Conferences in accordance with the Restrictive Rule contained in ¶ 362, § 5.

1309. Until the General Conference shall order otherwise, the income from the Endowment Fund for Superannuates held by the Missouri Corporation shall be distributable as annuities on account of service of Conference Claimants formerly rendered in an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, or service rendered in an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church within the territory of the Missouri Corporation; *provided*, however, that in the case of any Annual Conference formerly of the Methodist Episcopal Church which shall remain substantially unaffected in its liability for annuities by Unification, in order to participate in the distribution made by the Missouri Corporation, it shall be necessary for such Conference to deposit with the Missouri Corporation assets sufficient to produce an annual income equivalent to the amount which would be distributed to such Conference in the event it elects to participate.

Beginning with the first fiscal year of the Missouri Corporation following the General Conference of 1944, the aforesaid income shall be distributed to the Annual Conferences concerned, in accordance with the years of annuity responsibility in each which are eligible for consideration under this Paragraph, the determination of the number of such years to be with the Missouri Corporation.

1310. For provisions concerning the joint operation of the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund by the Illinois Corporation and the Missouri Corporation, and the Plan of the Fund, see ¶ 1341-1353.

1311. 1. Whenever two or more Annual Conferences are to be merged, in whole or in part, there shall be elected by each Annual Conference affected, a Distributing Committee of three members, and three alternates, which Committee shall act jointly with similar Committees of three members each from the other Annual Conference or Conferences involved in the merger of such Annual Conferences; said Joint Distributing Committee shall have power and authority (1) to allocate the pension responsibility involved; (2) to distribute equitably the permanent Fund and other assets of the Conference or Conferences affected, taking into consideration in the division to the successor Conference or Conferences the number of Churches, Ministerial Conference members and pension responsibility involved. It shall be governed by the legal restrictions or limitations of any contract, pledge, deed, or other instrument.

2. The Joint Distributing Committee shall conduct a hearing thereon, after publication of notice thereof in two consecutive issues of *The Christian Advocate*, the last publication to be not less than thirty days preceding the announcement of such hearing, and it shall have power to continue and adjourn such hearing from time to time until finally concluded and a final decision be rendered.

3. The Joint Distributing Committee shall convene promptly and elect a Chairman, Vice-chairman, and a Secretary, from its membership, and prescribe the time and place of hearing and the Secretary shall give the notice aforesaid.

4. The Executive Secretary or Secretaries of the Board of Pensions concerned shall call and convene the organization meeting of the Joint Distributing Committee.

5. The Distributing Committee shall determine the number of service years rendered in the Annual Conferences which will lose their identity in the merging of Conference territory, and the findings of the Committee shall be final unless definite evidence to the contrary is discovered, and the annuity payments by the continuing Conference or Conferences shall be made accordingly.

6. The Distributing Committee shall keep complete minutes of its transactions, and a copy thereof shall be filed with the Secretary of each Annual Conference of The Methodist Church involved in its work.

7. Until the work of the Distributing Committee shall have been completed, the corporate organization of the Annual Conference in the process of merger shall be maintained. After the Distributing Committee shall have completed its work, the officers of such Corporation, subject to the completion of its business, shall dissolve it, they being authorized to do so by the Annual Conference involved.

Chapter III

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATIONS

SECTION I. AUTHORIZATION

1312. 1. Annual Conferences are authorized to establish and maintain investment funds, Preachers' Aid Societies and organizations and funds of similar character, under such names, plans, rules, and regulations as they may determine, the income from which shall be applied to the support of Conference Claimants. It is recommended that each Annual Conference provide an incorporated Board to administer its permanent funds, under some other corporate name than that used by the Board of Pensions.

2. All distributable funds, unless otherwise heretofore ordered by the Annual Conference, and prior to the General Conference of 1940, shall be disbursed by the Board of Conference Claimants, excepting only such funds as are otherwise restricted by specific provisions or limitations in gifts, devises, similar instruments, which restrictions and limitations shall be observed.

3. On and after June 1, 1944, it shall not be permissible for any Annual Conference or Permanent Fund Organization thereof, to amend its charter, articles or by-laws so as to deprive its Conference Claimants, who are Conference Claimants in other Annual Conferences of the privilege of sharing in the distribution of the earned income of such Permanent Funds through the Clearinghouse operative in the territory of the Illinois Corporation.

4. Provided that no laws of the State in which it is organized or incorporated prohibit it so doing, an Annual Conference shall have power to require from its members in the effective relation an annual contribution to either its Permanent or Reserve Fund or for current distribution or to a Preachers' Aid Society for the benefit of its annuitants, subject to the following provisions: (1) the annual payment may be made in installments as provided by the Annual Conference; (2) the Conference may fix a financial penalty for failure of the member to pay; (3) in case his membership in the Annual Conference is terminated under the provisions of the *Discipline*, the Conference may refund the amount so paid, in whole or in part, after hearing has been given to the person terminating his membership, in case such hearing is requested; (4) the making of such payment shall not be used as the ground of contractual obligations upon the part of the Conference, or as the ground of any special or additional annuity claim of a member against the Conference, neither shall it prevent disallowance of his annuity claim by Conference action; (5) Ministers entering an Annual Conference shall not be charged an initial entry fee by any organization mentioned in § 1 of this paragraph; furthermore, the annual contribution required from a ministerial member of the Conference shall not exceed, in any case, the percentage-of-salary contribution required from a minister who is a member of the Reserve Pension Fund.

5. Each Annual Conference shall hold one service during its sessions, to be known as "the Conference Claimants' Anniversary," for the promotion of the interests of the Conference Claimants.

6. Each congregation shall observe annually one Sunday in the interests of Conference Claimants, which shall be known as "Conference Veterans' Day."

SECTION II. BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

1313. 1. There shall be organized in each Annual Conference a Conference Board, auxiliary to the Board of Pensions, to be known as the Board of Conference Claimants, which shall have charge of the interests and work of providing for the support of Conference claimants of the Annual Conference, except as otherwise provided for by the Board of Pensions.

2. The Board of Conference Claimants shall be composed of not less than twelve members, effective Ministers and Laymen in equal number, to be elected at the first session of the Annual Conference following the General Conference and so arranged in classes that one third may be elected annually thereafter.

3. The Board of Conference Claimants shall report to the Annual Conference the names, addresses, and years of service of the Conference Claimants, the names of those who have died during the year, the names of the dependent children of deceased members of the

Conference and any other useful information, and shall show separately the amount paid to each by the Conference from the annuity and necessitous funds.

4. The appropriations to the Conference Claimants shall be subject to the approval of the Annual Conference.

5. The Board of Conference Claimants shall make a report to the Board of Pensions immediately following the session of the Annual Conference and upon the forms provided for that purpose by the Board of Pensions.

6. The Annual Conference shall constitute its Board of Conference Claimants a Committee on proportional payment of ministerial support, for the purpose of comparing records of amounts paid on support of Pastors and Conference Claimants by each Pastoral Charge, computing the proportional distribution thereof, and keeping a permanent record of defaults; or the Conference may organize a Special Committee on Proportional Payment of Ministerial Support, which shall keep permanent records and furnish necessary information to the Board of Conference Claimants regarding adjustment of annuities.

7. The Board of Conference Claimants shall administer all annuities and relief provided for the benefit of Accepted Supply Pastors and the widows of Accepted Supply Pastors.

8. The Board of Conference Claimants shall investigate carefully all claims made on the basis of special need, and the Secretary of the Board shall obtain annually in advance as much information regarding their condition as may be available in order that the Board of Conference Claimants may have before it the facts necessary to determine equitably the amount of relief to be granted in each case.

9. The Annual Conference, upon recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants shall designate a bank or other depository for deposit of the funds held by the Board of Conference Claimants.

10. When it is deemed expedient, the Board of Conference Claimants may build up a reserve fund from the income for Conference Claimants in order to stabilize the annuity rate payable in the Conference. Such reserve fund should be, at least, the equivalent of twenty-five per cent of the average annual income of the Board of Conference Claimants for all purposes for the five years immediately preceding. Such reserve fund shall be held as the Annual Conference shall direct and shall be subject to the requirements of § 9 of this paragraph.

Chapter IV

GENERAL PENSION REGULATIONS

The administration of the pensions and support of Conference Claimants, within the Annual Conferences situated in the United States, shall be the responsibility of The Board of Pensions, and shall be governed by the rules and regulations contained in the following Code, and such amendments thereto as may hereafter be adopted, and shall apply alike to the territory of the Illinois Corporation and the Missouri Corporation, with the exceptions stated in the following supplementary Codes for the respective Territories aforesaid.

The Pension Code

ARTICLE I

1314. *Definition of Conference Claimants*

Retired Ministers, the widows of Ministers, during their widowhood, and dependent children of deceased Ministers are Conference Claimants.

ARTICLE II

1315. *Nature of Ministerial Support*

Assumption of the obligations of the Ministry required to be made at the time of his admission to membership in an Annual Conference puts upon the Church the inevitable counter-obligation of providing a comfortable support for the Minister during the period of his membership in an Annual Conference and for his widow and dependent children after his death; but such counter-obligation with reference to an annuity shall not be construed as contractual unless and until provision shall have been made therefor on an actuarial reserve basis.

ARTICLE III

1316. *Approval of Claim*

The Annual Conference shall be the sole judge of the admissibility and validity of annuity claims, and shall be fully competent to determine all payments, disallowances, and deductions thereunder, subject to the specific regulations relating thereto contained in the *Discipline*.

ARTICLE IV

1317. *Retirement*

1. The Annual Conference may place any member thereof in the retired relation, with or without his consent and irrespective of his age, if such relation be recommended by the Committee on Conference Relations.

2. At his own request, the Annual Conference may place any member thereof in the retired relation, with the privilege of making an annuity claim, if he has attained the age of sixty-five years prior to the date of the opening session of the Annual Conference to which said request is presented.

3. Retirement prior to attaining the age of sixty-five with the privilege of making an annuity claim on the ground of a Minister's personal disability, shall be permitted only after a thorough investigation of his case by, and presentation of a medical certificate to, the Committee on Conference Relations. This certificate shall be made on a form approved by The Board of Pensions, and shall be given by a regular medical doctor, other than the personal physician of the applicant, who has been approved by the Committee on Conference Relations. If such disability continue for more than one year, such medical certificate shall be required annually.

4. If retirement takes place before attainment of age sixty-five, for other reasons than personal disability, the right to make an annuity claim from the time of retirement until the member attains that age shall be granted upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations and a three-fourths vote of the Annual Conference.

ARTICLE V

1318. *Definitions*

1. The term "Years of Approved Service" shall mean full-time service rendered in and to any appointment mentioned in § 2 of this paragraph. Fractional or part time service cannot be counted for annuity claim except by a three-fourths vote of the Annual Conference upon recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants.

2. The following "Years of Approved Service" in the effective relation in an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, as defined in § 8 of this paragraph may be counted for the purpose of determining both the annuity claims and the annuities payable thereon: (a) as Pastor-in-Charge or Assistant Pastor; (b) as District Superintendent, Presiding Elder, Conference President, or as a full-time salaried

official of the Conference; (c)* service under special appointment made prior to January 1, 1946, *to an institution or organization which in the judgment of the Annual Conference rendered to it some form of service, direct or indirect sufficient to warrant granting an annuity from the Conference funds therefor, provided, however, that ministers appointed at an Annual Conference held subsequent to January 1, 1946, to serve Methodist institutions or organizations, service in which is not specifically approved by the Conference for annuity responsibility, shall have their pensions, if any, for such service provided by such institution or organization and not by the Conference; (d) as a member of an Annual Conference left without appointment to attend school for a period not to exceed three conference years; (e) "sabbatical leave"; (f) as the wife of a Minister during his "Years of Approved Service"; (g) service as a Chaplain in or to the armed forces of the United States, in case no government pension be provided for such service; (h) the last two years of service on trial as Pastor-in-Charge, or Assistant Pastor shall be counted also as "Years of Approved Service"; (i) in calculating fractional years of service of a Conference Claimant, the following formula shall be used in all cases including those involved in clearinghouse operations: any period up to one month and fourteen days shall not be counted; one month and fifteen days to four months and fourteen days shall be counted as one quarter of a year; four months and fifteen days to seven months and fourteen days shall be counted as one half of a year; seven months and fifteen days to ten months and fourteen days shall be counted as three-quarters of a year; ten months and fifteen days to eleven months and twenty-nine days shall be counted as one year. Each of the above mentioned periods shall be inclusive of all days therein.

3. The following years of service in the effective relation shall not be approved as a basis of annuity claim: (a) years for which a pension, or any other form of compensation or "deferred salary," is received from any source other than the Annual Conference; (b) a year of service rendered concurrently by a Minister and his wife, whether on the same Pastoral Charge, or otherwise as members of an Annual Conference, shall be counted only as one year.

4. Upon recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants and approval by the Annual Conference special appointments shall be listed in the Conference Journal in two divisions, as follows: (1) With Annuity Claim upon this Annual Conference, (2) Without Annuity Claim upon this Annual Conference.

5. The "Annuity Rate" shall mean the sum determined annually by the Annual Conference, payable as an annuity for each year of "Approved Service" of a retired minister rendered in The Methodist Church. The "Annuity Rate" shall be determined by the Annual Conference, without restriction, but it is recommended that such rate be not less than one per cent of the "Average Salary" of the Conference as hereinafter defined in § 6.

6. The "Average Salary" of the Conference for the purposes of this annuity plan shall mean the average salary (including house rent at a valuation equivalent to fifteen per cent of the salary) of the Ministers in the Annual Conference who are in the effective relation as Pastors or District Superintendents, based on the salaries as published in the statistical report for the Conference Year immediately preceding the General Conference. In computing the "Average Salary" of the Conference, no account shall be taken of salaries of Min-

* NOTE. In construing (c) within the territory of the Illinois Corporation all service in special appointments prior to May 29, 1924, shall be regarded as valid, irrespective of subsequent limitations enacted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church prior to Unification.

isters who shall have served less than one year on a Pastoral Charge. The "Average Salary" shall be established by The Board of Pensions for each Annual Conference quadrennially, immediately preceding the General Conference.

7. "Dependent Child" shall mean a child of a deceased Minister or a child legally adopted before the Minister's retirement or death, under sixteen years of age, and dependent for his or her support. If the child be kept in a standard school, the age limit may be extended not to exceed two additional years by action of the Board of Conference Claimants.

8. "The Methodist Church" shall mean The Methodist Church after the Uniting Conference of 1939, also any of the Churches united in 1939, as they were constituted prior to 1939.

9. "Methodist Minister" shall mean a Minister of "The Methodist Church."

10. "Illinois Corporation" shall mean the Corporation of the Board of Pensions having the administration of pension work in the Northeastern, the North Central, the Western, and the Central Jurisdictions.

11. "Missouri Corporation" shall mean the Corporation of The Board of Pensions having the administration of pension work in the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions.

ARTICLE VI

1319. *Claim of a Retired Minister*

The Annuity Claim of a Retired Minister shall be for an amount equivalent to the total of his "Years of Approved Service" multiplied by the "Annuity Rate" as defined above, irrespective of breaks in the sequence of such service.

ARTICLE VII

1320. *Claim of a Widow*

1. The Annuity Claim of a widow shall be for an amount equivalent to the total of her "Years of Approved Service" multiplied by seventy per cent of the "Annuity Rate" (see Article V, Sections 3).** The fact that a widow served as the wife of a Minister of The Methodist Church until his death and, after an intervening period of widowhood served again as the wife of another Minister of The Methodist Church; shall not prevent the approval of all such years of service for the purpose of computing her "Annuity Claim."

2. The Annuity Claim of a widow shall become effective immediately upon the death of her husband.

3. A certificate of the fact that a widow remains unmarried and is a member of The Methodist Church shall be obtained annually by the Board of Conference Claimants on a form to be provided by The Board of Pensions.

4. If a widow resides in a foreign land, or in a community where there is no Methodist church accessible, she may receive permission from the Annual Conference, by a two-thirds vote, to join or affiliate with any other Evangelical Church in such place of residence. In such case, her marital status and Christian character shall be certified by her Pastor annually on a form to be provided by the Board of Pensions.

** The seventy per cent may be raised to seventy-five per cent at the option of the Annual Conference; provided, however, that the exercise of such option shall not affect the operation of the clearing house as provided in ¶1336.

ARTICLE VIII

1321. *Claim of a Dependent Child*

1. The Annuity Claim of a "Dependent Child" shall be determined by multiplying the father's "Years of Approved Service" by one fourth of the "Annuity Rate" (See Article V, § 5); *provided*, however, that in no case shall the total of the Annuity Claims of the dependent children exceed the Annuity Claim of the father.

2. The Annuity Claim of a "Dependent Child" shall become effective immediately upon the death of the father, and shall cease upon attainment of age sixteen. If the child be kept in a standard school, the age-limit may be extended, not to exceed two additional years, by action of the Board of Conference Claimants.

3. A certificate of attendance of a "Dependent Child," at a standard school, shall be obtained annually between the ages of sixteen and eighteen by the Board of Conference Claimants, on a form to be provided by the Board of Pensions.

4. A child born of a marriage consummated after the father has been placed in the retired relation shall not be entitled to benefits from the Conference Claimants funds.

5. After joining the Church, the membership of a "Dependent Child" shall be maintained in a Methodist Church and removal of such membership elsewhere shall nullify the claim; *provided, however*, that the rule in the first sentence of ¶1320, § 4, may also apply to a "Dependent Child."

ARTICLE IX

1322. *Claim of a Missionary*

1. A regularly commissioned missionary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, holding membership in an Annual Conference, Provisional Annual Conference or a Mission shall be entitled to make an annuity claim upon the Division of the Board of Missions and Church Extension which provides his support.

2. A retired missionary who has been granted the retired relation in a foreign Annual Conference shall be entitled to make an annuity claim upon an Annual Conference in the United States for "Approved Years of Service" rendered therein. Such claim shall be presented to The Board of Pensions and payments due thereunder shall be collected from the Conferences concerned and forwarded to the claimant by The Board of Pensions in such manner as it may deem most expeditious and economical. In such cases the Illinois and the Missouri Corporations shall certify the years of service to each Annual Conference concerned.

ARTICLE X

1323. *Apportionments*

1. After the annuity rate payable has been determined by the Annual Conference, on recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants, the said Board shall compute the amount necessary to meet the prospective annuity disbursement according to the annuity rate determined and said amount shall be apportioned to the Pastoral Charges, either as a percentage of the Pastor's cash salary, or on the basis of a graduated scale to be determined by the Conference.

2. The apportionment to the Pastoral Charges for both regular relief and emergency appropriations for Conference Claimants who are in distress, or because of other special circumstances, shall be estimated by the Board of Conference Claimants.

3. The Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance shall include in its recommendations to the Annual Conference the amounts computed by the Board of Conference Claimants as necessary to meet the needs for annuity payments and relief.

4. The apportionment for aged and disabled Supply Pastors, if any, shall be combined with the apportionment for regular Conference Claimants and the receipts shall be pro rated for distribution to the two groups separately.

5. After January 1, 1946, the Board of Conference Claimants shall not make an apportionment to a non-Methodist organization or institution which employs a member of the Conference appointed thereto after the above mentioned date. In such case, if a pension is not provided by the organization or institution concerned, the member may arrange for a pension through the savings-annuity plan of the Board of Pensions known as the MINISTERS' PROVIDENT ANNUITY FUND.

6. To a Federated Church which is under the jurisdiction of a Quarterly Conference and served by a Minister of the Conference, the Board of Conference Claimants shall make an apportionment equivalent to the apportionment made to a Methodist Church within the Conference having membership and resources equal to the Methodist constituency of the Federated Church.

7. A Community Church, not under the jurisdiction of a Quarterly Conference, and served by a Methodist Minister, appointed thereto upon request of the Annual Conference, supported by a two-thirds vote shall not be subject to an apportionment, and the service of the Minister rendered thereto shall be without annuity claim.

ARTICLE XI

1324. *Proportional Payment*

1. The amount payable by any Pastoral Charge on the apportionment for Conference Claimants shall be directly proportionate to the amount of cash received by the Pastor, or Pastors on his salary. The apportionment for Conference Claimants being stated as a percentage of the Pastor's salary, an amount equivalent to that percentage shall be due to the Board of Conference Claimants on the basis of the payments made to the Pastor.

2. The amount apportioned to each Pastoral Charge for the support of Conference Claimants shall be paid to the Conference Treasurer monthly or quarterly and the Conference Treasurer shall remit monthly to the Treasurer of the Board of Conference Claimants all amounts received from the Pastoral charges for the support of Conference Claimants.

3. The Treasurer of the Pastoral Charge shall be primarily responsible for the application of the provisions of the first section of this Article, but in the event of his failure to apply such provisions the Pastor shall adjust his cash salary and the payment to Conference Claimants according to the proper ratio, as provided above, before he enters the respective amounts in his statistical report to the Annual Conference. And, on retirement amounts in default shall be deducted from his annuity subject to the limitations of deductions provided herein after.

4. It shall not be permissible for a Pastor-in-Charge to receive a bonus or other supplementary compensation tending to defeat proportional payment. Failure to comply with this section shall be deemed disobedience to the Order and *Discipline* of The Methodist Church. The Board of Conference Claimants may recommend to the Conference that the Pastor's annuity claim be disallowed for the year during which such bonus or supplementary compensation was so received.

ARTICLE XII

1325. *Distribution*

1. Moneys designated for distribution to the Claimants as Annuities shall be distributed on the basis of "Approved Years of Service," and shall consist of:

- (a) The appropriation received from The Methodist Publishing House.
- (b) The income from investments of the Annual Conference for Annuity distribution held for this purpose.
- (c) Gifts and Bequests for Annuity Distribution.
- (d) Money received from the apportionments to the Pastoral Charges for Annuity distribution.

2. Moneys designated for relief on the basis of special need and Emergency Relief shall consist of:

- (a) The appropriation received from the Chartered Fund.
- (b) Money received from the apportionment to the Pastoral Charges, providing that each Annual Conference may set aside for necessitous and emergency distribution such part of its funds as it may deem necessary, but not to exceed fifteen per cent of the total amount collected on apportionment to the Pastoral Charges.

3. The Annual Conference may authorize the Board of Conference Claimants to pay annuity and relief benefits quarterly or semi-annually. Monthly payments may be authorized on recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants and a two-thirds vote of the Conference.

ARTICLE XIII

1326. *Relinquishment*

For a year at a time, a Conference Claimant may voluntarily relinquish in writing his or her Annuity Claim and any amount payable thereunder; *provided*, that the disposal of the relinquished amount shall be entirely under the control of the Board of Conference Claimants.

ARTICLE XIV

1327. *Disallowance*

1. Upon recommendation of a majority of the Board of Conference Claimants, after opportunity has been given for hearing the Claimants' objections, which may be made in person, or by a ministerial member of an Annual Conference acting as the Claimant's personal representative, the Annuity Claim of any Conference Claimant may be disallowed, in whole or in part, by three-fourths vote of the Ministers of the Annual Conference, present and voting, for any of the following causes:

- (a) Receipt of a pension or other periodical income from an individual Church, or from other sources, which may be presumed to cover and adequately compensate for certain years of service included in the claim;
- (b) Service in a special appointment which did not confer sufficient benefit on The Methodist Church to justify apportioning the annuity cost thereof to the Pastoral Charges of the Conference;
- (c) Having been found guilty of unministerial or unchristian conduct by the Disciplinary processes.

2. The following rules and procedures shall be observed in all cases of disallowance of annuity claims:

- (a) The Secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants shall notify the Conference Claimant, by registered mail, at the last address known to the Conference Secretary, concerning the proposed disallowance, not less than three months in advance of the Annual Conference session at which his case will be adjudicated.

(b) The notification of the Claimant shall specify the cause or causes under which the case will be cited.

(c) If he or she cannot be present the Claimant shall have the right to choose a Ministerial member of any Annual Conference to present his or her objections to the proposed disallowance before the Board of Conference Claimants prior to action on the case.

(d) The Board of Conference Claimants shall present to the Conference the proposal for disallowance in written form with a full statement of the case and a record of its vote for and against recommendation.

(e) Disallowance cannot be made by general rule of the Annual Conference; each case must be heard and adjudicated separately.

3. When an Annuity Claim shall have been disallowed, under section 1 of this Article, it may be reconsidered at any subsequent Annual Session of the Conference, upon recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants, or by two-thirds vote of the Conference.

ARTICLE XV

1328. *Interterritorial Transfers*

1. A minister who transfers on and after June 1, 1940, from the Illinois Corporation Territory to the Missouri Corporation Territory, or vice versa, shall be entitled on retirement, to make an annuity claim in the Annual Conferences to which he formerly belonged, for the "Approved Years" he served therein.

2. Immediately following the session of the Annual Conference, the Board of Conference Claimants shall report to The Board of Pensions the names of all Conference Claimants entitled to make an annuity claim under § 1 of this Paragraph.

3. The Board of Pensions shall provide a certificate showing: (1) The number of "Years of Approved Service" given by a Conference Claimant to each of the several Conferences involved; (2) the current annuity rate of each Conference respectively; (3) the total amount of the annuity claim for the ensuing Conference year.

4. The Board of Conference Claimants of the Annual Conference which granted the retired relation, upon receiving the aforesaid certificate, shall pay the total annuity from its own funds to the Conference Claimant as indicated by The Board of Pensions and shall be reimbursed therefor by the Annual Conferences involved, to the extent of their respective obligations.

5. Upon receiving notification from The Board of Pensions, the other Annual Conferences involved shall remit as soon as practicable to The Board of Pensions the full amount of the Annuity Claim for which they are responsible respectively, which shall be transmitted by The Board of Pensions which makes the payment to the Claimant.

6. The Board of Pensions shall not have any responsibility for the transmission of moneys collected under this Paragraph until such moneys have been remitted to it.

7. Retirements involving application of this Article within the territory of the Illinois Corporation shall be handled through its office at Chicago, Illinois, and those within the territory of the Missouri Corporation shall be handled through its office at St. Louis, Missouri.

ARTICLE XVI

1329. *Service Records*

1. The Board of Pensions shall maintain complete service records of Ministerial members of the Annual Conference, compiled from the answers to the Disciplinary questions as published in the Annual Conference Journals and in the General Minutes.

Service records for members of Annual Conferences in the territory of the Illinois Corporation shall be maintained at its office in Chicago, Illinois, and for members of the Annual Conferences in the territory of the Missouri Corporation at its office in St. Louis, Missouri.

2. Power to revise, correct, or adjust a Minister's service record as it concerns his annuity lies with the Annual Conference solely. Such revisions, corrections and adjustments, after having been adopted by the Annual Conference concerned, shall be published in the Annual Conference Journal as a personal notation in the answers to the Disciplinary questions.

3. The Secretary of each Annual Conference shall publish annually the chronological roll of the Ministers' Service Record in the Annual Conference Journal indicating the accredited service years of each such member.

4. In the statistical tables of the Annual Conference there shall be provided a separate column with the caption "Conference Claimants" which shall show the amount apportioned to each Charge and the amount paid.

5. If the Annual Conference records are incomplete, the Secretary of the Conference shall have the power to require from each and every ministerial member of it, a signed statement concerning the date of his birth, the date of birth of his wife, the date of their marriage, and the dates of birth of their "dependent" children.

ARTICLE XVII

1330. *General Regulations*

1. A Retired Minister's annuity claim is not invalidated by service as a Supply in a Methodist Church or Methodist institution, but his annuity shall be reduced by the Board of Conference Claimants of the Annual Conference, so that the total of salary received as a Supply and his income as a Claimant shall not exceed the "Average Salary" of the Conference as defined in ¶ 1318 § 6.

2. A Minister who refuses to pro rate Ministerial Support may be brought to trial for violation of a law of the Church.

3. Annuities are granted by the Annual Conference annually, including those granted on the ground of disability; the determination of what constitutes disability lies with the Annual Conference.

4. The annuity claim of an effective Minister cannot be recognized by the Board of Conference Claimants between annual sessions of the Conference; he must be retired first.

5. A minor child of a living retired Minister cannot be a Conference Claimant.

6. Although the Annual Conference has power to require a contribution to its funds and to fix a financial penalty for defaults, a Minister cannot be brought to trial for failure to make such required contribution.

7. An Annual Conference may withhold money from a Conference Claimant in order to discharge his obligation for assessments voted by the Annual Conference for Conference Claimants.

8. A Minister cannot be retired automatically by operation of a rule of an Annual Conference fixing an age of retirement other than that specified in the *Discipline*.

9. A Minister cannot present his credentials to and be accepted into the ministry of another denomination and at the same time retain his standing in an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church. Such action constitutes withdrawal from our ministry, and automatically terminates his right to make a claim for an Annuity.

10. A member of an Annual Conference cannot relinquish his Annuity Claim at Conference time and then ask for it, or a portion of it, during the Conference year.

11. An Annual Conference may not make any arrangement with a Life Insurance Company for the purpose of Annuities for the benefit of individual effective or retired Ministers, or to take any steps to nullify, in whole or in part, the Annuity Plan of The Methodist Church by making contracts with outside parties. However, group Life Insurance may be provided through the medium of a Life Insurance Company.

12. A Lay Member of the Board of Conference Claimants may or may not be a member of the Annual Conference.

13. Ministers on Trial and the families of deceased Ministers on Trial are not beneficiaries of the funds of the Board of Conference Claimants.

14. A widow of a retired Minister, who married him after his retirement, is not entitled to make an annuity claim on an Annual Conference, except as provided in ¶1320 § 1.

15. A Minister in the supernumerary relation cannot make an annuity claim, but may be granted relief by the Board of Conference Claimants only when it is so ordered by the Annual Conference.

16. If a located person, whether located voluntarily or involuntarily, remains a member in good standing of The Methodist Church until the age of voluntary retirement fixed by the General Conference, he shall retain the right to make an annuity claim based on his "Approved Years of Service"; *provided*, however, that upon presentation of satisfactory evidence regarding his character during location he shall have been readmitted into the Annual Conference, or its legal successor, which granted him location. See ¶ 239.

17. Years served as an Accepted Supply Pastor prior to the date of Admission on Trial in an Annual Conference cannot be counted as "Approved Years of Service."

ARTICLE XVIII

1331. *Financial Policy*

The following rules shall apply to financial administration of Annual Conference Boards:

1. Persons connected in any way with the securities, real estate, or other forms of investment sold to or purchased from the Annual Conference, shall be ineligible to serve on the investment committees of Annual Conference Boards, societies, or institutions.

2. No officer or member of an Annual Conference Board, society, or institution shall receive a personal commission, bonus, or remuneration in connection with the purchase or sale of securities or other properties for such Board, society, or institution.

3. The principle of diversification of investments shall be observed, in order to obtain proper geographical and call distribution of investment commitments.

4. Real property shall be accepted as consideration for life annuity agreements only with the stipulation that the annuity shall not exceed the net income on the property until such property shall have been liquidated. Upon liquidation, the annuity shall be paid upon the net proceeds at the established annuity rate.

5. Annual Conference Boards, societies, and institutions shall not offer higher rates of annuity than those listed in the annuity schedule approved by the General Boards of The Methodist Church.

6. Upon the order of the Annual Conference, there shall be printed in its Year Book a list of the investments held by each of the organi-

zations directly or indirectly under the control of the Conference, or such list may be distributed directly to the members of the Conference at their request. A copy of all such lists concerning Conference Claimants shall be filed annually with The Board of Pensions.

7. Borrowing money in any Conference year by a Conference Corporation or organization, to enable the Board of Conference Claimants to complete payment of annuities at a designated Annuity Rate shall be done only on authority of the Annual Conference granted by three-fourths vote.

8. No officer or member of any Annual Conference Board, society, institution or Board of Trustees on any church or church organization, shall be eligible to obtain a loan in any amount from funds committed to the care of such Board, society, or institution.

ARTICLE XIX

1332. *Operation in Foreign Countries*

The provisions in this Pension Code are for the guidance and administration of pensions in the Conferences of The Methodist Church in foreign countries. In so far as may be practicable, the general principles involved in the Code shall be regarded and employed in such Conferences until the General Conference shall order otherwise.

ARTICLE XX

1333. *Special Conference Claimants*

1. On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, an Accepted Supply Pastor who has attained the age of voluntary retirement specified for Ministerial Members of the Conference and who has served at least fifteen years as a full-time Pastor, may be placed upon a separate retired list by the Annual Conference and designated a "Special Conference Claimant."

2. A "Special Conference Claimant" shall be entitled to make an annuity claim for each year of service rendered as a full-time Pastor-in-Charge, the equivalent of one per cent of the average cash salary (including house rent at a valuation equivalent to fifteen per cent of the salary) of the Accepted Supply Pastors of the Conference, as computed by the Board of Conference Claimants. The widow of an Accepted Supply Pastor shall be entitled to claim seventy per cent of the amount per year of service which her husband would have been entitled to claim, counting only her years of service with him while he was an Accepted Supply Pastor; *provided*, however, that any Annual Conference may adopt a higher annuity rate for Accepted Supply Pastors upon recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants and vote of the Annual Conference.

3. In necessitous cases, the Board of Conference Claimants may grant relief to "Special Conference Claimants" subject to the approval of the Annual Conference.

4. The list of "Special Conference Claimants" showing their respective years of service, and the payments to them shall be kept separately from the list of regular Conference Claimants, and shall be published in the Conference Journal.

5. The regulations of the General Pension Code, including those on proportional payment, shall apply to the administration of the funds for "Special Conference Claimants" with the exceptions specified in this Article; *provided*, however, that all years of "Approved Service" of such claimants shall be the direct responsibility of the Annual Conference in which the service was rendered and shall not involve clearing house operations.

6. The sources of annuity and relief payable to "Special Conference Claimants" shall be: (1) Collections for that purpose from the Pastoral Charges; (2) any amounts specifically designated for that purpose coming from any source.

7. Missions within the United States may organize a Board of Conference Claimants to care for the special needs of "Special Conference Claimants" with the help of The Board of Pensions. In such cases the Mission shall establish the annuity rate to be paid annually.

Chapter III

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Effective in the Territory of the Illinois Corporation

ARTICLE I

1334. *Operation Through Illinois Corporation*

1. When authorized by the Annual Conference, the Board of Conference Claimants may deposit all or any part of the funds under its control with the Illinois Corporation.

2. The Annual Conference may authorize the Illinois Corporation to make the periodical payments to the Conference Claimants and, in such case, the Board of Conference Claimants shall prepare annually a complete schedule of the plan of distribution for the guidance of the Illinois Corporation in making such payments, and shall cooperate fully with it, in order to insure efficient and prompt service. Checks issued by the Illinois Corporation under the provisions of this section shall show plainly the name of the Conference for which the disbursements are made.

3. The Illinois Corporation shall be entitled to collect an annual service fee, figured on a cost basis, for the work specified in the preceding section.

4. The Illinois Corporation shall furnish annually to the Board of Conference Claimants a report showing full details of the transactions under Section 2 of this Article.

ARTICLE II

1335. *Disallowance of Annuities*

Disallowance can be made only in the Annual Conference where membership is held or, in the case of a widow or minor "Dependent Children" the Conference with which the Claimant is directly connected.

ARTICLE III

1336. *Divided Annuity Responsibility*

1. The responsibility for annuity for "Approved Years of Service" of a Conference Claimant shall rest with the Annual Conference in which the service was performed, or its legal successor: *provided*, however, that service rendered in the territory of the Missouri Corporation prior to the Uniting Conference shall be the responsibility of the Annual Conference within the territory of the Illinois Corporation in which the Retired Relation has been granted.

2. The clearinghouse system of distribution of Divided Annuity Responsibility shall be continued until the General Conference shall order otherwise, and the clearinghouse figures shall be determined by the Board of Pensions, subject to such modifications as may be necessitated by the provisions of § 1 above.

3. When fixing the appropriation from the income of the General Endowment Fund of the Illinois Corporation, The Board of Pen-

sions, through its Illinois Corporation, shall give special consideration to the exigencies arising in Annual Conferences which pay an Annuity Rate of \$12.00 or less per year of service of a Retired Minister, and in which the application of the principle of "Divided Annuity Responsibility" has produced a notably adverse effect.

4. (a) In case of Conference Claimants whose service has been rendered in part or in whole in Missions in the United States, revenue for annuity purposes covering such services shall be provided (1) by the Annual Conference concerned in each case, (2) by the Illinois Corporation of The Board of Pensions, and (3) by the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Board of Missions and Church Extension; each of the bodies named shall be responsible for one-third of the amount needed to meet the payments allowed by the Annual Conference in such cases; *provided*, however, that the Annual Conference shall be reimbursed by monies received on apportionment made by the Mission to the Pastoral Charges of the Mission.

(b) Revenue for providing the annuities for service of Conference Claimants rendered in part or in whole as members of Provisional Annual Conferences in the United States shall be provided (1) by the Provisional Annual Conference concerned in each case, (2) by the Illinois Corporation of The Board of Pensions and (3) by the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Board of Missions and Church Extension; each of the bodies named to be responsible for one-third of the amount to meet the payments allowed by the Provisional Annual Conference concerned in each case.

(c) The Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference hereunder concerned may fix an "Annuity Rate" payable for "Approved Years of Service" rendered in a Mission, or Provisional Annual Conference, according to the rule in ¶ 1318, § 5, as applied to the Pastoral support of such Mission or Provisional Annual Conference but the responsibility of the Illinois Corporation and the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension shall not exceed respectively one-third each of the amount necessary to provide the "Annuity Rate" as therein defined.

(d) The Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference hereunder concerned shall certify to the participating General Boards the amount of the respective share of each, not later than one month prior to the time when the money is needed for making the payments of annuity. It shall also give previous notice as far ahead as possible concerning the amount of the obligation.

5. Beginning with January 1, 1946, the fiscal year for clearing-house operations shall be the calendar year. The Illinois Corporation is hereby authorized and directed to make the necessary adjustments.

ARTICLE IV

1337. *Liens on Annuities*

1. Whenever a Conference Claimant shall be in debt to The Methodist Publishing House, or to the Conference or any of its organizations, on account of unpaid assessments, obligations, or pledges for the benefit of Conference Claimants, such debt shall constitute a lien on the annuity of the person involved, and the Conference shall have power to appropriate and apply his or her annuity or any part thereof, to the payment of such debt; *provided*, however, that not more than one quarter of the annuity payable by the Annual Conference in which the debt was incurred shall be appropriated in any year for such purpose and, furthermore, *provided*, that such power shall not be interpreted as applying to the settlement of other debts of a Conference Claimant.

2. The Annual Conference having a claim for unpaid assessments, in connection with its funds for Conference Claimants against a Conference Claimant of another Annual Conference, through its Board of Conference Claimants, shall file such claim with the clearinghouse and request that steps be taken to have such claim deducted from the annuity of the person concerned. The clearinghouse shall request the Annual Conference making the deduction to remit as soon as practicable the equivalent of the amount deducted, to be forwarded immediately by the clearinghouse to the Annual Conference making the claim. The amount of any deduction made under this section shall be subject to the limitations provided in § 1 of this Article, and furthermore, it is hereby stipulated that interest on liens of this character, if charged, shall be computed only at simple interest. The clearinghouse shall have no responsibility for transmission of monies collected under this section until such monies have been remitted to it. The clearinghouse shall not permit any "debtor" Annual Conference to withhold or deduct a part of the money it is required to pay to the clearinghouse, with the intent of satisfying in advance any claims which the Annual Conference may desire to make under this section. Claims on which collection is sought, in any clearinghouse year, must be filed with the clearinghouse on or before December 31, of the previous clearinghouse year.

ARTICLE V

1338. *Reserve Funding*

The Illinois Corporation is authorized to make a plan for any Annual Conference whereby arrangements can be made to fund in advance, on an actuarial reserve basis, any part or all of the Annuities for which the Conference is responsible, subject to the following general provisions:

1. An annual contribution not to exceed the equivalent of two percent of the current average salary of the Conference shall be required from all members entering the fund under the provisions of this Article.

2. The yearly contribution to be made by the Annual Conference shall be determined by it after consultation with the Illinois Corporation.

3. Annuities founded on an actuarial reserve basis shall conform as closely as practicable to the types indicated in the Annuity Plan for Conference Claimants as amended from time to time.

4. The plan in this paragraph may be used in conjunction with and supplementary to the Minister's Reserve Pension Plan.

Chapter IV

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Effective in the Territory of the Missouri Corporation

ARTICLE I

1339. *Distribution of Income*

1. The Missouri Corporation receives funds for distribution from income on General and Conference endowments and/or other special trust funds held by said Corporation, as provided in ¶ 1305.

2. The funds available for general distribution by the Missouri Corporation shall be distributable annually upon the basis of approved years of service, as provided in ¶ 1309.

3. Income from Conference Endowment Funds administered by the Missouri Corporation shall be remitted annually to the Annual Con-

ference concerned to be distributed as set forth in ¶ 1312, § 2, and ¶ 1325.

4. Income from special trust funds shall be distributed as specifically prescribed by the terms of the respective trusts.

5. Other Conference or Jurisdictional funds shall be distributed in accordance with the purposes for which such funds were raised.

ARTICLE II

1340. *Acceptance of Claim of Widow and Dependent Children*

Upon recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants and by vote of the Annual Conference concerned, an Annual Conference within the territory of the Missouri Corporation may recognize as its Conference Claimants the widow and minor dependent children of a deceased former member of said Conference, who, at the time of his death, was a member of another Annual Conference, *provided*, however, that it shall thereafter accept responsibility for the total "Approved Years of Service" of such Claimants thereby.

COVERING RESOLUTION

Resolved: That the Report of the Committee on Conference Claimants which has been substituted for Paragraphs 1301 to 1341 inclusive of the *Discipline* of 1940 repeals all other legislation in the *Discipline* of 1940 which may be in conflict with, or at variance with the aforesaid report.

A. M. WELLS, *Chairman*;
P. E. RILEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. MINISTER'S RESERVE PENSION FUND (MEMORIAL: IN COMMITTEE.)

*Calendar No. 61. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 330.
M, 69; P, 36; F, 36*

Retain the provisions concerning the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund, designated Chapter VI, in the *Discipline* of 1940, as Chapter V, in the *Discipline* of 1944, but with the amendments hereinafter indicated:

Amend ¶ 1343, § 12, to read as follows:

"New Entrant" shall mean a Minister who shall be admitted into Full Membership in an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference on or after the entry of such Conference into the Fund.

Amend ¶ 1343, § 13, to read as follows:

"Previous Entrant" shall mean a Minister in good standing in Full Membership in an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference, prior to the entry of such Conference into the Fund.

Amend ¶ 1345, § 1, to read as follows:

Each Annual or Provisional Annual Conference that enters the Fund shall contribute annually thereto an amount equivalent to nine per cent of the "Average Salary" of the Conference, as defined in the Pension Code, for each member of the Conference who is also a member of the Fund; *provided*, however, that any Annual Conference which

entered the Fund prior to the General Conference of 1944 shall continue the rate of contribution in force at the time it entered the Fund, with the right of changing its future payments to the above mentioned rate of contribution at any session of the Annual Conference held subsequent to June 1, 1944.

Amend ¶ 1346, to read as follows:

An annual contribution, the equivalent of two per cent of his "Support" or of the "Average Salary" of the Conference (as defined in the Pension Code), whichever is the lower, shall be paid directly to the Fund by each member thereof in the Effective Relation in quarterly installations, payable in advance on the following dates: February 15, May 15, August 15, November 15. Such contributions shall be applicable to "Income Annuity" credit only.

In the event of the failure of the member to make the aforementioned contributions as required, the Annual Conference shall withhold the equivalent of twenty-five per cent of the normal allocation for his "Service Annuity" credit for the year during which the default occurred, and the member's credit account shall be adjusted accordingly. However, the benefits provided in ¶ 1348, § 2, ¶ 1349, and ¶ 1352 shall not be affected by the provisions of this Section.

A. M. WELLS, *Chairman*;
P. E. RILEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. PENSION LEGISLATION

(MEMORIAL NOS. 114, 116, 208, 278, 280, 281, 283, 284, 479, 480, 591, 740 AND 771.)

Calendar No. 132. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 442. M, 69; P, 54; F, 54

Your Committee on Conference Claimants submits herewith its Report No. 3:

We recommend that the following Memorials which we have had before us be referred to the Commission on Pension Legislation:

- No. 114. Pension Plan for Employed Lay Workers.
- No. 208. A Pension Plan for Lay Employees of The Methodist Church.
- No. 278. Pensions for Lay Workers of the Church.
- No. 281. A Pension Plan for Lay Employees of The Methodist Church.
- No. 280. An Adequate Pension Plan.
- No. 283. Pension System of The Methodist Church.
- No. 284. Management of Superannuate Homes.
- No. 279. An Effective Ministry.
- No. 480. Ministerial Retirement Plan.
- No. 591. Pension Study System.
- No. 740. Amend Paragraph 1330 of 1940 *Discipline*.
- No. 771. Co-operation of Boards and Jurisdictional Conferences.
- No. 116. Present Pension Law as It Affects Southern Illinois Conference.

A. M. WELLS, *Chairman*;
P. E. RILEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. NON-CONCURRENCE REPORT
(MEMORIAL: NON-CONCURRENCE.)

*Calendar No. 190. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Pages 497,
498.*

M, 69; P, 54; F, 54

Your Committee on Conference Claimants has had before it and given careful consideration to the following numbered memorials, concerning which our recommendation is non-concurrence:

Memorial Serial Nos. 358, 230, 607, 598, 606, 282, 600, 603, 604, 599, 118, 597, 392, 602, 601, 587, 605, 131, 130, 608, 478, 340, 128, 125, 279, 349, 126, 121, 115, 701, 604, 329, 123, 589, 386, 124, 122, 596, 117, 120, 129, 437, 132, 590, 412, 393, 413, 396, 592, 793.

A. M. WELLS, *Chairman*;
P. E. RILEY, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

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REPORT No. 1. LAY MEMBER OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE ADDED TO QUARTERLY CONFERENCE (MEMORIAL NOS. 142 AND 162.)

*Calendar No. 30. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Pages 286,
293.*

M, 68; P, 55; F, 55

On page 165, Chapter X, Section III, Paragraph 529, Article 2, line 5, amend by inserting after the words "Lay Leader" the words "Lay Member of the Annual Conference," so the amended paragraph shall read:

529, Article 2, "The Quarterly Conference shall be composed of all Traveling, Supernumerary, and Retired Preachers, residing within the Circuit or Charge; all Local Preachers, Exhorters, Charge Lay Leader, Lay Member of the Annual Conference, Deaconesses, Class Leaders, and Secretaries of the Annual Meetings, Stewards, Trustees, Financial Secretaries, and Treasurers of the Local Churches, the General Superintendents of the Church Schools, Presidents of the Young People's Departments or Divisions, and of Methodist Youth Fellowships; Presidents of the Woman's Societies of Christian Service, Deaconesses' Circles, and Men's Work; Directors of Christian Education, Social and Recreational Life, and Golden Cross; Chairmen of Local Church Boards of Education; Secretaries of Good Literature; Presidents or Superintendents of other organizations which are approved by the Quarterly Conference for membership therein; the Quarterly Conference may elect three members nominated by the City Missionary Society (Par. 966); provided that all members of the Quarterly Conference shall be members of The Methodist Church."

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 2. MINIMUM SUPPORT FOR PASTORS (MEMORIAL No. 47.)

Calendar No. 36. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 294.

M, 68; P, 55; F, 55

On Page 252, Chapter II, Section I, paragraph 810, line 6, amend by substituting the word "Ministerial" for the word "Clerical" so the amended paragraph shall read:

Number 810. "Each Annual Conference, after careful study of its needs and its sources of income for Ministerial Support, may adopt a Schedule of Minimum Support for its Pastors. This schedule shall specify the minimum financial support necessary for effective service for all Ministerial Members of the Conference and for Supply Pastors who are accepted by the Annual Conference and who are giving full time to Pastoral Work. This schedule may allow for differences in liv-

ing conditions, number of dependents in the family, or any other variants, as desired by the Annual Conference."

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 3. DUTIES OF THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
(MEMORIAL No. 156.)

Calendar No. 37. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 294.
M, 68; P, 56; F, 32; A, 23; N, 1

Paragraph No. 532, page 169, after section (g) add a new section (h) which shall read as follows:

(h) Visitation, which shall plan for at least one annual friendly visitation upon all the members of the local church. This duty may be assigned to the Committee on Membership.

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 4. LAY MEMBER OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND
CHARGE LAY LEADER TO BE MEMBERS OF THE

OFFICIAL BOARD
(MEMORIAL No. 161.)

Calendar No. 38. M, 68; P, 54; F, 54.

Calendar No. 38. Published in the DAILY CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE but never called on the Calendar Editor.

Amend Paragraph 541, page 175, line 13, by adding after the word "Council" the words "the Lay Member of the Annual Conference and the Charge Lay Leader." so the paragraph as amended shall read:

Number 541. In every Church there shall be an executive body called the Official Board, organized in either of the following ways, as may be authorized by the Quarterly Conference: (1) The Board may be composed of the Pastor, Assistant Pastor, Deaconess serving the Charge, the Stewards, the Unit of Class Leaders, the Trustees, the Church Treasurer, the Director of Religious Education, where desired the Director of Music, the Superintendent of the Church School, the Chairman of the Local Church Board of Education, President or Presidents of the Woman's Auxiliaries authorized by the General Conference, a representative elected by the Young People's Division, the Chairman of the Local Missionary Council, the Lay Member to the Annual Conference and the Charge Lay Leader." It shall be organized with a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. (2) If the Official Board is not composed and organized as above, the Board of Stewards shall assume all powers and duties prescribed in this section of the *Discipline* and shall be the Official Board.

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 5. CONTINUATION OF SOUTH FLORIDA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE
(MEMORIAL No. 306.)

*Calendar No. 93. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 358.
M, 68; P, 54; F, 54*

REQUEST FOR ENABLING ACT

Since the membership of the South Florida Annual Conference (Central Jurisdiction) has fallen below the 50 members in full connection, required by the *Discipline*, the Committee on Conferences recommends that an enabling act be authorized by the General Conference consenting that the South Florida Conference continue as an Annual Conference with less than the required membership.

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. ORIENTAL PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE (MEMORIAL NO. 439.)

*Calendar No. 92. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 358.
M, 68; P, 52; F, 52*

The Committee had before it Memorial No. 439, signed by Ernest L. Lyons, Superintendent of the California Oriental Missions, requesting permission for the California Oriental Mission to Organize as a Provisional Annual Conference under the terms pertaining to Central Conferences, (since this is a Language Group) as appears in ¶ 433 of the 1940 *Discipline*, page 139.

The Committee voted to recommend that an Enabling Act be granted to the California Oriental Mission permitting said Mission to organize as a Provisional Annual Conference, under paragraph 433, with a minimum of ten members.

Since this Mission is not in a Central Conference and is in the State of California, in the Western Jurisdiction, we recommend that for the purposes of meeting the requirements of paragraph 433, the Western Jurisdiction be substituted for a Central Conference, in making effective the provisions of the *Discipline* under which this Act is granted.

We recommend that the Enabling Acts Committee be instructed and requested to draw up the necessary Enabling Act.

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(MEMORIAL NO. 157.)

Calendar No. 91. Withdrawn May 3. See Report No. 4, Committee on Ministry, Page 358.

M, 68; P, 42; F, 42

The Committee had before it Memorial No. 157 signed by Alfred C. Crawford, a member of Trinity Methodist Church, Chicago, amending paragraphs Numbers 458 and 460, Article 9.

The Committee voted Non Concurrence on the first section of this Memorial and Concurrence on the second section.

We recommend that paragraph 460, page 149, Article 9, be amended by inserting the word "Ministerial" in the first line after "a" so the paragraph will read:

"The status of a Ministerial member of the Annual Conference or probationer is further determined by those sections of the *Discipline* governing the ministry."

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS ASKED OF PASTORS
(MEMORIAL NO. 296.)

Calendar No. 90. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 469.

M, 68; P, 48; F, 48

A request from the Woman's Division of Christian Service for the provision among questions asked the Pastor at the Quarterly Conference, one, concerning the number of recruits for Christian Service in their Church or Churches.

We recommend that there be inserted at the end of Par. 485, page 156, in the *Discipline*, Section 10, under a new Section 11, these words: "and other forms of Christian service." Section 11 as it now is in the *Discipline* will then become Section 12.

In Par. 532, page 170, in the *Discipline*, insert a new Section 6, "To inquire the names of persons who desire to enter full-time Christian service." Section 6 of the *Discipline* will then become Section 7, and the numbers of the Sections will be successively changed.

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. A SECRETARY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK
(MEMORIAL NO. 292.)

Calendar No. 89. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 358.

M, 68; P, 39; F, 35; A, 3; N, 1

The Committee recommends that paragraph No. 982 be amended by adding on page 314 of the *Discipline* a new section to this section of the *Discipline* to read as follows, and to be numbered 4, under the above No. 982:

"4. The Annual Conference upon the nomination of the Town and Country Commission may elect annually a Secretary of Town and Country Work who shall be publicly assigned by the Bishop and shall promote the policies and plans of the Conference Commission on Town and Country Work."

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. BUSINESS OF AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE,
PARAGRAPH 470

(MEMORIAL NO. 448.)

Calendar No. 137. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 443.
M, 68; P, 45; F, 45

The Commission on Records, Forms and Statistical Blanks hereby memorializes the General Conference to amend Par. 470 by striking out the entire paragraph and inserting the following:

The business of the Annual Conference shall be to inquire:

PART I. ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Organization:

Secretary
Treasurer
Statistician.

2. Is the Annual Conference Incorporated? (448)

3. (a) What officers handling funds of the Conference have been bonded, and in what amounts? (461)

(b) Have the books of said officers or persons been audited? (461)

4. Have the Boards, Commissions, or Committees been appointed or elected? (452)

(a) Board of Ministerial Training

(b) Committee of Traveling Elders on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications

(c) Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors

(d) Committee of Investigation

(e) District Boards of Location and Building

(f) Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference

(g) Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance

(h) Town and Country Commission

(i) Annual Conference Deaconess Board

(j) Annual Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension

(k) Annual Conference Board of Education

(l) Annual Conference Board of Temperance

(m) Annual Conference Board of Lay Activities

(n) Annual Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes

(o) Annual Conference Commission on Evangelism

(p) Distributing Committee

(q) Annual Conference Board of Conference Claimants

(r) Committee on Proportional Payment of Ministerial Support

(s) Other Committees, Commissions, or Boards.

5. Have the Secretaries, Treasurers and Statisticians kept their respective records upon and according to the forms prescribed by The Methodist Church? (462)

6. What are the reports of the District Superintendents as to the status of the work within their Districts? (470)

7. What is the schedule for Minimum Support for Pastors? (810)
8. What is the plan and what are the approved claims for the support of the District Superintendents for the ensuing year? (840-841)
9. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference to be raised for the support of Conference Claimants?
10. What are the apportionments transmitted by the General Commission on World Service and Finance to this Annual Conference?
 - (a) For World Service
 - (b) For Episcopal Fund _____% Pastor's salary, for current year _____
 - (c) For General Administration Fund _____
11. What amount is transmitted to this Conference for expenses of the Jurisdictional Conference _____
12. What are the Reports, Recommendations and Plans of the Boards of the Conference?
 - (a) What is the Report of the Board of Conference Claimants, and what Appropriations for Conference Claimants are reported and approved? (1323)
 - (b) What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension of Disbursements of Missionary Aid within the Conference? (1035-1038)
 - (c) What is the Report of the Commission on World Service and Finance? (832-834)
 - (d) Other Reports.
13. What date is determined for White Cross or Golden Cross Enrollment? (1259)
14. (a) Who is elected Conference Lay Leader? (1224)
(b) What is his Report?

PART II. PERTAINING TO MINISTERIAL RELATIONS

15. Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation? (631)
16. Are there formulated complaints against any ministerial member of the Conference?
17. Who are the accepted Supply Pastors? (293)
18. What Accepted Supply Pastors now under full-time appointment are taking the Conference Course of Study?
 - (a) For Reception on Trial
 - (b) In the First Year
 - (c) In the Second Year
 - (d) In the Third Year
 - (e) In the Fourth Year
19. Who are Received on Trial?
 - (a) In Studies of the First Year
 - (b) In Studies of the Third Year under Seminary Rule
 - (c) Exempt from Course of Study under the Seminary Rule
20. Who are on Trial having been continued in their studies?
 - (a) Of the First Year
 - (b) Of the Second Year
 - (c) Of the Third Year
 - (d) Of the Fourth Year
21. Who on Trial are discontinued?
22. Who are Admitted into Full Connection?
23. What Full Members are in Studies?
 - (a) Of the Third Year

(b) Of the Fourth Year

24. What Full Members have completed the studies of the Fourth Year?

25. Who have been elected Deacons?

- (a) As Local Preachers
- (b) As Accepted Supply Pastors
- (c) As Members on Trial in the Course of Study
- (d) Under the Seminary Rule
- (e) Under the Missionary Rule

26. Who have been Ordained Deacons?

27. Who have been Elected Elders?

- (a) As Local Preachers
- (b) As Accepted Supply Pastors
- (c) As Local Deacons who have been Received on Trial
- (d) As Conference Members in the Conference Course of Study
- (e) Under the Seminary Rule
- (f) Under the Missionary Rule

28. Who have been Ordained Elders?

29. What Preachers, coming from other Churches, have had their Orders recognized? (311)

- (a) As Local Deacons
- (b) As Local Elders

30. Relative to Accommodation-Transfers for Ordination and Reception:

(a) Who are transferred in and from what Conferences for purposes of Ordination only, such ordination to be voted by this Conference:

(1) Deacons:
Name

Conference

(2) Elders:
Name

Conference

(b) Who have been transferred out and to what Conferences after Ordination?

(1) Deacons:
Name

Conference

(2) Elders:
Name

Conference

(c) Who have been received on Trial at the request of another Annual Conference?

(d) Who have been transferred having been received on Trial and to what Conference?

Name	Conference
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

(e) Who have been Ordained here, such ordination having been voted by another Annual Conference?

31. Who are readmitted?

- (a) Deacons
- (b) Elders

32. Who have been received from other Churches as Traveling Preachers?

- (a) As Ordained Deacons
- (b) As Ordained Elders
- (c) As Members on Trial
- (d) As Members in Full Connection

33. Who have been received by Transfer?

Name	Conference	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

34. Who have been Transferred out?

Name	Conference	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

35. Who have had their Conference Membership Terminated?

- (a) By Voluntary Location
- (b) By Involuntary Location
- (c) By Withdrawal
- (d) By Judicial Procedure (expelled)

36. What Ministerial Members have died during the year?

37. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? (229)

Name	No. of Years
_____	_____
_____	_____

38. Who are granted Sabbatical Leave? (334)

39. What Ministers have been retired? (List alphabetically)

- (a) This Year
- (b) Previously

40. Who are left without appointment to attend school?

Name	School	Quar. Conf. Mem.
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

41. What is the total number of:

(a) Pastoral Charges _____ Accepted Supply Pastors _____ Ministers on Trial _____ Transfers in _____ Transfers Out _____ Received from Other Churches _____

Deceased _____ In Retired Relation _____ Supernumerary _____

(b) In Effective Relation:

- (1) As Pastors and District Superintendents
- (2) Under Special Appointment
- (3) Left without appointment to attend school

- (4) On Sabbatical Leave. Total (b) _____
 42. What other Personal Notation should be made?

PART III. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

43. What is the Report of the Conference Treasurer?
 44. What is the Report of the Conference Statistician?
 45. What are the detailed objectives of this Conference for the Coming Year? (419)
 46. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?
 47. Is there any other business?
 48. What changes have been made in appointments since last Annual Conference Session?
 49. Where are the Preachers stationed for the ensuing year? (See List of Appointments.)

(NOTE: Where reports and lists are too long to be entered, they should be attached to this form.)

The Committee voted concurrence.

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
 JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. NEGRO WORK IN NEW JERSEY AND NEW YORK
 (MEMORIAL NO. 562.)

Calendar No. 142. Adopted May 5, in the adopting of Report No. 7 of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, See Journal, Page 437.

M, 68; P, 48; F, 45; A, 3

The Brooklyn and Long Island Church Society of The Methodist Church respectfully memorializes the General Conference of The Methodist Church meeting in Kansas City, Mo., April 26, 1944, as follows:

Whereas, Paragraph 28 of the *Discipline* (Article III of Section VIII of the Plan of Union) provides that "Changes in the number, names and boundaries of the Jurisdictional Conferences may be effected by the General Conference upon the consent of a majority of the Annual Conferences of each of the Jurisdictions involved (see also Paragraph 361, Art. 4, Sec. 12 Entitled "General Conference Powers") and

Whereas, Paragraph 14 of the *Discipline* (Article V, Sec. 4 of the Plan of Union) enables Jurisdictional Conferences "To determine the boundaries of their Annual Conferences (see also Paragraph 376, Sec. 5, entitled, "Jurisdictional Conference, authorization"), and

Whereas, Paragraph 1435 fixes the boundaries of the Delaware Conference as follows: "Delaware Conference shall include the Negro work in Delaware, New Jersey and New York State, except that in the City of Buffalo and that already included in the New York Conference in the Boroughs of the Bronx and Manhattan in the City of New York; it shall also include the Negro work in the Eastern Shore of Virginia and all Maryland and Pennsylvania not included in the Washington Conference and

Whereas, The Negro population in the territory of the New York and New York East Conferences has increased to well over 500,000 in number, and rapidly increasing, and

Whereas, It is desirable to establish new churches to minister to this large population and

Whereas, The establishment of such new work can be expedited by the transformation of many present churches in the New York and New York East Conferences to the service of Negro people and

Whereas, Resources for the inauguration of new Negro work are available in the New York and New York East Conferences now therefore

Earnest petition is hereby submitted for an Enabling Act to read as follows:

Whenever during the ensuing quadrennium with the prior approval of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference and the Central Jurisdictional Conference a majority of the Annual Conferences of both Jurisdictions shall consent thereto, the boundaries of the Delaware Annual Conference shall be changed by the insertion of the words "and such new work as shall be constituted by the New York and New York East Annual Conferences within their boundaries so that Paragraph 1435 shall read

"Delaware Conference shall include the Negro work in Delaware, New Jersey and New York State, except that in the City of Buffalo and already included in the New York Conference in the Boroughs of the Bronx and Manhattan in the City of New York and such new work as shall be constituted by the New York and New York East Conferences within their boundaries; it shall also include the Negro work in the Eastern Shore of Virginia and all Maryland and Pennsylvania not included in the Washington Conference."

The Committee voted concurrence.

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. LOCAL CHURCH ELECTION
(MEMORIAL NO. 334.)

Calendar No. 143. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 443.
M, 68; P, 39; F, 39

Amend Par. 532, Section (d), page 169 in the *Discipline* by adding a sentence, "Additional nominations may be made from the floor," so the paragraph will read:

"(d) Nominations, which shall make recommendations to the Quarterly Conference, Annual Church Conference, or Official Board of those to be elected as officers and members of Committees. The Pastor shall be Chairman of this Committee. The other members shall be nominated and elected by those present at the meeting of the body authorized to elect the officers and committees for the ensuing year. Additional nominations may be made from the floor."

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF A QUARTERLY
CONFERENCE

(MEMORIAL NO. 143.)

Calendar No. 144. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 468.
M, 68; P, 39; F, 39

Amend Par. 485 by adding a new section (12):

"(12) The District Conference shall receive for examination an annual report from the Committee on Records from each Quarterly Conference."

Amend Par. 532 by adding after "church" in the third line the following: "Where there is no District Conference, this Committee shall report the results of examination of Quarterly Conference Records to the Fourth Quarterly Conference," so the paragraph will read:

"(f) Records, which shall inspect the records of the Recording Steward and various Secretaries of the Church and organizations of the Church. Where there is no District Conference, this Committee shall report the results of examination of Quarterly Conference Records to the Fourth Quarterly Conference. When this Committee discovers a minute or record book is no longer in current use, it shall require the same to be deposited with the Recording Steward."

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. CONTINUATION OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING
ANNUAL CONFERENCES WITH LESS THAN FIFTY
MEMBERS IN FULL CONNECTION

(MEMORIAL: IN COMMITTEE.)

Calendar No. 145. (Printed in the DAILY CHRISTIAN
ADVOCATE, but never called on the Calendar—Editor.)

M, 68; P, 42; F, 42

The Committee had before it a number of Memorials requesting Enabling Acts for the continuation of Annual Conferences having less than fifty members in full connection. A blanket action was taken covering all those which came to the attention of the Committee. This action was taken lest some Conference in this classification might be overlooked, as follows:

"Those English-speaking Annual Conferences having fewer than fifty members in full connection, except such for whose continuance provision may have been otherwise made shall be continued until the meeting of the Jurisdictional Conference within whose bounds they are situated. Each of these Annual Conferences shall receive the most careful consideration by its Jurisdictional Conference, and such Jurisdictional Conference shall decide whether such Annual Conference with less than fifty full members shall continue as an Annual Conference, or its status shall be reduced to that of a provisional Annual Conference formerly called a Mission Conference or whether such Annual Conference shall be merged with some adjacent Annual Conference or Annual Conferences. In any case, the decision of the Jurisdictional Conference shall govern the status of such Annual Conference."

(NOTE: It was the opinion of the Committee on Conferences of the General Conference of 1940 that only in rare cases should Jurisdictional Conferences continue Annual Conferences having less than fifty full members.)

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 15. ORPHANAGES AND CHILDREN'S HOMES
(MEMORIAL No. 831.)

Calendar No. 157. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 468.
M, 68; P, 32; F, 32

The Committee voted concurrence on the above Memorial to list in the question under 15 of reports to the Quarterly Conference, "What has been contributed during the quarter for orphanages and children's homes?"

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 16. AMEND PARAGRAPH 463
(MEMORIAL No. 828.)

Calendar No. 158. (Printed in the DAILY CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, but not called on the Calendar.—Editor.)
M, 68; P, 35; F, 32; A, 3

Amend Article 12, Par. 463, Section 1, by substituting, "Board" for "Committee," so the first section of the paragraph will read:

"Par. 463. Art. 12. (1) The Annual Conference shall elect a Board of Traveling Elders on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications. This Board shall consist of not fewer than six members, arranged as far as practicable in classes to serve three years each. This Board may be divided into two groups: (1) On Conference Relations, (2) on Ministerial Qualifications."

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 17. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

(MEMORIAL No. 293.)

Calendar No. 159. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 468.
M, 68; P, 32; F, 31; N, 1

Amend Par. 351, Section 1, at the end of the third line from the end of the paragraph by adding: "The Ministerial and Lay Members may meet separately to vote for the election of delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences."

In the place of Par. 351 (2) insert at the end of Section 1 the following:

"A Spring Annual Conference may elect the delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences at their third regular session following the adjournment of the General Conference."

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 18. BASIC SALARY FINANCIAL PLAN

(MEMORIAL NOS. 35, 198, 201, 202, 203, 351, 367, 383.)

Calendar No. 160. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 469.
M, 68; P, 38; F, 38

The Committee voted non-concurrence with respect to legislation at this General Conference, but in view of the larger number of memorials received we recommend that the Commission on World Service and Finance study this matter during the quadrennium and report to the next General Conference.

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 19. DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON LICENSE TO PREACH,
PARAGRAPH 488

(MEMORIAL NOS. 304, 563, 144, 463.)

Calendar No. 161. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 443.
M, 68; P, 39; F, 37; A, 2

The Committee voted to recommend that Par. 488 be amended by inserting in the second line after "shall elect" the words "an ad interim," and in line 6 substitute the word "District" in place of "Annual," so the paragraph shall read:

"Par. 488. The District Conference, upon the nomination of the District Superintendent, shall elect an ad interim Licensing Committee of six. The District Superintendent shall fill any vacancy in the Committee. The Committee shall serve until the ensuing District Conference. It shall have the power, by unanimous vote, after thorough and satisfactory examination in the prescribed Course of Study, to license proper and duly recommended persons to preach, and to recommend proper persons for Admission on Trial or for readmission. The District Superintendent and the Secretary of the Licensing Committee shall furnish a certified record of the proceedings to the Secretary of the District Conference for record in the Journal. The District Superintendent shall be a member and Chairman of this Committee."

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 20. SOUTHWEST MEXICAN CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 187. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 469.
M, 68; P, 38; F, 38

The Committee received a request from the Southwest Mexican Conference that it be permitted to continue as an Annual Conference with fewer than fifty clerical members in full membership. The Committee voted to request an Enabling Act giving the consent of the General Conference to the continuation of the Southwest Mexican Annual Conference for the next quadrennium, subject to review and approval at the South Central Jurisdictional-Conference.

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 21. NON-CONCURRENCE
(MEMORIAL No. See Report.)

Calendar No. 191. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Pages 497,
498.
M, 68; P, 38; F, 38

The Committee voted non-concurrence after considering the following Memorials:

133, 134, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 146, 150, 151, 153, 154, 155, 159, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 285, 286, 287, 291, 294, 295, 297, 298, 299, 302, 303, 305, 308, 309, 316, 331, 333, 338, 342, 343, 346, 369, 378, 399, 401, 402, 446, 452, 474, 476, 477, 482, 524, 547, 564, 565, 566, 567, 616, 685, 686, 687, 713, 715, 716, 739, 717, 718, 759, 822, 823, 829, 824, 830, 834, 835, 827, 714, 712, 826, 152.

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*;
JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Chairman, Daniel L. Marsh.
Vice-Chairman, Lester Rumble.
Secretary, James N. Hillman (*).
Assistant Secretary, Thomas E. Colley.

REPORT NO. 1. SELECTIVE SERVICE DEFERMENT FOR MINISTERIAL STUDENTS

(MEMORIAL: Referred from General Conference.)

Calendar No. 15. Adopted April 29. See Journal, Page 264.
M, 103; P, 77; F, 77

Reporting on the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America requesting the Selective Service Administration to reconsider its ruling cancelling all deferments of students for the ministry, except those who will be in our Seminaries by July 1, it was voted to approve the action of the Federal Council on the ground, namely:

"It is a matter of elemental justice that students for the ministry, when they are of the same age and of the same level of educational preparation, should be treated alike regardless of the Church to which they belong."

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. INCREASING SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE (MEMORIAL NOS. 88, 261.)

Calendar No. 3. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 285.
M, 103; P, 82; F, 80; N, 2

Memorials No. 88 and 261: Presented by Alfred C. Crawford, Trinity Methodist Church, Chicago, and Rock River Delegation, proposing to Amend Paragraph 1120 by adding at the end of the first paragraph thereof following additional statement:

Memorial No. 88. "It shall also seek ways and means of promoting the attendance of children, youth and adults in all Church School organizations and especially in the group formerly known as the Sunday School." The first section of Paragraph 1120 would then read as follows:

1120. The Division of the Local Church shall develop a comprehensive and unified program in accordance with provisions as set forth in Paragraphs 1137-1151. It shall also seek ways and means of promoting the attendance of children, youth and adults in all Church

School organizations and especially in the group formerly known as the Sunday School.

Memorial No. 261: "It shall also seek ways and means of promoting the attendance of children, youth and adults in all Church school organizations and especially in the group known as the Sunday School."

The Committee recommends concurrence.

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. INCREASING ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE
OF THE CHURCH

(MEMORIAL NO. 80.)

Calendar No. 32. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 285.
M, 103; P, 79; F, 78; A, 1

Memorial No. 80: Presented by the Indianapolis Area Delegation proposing methods for Increasing Enrollment and Attendance of the Church School, which reads as follows:

"Since the Church School is the Church's first and most important recruiting ground, to institute a crusade in the United States for largely increasing the enrollment and attendance thereof."

The Committee recommends reference to the General Board of Education.

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. AMENDING CHAPTER THREE,
"DISCIPLINE" 1940

(MEMORIAL NOS. 28, 29, 30, 71, 73, 74, 75, 76, 86, 89, 92, 257,
265, 266, 621, 650, 674, 675.)

Calendar No. 56. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 357.
M, 103; P, 52; F, 52

BOARD OF EDUCATION

SECTION 1. ORGANIZATION

Par. 1049. In line five put comma after "States." Delete the next word "It" and put in "and," so that the sentence as amended will read:

"The Board shall have general oversight of the educational interests of the Church in the United States, and may co-operate with the Board of Missions and Church Extension for the advancement of Christian Education in other lands."

Par. 1050. Delete, beginning in line five from the bottom of page 349, "not more than, etc." to the end of the sentence in the third line from the top of page 350. Insert, starting in line five, page 349, these words: "Not more than three mem-

bers of the Board shall come from any one Annual Conference." Also insert after the word "Jurisdiction" in line 11 the following: "provided, that if any youth representative shall attain his 24th birthday during the quadrennium, the period of service shall terminate at the close of the session of the annual meeting of the Board next following, and he shall be replaced by one within the youth age range, by the Board, from nominations made by the Conference youth organizations of the Jurisdiction affected. Members as elected, and officers and committees as constituted under this Constitution shall continue in office until their successors are chosen and organized as provided in Par. 1051." This Paragraph as amended will read:

"The Board shall be constituted quadrennially and shall be composed of all effective Bishops of The Methodist Church resident in the United States, together with additional members selected as follows: Upon the nomination of its Committee on Education, each Jurisdictional Conference shall elect to membership in the Board, one Minister, one Layman, and one Youth representative twenty-three years of age or under at the time of his election, and chosen from nominations made by the Youth organizations of the Annual Conferences within the Jurisdiction, provided, that if any youth representative shall attain his 24th birthday during the quadrennium, the period of service shall terminate at the close of the session of the annual meeting of the Board next following, and he shall be replaced by one within the youth age range, by the Board, from nominations made by the Conference youth organizations of the Jurisdiction affected. In addition, upon nomination of its Committee on Education the Jurisdictional Conference shall elect one Minister and one Layman for each 300,000 members or major fraction thereof within the Jurisdiction. Not more than three members of the Board shall come from any one Annual Conference. Members as elected, and officers and committees as constituted under this Constitution, shall continue in office until their successors are chosen and organized as provided in Par. 1051. Ad interim vacancies in the Board shall be filled by the Board from the Jurisdictions in which the vacancies occur.

"The Board, on nomination of its Committee on Nominations, shall elect the members to three divisions—Educational Institutions, Local Church, and Editorial—in the ratio of five, five and two."

Par. 1051. Delete beginning, "As soon as possible after their election the" and insert "Within sixty days after the adjournment of the last Jurisdictional Conference to meet in that year, the elected." Delete beginning, "A committee of seven" in line 4 to the end of line 11. Insert in the place of that sentence the following: "A committee of seven, including one member chosen by the members from each Jurisdiction, and one Bishop chosen by the Council of Bishops, shall nominate a President, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer for election by the Board. Upon their election by the respective Divisions, the Chairmen of the Divisions shall become the Vice-Presidents of the Board, and

they, with those elected above, shall be the officers of the Board. These officers shall be elected quadrennially from the membership of the Board, except the Treasurer, who may be elected from outside the membership of the Board.

Delete beginning line 6 from the bottom, "(Editor of Church School Publications.)"

Delete in line 4 from the bottom the sentence beginning, "Upon the election of," ending with "Board of Education," first line at the top of page 351.

Insert after "officer" in the last full line of the paragraph "or employee."

Paragraph as amended will read:

Within sixty days after the adjournment of the last Jurisdictional Conference to meet in that year, the elected members shall be assembled by a convener, designated by the Council of Bishops, to organize in the following manner. A committee of seven, including one member chosen by the members from each Jurisdiction, and one Bishop chosen by the Council of Bishops, shall nominate a President, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer for election by the Board. Upon their election by the respective Divisions, the Chairmen of the Divisions shall become the Vice-Presidents of the Board, and they, with those elected above, shall be the officers of the Board. These officers shall be elected quadrennially from the membership of the Board, except the Treasurer, who may be elected from outside the membership of the Board. The Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions and the Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church shall be elected for the quadrennium by the Board from nominations made by their respective Divisions. The Executive Secretary of the Editorial Division shall be elected as hereinafter provided. Other employees may be elected as the Board may direct. The salaries and duties of all officers and employees except in the Editorial Division shall be fixed by the Board. No member of the Board shall be a salaried officer or employee of the Board.

Par. 1052. Instead of the present paragraph, substitute the following:

"In accordance with the provisions of their several charters, the Board of Education shall from its membership elect such directors, trustees, or members as may be required to maintain the legal continuance so long as may be necessary of the following and any other necessary corporations affiliated with the Board, and shall provide for the corporate meetings thereof:

1. General Board of Christian Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.
2. The Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
3. The Board of Education of the Methodist Protestant Church.
4. The Board of Education for Negroes of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
5. The Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
6. The Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"The Board of Education may co-operate with such corporations to consolidate with the Board of Education or with each other, or the Board may act as successor to such corporations whenever any such action may be found expedient or necessary and be within the charter

powers of such corporations or in accordance with the laws of the state in which they are respectively incorporated."

Par. 1057. Add "s" to "Vice-President" at end of line 2. Delete beginning "The Vice-President" in line 7 to the end of sub-paragraph. Substitute: "The President of the Board shall be ex officio a member of each Advisory Committee, but he shall not be charged against any Division's quota as established above. The Vice-Presidents of the Board and the Recording Secretaries of the Divisions shall be included in the representation of their respective Advisory Committees. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum."

Insert after "adopt," third line of second sub-paragraph, "appoint Finance and Investment Committees which shall render to it detailed reports at each meeting."

Delete the last word, "Quarterly" of the paragraph, and add, "twice each year, not including meetings held in connection with the annual meetings of the Board."

Paragraph as amended will read:

"The Executive Committee of the Board shall be composed of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Recording Secretary of the Board and the members of the Advisory Committees of the three Divisions as hereinafter provided: Educational Institutions, seven; Local Church, seven; and Editorial, four. The President of the Board shall be ex officio a member of each Advisory Committee, but he shall not be charged against any Division's quota as established above. The Vice-Presidents of the Board and the Recording Secretaries of the Divisions shall be included in the representation of their respective Advisory Committees. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

"The Executive Committee shall manage the funds of the Board under such regulations as the Board may adopt, appoint Finance and Investment Committees which shall render to it detailed reports at each meeting; fix the official bond of the Treasurer and of any other officers entrusted with the handling of funds; consider and approve the administrative budgets of the Board and its Divisions, except the Editorial Division.

"The Board may commit to the Executive Committee such other powers and duties as it may determine. Minutes of the Executive Committee shall be sent to the members of the Board and submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Board for approval. Meetings of the Committee shall be held at least twice each year, not including meetings held in connection with the annual meetings of the Board."

Par. 1058. Substitute "Par. 1057" for "Paragraphs 1050 and 1051."

Par. 1060. Delete beginning, "They shall present" in fourth line, to "by Divisions" in line 6. Insert in place of the deleted sentence, "Reports of the work of the respective Divisions including organization and budget, except the Editorial Division, shall be presented annually to the Board."

Delete the last sentence of the first sub-paragraph beginning, "In determining" to the end of the total paragraph.

Insert for the deleted sentence, "The Executive Secretaries shall attend the meetings of the Board, the Executive Committee and their respective Divisions, participating in their deliberations, but without vote.

"The Executive Secretaries of the three Divisions of the Board shall form a Secretarial Council, which shall choose annually in rotation from its members a presiding officer, and shall meet as necessary to correlate the work of the three Divisions."

Paragraph as amended will read:

The Executive Secretaries of the Divisions shall be the administrative officers of their respective Divisions under such regulations as the Board may make. Reports of the work of the respective Divisions including organization and budget, except the Editorial Division, shall be presented annually by them to the Board. Assistants to the Executive Secretaries of the Division of Educational Institutions and the Division of the Local Church shall be elected annually by the Board upon nomination of the respective Executive Secretaries. Assistants to the Executive Secretary of the Editorial Division shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

"The Executive Secretaries shall attend the meetings of the Board, the Executive Committee and their respective Divisions, participating in their deliberations, but without vote.

"The Executive Secretaries of the three Divisions of the Board shall form a Secretarial Council, which shall choose annually in rotation from its members a presiding officer, and shall meet as necessary to correlate the work of the three Divisions.

"In case the office of an Executive Secretary should become vacant, the Board shall elect his successor."

(As amended Par. 1060 is a combination of 1060, 1068, and 1121; therefore, 1068 and 1121 are to be deleted.)

Par. 1063 and Par. 1064. Delete 1063 and 1064, substituting in their place the following as 1063.

Par. 1063. The Board shall have authority to make provision for co-operation with any of the General Boards, or agencies of the Church, or with other agencies, in matters within its field. Each Annual Conference shall determine for itself to what extent it will undertake to co-operate with other denominations or agencies in its own territory.

Par. 1964-A. Re-number Par. 1064-A as Par. 1088-A. The paragraph as it now reads shall be amended as follows: Delete, second line from the end, "work among" and insert "Institutions for." The new Par. 1088-A as amended will read:

"There shall be a Committee of ten members on Co-operation and Counsel, five to be appointed by the Board of Education and five by the Board of Missions and Church Extension, nominated by the Home Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, to take under consideration all matters involving educational work in Institutions for Negroes in which agencies of both Boards may have responsibility."

SECTION II. DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Par. 1066. Delete present paragraph.

Par. 1067. Insert after "owned" in line 7 "or supervised." Insert at the end of that sentence, which shall be the beginning of a sub-paragraph, "The object of this advisory relationship shall be to develop a Methodist educational plan and purpose, wherein the educational institutions of the Church shall be definitely related to the Church, and the Church assume adequate obligation in financial support; and wherein there shall be maintained the highest educational standards and a religious life and program of such quality that students shall be won for Christ, accept the Christian world-view and become committed to the Christian way of life; and religion thereby become such a force as to make the contribution of Methodist educational institutions religiously effective."

After the word "Arbitration," at the end of line 11, delete to the end of the sentence and insert the following, "and may take all necessary measures to protect or recover."

Paragraph as amended will read:

"The Division of Educational Institutions shall have an advisory relation in the business and educational management of all Universities, Colleges, Schools, Theological Schools, Wesley Foundations, and other educational institutions related to The Methodist Church in the United States except those institutions owned or supervised by other Boards.

"The object of this advisory relationship shall be (1) to develop a Methodist educational plan and purpose in which the educational institutions of the Church shall be definitely related to the Church and the Church assume adequate obligation for their financial support, (2) to foster within the institutions maintenance of the highest educational standards, and (3) to create an atmosphere conducive to the development of a Christian philosophy of life, a Christian standard of conduct, and membership in Christ's holy Church."

The Division shall devise ways and means for the aid of such educational institutions; shall receive and disburse funds which may be committed to the Board for the purposes of the Division; may serve as a Board of Reference or Arbitration; and may take all necessary measures to protect its investment or financial interest in such educational institutions.

The Board may take all necessary steps and measures to secure or recover or collect any capital investment or expense it may have made or sustained in contributing to the endowment or any program for or to such educational institutions. These provisions may be enforced by the Board at any time such educational institution shall attempt to sever its relations with the Board of Education.

The Board through this Division may establish and conduct schools in the United States in communities in which facilities for education are not adequately provided. It shall promote the cause of education throughout the Church by collecting and distributing statistics and other information, by giving counsel concerning the planning of educational buildings and the location and organization of educational institutions. Through the properly constituted agencies it shall pro-

vide courses designed to meet the needs of every classification in our Ministry. It shall seek to promote the religious training and activities of students at institutions of The Methodist Church and of Methodist students at tax-supported and other institutions not related to The Methodist Church. It may also serve as a general medium of communication between teachers desiring employment and institutions needing their services.

Par. 1069. Start by adding, "Subject to the approval of the Board." Substitute "may" for "shall" in the first line and "are" for "may be" in line 2. Delete "By-laws for the," add "s" to "regulation" in line 4. Delete "of the affairs of the Division and," lines 4 and 5, and insert "for the guidance." Put "," after "committees," line 6.

Paragraph as amended will read :

"Subject to the approval of the Board the Division may organize such departments and appoint such committees as are necessary for the proper discharge of its business. It may adopt regulations for the guidance of its several departments and committees, not inconsistent with the Act of Incorporation of the Board of Education or with General Conference legislation."

Par. 1070. Line one delete "receive" and insert "disburse." Delete lines 2 and 3 to including "same" in 4th line. Insert in place of these words, "are approved by the Board." Insert "and promotion" after "maintenance" in middle of line 4. Use period after "adopt," line 5, deleting remainder of sentence.

Paragraph as amended will read :

"The Division shall disburse such funds as are approved by the Board for the maintenance and promotion of the work committed to it under such rules as the Board may adopt."

Par. 1071. Add "s" to "purpose" in line 4. Delete "to" and "any," line 5, add after "and," ", subject to the approval of the Board it may."

Paragraph as amended will read :

"The Division shall have power to administer under the rules and regulations of the Board any and all funds, gifts, and bequests which have been or may be committed to the Board for the purposes of the Division; and, subject to the approval of the Board it may solicit or create special funds for its projects. The purposes for which the funds are given and accepted shall be sacredly observed."

Par. 1074. New opening sentence, "The Division shall give attention to the financial needs of the institutions related to it and from funds which are available may make appropriations toward their support," and place first sentence of present paragraph at end.

Paragraph as amended will read :

"The Division shall give attention to the financial needs of the institution related to it and from funds which are available may make appropriations toward their support. In making appropriations for the support of educational institutions, the Division shall give due consideration to the actual current needs of such institutions as shown in carefully prepared reports presented by them on forms provided by the Division. Appropriations to institutions from funds at the disposal of the Division shall not debar those institutions from soliciting aid from their supporting Conferences or from other sources."

Par. 1075. Start new sub-paragraph with sentence beginning in 7th line, "No institution receiving, etc." Start new sub-paragraph with "In no case," line 15. Insert "announces a" at the end of line 15. Delete "s" in "changes" and insert "in" after the word "change."

Paragraph as amended will read:

"No institution hereafter established, or acquired shall be aided by the Division unless the Division shall have been consulted and shall have approved the expenditures involved in the establishment or acquisition of such institution, and the University Senate shall have approved its proposed classification before the project was undertaken.

"No institution receiving an annual appropriation from the Division shall incur debt obligations—bonded or otherwise—for expansion programs without first submitting its proposed plans to the Division for consideration and counsel. Any such institution failing to observe this regulation relinquishes its right to appropriations until the debt so incurred is liquidated.

"In no case shall the Division aid an institution which announces a change in its classification until the University Senate shall have approved the new classification."

B. *The University Senate*

Par. 1079. Delete from line 6 "at least quadrennially" and substitute therefor "annually." Delete from lines 7 and 8 the words "or foundation."

The paragraph as amended will read:

"The Senate shall establish and assist in maintaining standards for the educational institutions related to The Methodist Church in the United States, and shall sustain an advisory relation to the Board of Education in matters of educational policy. It shall report to the Board, annually, a proper classification for each educational institution in the United States which is related to The Methodist Church, and on the basis of this report the Division shall prepare its official lists of institutions and shall be governed in its administration."

Par. 1080. For present Paragraph substitute the following:

"The Senate shall investigate as conditions may warrant or require, the personnel, scholastic requirements, resources, and procedure of *any designated educational institution* (claiming or adjudged to be) related to The Methodist Church and shall report to the Division its decisions as to whether or not the requirements and educational and religious services of the *institution* are such as to

justify its official recognition and continued financial support by the Church."

Par. 1080-A. The Senate shall act as a consultant and counselor on all educational matters to the educational institutions related to the Church and as needed shall make them, to the Conference Boards of Education concerned, and to the Board of Education recommendations leading to their improvement or accreditation. Failure of any educational institution to make reasonable progress in complying with the recommendations of the Senate for the improvement of its educational and religious services may render it ineligible for further financial support by the Board of Education or by its related Annual Conference or Conferences.

Par. 1081. Change present paragraph to read:

"The Senate as the accrediting agent for all educational institutions of the Church may investigate on its own initiative or at the written request of any Board of the Church, the quality and standards of the educational work of an institution related to said Board, and shall report to the Board concerned its recommendations as to what specific changes or improvements should be made."

Par. 1085. Delete line "8. Wesley Foundations, etc.," and renumber item 9 as item 8.

Par. 1087. Delete "at least Quadrennially," lines 1 and 2, and substitute therefor "annually." Add to paragraph, "Institutions so listed."

Paragraph as amended will read:

"The Board of Education shall publish annually a list of all the educational institutions related to The Methodist Church, classified by the University Senate in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 1085. Institutions so listed are regarded as related to The Methodist Church for purposes of appropriations by the General Board of Education and Annual Conference Boards of Education of The Methodist Church."

Substitute for present Paragraph 1090 the following:

Par. 1090. The Division shall promote the Student Loan and Scholarship Fund, and other funds established for the aid of students, in accordance with regulations recommended by the Division, and adopted by the Board of Education.

Substitute for present Paragraph 1091 the following:

Par. 1091. One Sunday in each year shall be observed in the Local Churches as Methodist Student Day (formerly Children's Day or College Day), for the purpose, first of calling attention to and creating interest of children, young people and adults in higher education, and second, of receiving an offering for the Student Loan and Scholarship Fund. The date of this day and the administration of the Fund shall be determined by the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education. Funds raised on this day shall be paid through

the Annual Conference Treasurer, or the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Education, as the Annual Conference may direct, to the Treasurer of the Board of Education. These Funds shall be given recognition in an additional column in the Pastor's Report to the Annual Conference, but shall not be charged against the share of the Board of Education in the general apportioned Benevolences.

Par. 1097. 1. Delete first 7 lines and substitute the following: "A candidate for admission on trial in an Annual Conference must be a graduate, with a Bachelor's degree in Arts, based on four academic years, or an equivalent of higher degree in liberal education, from an accredited college or from a college approved by the University Senate for qualifying candidates for admission to an Annual Conference;" 2. Delete from the middle of line 5 on page 368 "after admission, etc." to end of paragraph and substitute—"A candidate admitted into full connection under the second provision, after his completion of the four year Conference course of study, shall be required to pursue two years of such graduate study as may be prescribed by the Commission on Courses of Study, this work to be taken under the direction of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training.

"It is recommended to Theological Schools that they require of Methodist applicants for admission a license to preach; also a letter of approval from the Board of Ministerial Training of the conference in which they reside."

Paragraph 1097 as amended will then read:

"A candidate for admission on trial in an Annual Conference must be a graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Arts, based on four academic years, or an equivalent or higher degree in liberal education from an accredited college or from a college approved by the University Senate for qualifying candidates for admission to an Annual Conference; *provided*, that, under special conditions, the Annual Conference may by a three-fourths vote admit a candidate who has graduated and received a degree from a non-accredited four-year college, and who has also satisfactorily completed at least one full year of work in an approved Theological School; *provided*, further, that, under special conditions, clearly recognized as unusual, the Annual Conference may by a three-fourths vote admit a candidate who has satisfactorily completed two years of work in a four-year College, approved by the University Senate, or is a graduate of a junior college approved by the University Senate, in which case the District Superintendent and the Board of Ministerial Training shall furnish to the Conference written statements of particulars showing definitely in what respect the case is special and unusual before the vote is taken. A candidate admitted into full connection under the second provision, after his completion of the four year Conference course of study, shall be required to pursue two years of such graduate study as may be prescribed by the Commission on Courses of Study, this work to be taken under the direction of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training.

"It is recommended to Theological Schools that they require of Methodist applicants for admission a license to preach; also a letter

of approval from the Board of Ministerial Training of the Conference in which they reside.

"In the admission of young men to Annual Conferences, the General Conference recognizes that our Theological Schools necessarily exercise a considerable influence. It, therefore, recommends to these Schools that, before admitting any candidate for the pastoral Ministry into their student body, they inquire fully into his preaching gift and make this also a condition of admission."

Par. 1096. Beginning with line 3 change to read, ". . . course of study leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree or its equivalent in liberal education . . ." to harmonize with revised Par. 1097.

Par. 1093. Amend by inserting after the word "create" in line 2 of the third paragraph the words "at the beginning of each quadrennium." Change the period at the end of the paragraph to a comma and add "and it shall have such powers and responsibilities as the Annual Conference Board of Education shall delegate to it."

The section as amended will read:

"The Boards of Education of the Annual Conference of a given State may create at the beginning of each quadrennium an Inter-Conference Commission on Student Religious Work to give general oversight to all such projects in the institutions of higher learning within the State, and it shall have such powers and responsibilities as the Annual Conference Board of Education shall delegate to it."

THE LOCAL CHURCH

Par. 541. Substitute for Par. 541, Par. 541 as adopted in Report No. 3 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 40, (DCA-75, column 1), which reads as follows:

Par. 541. In every church and charge there shall be an Executive Body, the Official Board or the Board of Stewards as the Quarterly Conference may determine, hereinafter designated as "the Board." The composition, organization, duties and functions of the Board are set forth in the succeeding paragraphs of this Section.

Par. 529. Substitute for Par. 529, Par. 529 as amended and adopted in Report No. 1 of the Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 30, (DCA-70, column 1) and which reads as follows:

529, Article 2, "The Quarterly Conference shall be composed of all Traveling, Supernumerary, and Retired Preachers, residing within the Circuit or Charge; all Local Preachers, Exhorters, Charge Lay Leader, Lay Member of the Annual Conference, Deaconesses, Class Leaders, and Secretaries of the Annual Meetings, Stewards, Trustees, Financial Secretaries, and Treasurers of the Local Churches, the General Superintendents of the Church Schools, Presidents of the Young People's Departments or Divisions, and of Methodist Youth Fellowships; Presidents of the Woman's Societies of Christian Serv-

ice, Deaconesses' Circles, and Men's Work, Directors of Christian Education, Social and Recreational Life, and Golden Cross; Chairmen of Local Church Boards of Education; Secretaries of Good Literature; Presidents or Superintendents of other organizations which are approved by the Quarterly Conference for membership therein; the Quarterly Conference may elect three members nominated by the City Missionary Society (No. 966); provided that all members of the Quarterly Conference shall be members of The Methodist Church."

Par. 1120. Following the word "school" in line 4 from the bottom of page 377 delete the words "Youth Meetings, such as our present Epworth League and Christian Endeavor"; and in their place insert the following, "Youth meetings on Sunday evening or at other times," so that the paragraph when revised will read as follows:

"Par. 1120. The Division of the Local Church shall develop a comprehensive and unified program of Christian Education which shall lead to a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, the Christian religion, and the Christian church. It shall provide for worship, fellowship, study, and service, including social, recreational, evangelistic and missionary activities, and education in the Christian way of life. It shall be responsible for forming standards and preparing programs for the organizations and work of Christian education in the Local Church in accordance with provisions as set forth in Pars. 1137-1151.

"The term 'Church School' used in the *Discipline* is understood to mean the total Christian educational program and organization in the Local Church for which the Board of Education is responsible. It includes activities variously known as Sunday School; Church School; Youth Meetings on Sunday evening or at other times; weekday sessions and schools; Vacation Schools; Leadership educational agencies, and all other educational work of the Church with children, youth, young adults, and adults promoted by the Board of Education. The Division, in co-operation with the Editorial Division, shall seek to inform the Church on all phases of Church School work, shall establish and maintain standards, and shall co-operate with the Curriculum Committee in determining the curricula of the Church School, including the courses of leadership education; to give direction to a comprehensive and unified program of Christian education in the Local Church. It shall provide for instruction concerning the significance and work of the Church and the functions of its various officers and Boards.

"The Division shall have supervision of all the training processes of the Church for both Lay and Ministerial workers, except where these have been specifically delegated to other agencies.

"The Division shall co-operate with other agencies in the promotion of Brotherhoods, Men's Councils, and kindred organizations to the end that the different organizations of the Church may be correlated under a unified program for aggressive Christian service.

"The Division shall have authority to co-operate with the Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Boards of Education and other agencies in the promotion and holding of an annual meeting to be known as the Methodist Conference on Christian Education."

Par. 1123. In line 16 from the bottom of page 379 strike out the word "in" and in its place insert the words "with the;" following "tion" at the beginning of the next line substitute "of" for "with"; following "Institutions" at the end

of the same line insert the words "where its program is concerned;" in line 13 from the bottom of page 379 strike out the word "democratic." At the close of the paragraph add the following: "The youth of the Methodist Church between ages 12 and 23 inclusive, including all organizations, shall be known as The Methodist Youth Fellowship. When one becomes a member in the Youth Division in a local Methodist Church, he is thereby a member of The Methodist Youth Fellowship." The paragraph when revised shall read:

"Par. 1123. The Division shall provide programs, for the training of pastors, teachers, officials, and others in the work of the Local Church, and promote these programs through various types of training schools, correspondence work, and such other agencies as it may see fit to establish. It shall have authority also to promote and conduct educational conferences, councils, assemblies, and other meetings in the interest of Church Schools and Christian education of children, youth, and adults, and in the interest of an improved leadership. The Division, with the co-operation of the Division of Educational Institutions where its program is concerned, shall have authority to develop, within the Church, organizations of youth, nationally and in Jurisdictions, Annual Conferences, Districts and subdivisions of districts; *provided*, however, that such organizations shall include all groups within a given age range within the Local Church.

"The youth of the Methodist Church between ages 12 and 23 inclusive, including all organizational units, shall be known as The Methodist Youth Fellowship. When one becomes a member in the Youth Division in a local Methodist Church, he is thereby a member of The Methodist Youth Fellowship."

Par. 1126. Delete this paragraph, beginning on line 13 from the top of page 381 and extending through line 22 on page 382.

Par. 1129. Following the word "Education" in line 17 from the top of page 383 delete the following words: "in which the World Comradeship Fund shall have a part."

On page 386 change heading entitled "World Comradeship" to read "Methodist Youth Fund," and change Par. 1133 immediately following to read as follows:

Par. 1133. In the discharge of its responsibility for supervising missionary education in the Church School, the Division of the Local Church shall provide for the participation by Church school youth groups and District or Conference Youth Fellowships in the Methodist Youth Fund. Local treasurers shall send the full amount of Methodist Youth Fund offerings, without division in the local church, to the Annual Conference treasurer, by whom it shall be divided and sent monthly, one half to the treasurer of the Annual Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service (for transmission by her to the treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions and Church Extension) for missions; and one half to the treasurer of the Board of Education at 810 Broadway, Nashville (2), Tenn., for missions and youth work under agreements made by the Youth Department with participating youth organizations. The missionary portion of this latter one half shall not be less than 40% of the said one

half, and shall be for religious education and youth work in mission fields. The Methodist Youth Fund shall be given recognition in a separate column in the pastor's report to the Annual Conference, but shall not receive Benevolence credit.

The Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education is authorized to modify these provisions in the interest of further simplification as may be found possible, with the approval of the Board of Education and the Board of Missions and Church Extension, including the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Par. 1139. following the word "Church" in line 11 from the top of page 388, insert the following: "The Church Board of Education may organize a Council of Children's Workers, a Council of Youth Workers, and a Council of Adult Workers. (The duties and members of these Councils are described in Pars. 1140, 1144, 1145, 1146, and 1147.) In small churches the Board of Education may carry out the functions of these Councils," so that the paragraph when revised shall read:

"Par. 1139. Each Local Church shall organize a Church Board of Education, which shall be composed of the Pastor, the Church School Superintendent, the three Church School Divisional Superintendents, the President of the Young Adult Fellowship one representative each elected by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Board of Stewards, and other agencies in the Church, and not less than two, nor more than four young people, elected by the young people. In addition there may be not more than five members at large, elected by the Quarterly Conference, chosen for their fitness for leadership in Christian education. (See Par. 1148.)

"In small Churches the Board may be composed of the Pastor, the Church School Superintendent, one teacher of children, one teacher of youth, one young person chosen by the youth of the Church, one person representing the adult organization, and a member of the Board of Stewards, elected by that body. Three persons at large, chosen for special fitness for leadership, may be added by the Quarterly Conference or the members of the Church.

"The Church Board of Education shall have supervision of the total program of Christian education in each Local Church, for which the Board of Education is responsible. The Church Board of Education may organize a Council of Children's Workers, a Council of Youth Workers, and a Council of Adult Workers. (The duties and members of these Councils are described in Pars. 1144, 1145, and 1146.) In small churches the Board of Education may carry out the functions of these Councils. The Board shall be auxiliary to the Annual Conference Board of Education, the Jurisdictional Board of Education and the General Conference Board of Education and shall seek to maintain an effective Church program of Christian education in harmony with the standards of the Annual Conference, Jurisdictional, and General Conference Boards of Education."

Par. 1140, pages 388 and 389. Delete the second paragraph beginning with the words, "There may be in each Church, etc." and insert the following:

"There may be in each church a Council of Youth Workers composed of all persons who work with youth, including counselors, advisers, and teachers, with the Superintendent of the Youth Division

serving as Chairman, to enable adult workers with youth to council together in the discharge of their responsibilities. In churches having department organization within the Youth Division, the department staff meetings may take the place of a Council of Youth Workers."

Par. 1140 as amended will read as follows :

"Par. 1140. There may be in each church a Council of Children's Workers and a Council of Adult Workers. Each Council shall be composed of the Superintendents of the respective age-group divisions and departments in the Church School and heads of all other groups and agencies in the churches working with children and adults.

"There may be in each church a Council of Youth Workers composed of all persons who work with youth, including counselors, advisers, and teachers, with the superintendent of the Youth Division serving as Chairman, to enable adult workers with youth to counsel together in the discharge of their responsibilities. In churches having department organization within the Youth Division, the department staff meetings may take the place of a Council of Youth Workers.

"Each Council shall meet monthly or as often as necessary and exercise such supervision over the various programs being promoted within the church for its respective age groups as shall avoid duplications and omissions and contribute to the total religious needs of the age group concerned."

Par. 1143. Amend by adding after the words "the Youth Division" in section 1, line 4, the words ("Methodist Youth Fellowship.")

Par. 1146. Following the word "organizations" in line 5 from the top of page 394, insert one additional item, as follows :

"6. There may be in each church a Church Council of Methodist Youth, of which the Superintendent of the Youth Division of the Church School shall be the counselor, composed of proportionate representation from the members of the departments within the Youth Division of the Church School and from all other Youth organizations in the Church, together with their adult advisors. The Church Council of Methodist Youth shall be responsible for the representation of the Youth of the church in organizations of Methodist Youth in which the Local Church may have representation."

Delete Par. 1158, page 399.

Par. 1174. Delete this paragraph and in its place insert the following :

"Par. 1174. The Board shall be composed: (1) of an equal number of laymen and ministers elected quadrennially, the number and manner of election to be determined by the Annual Conference; and (2) of the President of the Conference Youth Organization and three other young people, twenty-three years of age or younger at the time of their election, two of whom shall be chosen by the Annual Conference Youth Organization and the other chosen by the Annual Conference Board of Education from nominations from state or regional student organization or organizations operating within the territory

of the Annual Conference; *provided*, that in event of a change in the President of the Conference Youth Organization the current President shall be the representative; and *provided further*, that if any of the three youth representatives attain their twenty-fourth birthday during the quadrennium, the period of service on the Board shall terminate at the session of the Annual Conference next following, and they shall be succeeded by other youth representatives chosen as they were; and (3) of additional members, either clerical or lay, nominated at any time during the quadrennium by the Board in such numbers as it may deem advisable, for election by the Annual Conference. Vacancies in the elected membership between Annual Conference sessions may be filled by the Executive Committee of the Conference Board of Education pending the action of the next Annual Conference. Care shall be taken to elect persons who are qualified for the work of the Board by experience in educational institutions and in the local church, and by training and interest. No salaried officer or employee of the Board shall be a member. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The members shall continue in office until their successors are elected."

Par. 1176. After the word "year" in line 4 on page 406, strike out the words "The President, or someone designated by him, shall present to the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance the financial needs of the Board."

Par. 1182, page 408. At the very beginning of this paragraph insert the following words: "The President, or someone designated by him, shall present to the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance the financial needs of the Colleges and Wesley Foundations related to the Conference, of the work of the Board in its field program of religious education in the local churches of the Conference, and of other work in which the Board may be engaged," so that the paragraph when revised shall read:

"Par. 1182. The President, or someone designated by him, shall present to the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance the financial needs of the Colleges and Wesley Foundations related to the Conference, of the work of the Board in its field program of religious education in the local churches of the Conference, and of other work in which the Board may be engaged. In accordance with the financial plan of the Church, an apportionment shall be allotted to the churches within the Conference for the work of the Conference Board of Education. Other sources of income shall be gifts, returns from special days, and receipts from missionary offerings in the Church School. The Board shall determine the distribution of the funds thus received to each of the general interests under the care of the Board."

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. MINISTERIAL EDUCATION AND SIMPLIFIED
COURSE OF STUDY FOR ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS
(MEMORIAL NOS. 356, 558.)

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M, 103; P, 61; F, 61*

Reporting on Memorial 558 and 356 your Committee brings the following information and recommendations:

After detailed study the Commission on Conference Courses of Study has prepared the following proposal for revising the paragraphs in the *Discipline* dealing with Ministerial Education. These Paragraphs are 1094 to 1119. It respectfully requests that the General Conference adopt this revision and in this request your Committee on Education concurs.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Par. 1094. (It is proposed to delete this Paragraph, which is no longer necessary.)

Par. 1095. The Commission on Ministerial Training, the Division of Educational Institutions with which the Commission is affiliated, and the Theological Seminaries of The Methodist Church shall provide for the training of the Ministry of the Church.

For educational standards for the Ministry, admission on Trial, and admission into Full Connection, see Paragraphs 321, 348 (under Part III, The Ministry).

COMMISSION ON MINISTERIAL TRAINING

(Covering materials now in Paragraphs 1113-1119)

Par. 1113. Affiliated with the Division of Educational Institutions there shall be a Commission on Ministerial Training, which shall be composed of five Bishops and five other Ministers to be appointed by the Council of Bishops, five members from the faculties of the Theological Schools of the Church elected by the Division, the Executive Secretary of the Division, and the Book Editor, *ex officio*. The members of this Commission shall hold office until their successors are duly qualified. The Commission shall elect an Educational Director who by virtue of his office shall be a member of the staff of the Division. The work of the Commission shall be reported to the annual meeting of the Board of Education.

Par. 1114. The Commission shall meet at such times during the quadrennium as it may deem advisable to consider the work assigned to it and the relation of that work to the Schools of Theology, College Departments of Religion, and Correspondence Courses.

The work of the Commission on Ministerial Training shall be supported from the general Benevolences of the Church, the amount to be determined by the authoritative body.

Par. 1115. The Commission shall study the educational needs of our Ministry and shall prescribe the Courses of Study to be pursued by those applying for License to Preach, for Orders as Local Preachers, and for admission on Trial, respectively; also a Course of Study extending through four years to be pursued by those who have been admitted on Trial in the Annual Conference, and a simplified four-year course which, if the Annual Conference shall so determine, may be used for Accepted Supply Pastors in lieu of the regular Conference Course. (See pars. 2041, 2058.) It shall recommend courses of reading and also provide graduate Correspondence Courses of Study for Preachers who have finished their undergraduate Courses of Study.

Par. 1116. The Commission shall have a direct relationship with the Annual Conference Boards of Ministerial Training. It shall cooperate with these and other Conference Boards in organizing, financing, and conducting short-term schools for Ministers, which shall be known as Pastors' Schools. These Schools shall provide instruction

for all Ministers and where advisable shall offer work in the curriculum of the Courses of Study for undergraduate and Accepted Supply Pastors.

Within a Conference the administration of these courses of study, which shall require extensive written work in addition to instruction in a Pastors' School, shall be under the supervision of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training.

Where so agreed by the Commission and the Boards involved, the supervision of this work may be delegated to a Correspondence School. All such Correspondence Schools shall be related to one of our established Schools of Theology. The Director of each Correspondence School shall be elected quadrennially by the Commission on Ministerial Training on nomination of the faculty of the related School of Theology. The assisting staff shall be chosen by the Director from the active members of the faculty of the School.

Par. 1117. The Commission, the Theological Schools, and the Conference Boards of Ministerial Training shall co-operate in the development of effective methods of selective recruiting for the Ministry. The Boards shall exercise such control over the numbers to be enlisted as shall seek to provide an adequate supply of trained Ministers.

The Commission, in co-operation with the Theological Schools, shall continue the study outlined in Paragraph 1116 in the 1940 *Discipline*.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING

(Covering materials now in Pars. 1107-1111.)

Par. 1107. In each Annual Conference the presiding Bishop, after consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Ministerial Training of the previous quadrennium, or a Committee of the Board, or, in the case of a new Conference, after consultation with the Cabinet, shall appoint a Board of Ministerial Training consisting of not fewer than six nor more than eighteen members. It is recommended that the Conference Board of Education shall have due representation on it and that at least two-thirds of the members shall be graduates of accredited colleges and Theological Seminaries.

Par. 1108. The Board shall be appointed for a term of four years at the first session following the General Conference. It shall organize by electing one of its members Chairman and another Registrar. The Board shall convene at the seat and time of the Annual Conference, preferably the day before the session opens, to review and complete the work of the past year and to plan for the future. Vacancies in the Board shall be filled by the Bishop after consultation with the Chairman of the Board.

Par. 1109. The Board of Ministerial Training in each Annual Conference shall seek, through co-operation with the District Superintendents and Pastors of the Conference, to enlist suitable candidates for the Christian ministry, and shall keep a record of all persons enlisted within the bounds of the Conference. It shall seek in every way practicable to provide guidance and counsel to them in their training and preparation for the ministry, recommending properly accredited Colleges and Seminaries.

The Board of Ministerial Training shall examine all applicants for admission on Trial as to their fitness for the Ministry. It shall certify those who are qualified to the Conference Relations Committee. (See Par. 463.)

Par. 1110. The Board of Ministerial Training shall urge all Conference undergraduates to attend Colleges and Schools of Theology related to The Methodist Church and approved by the University Sen-

ate, and shall encourage and assist them in every practicable way to complete the preparation recommended in Par. 1096. The Board shall require and assist all Conference under-graduates who are not attending an approved School of Theology to pursue their undergraduate studies promptly. It shall co-operate with our Schools of Theology by recommending from the Annual Conference students with definite ministerial promise.

Par. 1111. The Registrar of the Board shall keep a permanent record of the standing of the students in the Courses of Study, and report to the Conference when required. This record shall include the credits allowed students for work done in graduate Schools of Theology, in standard Pastors' Schools, and by correspondence. The Registrar, or some other designated officer of the Board, shall also keep a record of the educational history and interests of each man serving in the Conference. This material shall be furnished to the Board by active Ministers. Such records are the property of the Conference and shall be carefully preserved.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS

(Covering materials now in Par. 1101 and Par. 1097b.)

Par. 1101. The Theological Schools of the Church are established and maintained for the training of Ministers. They exist for the benefit of the whole Church, and their support shall be provided by the Church as a part of its general benevolent giving. Furthermore, in case the support from this source is inadequate, each school shall have the right to appeal to the Jurisdictional Conference in which it is located and to the Annual Conferences comprising that Jurisdiction for additional support. For the purpose of carrying out the provision for the better support of the Theological Schools of the Church, the Division of Educational Institutions, in consultation with the administrative officers of these Schools, shall establish budget askings for their adequate support. The amount necessary for such support shall be added as a separate item in the annual askings of the Board of Education from the Benevolence Funds as determined by the authoritative body, after an adequate presentation of the needs of these institutions by a representative of the Schools of Theology. No Theological School or Department of Theology in a College or University shall be established without first submitting its proposed organization and classification to the University Senate for approval and consent of both the Senate and the Division.

It is expected that our Schools of Theology, in addition to training their students for effective service for Christ and the Church, will acquaint them with the current programs of The Methodist Church, such as its educational, missionary, social, and other service programs, and with the organizations and terminology of the Church.

In the admission of young men to Annual Conferences, the General Conference recognizes that our Theological Schools necessarily exercise a considerable influence. It, therefore, recommends to these Schools that, before admitting any candidate for the ministry into their student body, they inquire fully into his personal character and his promise of usefulness. It further recommends that they carefully consider his progress in his studies and his personal development, to determine whether he is a proper person to be continued in the preparation for the ministry. Such as are not suited for the work should not be permitted to continue in the degree course.

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

**REPORT NO. 6. MINISTRY OF THE RADIO AND COMMISSOIN ON
RADIO FOR THE METHODIST CHURCH**

(MEMORIAL NOS. 552, 553.)

Calendar No. 80. Referred to the General Conference Commission on Public Information May 3. See Journal, Page 357.

M, 103; P, 63; F, 61; N, 2

Believing that an attempt should be made to mobilize the talent and resources of The Methodist Church in a ministry through the radio, the Committee on Education recommends that we raise a Commission on Radio which shall give due and thorough consideration to this medium for the propagation of the Gospel, with the view of establishing Methodist radio programs throughout the nation.

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

**REPORT NO. 7. QUESTIONS FOR YOUTH AND YOUTH
AS STUDENTS**

(MEMORIAL NOS. 557, 677.)

Calendar No. 81. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 441.

M, 103; P, 65; F, 65

It is recommended that in the fall Quarterly Conference the following questions be asked of the Pastor by the District Superintendent:

1. Who are the young people of this Charge who are members of the senior class in high school?

2. Has the list of their names been sent to the admissions officers of the Methodist college or colleges related to the Annual Conference for their information?

3. Who are the young people now in college and university and those especially who are preparing for some form of Christian service, and in which institutions are they enrolled?

4. What young people from this Charge are now studying in Theological Schools, and in what school is each enrolled?

The District Superintendent shall report this information to the Executive Secretary of the Annual Conference Board of Education.

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

**REPORT NO. 8. YOUTH MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS**

(MEMORIAL NO. 94.)

Calendar No. 82. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 454.

M, 103; P, 59; F, 68; N, 1

The Committee recommends that in the manner of selection of youth members for Boards and Commissions of the

Church there be the greatest possible uniformity as between these Boards and Commissions.

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. EMPHASIS ON PUBLIC WORSHIP
(MEMORIAL NO. 544.)

Calendar No. 115. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 455.
M, 103; P, 49; F, 49

The Committee recommends that this be referred to the Curriculum Committee for information and continued emphasis.

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. LEGISLATION CONCERNING THE INTERBOARD
COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY EDUCATION
(MEMORIAL NO. 676.)

Calendar No. 116. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 441.
M, 103; P, 56; F, 54; N, 2

The following report is in the nature of the revision of legislation as set forth in the *Discipline* of 1940, Par. 1131.

The Committee recommends rearrangement and simplification in the following particulars:

Par. 1131. Delete the entire Par. 1131 as it now stands and substitute the following restatement in three numbered paragraphs to correspond with Pars. 1023, 1024, and 1025:

Par. 1131-A. For the purpose of promoting effective co-operation between the Board of Missions and Church Extension and the Board of Education in Missionary Education, there shall be an Interboard Committee between the two Boards, composed of the Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church, the Executive Secretary of the Editorial Division, and the Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education, and five other persons to be appointed by that Board; and an equal number from the Board of Missions and Church Extension which shall include the following: Two Secretaries from the Division of Education and Cultivation, two Secretaries from the Division of Foreign Missions, two from the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, and two from the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The Committee shall provide for age-group sub-committees and such other sub-committees as may be needed. This Committee and its sub-committees shall be advisory and creative in character. The promotion of plans and materials created by this Committee shall be a responsibility of the Board of Education and of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Par. 1131-B. The duties of this Committee shall be: (a) To develop a unified program of missionary education for all age groups in the Local Church and in the Colleges, Universities, and Theological Seminaries; (b) to co-operate with the Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education in providing missionary information for Church School literature and in the planning and preparation of curricular

material on missions; (c) to co-operate in the publication of books for missionary education in the Church; (d) to develop co-operative plans for the missionary education and missionary giving of children, young people, and adults; and (e) to report annually to the Board of Missions and Church Extension and to the Board of Education. The Interboard Committee shall meet annually, and at such other times as the Committee itself may determine.

Par. 1131-C. There shall be an Executive Secretary of the Committee, who shall be elected by the Board of Education, on nomination of the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education, and shall be confirmed by the Board of Missions and Church Extension. He shall be the Secretary of Missionary Education of the Board of Education with staff relationship to the Division of the Local Church. He shall likewise be the Secretary for Missionary Education of the Board of Missions and Church Extension having staff relationship to the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation. The Interboard Committee shall have a budget provided for its work by the two Boards upon such ratio as they may decide. In missionary education the Secretary and his departmental workers shall be the representatives equally of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and of the Board of Education. During the period between the General Conference and the organization of the new Interboard Committee on Missionary Education for the coming quadrennium, those members who have served on the Committee during the past quadrennium shall continue to function until the said new Committee is organized.

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP MANUAL
(MEMORIAL NO. 682.)

Calendar No. 117. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 455.
M, 103; P, 53; F, 52; N, 1

Your Committee concurs in this Memorial and recommends reference to the new Committee on Church Membership Manuals.

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT
(MEMORIAL NO. 77.)

Calendar No. 118. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 455.
M, 103; P, 61; F, 58; A, 3

The Committee recommends that the language of Pars. 1139, 1141, 1143 and 1144 be harmonized so as to remove the discrepancy which exists through the use of the expression "Church School Superintendent," in Par. 1139, and the term "General Superintendent," which is used in Pars. 1141, 1143 and 1144, and that the term used be "Church School Superintendent."

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. PROVIDING KINDERGARTENS IN
METHODIST CHARGES
(MEMORIAL NO. 83.)

Calendar No. 119. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 455.
M, 103; P, 58; F, 58

The Committee recommends the reference of this Memorial to the proper authorities of the Boards of Education of the General, Jurisdictional and Annual Conferences, with the approval of the Committee.

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. VOLUNTEER SERVICE BY METHODIST YOUTH
AND YOUTH IN THE ARMED SERVICE
(MEMORIAL NOS. 78, 551, 786.)

Calendar No. 120. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 455.
M, 103; P, 58; F, 58

In connection with these Memorials, the Committee recommends that the Conference record its high appreciation of the volunteer service of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, the Methodist Service Committee, and other agencies; express its appreciation of the wide co-operative basis already achieved without the setting up of new administrative machinery; and voices its desire that all the Boards, Commissions, and agencies of the Church which are now co-operating or which may co-operate in the project through the existing Methodist Service Committee seek unitedly to develop the project in accordance with plans which are already under development between the Boards, Commissions, and agencies to the end that The Methodist Church may meet fully and adequately the opportunity, and particularly the urgent postwar opportunity, to guide youth into rendering Christian service at home and throughout the world.

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 15. CREDIT IN CONFERENCE COURSE OF STUDY
(MEMORIAL NO. 681.)

Calendar No. 121. Withdrawn May 5. See Journal, Page 454.
M, 103; P, 55; F, 55

The Committee recommends concurrence in this Memorial which proposes the following changes in Par. 1103 in the *Discipline* of 1940:

Beginning in line 8, following the word "training," add the following: "And any student who is a graduate of an accredited college and has completed two full years' work

in a school of theology approved by the University Senate shall be given credit for the first two years of the Conference Course of Study."

The paragraph as amended will read:

"Credits from Graduate Schools of Theology and other educational agencies approved by the University Senate, submitted by students who have not completed the theological course, shall be accepted by the Conferences on the basis of studies pursued in the same text or courses in the same subject judged to be equivalent by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training, and any student who is a graduate of an accredited college and has completed two full years' work in a School of Theology approved by the University Senate shall be given credit for the first two years of the Conference Course of Study. However, all candidates shall be examined in the *Discipline*.

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 16. RECOGNITION OF TEACHING MINISTRY
(MEMORIAL No. 549.)

Calendar No. 122. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 454.
M, 103; P, 52; F, 52

The Committee on Education concurs in the following resolution and recommends the reference of the same to the Board of Education and to the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions and Church Extension:

"Whereas, Our Church has never recognized in its law and *Discipline* our teaching ministry by the establishment of a special order for them or by a pension system or by a means of regular Conference appointment; and

"Whereas, With rising interest in the need for religious education we face a great dearth of young women who are being prepared to be teachers of religious education in our Churches; and

"Whereas, Our deaconess work has recognition and a pension system, which might be amplified and does already give a sense of belonging and fellowship with members,

"THEREFORE, We request that investigation be made to see if the deaconess organization could be amplified to include women teachers of religious education, and that attention be called to the propriety of women teachers of religious education joining the deaconess organization as it now is, or that more recognition and rights be given to the teaching ministry of our Church especially as it is represented through women teachers of religious education."

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 17. BOY SCOUT RECOGNITION
(MEMORIAL NOS. 95, 546, 556.)

Calendar No. 127. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 455.
M, 103; P, 56; F, 56

The Committee voted nonconcurrence with these Memorials. Nevertheless, the Committee expressed its apprecia-

tion of the Boy Scout work and program and all other similar character-building organizations. It called attention to the fact that a medal is being prepared in recognition of Church activities, the medal to be available to Protestant youth. It also expressed its disapproval of Sunday hikes under Scout direction.

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 18. THE USE OF RADIO
(MEMORIAL NO. 674.)

Calendar No. 128. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 455.
M, 103; P, 52; F, 52

The Committee recommended nonconcurrence. Nevertheless, it moved to refer the section described as Section A to the Secretary of the General Conference for reference to the Board of Publication.

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 19. CHILDREN'S LITERATURE
(MEMORIAL NO. 550.)

Calendar No. 129. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 455.
M, 103; P, 46; F, 46

The Committee voted nonconcurrence on Section B but requests that Section A be referred to the Editors and Publishing Agents for their consideration.

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 20. GOODWILL INDUSTRIES TO TRAIN MINISTERS
(MEMORIAL NO. 758.)

Calendar No. 130. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 455.
M, 103; P, 57; F, 56; N, 1

The Committee voted nonconcurrence but with reference of the content of this Memorial to the Association of Methodist Theological Schools.

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 21. NON-CONCURRENCE
(MEMORIAL NO. Non-concurrence.)

Calendar No. 197. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Pages 497,
498

M, 103; P, 58; F, 58

Your Committee votes Non-Concurrence in the following Memorials: 25, 59, 72, 79, 90, 91, 95, 81, 82, 87, 224, 249, 250,

252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 258, 259, 260, 262, 263, 264, 370, 385, 423, 482, 554, 555, 559, 560, 672, 678, 680, 787.

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 22. AMENDING THE NAME OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

(MEMORIAL NO. 788.)

Calendar No. 126. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 442.
M, 103; P, 53; F, 37; A, 14; N, 2

Amend Paragraph 1049 of the *Discipline* by inserting after the words "Board of Education of The Methodist Church" the words "hereinafter referred to as the General Board of Education" so that the paragraph will then read:

"There shall be a Board of Education of The Methodist Church hereinafter referred to as the General Board of Education for the promotion of Christian Education. The Board shall have general oversight of the educational interests of the Church in the United States. It may co-operate with the Board of Missions and Church Extension for the advancement of Christian Education in other lands."

Amend Paragraph 1159 by inserting after the words "a Board of Education" the words "hereinafter referred to as the Jurisdictional Board of Education" so that the paragraph will then read:

"In each Jurisdiction there may be a Board of Education hereinafter referred to as the Jurisdictional Board of Education to promote the Institutional and Local Church programs of Christian Education and Church School Extension and the use of Church School literature approved by the Board of Education."

Amend Paragraph 1172 by inserting after the words "a Board of Education" the words "hereinafter referred to as the Conference Board of Education" so that the paragraph will then read:

"In each Annual Conference there shall be a Board of Education hereinafter referred to as the Conference Board of Education elected by the Conference to promote Church School Extension, the program of Christian Education, and the use of Church School literature approved by the Board of Education."

DANIEL L. MARSH, *Chairman*;
J. N. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

Chairman, Arthur A. Callaghan.
Secretary, Robert M. Williams.

REPORT NO. 1. REQUEST FROM COMMITTEE ON CENTRAL CONFERENCES FOR ENABLING ACTS (MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

*Calendar No. 163. Adopted May 5 by a count vote of 596 for,
to 1 against. See Journal, Pages 449, 457.*

M, 24; P, 19; F, 19

The Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms has examined all the requests for enabling acts presented by the Committee on Central Conferences and hereby reports that they are in proper form. We recommend their adoption as follows:

1. CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN ASIA

Par. 1631. The Central Conference of Southern Asia is hereby authorized to elect one or more Bishops for India and Burma; *provided*, that by such election there shall not be more than four Bishops resident in that field during the quadrennium ending in 1948.

2. CHINA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The China Central Conference is authorized to elect one or more Bishops for China, *provided*, that by such an election there shall not be more than four Bishops resident in this field during the quadrennium ending in 1948.

3. PHILIPPINE ISLANDS CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Par. 1629. The Philippine Islands Central Conference is authorized to elect one Bishop for the Philippine Islands; *provided*, that by such election there shall not be more than one Bishop resident in that field during the quadrennium ending in 1948. The Central Conference of the Philippine Islands, however, is authorized by the General Conference to conduct a Central Conference with the privileges and powers as provided under Central Conference legislation; *provided*, that it shall have at least a total of fifteen Ministerial and fifteen Lay Delegates on the regular basis of representation.

4. NORTHERN EUROPE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Par. 1626. The Northern Europe Central Conference is hereby authorized to elect one Bishop for Northern Europe; *provided*, that by such election there shall not be more than one Bishop resident in that field during the quadrennium ending in 1948.

5. GERMANY CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The Germany Central Conference is authorized to elect one Bishop for Germany, *provided*, that by such election there shall be not more

than one Bishop resident in that field during the quadrennium ending in 1948.

6. GERMANY CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Par. 1620. The Germany Central Conference is authorized to increase its number of Annual Conferences up to the number of ten if it should be deemed necessary during the quadrennium ending in 1948; *provided*, however, that this permission shall apply only to the territory included in the Germany Central Conference as defined in the *Discipline* of 1939, Par. 1545, and in the *Discipline* of the former Methodist Episcopal Church for 1936, Par. 1373.

7. LATIN AMERICA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Par. 1623. The Latin America Central Conference is hereby authorized to elect two Bishops for South America; *provided*, that by such election there shall not be more than two Bishops resident in that field during the quadrennium ending in 1948. The Central Conference, however, of Latin America is authorized (Par. 390) by the General Conference to conduct a Central Conference with the privileges and powers as provided under Central Conference legislation; *provided*, that it shall have at least a total of fifteen Ministerial and fifteen Lay Delegates on the regular basis of representation.

8. SWITZERLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Par. 1632. The Switzerland Annual Conference in the present emergency shall be given enlarged rights and privileges during the quadrennium ending in 1948 only as indicated in the following specification:

1. The Switzerland Annual Conference is authorized to add to the business of the Annual Conference supplementary questions considered desirable or necessary for meeting its own needs; to make such adaptations in procedure as the peculiar conditions of the fields require; and to adapt the temporal economy of the Church within its own territory, including orders of business suitable for District and Quarterly Conferences.

2. Subject to the approval of the Bishop in charge, the Switzerland Annual Conference shall have the power to prescribe courses of study for its Ministry including Local Preachers, Exhorters, Deaconesses, Teachers, both male and female, and all other workers whatsoever, ordained or lay. It shall also make rules and regulations for examinations in these courses.

3. The Switzerland Annual Conference is authorized to conform the detailed rules, rites, and ceremonies for the solemnization of marriage, to the statute laws of Switzerland.

4. The Switzerland Annual Conference is authorized to prepare and translate simplified or adapted forms of such parts of the Ritual as it may deem necessary, such changes to require the approval of the Bishop in charge.

5. The Switzerland Annual Conference is authorized to adopt rules for procedure for the trial and appeal of its Ministers as the necessities of the field may require; to appoint a Committee on Appeals to hear and determine the appeal of a Traveling Preacher of that Conference from the decision of a Committee on Trial; *provided*, however, that these rules shall in all respects conform to the restrictions and limitations prescribed in the chapter on Jurisdictional Administration.

The foregoing authorization for the Switzerland Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1948 is extended also to any Annual Conference within the territory of the Northern Europe Cen-

tral Conference until such time as the session of that Central Conference can be held.

9. AFRICA PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The Africa Provisional Central Conference is authorized by the General Conference to organize as a Central Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1948, *provided*, that it shall have fulfilled the requirements of the *Discipline* for the organization of a Central Conference as found in the paragraph of the *Discipline* relating thereto.

10. SOUTHEASTERN ASIA PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The Southeastern Asia Provisional Central Conference shall have such powers of a Central Conference as are indicated in Par. 431.

11. ANGOLA PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Par. 1613. Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1944 relating thereto, the Angola Provisional Annual Conference is authorized to organize into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1948.

12. SOUTHEAST AFRICA PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Par. 1630. Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1944 relating thereto, the Southeast Africa Provisional Annual Conference is authorized to organize into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1948.

13. CENTRAL CONGO PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1944 relating thereto, the Central Congo Provisional Annual Conference is authorized to organize into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1948.

14. BALTIC AND SLAVIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Par. 1614. Authority is given to the Baltic and Slavic Annual Conference to become the Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference or Mission if it be deemed wise to make such change during the quadrennium ending in 1948.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*;
ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. CONTINUE THE SAVANNAH
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
(MEMORIAL NO. 581.)

Calendar No. 164. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 438.
M, 24; P, 20; F, 19; N, 1

The Savannah Annual Conference is hereby granted permission to continue as an Annual Conference for the quadrennium ending in 1948.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*;
ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. CONTINUATION OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

Calendar No. 165. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 438.
M, 24; P, 20; F, 20

Paragraph 1648. The existence of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Episcopal Church shall be continued in conformity with its charter and the laws of the State of Pennsylvania in order adequately to safeguard annuity, permanent, and other trust funds and property and to protect the interests of those persons and causes for which said funds exist or may have been established, until the General Conference shall direct otherwise; and further, said Board is authorized to do all acts and things necessary to carry out the directions of the General Conference pertaining to its further operation and to the transfer of said permanent trust and other funds to the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, when and as the same may be done according to law and the terms of various trusts.

The Division of Home Missions and Church Extension is authorized and empowered to fix the number and to elect the managers of said Corporation, acting in this regard on behalf and in place of the General Conference; and also to elect the Secretaries and Treasurer of said Board. Said Corporation is further authorized and empowered to make such changes in its constitution as may be made necessary by the action of the General Conference.

The General Enabling Provisions of Paragraph 1648 in the 1940 *Discipline* should be continued, as it affects all Corporations.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*;
ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. SOUTHWEST MEXICAN CONFERENCE
CONTINUATION AS AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

Calendar No. 166. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 439.
M, 24; P, 20; F, 18; N, 2

The Southwest Mexican Conference is hereby permitted to continue as an Annual Conference for the quadrennium ending in 1948.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*;
ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. CONTINUATION OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH:
EXTENSION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH
(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

Calendar No. 167. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 438.
M, 24; P, 20; F, 19; N, 1

Rewrite Article 1652 of the 1940 *Discipline* as follows:

CONTINUATION AND CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH
EXTENSION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
SOUTH

1652. Article I. There shall be a Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and thirteen managers to be elected quadrennially by the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church; the officers and members of the Board of Managers shall continue in office until their successors are elected and accepted. The Bishops of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions shall be, ex officio, members of the Board. Vacancies occurring in the interim of the regular elections shall be filled by the Board or its Executive Committee.

Article II. The Board shall be conducted as a body corporate, under the name of "The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and subject to the provisions of a special charter granted by the Legislature of Kentucky to George F. Pierce, H. H. Kavanaugh, and others, approved February 20, 1884, and amended March 10, 1886, and such amendments thereof as may from time to time be adopted under the sanction of the General Conference; subject, however, to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the General Conference, not contrary to the charter, nor in excess of the powers that may be thereunder lawfully exercised.

Article III. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Board, under its direction, and shall be subject to the authority and control of the Board and of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church, by whom his salary shall be fixed and paid. He shall reside where the Board is located.

Article IV. The Board shall be located in Louisville, Ky., and shall meet at least annually, and at such other times as the Board, or the President and Secretary, may appoint. Nine shall constitute a quorum. The fiscal year of the Board shall close on May 31.

Article V. It shall be lawful for the Board to accept contributions to its funds from any person capable of making them, subject to annuities payable to the order of the person making such donations; but all amounts so received shall be loaned by the Board on adequate security and the aggregate amount of annuities that the Board shall assume to pay shall never be allowed to exceed one half of the annual interest receivable on the loans made by it.

Article VI. The revenues of the Board shall be derived from General Benevolences, Conference Benevolences, and from gifts, devises and bequests.

Article VII. The Board shall have authority to regulate its own proceedings; to appropriate money to pay incidental expenses; to determine what amount may be loaned to each applicant, and to do such other business as may be legitimate and proper for them to do; provided, however, that no money shall be appropriated in the general work for other purposes than the purchase or securing of church and parsonage lots and the erection or securing of church buildings and parsonages; and such other property as may promote the general

design; and provided, further, that the Board shall not involve itself in debt, except as provided for in Article V.

Article VIII. The Board shall have authority to raise and administer a Loan Fund, which shall be held separate from funds raised for general distribution, and which shall be used only in loans on adequate security, to be determined by the Board; to receive and hold in trust for The Methodist Church any real or personal property, and to sell and convey it for the uses and objects herein declared.

Article IX. The Board shall have authority to hold Annual Conference Board Loan Funds and Revolving Funds, and shall administer these funds according to the provisions of the *Discipline*. It may also, on request of any Annual Conference, receive and disburse funds allocated from Conference Benevolences for Church Extension donations within the Conference. In the case of Conference Board Loan Funds and Donation Funds, the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension, or its designated Committee or Section, shall have sole authority of appropriation.

Article X. All applications for aid shall set forth:

1. A brief description of the building for which aid is asked.
2. The estimated and probable cost when completed.
3. The amount of cash and reliable subscriptions now on hand.
4. The nature of the title, its validity, and whether held in trust for The Methodist Church.
5. The names of the Board of Trustees.
6. The number of Church members, Sunday School scholars, and population of the place, if within a town or city.
7. A certificate that the Quarterly Conference, of the Charge from which the application comes, has approved the application and authorized the Trustees to comply with the conditions upon which Church Extension aid is granted.
8. Any additional facts that may be required by the Board, or that may be deemed necessary or useful to it in making a decision.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*;
ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. CALIFORNIA ORIENTAL MISSION. FOR
PERMISSION TO ORGANIZE AN ORIENTAL PROVISIONAL
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

Calendar No. 168. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 450.
M, 24; P, 13; F, 13

Permission is granted to the California Oriental Mission to organize as a Provisional Annual Conference, when it shall have complied with the provisions of the *Discipline*.

There being no Central Conference in the Area, it is understood that the Western Jurisdictional Conference shall be substituted for a Central Conference, in making effective the requirements of Par. 433.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*;
ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 7. BOUNDARIES OF DELAWARE CONFERENCE
(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

Calendar No. 162. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 437.
M, 24; P, 20; F, 19; N, 1

The New York City Society of The Methodist Church respectfully memorializes the General Conference of The Methodist Church meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, April 26, 1944, as follows:

Whereas, Paragraph 28 of the *Discipline* (Article III of Section VIII of the Plan of Union) provides that "Changes in the number, names and boundaries of the Jurisdictional Conferences may be effected by the General Conference upon the consent of a majority of the Annual Conferences of each of the Jurisdictions involved (see also Paragraph 361, Art. 4, Sec. 12, entitled "General Conference Powers"), and

Whereas, Paragraph 15 of the *Discipline* (Article V, Sec. 4 of the Plan of Union) enables Jurisdictional Conferences "To determine the boundaries of their Annual Conferences" (see also Paragraph 376, Sec. 5, entitled "Jurisdictional Conference, authorization"), and

Whereas, Paragraph 1435 fixes the boundaries of the Delaware Conference as follows: "Delaware Conference shall include the Negro work in Delaware, New Jersey and New York State, except that in the city of Buffalo and that already included in the New York Conference in the Borough of the Bronx and Manhattan in the city of New York; it shall also include the Negro work in the Eastern Shore of Virginia and all Maryland and Pennsylvania not included in the Washington Conference, and

Whereas, The Negro population in the territory of the New York and New York East Conferences has increased to well over 500,000 in number and is rapidly increasing, and

Whereas, It is desirable to establish new churches to minister to this large population, and

Whereas, The establishment of such new work can be expedited by the transformation of many present churches in the New York and New York East Conferences to the service of the Negro people, and

Whereas, Resources for the inauguration of Negro work are available in the New York and New York East Conferences now, therefore

Earnest petition is hereby submitted for an Enabling Act to read as follows:

Whenever during the ensuing quadrennium with the prior approval of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference and the Central Jurisdictional Conference a majority of the Annual Conferences of both Jurisdictions shall consent thereto, the boundaries of the Delaware Annual Conference shall be changed by the insertion of the words "and except such new Negro work as shall be constituted by either the New York Annual Conference or the New York East Annual Conference or by both of them within their respective boundaries," so that Paragraph 1435 shall read:

"Delaware Conference shall include the Negro work in Delaware, New Jersey and New York State, *except* that in the city of Buffalo and already included in the New York Conference in the Boroughs of the Bronx and Manhattan in the city of New York and except such new Negro work as shall be constituted by either the New York Annual Conference or the New York East Annual Conference or by both of them within their respective boundaries; it shall also include the Negro work in the Eastern Shore of Virginia and all Maryland

and Pennsylvania not included in the Washington Conference."

Adopted at the Annual Meeting of April 20, 1944.

The New York City Society of The Methodist Church.

B. A. Matthews, President; Carl F. Price, Recording Secretary.

Permission is granted under Par. 361, Sec. 12, of the *Discipline* of 1940, to the Central Jurisdiction to change the boundaries of the Delaware Conference of that Jurisdiction when all requirements of the *Discipline* shall have been observed.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*;
ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. CONTINUATION OF SOUTH FLORIDA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE AS AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

Calendar No. 169. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 439.

M, 24; P, 20; F, 20

Permission is granted the South Florida Annual Conference (Central Jurisdiction) to continue its status as an Annual Conference for the quadrennium ending in 1948.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*;
ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. CONTINUING THE WYOMING STATE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

Calendar No. 170. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 439.

M, 24; P, 24; F, 20; N, 4

Permission is granted the Wyoming State Conference to continue as an Annual Conference for the quadrennium ending in 1948.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*;
ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. CONTINUATION OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

Calendar No. 171. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 450.

M, 24; P, 19; F, 19

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Episcopal Church is hereby permitted to continue its corporate existence.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*;
ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. RE-ENACTMENT OF CERTAIN PARAGRAPHS IN
1940 "DISCIPLINE" OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

*Calendar No. Not Published. Adopted May 6. See Journal,
Page 492.*

M, 24; P, 19; F, 19

The Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms recommends and moves the continuance and re-enactment of Paragraphs 1634, 1635, 1636, 1637, 1639, 1641, 1643, 1646, 1648, 1649, 1650 and 1651 of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*;
ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. CONTINUATION OF CORPORATIONS

(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

*Calendar No. Not Published. Adopted May 6. See Journal,
Page 492.*

M, 24; P, 19; F, 19

The Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms recommends and moves the adoption of Paragraph 1641 of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church which reads as follows:

Par. 1641. Any and all corporations organized or incorporated under the laws of any State, under or pursuant to authority heretofore granted by any General Conference of either the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, or the Methodist Protestant Church be, and they, and each of them, are hereby authorized and directed to make, or cause to be made, any change or changes, amendment or amendments in and to their respective charters, constitutions, or articles of incorporation that may be necessary to adapt the same to, and make compliance with the Plan of Union, as adopted by the three Uniting Churches, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, and with the Constitution of The Methodist Church and the provisions of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church relating to such corporations, or to any of them to the end that any and all rights, interests, and property of said corporations, or of any of them, may be properly safeguarded and preserved.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*;
ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. IN RE: AUTHORITY TO AMEND THE CHARTERS
OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

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See Journal, Page 492.*

M, 24; P, 19; F, 19.

Your Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms recommends and moves that Paragraph 1649 of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, be re-enacted. It reads as follows:

Par. 1649. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and its eleven Branches are hereby authorized and empowered to do such acts and apply for such amendments to their Charters as may be necessary to carry out the directions of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, pertaining to their and each of their corporate operations and to the transfer of their assets, their endowment, trust, and annuity funds to the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church, when and as they can make such transfer and assignments in accordance with their Charters and the terms and conditions of said permanent trust and annuity funds; *provided*, that all the funds of the Society be carefully safeguarded and administered in the interests of those persons and causes for which they were given or established.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*;
ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 14. CONTINUATION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

Calendar No. Not Published. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 493.

M, 24; P, 19; F, 19

Your Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms recommends and moves the re-enactment of Paragraph No. 1650 of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, which reads as follows:

Par. 1650. The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, an Ohio corporation, is authorized to continue its corporate existence as long as may be necessary to protect property rights as provided in Par. 1632, *Discipline* of 1939.

In order to carry out these purposes it shall have authority to make proper amendments to its Constitution and By-laws and especially with reference to the membership in the corporation; but all vacancies in such membership shall be filled only with the approval of the Home Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

All Conference corporations of this Society shall likewise be continued so long as necessary to protect property rights.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*;
ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 15. TRUSTEES OF INSTITUTIONS
(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

Calendar No. Not Published. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 491.

M, 24; P, 19; F, 19

Your Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, to which was referred Report No. 15 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 52, Subject, "Amend Paragraph 800 Relating to Trustees of Schools and Other Institutions," recommends and moves the following:

Amend Par. 800 of Section IX of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, by striking out all of said Paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Par. 800. Trustees of schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, homes, orphanages, institutes, and other institutions owned or controlled by The Methodist Church shall be at least twenty-one years of age. At all times not less than three-fourths of them shall be members of The Methodist Church, and all must be nominated, confirmed, or elected by some governing body of the Church or by some body or officer thereof to which, or to whom, this power has been delegated by the governing body of the Church; *provided*, that the number of the Trustees of any such institution owned or controlled by any Annual Conference or Conferences required to be members of The Methodist Church may be reduced to not less than a majority by a three-fourths vote of such Annual Conference or Conferences; and *provided*, that when an institution is owned and operated jointly with some other denomination or organization, said requirement that three-fourths of the Trustees shall be members of The Methodist Church shall apply only to the portion of the Trustees representing The Methodist Church.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*;
ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. PROVISION FOR HAWAII MISSION TO
ORGANIZE AS A PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE

(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

Calendar No. Not Published. Adopted May 6. See Journal,
Page 493.

M, 24; P, 19; F, 19

Your Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms recommends and moves that permission be granted the Hawaii Mission, when it shall have complied with all the Disciplinary provisions relating thereto, including approval of the presiding Bishop, to organize into a Provisional Annual Conference.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*;
ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 17. CONTINUANCE OF THE NORTH AFRICA
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

Calendar No. Not Published. Adopted May 6. See Journal,
Page 492.

M, 24; P, 19; F, 19

Your Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms recommends and moves that the North Africa Annual Conference be granted permission to continue as an Annual Conference for the quadrennium ending in 1948.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*;
ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 18. CONTINUANCE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

Calendar No. Not Published. Adopted May 6. See Journal,
Page 501.

M, 24; P, 19; F, 19

Your Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms recommends and moves that the Czechslovakia Annual Conference, called in the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, the Bohemia-Moravia Annual Conference, be granted permission to continue its life as an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1948, even though it should fall below the number of members required, as indicated in Par. 416 of the 1940 *Discipline* of said Church.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*;
ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Chairman, Albert E. Day.
Vice-Chairman, Dawson C. Bryan.
Secretary, Marguerite C. Lawson (*).

REPORT NO. 1. LEGISLATION TO SUBSTITUTE FOR PAR. 1265 TO 1287, INCLUSIVE, IN THE "DISCIPLINE" OF 1940

(MEMORIAL NO. 586.)

Calendar No. 78. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 404.
M, 26; P, 16; F, 16

SECTION I. THE AIM OF EVANGELISM

Par. 1265. The aim of Evangelism is to bring all men into living, active fellowship with God through Jesus Christ as Divine Saviour and through the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit; to gather them into the fellowship of the Church; to lead them to express their Christian discipleship in every area of human life that the kingdom of God may be realized.

SECTION II. INCORPORATION

Par. 1266. There shall be an incorporated General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, hereinafter called the Board. It shall be incorporated under the laws of the State in which its headquarters are established by the General Conference, or the present Tennessee charter of incorporation of the Commission on Evangelism may be amended.

SECTION III

Par. 1267. Article 1. *Name and Object.* The name of this organization shall be the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church. Its objects are religious, evangelistic, designed to diffuse the blessings of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, by the promotion and support of all forms and phases of evangelism; to promote evangelistic intelligence, interest, and zeal throughout the membership of The Methodist Church; to promote the practice of intercession and of individual and family worship; and to stimulate the entire membership of the Church in worship and in Christian service.

Par. 1268. Article 2. *Authority.* The Board shall have authority to regulate its own proceedings in accordance with its Constitution and Charter; to buy, acquire, receive by gift, devise, or bequest, property, personal, and mixed, and to hold, sell and dispose of property; to secure, appropriate, and administer funds for its work; to sue and be sued; to elect the necessary officers and members of its staff, remove them for cause, and fill vacancies; to make By-laws in harmony with the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church and the Charter of the Board, and shall have the right to do any and all things which shall be authorized by its Charter, *provided*, that in the case of devises or gifts of real estate to this Board in States where such devises or gifts are not valid when made to religious corporations, that the Board shall be empowered to name Trustees for the purpose of receiving and taking title to such devises or gifts for the benefit of the Board.

Par. 1269. Article 3. *Membership.* The membership of the Board shall be composed of seven Bishops of The Methodist Church, one from each Jurisdiction and one from the Church at large, elected by the Council of Bishops at the time of the General Conference; also, one of the Executive Secretaries of each of the following Boards:

- (1) The Board of Missions and Church Extension;
- (2) The Board of Education;
- (3) The Board of Lay Activities;

and one member from the Committee on Spiritual Life of the Woman's Division of Christian Service—these representatives to be selected by the respective Boards or Committees named: the Editor of the *Christian Advocate*; the Chairman of Evangelism and Worship of the National Youth Conference; two ministers; one layman; one laywoman and one youth member from each Jurisdiction, elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences; and ten members at large, to be elected by the Board.

Vacancies occurring during the quadrennium shall be filled in the following manner: those occurring among the Bishops to be filled by the Council of Bishops; those occurring in the memberships of the Jurisdictions to be filled by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction in which the vacancy occurs; and those occurring in the membership at large to be filled by the Board itself.

Par. 1270. Article 4. *Chairman.* The Chairman of the Board shall be the Bishop selected by the Council of Bishops from the Church at large and shall serve for the quadrennium. He shall make a report and present a program of work for the Board to the Council of Bishops for their approval at each regular meeting of the Council.

Par. 1271. Article 5. *Other Officers.* The Board shall elect from its membership a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of seven members including the Chairman of the General Board of Evangelism, the other six members to be selected by the Board, one from each Jurisdiction of the Church.

Par. 1272. Article 6. *Executive Officers.* The Board shall elect an Executive Secretary and, on nomination by the Executive Committee, shall elect such Associate Secretaries and Editors as may be needed.

Par. 1273. Article 7. *Financial Support.* The financial support of the General Work of the Board shall be derived from the General Benevolence Funds of the Church and that of *The Upper Room* as provided for in Section VIII.

Par. 1274. Article 8. *Meetings.* The Board shall hold an Annual Meeting and such other meetings as the Board may deem necessary for the accomplishment of the work.

Par. 1275. Article 9. *Approved Evangelists.* The Board shall have authority to set up standards for Approved Evangelists. The Bishop in charge of an Annual Conference, by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, may appoint members of an Annual Conference Approved Evangelists; provided the Conference Board on Evangelism recommends such appointment.

Par. 1276. Article 10. *Co-operation.* The Board shall co-operate with the various agencies of the Church in the training of our Ministers for leadership in the field of Evangelism and in creating a literature to serve the cause of Evangelism.

SECTION IV. JURISDICTIONAL BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Par. 1277. Article 1. Each Jurisdictional Conference may have a Board of Evangelism which shall promote the program of Evangelism in the Jurisdiction in co-operation with the General Board of Evangelism.

Par. 1278. Article 2. Each Jurisdictional Board of Evangelism shall include in its membership all members of the General Board of Evangelism who may reside within the bounds of the Jurisdiction and the Secretary of Spiritual Life of the Jurisdictional Woman's Society of Christian Service. Further organization and financial support of the Jurisdictional Board of Evangelism shall be left with the Jurisdictional Conferences.

SECTION V. ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Par. 1279. Article 1. Each Annual Conference of the Church shall provide for an Annual Conference Board of Evangelism which shall promote the program of Evangelism as outlined by the General Board and in co-operation with the Jurisdictional Board.

Par. 1280. Article 2. Each Annual Conference Board of Evangelism shall include in its membership the District Superintendents, one Pastor and one Lay member from each of the Districts and such members of the Jurisdictional Board as may reside within the bounds of the Annual Conference and the Secretary of Spiritual Life of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Conference Secretary of Evangelism, together with such further organization as the Annual Conference may desire.

Par. 1281. Article 3. Each Annual Conference, upon nomination of its Board of Evangelism, shall elect annually a Conference Secretary of Evangelism, to be publicly assigned by the Bishop, who shall promote the policies and program of the General, Jurisdictional and Conference Boards of Evangelism in the Annual Conference.

SECTION VI. DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Par. 1282. Article 1. Each District of each Annual Conference shall provide a District Committee on Evangelism, which shall promote the program of Evangelism as outlined by the General Board and in co-operation with the Annual Conference Board on Evangelism.

Par. 1283. Article 2. The District Committee on Evangelism shall include in its membership such members of the Annual Conference Commission as may reside within the bounds of the District and the Secretary of Spiritual Life of the District Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the District Superintendent, and also three Youth Members to be elected by Pastors, three Laymen, three Laywomen to be elected by the District Conference, or in case no District Conference is held, to be appointed by the District Superintendent.

SECTION VII. CHARGE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Par. 1284. Article 1. Each Pastoral Charge shall provide for a Charge Committee on Evangelism, which shall promote the program of Evangelism as outlined by the General Board and in co-operation with the District Board.

Par. 1285. Article 2. The Charge Committee on Evangelism shall include in its membership such members of the District Committee as may reside within the bounds of the Charge, the Pastor, and the Secretary of Spiritual Life, Woman's Society of Christian Service, and at least two Laymen, two Laywomen, two Youth Members, who shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee of the Charge, or, lacking such a Committee, nominated by the Pastor and elected by the Quarterly Conference.

SECTION VIII. THE UPPER ROOM

Par. 1286. The General Board of Evangelism is hereby instructed to assume the management and publication of *The Upper Room* and

to produce and distribute such literature as that now represented by *The Upper Room* for the cultivation of the spiritual life; provided, however, that no funds either now in hand or hereafter accumulated by *The Upper Room* or other devotional and related literature hereafter produced shall be used for the support of other features of the Board's work, but all net income from the sale of such publications shall be conserved by the Board for the purpose of preparing and circulating such literature; provided, however, that this shall not prevent the setting up of a reserve fund out of such profits as a protection against unforeseen emergencies.

To substitute for Par. 333. No. 5 :

Par. 333. No. 5. The Council of Bishops shall promote the evangelistic activities of the Church and shall appoint quadrennially one of their number, who shall be the Chairman of the General Board of Evangelism and furnish such inspirational leadership as the need and opportunity may demand.

To substitute for Par. 532. No. 3 (a) :

Par. 532. No. 3. (a) Evangelism, which shall promote the work of Evangelism and kindred work—see Paragraphs 1284 and 1285.

ALBERT E. DAY, *Chairman*;

MARGUERITE C. LAWSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. THE NEEDS

(MEMORIAL NO. 659.)

Calendar No. 104. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 405.
M, 26; P, 19; F, 18; A, 1

The Commission on Evangelism finds itself confronted by areas of need both vividly apparent and compelling.

Urban and industrial centers with their great unchurched populations challenge us. Large segments of people both foreign born, Czechoslovakians, Poles, Lithuanians, Italians, Mexicans and others present us with a real responsibility. Many of these people, formerly adherents of the Roman or Greek Catholic faith, are now in great numbers religiously adrift, professing no faith at all.

Labor groups offer the possibility of a real spiritual ministry. The downtown dweller, menaced by transiency, maladjustment and anonymity, often becomes a species of walled-in humanity, difficult of access and isolated by the impersonal nature of city life. Outstanding men and women who creatively lead in the community's life have in many instances gradually shifted their faith and loyalty from the Church in which they were formerly active to such institutions as Service Clubs and Commercial Organizations. With the war has come about a major dislocation of homes and families in astounding measure. These people, unrooted from old environments, former church relations, now living in

new industrial situations, easily become confirmed in a neglect of the spiritual life. Non-church going habits due to Sunday work, difficulties of transportation in wartime, a feeling of estrangement in new surroundings often result in religious inactivity and in final separation from the Church. Young men and women rapidly being discharged from the armed services and attempting to resume civilian life, represent a real challenge to the Church and a great opportunity.

People living in rural areas have traditionally been the most significant group in our Church from the standpoint of new recruits for the Kingdom. This situation still prevails. Of all groups in the nation, rural people alone produce a surplus population. If our Church is to be a growing Church, we must increase our efforts to evangelize those who constitute the primary resources of our Church's life.

A most acute need for evangelism is to be found in the homes of our nation. The solidarity of the home is weakened by the disparity of the interests of family members and especially by the employment of both parents. Delinquency of children and youth is increasing alarmingly. The spiritual and devotional practices of the average family are too infrequent. The home often lacks a sense of the presence of God and the spiritual disciplines that will condition youth to religious attitudes and loyalties. Attendance at Church Schools is declining.

Within the Church itself there is too much racial unfairness, economic injustice, class prejudice, narrow nationalism. The spiritual life of multitudes of Church members is at a low ebb. Church members take their religion for granted. There is a real peril that the Church may be by-passed by outsiders in their new and earnest search for a satisfying spiritual experience.

ALBERT E. DAY, *Chairman*;
MARGUERITE C. LAWSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH
(MEMORIAL NO. 660.)

Calendar No. 155. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 503.
M, 26; P, 19; F, 18; A, 1

For the complex and critical situation confronting the Church, there is an adequate answer—that answer is the grace and love of God revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is the disclosure of that moral order in the universe with which men and institutions alike must come into harmony if they are to endure. His absolutes are imperatives for

the individual and for society. His precepts are not the utterance of a dreaming romanticism but the interpretation of ultimate reality.

Christ is not only the clearest revelation of the ultimate moral order by which alone men and nations live. He is its most fascinating expression. If men are not only to know but to fall in love with the ultimate truths deserving our allegiance and the inescapable laws demanding our obedience, it will be as they see them incarnate in Jesus Christ.

Because Jesus Christ is the revelation of ultimate moral reality, He becomes the means by which men make that discovery which precedes all moral progress, namely, the discovery that they are sinners. He makes men poignantly aware of the disastrous conflict between themselves and God.

But He does not leave men with smitten consciences. He reveals to them the grace of God, which offers forgiveness to the penitent, moral renewal to the defeated, spiritual power to those who would henceforth live in fellowship with Him.

He is the Pioneer of life. Those who follow Him in deepening disciplines of prayer and obedience, find their minds becoming more and more aware of the will of God for all their relationships, their hearts growing more and more sensitive to human needs, their wills more resolute in the transformation of their relationships and in their response to hunger and poverty and injustice and cruelty which curse society.

Jesus Christ is the answer to the crisis of this distraught generation.

But the Church is not ready to give that answer. How can we declare Him to others if we ourselves do not know Him; if He is to us only a name, a dim figure of remote history, a shibboleth of theological warfare, a vague symbol of vaguer values, a traditional word in our liturgies, a badge of respectability, a charm we insert into our egocentric prayer? How can we have a passion to recommend Him to others as the revealer of God if we ourselves have not found God through Him; as the Redeemer from sin if our own individual and social sins remain unrebuked and unconquered; as the mediator of the grace of God, if we have never tasted the joy of forgiveness nor known the inner transformation of His Spirit, nor had our moral defeat turned into a pageant of triumph? How can we proclaim Him as the way, the truth and the life, if our minds are no wiser than the secular minds about His way, if our consciences are still undisturbed that "the world is too much with us," if our hearts are still dull to the world's pain, if our wills are still unclaimed by heroic and costly sacrifice for His kingdom?

Not only must judgment begin with us but we must come alive to what God has done for us in Jesus Christ if there is to be a spiritual renaissance in America and elsewhere.

We can have such a renaissance. Already it has come to many of our people. Awakened by a study of the New Testament, convicted of moral failure by the "light of the glory of God seen in the face of Jesus Christ," experiencing a new birth by the operation of God's Holy Spirit, living in daily fellowship with God through disciplined prayer and loyal obedience, they are meeting the issues of time with the perspective and power of eternity.

What has happened to them can happen to all. We can have a Church athrob with divine life, a Church that serves the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Your Committee on Evangelism appeals to our leaders to summon the Church to renewed discipleship of and fellowship with Christ. We request our Bishops and District Superintendents to appoint spiritual Retreats in as many places as are necessary to make them available to all our ministers and lay leaders. We urge that these Retreats be made the subject of the most careful and prayerful planning, that the days spent together may result in a clarification of mind, a warming of heart, a renewal of consecrations which shall be felt in every church in Methodism.

We urge that renewed emphasis be made on the prayer life of preachers and people. Many, if they pray at all, are living on the lowest levels of prayer. Too little known is that impassioned intercession which has characterized every great revival of religion or that highest prayer which is neither petition nor intercession but an exposure of the soul to God that purifies and exalts personality, and intensifies its concern for others. If there can be a real deepening of the prayer life of the Church, the spiritual renaissance will come.

We urge our ministers and teachers to stress the possibility of fellowship with God. Christianity, with its robust ethical demands covering every phase of life, is not simply an ethic. It is the proclamation of comradeship with the living God, the source and sustenance of the ethical life our world sorely needs:

ALBERT E. DAY, *Chairman*;
MARGUERITE C. LAWSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. METHODS
(MEMORIAL NOS. 543, 585.)

Calendar No. 106. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 405.
M, 26; P, 19; F, 18; A, 1

It is the conviction of the Committee on Evangelism that the time has come for a Church-wide simultaneous concerted effort in the field of Evangelism. The great objective shall be to revitalize the Church itself, to win people to Christ and to establish discipleship in the Church.

We request the Council of Bishops in co-operation with the Commission on Evangelism to sponsor and direct a simultaneous Church-Wide Movement in the field of Evangelism during 1946.

We recommend the following objectives:

- (1) A spiritual rebirth within the Church itself.
- (2) A minimum of 400,000 new members on profession of faith.
- (3) A minimum of 400,000 new members by certificates from unidentified Methodists.
- (4) The organization of five hundred new or abandoned Churches.
- (5) An organized mission of the Gospel of comfort and regeneration to the millions uprooted by war conditions.
- (6) An approach to labor, industrial, college and university groups with the challenge of Christ.
- (7) The enlistment of at least three million Methodists in daily devotions.

For the accomplishment of these objectives we suggest the following methods:

- (1) That the Commission on Evangelism prepare and distribute such literature as it may deem necessary for the purpose of publicizing the movement.
- (2) That suitable preparation be made in advance in the local church and in the community.
- (3) That on December 31, 1945, a special Watch Night Service of consecration be held in every church.
- (4) That in every Pastoral Charge a school of Evangelism be organized to train officers, teachers, and personal workers in winning people for Christ.
- (5) That Pastors conduct classes in training for Church membership.
- (6) That a vital program of home visitation Evangelism be promoted throughout the Church.
- (7) That a School of Evangelism be made available to every Minister in the Church.
- (8) That a Preaching Mission, continuing for at least two weeks, be conducted in every church during the year; that the Gospel be taken to those on street corners, in stores, in shops; that we challenge youth for Christ in our schools.
- (9) That Spiritual Clinics be conducted in local churches and on college campuses.

(10) That the radio be used as a means of reaching the unchurched.

(11) In the Crusade for Christ we request that the year 1946 be designated for a Church-wide simultaneous evangelistic effort. We specifically request that the time from January to Easter and on through Pentecost be set aside in the calendar of all Methodist Boards, Commissions, and local churches as a time for the promotion of a united evangelistic effort. We urge that Pentecost Sunday be emphasized as a time for a rediscovery of the significance of the Holy Spirit as the purifying and empowering presence and activity of God in human life.

(12) Realizing that the time has come for the Church and churchmen to have a closer relationship with certain organized groups too long ignored, the Board of Evangelism and other official agencies of the Church respectfully request the authority to appoint a fraternal delegate or delegates to national meetings of labor unions, medical associations, social service groups, and such other organized groups as are receptive to friendly relations with the Church.

These are special aims and methods for 1946. During the entire quadrennium a spirit and program of Evangelism should develop that there may be a constant expansion, exploration of the possibilities of new methods in this field.

ALBERT E. DAY, *Chairman*;

MARGUERITE C. LAWSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR MEMBERS
ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM
(MEMORIAL No. 181.)

*Calendar No. 193. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Pages 497,
498.*

M, 26; P, 16; F, 16

The Committee voted Non-Concurrence.

ALBERT E. DAY, *Chairman*;

MARGUERITE C. LAWSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5A. NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR MEMBERS
ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM
(MEMORIAL No. 181.) (See No. 5, Non-concur.—Editor.)

*Calendar No. 7. Withdrawn April 29 to report on later. See
Calendar No. 193. Report No. 5, Pages 497, 498*

M, 26; P, 16; F, 16

On Page 434, Chapter VII, Section III, Paragraph 1280, add the following sentence: "Elective members of the Commission shall be nominated by a committee composed of the

District Superintendents, Conference Lay Leader, and the District Lay Leaders," so that the amended paragraph would read:

1280. Each Annual Conference Commission on Evangelism shall include in its membership the District Superintendents, one Pastor and one Lay Member from each of the Districts and such members of the Jurisdictional Commission as may reside within the bounds of the Annual Conference, together with such members at large as the Annual Conference may desire. Elective members of the Commission shall be nominated by a Committee composed of the District Superintendents, Conference Lay Leader, and the District Lay Leaders.

ALBERT E. DAY, *Chairman*;
MARGUERITE C. LAWSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. THE OBSERVANCE OF PENTECOST
(MEMORIAL NO. 182.)

Calendar No. 6. Withdrawn April 9. See Journal, Page 268.
M, 26; P, 18; F, 18

For the Commission on Evangelism to Emphasize Pentecost.

WHEREAS, According to the New Testament, the spiritual climax in the experience of the disciples of Jesus which resulted in the birth of the Christian Church occurred at Pentecost rather than at Easter.

We memorialize the next session of the General Conference to direct the General Conference Commission on Evangelism to incorporate in its future programs such plans for the observance of Pentecost as will exalt this day to its proper place in the thinking and life of the Church.

ALBERT E. DAY, *Chairman*;
MARGUERITE C. LAWSON, (*) *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS AND HOMES

Chairman, Okey J. Carder.
Secretary, Hubert T. Johnson (*).

REPORT NO. 1. CONSTITUTION OF BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES

(MEMORIAL NO. 325.)

Calendar No. 39. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 309.
M, 26; P, 16; F, 16

BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES

SECTION I

Name and Purpose. There shall be a Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church as a general advisory and correlating agency for Methodist philanthropic interests and institutions not affiliated with any other Board of the Church, such as Hospitals, Homes for the Aged, Homes for Children and Homes for Youth.

Incorporation. The Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church shall be duly incorporated according to the laws of Illinois. Its headquarters shall be located in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois.

Management. The Management of the Board shall be vested in a Board of twenty-four managers, consisting of one Bishop from each Jurisdiction elected by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction, and one Minister, and two Lay Members, one of whom shall be a woman, from each Jurisdiction to be elected by the Jurisdictional Conference; provided, that one member from each Jurisdiction shall be an active administrator of an institution under the general supervision of the Board.

Officers. (1) The officers of the Board of Managers shall be a President elected by said Board from among the Bishops who are members of the Board of Managers, four vice-presidents, each of whom shall represent one of the four major interests of this Board, Hospitals, Child Welfare, Homes for Aged, Homes for Youth; a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer elected by the Board of Managers for the Quadrennium, and such other officers and agents as the Board of Managers may from time to time determine.

(2) The Board of Managers may elect an Executive Secretary and provide for his salary and necessary help. This Secretary shall be subject to the authority and control of the Board of Managers.

Meetings. (1) An annual meeting of the Board shall be held at such time and place as the Board may determine.

(2) An Executive Committee of eleven members shall be elected by the Board of Managers, such Committee to include the officers of the Board and four additional members to be elected by the Board, the Executive Secretary being a member of the Executive Committee ex-officio. Seven members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Affiliation. In order that Methodist philanthropic activities may be made scientific and Christian, hospitals or homes known as institutions of The Methodist Church and maintaining Christian standards or looking to Methodist constituency for support, shall be expected to affiliate with the Board of Hospitals and Homes.

Financial Support. Since the Board of Hospitals and Homes, is empowered to act only in an advisory, educational and co-operative capacity, the support of said Board shall be derived as follows:

(1) From gifts, devises, wills, bequests, and from administration of trust funds.

(2) Such share in the general Benevolences of the Church as the General Conference may determine.

Powers. (1) The Board may make surveys, disseminate information, suggest plans for securing funds, maintain a bureau for the purpose of securing experts in all lines of work, provide architectural data, and render assistance, other than financial assistance, in the promotion and establishment of new institutions. And, upon request of Conferences, groups, or officials of the Church, the Board may make appraisals and pass upon the validity and wisdom of accepting or rejecting institutions, such as hospitals or homes, to become beneficiaries in any way of the approval or support of The Methodist Church.

(2) The Board shall formulate standards, spiritual, financial and scientific to protect the aims and ideals of The Methodist Church and shall encourage and assist institutions in attaining these standards.

(3) The Board is empowered to act as trustee for the administration of bequests or endowments for institutions of the Church and, as a result of said trusts, to assist designated Christian social welfare work anywhere throughout the Church.

(4) As an advisory, standardizing and educational agency of The Methodist Church, the Board of Hospitals and Homes is empowered to prepare interpretative literature which can be used in a practical manner throughout the Church for Golden Cross or other appeals.

(5) The Board of Managers is authorized to organize Committees, set up financial accounts, assist institutions in efforts to secure funds, and perform such other functions as the normal work of the Board may require.

(6) The Board of Hospitals and Homes shall not be responsible, legally or morally, for the debts, contracts or obligations, or for any other financial commitments of any character or description, created, undertaken or assumed by any institution, agency or interest of The Methodist Church whether or not such institution, agency or interest shall be approved, accepted or recognized by the Board, or shall be affiliated with the Board, or whether or not the promotion or establishment of the same shall be approved, under any of the provisions of this Constitution, or otherwise. No such institution, agency or interest of The Methodist Church, and no officer or member of the Board of Managers of this Board, shall have any authority whatsoever to take any action, directly or by implication, at variance with, or deviating from, the limitation contained in the preceding sentence hereof.

SECTION II

Golden Cross Society. (1) There shall be a Golden Cross Society of The Methodist Church, which shall include in its responsibility the interests and activities formerly promoted by the White Cross Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Golden Cross Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which shall promote the Hospitals and Homes work under the direction of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, and shall collect moneys and afford other material assistance in providing hospitalization for the deserving poor, and for the care of the aged and children. The enrollment in the Methodist Golden Cross Society shall be held annually in order to secure their interest in and support of Hospitals and Homes in every congregation in such manner and on such date as determined by the patronizing Annual Conference or Annual Conferences. The week following Golden Cross enrollment Sunday shall be known as Hospitals and Homes week. Funds raised through said enrollment shall be used as directed by the Annual Conference in keeping with the policies of said Society.

(2) The right of any Annual Conference to employ such methods for financing its philanthropic institutions as it may decide upon, is recognized and the Board of Hospitals and Homes shall be available for advice and guidance.

SECTION III

Jurisdictional Board. There may be in each Jurisdiction a

Board of Hospitals and Homes auxiliary to the General Board, to be organized as the Jurisdictional Conference may determine.

SECTION IV

Annual Conference Boards. (1) Each Annual Conference shall promote within its bounds a Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes composed as follows:

a. Seven members shall be elected, three from the ministerial and four from lay members of the Conference.

b. Any member of the General Board within the Conference shall be an ex-officio member of such Conference Board.

(2) Such Conference Board shall meet at least once during the regular session of each Annual Conference and shall be in co-operation with the Board of Hospitals and Homes to promote the interest of the hospitals and homes within the bounds of said Annual Conference. In those Conferences where civil law requires the election of Boards of Trustees or Managers by the Annual Conference, the Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes may nominate persons for such election.

a. Each Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes shall organize with a Chairman who may become a voting member of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes by the payment of the personal membership dues of the Association and he shall be expected to take as much interest as possible in the program of Christian philanthropy in Methodism as represented by the Association.

SECTION V

Pastoral Charge Committee on Hospitals and Homes. Each Pastoral Charge shall have a Committee on Hospitals and Homes, appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to promote the general interests of hospitals and homes of The Methodist Church and the particular hospitals and homes to whose support they are respectively allocated. This Committee, upon request of the pastor, shall have charge annually of the Golden Cross Enrollment and the dissemination of literature to assist in relating the congregation not only to the greater philanthropy of the Church but to the social welfare represented in the local parish and community.

SECTION VI

Women's Auxiliaries. Women's Auxiliaries connected with the various philanthropic institutions of Methodism may be organized under or given approval upon compliance with established standard requirements and procedures such as the

adoption of a constitution and by-laws, fixing the identity, responsibility and relationship of such organization as an auxiliary of a Methodist institution. Such auxiliaries, when so organized and when requested by the Board of Trustees of the institutions which they represent shall be granted certificates of recognition from the Board of Hospitals and Homes.

SECTION VII

Personal Bureau. The Board of Hospitals and Homes may organize a "Personnel Bureau," under such rules and regulations as may be determined by the Board:

(1) To help institutions of philanthropic service in The Methodist Church to find adequately trained Christian personnel to conduct the various types of work represented by Methodist Hospitals and Homes.

(2) To encourage Methodist youth who are socially minded and who are desirous of investing their lives in some form of Christian institutional work.

SECTION VIII

National Methodist Association of Hospitals and Homes. There shall be organized a National Methodist Association of Hospitals and Homes to be composed of the representatives of institutions and the presidents of Jurisdictional and Conference Boards who are connected with Methodist philanthropy. This Association shall have its own constitution and by-laws, shall meet in convention once a year, shall establish its requirements for membership and have such membership dues as it may require. It shall work under the general direction of the Board of Hospitals and Homes whose Executive Secretary shall be an ex-officio member of the Association Executive Committee. The aim and purpose of this National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes, in co-operation with the Board of Hospitals and Homes, shall be to help lift the spiritual, scientific, and financial standards of our Church hospitals and homes.

SECTION IX

Code of Ethics or Manual. The Board of Hospitals and Homes shall cause to be established a Code of Ethics to serve as a standard and guide for service institutions of The Methodist Church in developing Christian and scientific characteristics.

O. J. CARDER, *Chairman*;

HUBERT T. JOHNSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. LIQUIDATION OF METHODIST HOME
(MEMORIAL NO. 751.)

*Calendar No. 107. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 402.
M, 26; P, 16; F, 16*

WHEREAS, The Methodist Home for the Aged, located at West Lafayette, Ohio, formerly operated by the Methodist Protestant Church, and now managed by the Board of Trustees of said Home under the authority of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, is in process of gradual liquidation; and

WHEREAS, The plan of liquidation is the result of an agreement between the Board of Trustees and a Joint Committee on Policy and Procedure created by the North-East Ohio Conference, September 12, 1940; and

WHEREAS, Certain facts are established to date as appears in the attached statement and summary; and

WHEREAS, The policy and procedure for liquidation was recommended by the Joint Committee and agreed to by the Board of Trustees of the West Lafayette Home and adopted by the North-East Ohio Conference, and largely because of this agreement, pension aid was secured from the Ohio State Board of Pensions; and

WHEREAS, On the basis of this total program and policy, the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church has agreed to pay an allotment of \$1,600 per annum for the current quadrennium, in keeping with the action of the last session of the General Conference (General Conference Minutes, 1940, page 412, motion by N. E. Davis); and

WHEREAS, Final liquidation entails a distribution of the family to other Methodist Homes; and

WHEREAS, Such final liquidation argues in favor of continuing joint financial responsibility by the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church, pension aid from the State of Ohio for residents who remain within the commonwealth, and an equitable distribution of the assets remaining when liquidation is complete; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the following schedule of liquidation, distribution of members and assets, and division of joint responsibility be adopted by the General Conference of The Methodist Church:

(1) That on or about July 1, 1944, the Trustees of said Home, in connection with the Board of Hospitals and Homes, shall distribute among other Homes for the Aged, all members of the West Lafayette Home.

(2) That the Board of Trustees of the West Lafayette Home, in connection with the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church, shall endeavor to effect the sale

of all properties and securities held by them, subject to delivery of occupied buildings on or soon after July 1, 1944.

(3) That when the sale of property and assets is completed, the proceeds shall be divided prorata among the Boards of Trustees representing Homes in which these distributed members are located, in the ratio of such admissions.

(4) That the General Conference authorize the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church to share responsibility in providing adequate annual support for the surviving members of the West Lafayette Home.

The amount agreed upon by the Board of Trustees of the West Lafayette Home and the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church is \$200 per year per person for all members surviving any portion of, or the entire, quadrennium of 1944-1948, said sums to be paid to Homes receiving such members.

(5) That the Board of Trustees of the West Lafayette Home continue to function until all members of the Home at West Lafayette have been relocated, and until all real estate and other assets of the Home have been sold and distributed.

(6) That the following persons be elected as members of The Board of Trustees of the West Lafayette Home, for the quadrennium 1944-1948, or until liquidation is completed:

D. L. Custis, Youngstown, Ohio
H. W. Peterson, Steubenville, Ohio
Roy I. Farmer, Cleveland, Ohio
O. F. Hull, Cresline, Ohio.
C. L. Yoder, West Lafayette, Ohio
F. E. Stottlemier, Cambridge, Ohio
T. L. Montgomery, Coshocton, Ohio

WHEREAS, The above resolution providing for the liquidation of the Methodist Home for the Aged (formerly owned and operated by the Methodist Protestant Church), located at West Lafayette, Ohio, has been endorsed by:

The Board of Trustees of said Home;

The unanimous action of the North-East Ohio and the Ohio Annual Conferences at their regular sessions held in May and June of 1943;

And approved by the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church;

And concurred in by the Boards of Trustees of our Homes for the Aged in Elyria and Cincinnati, Ohio, and Pittsburgh, Pa.:

Therefore, We memorialize the General Conference of The

Methodist Church, in session at Kansas City, Mo., on or about April 26, 1944:

First, to approve the resolution herewith attached.

Second, to set the date for the transfer of the family remaining at the West Lafayette Home (now numbering nine), and to give instructions covering the distribution of these members to other Homes.

Third, to elect the Board of Trustees for the West Lafayette Home, in accordance with the resolution above mentioned.

Respectfully submitted by the Joint Committee representing the Homes and the Annual Conferences named above.

Harold Mohn, Warren, Ohio, chairman.

O. J. CARDER, *Chairman*;

HUBERT T. JOHNSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNUAL
CONFERENCE BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES
(MEMORIAL NO. 183.)

*Calendar No. 194. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Pages 497,
498.*

M, 26; P, 16; F, 0; A, 16

The Committee recommends non-concurrence in Memorial No. 183.

O. J. CARDER, *Chairman*;

HUBERT T. JOHNSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. QUADRENNIAL REPORTS
(MEMORIAL NO. 710.)

*Calendar No. 131. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 403.
M, 26; P, 14; F, 14*

Your Committee on Hospitals and Homes has carefully reviewed the Quadrennial Report of the Board of Hospitals and Homes on pages 361-375 of Quadrennial Reports of The Methodist Church to the General Conference of 1944.

We commend this to the Conference as a statement of facts concerning the organization, purposes and work of this Board.

We note with interest the expanding program of our philanthropic efforts and look with pride upon the attainments of this quadrennium.

We rejoice in the announcement that the Board is free of debt, and is relieved of the responsibility of administrative care in certain hospitals and homes that were owned and operated under the control of the general Church.

O. J. CARDER, *Chairman*;

HUBERT T. JOHNSON, (*) *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS

Chairman, Nolan B. Harmon.
Secretary, David D. Jones (*).

REPORT NO. 1. ECUMENICAL METHODIST CONFERENCE
(MEMORIAL NO. 459.)

Calendar No. 12. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 281.
M, 26; P, 16; F, 16

Your Committee had before it a Memorial signed by Paul N. Garber, Edgar Nease, Charles C. Weaver, J. A. Bays and W. L. Cash, as follows:

ECUMENICAL METHODIST CONFERENCE

Resolved, That the General Conference of The Methodist Church approves the work of the Ecumenical Methodist Council and is gratified by its report as printed in the Handbook, pp. 492-495.

Resolved further, That it is with regret that we note the postponement of the Ecumenical Methodist Conference, and we instruct our Bishops to make provisions for representation should peace come and the holding of such Conference be deemed advisable. In case it seems wise to do so, we authorize an invitation that the next Conference be held in America.

Resolved further, That attention be hereby called to the outline of Ecumenical Methodist history and principles as found in the *Handbook* of the General Conference, pp. 492-495.

Resolved further, That in order that the work of ecumenical Methodism be continued and participation in the next Conference be made possible, an amount not to exceed \$1,000 annually be allowed from the Administrative Fund of the Church.

Resolved further, That the Editors of the *Discipline* of our Church are hereby authorized to print in the next edition the names of our representatives in the Ecumenical Council, Western Section, as furnished by its Secretary.

PAUL N. GARBER
E. H. NEASE
CHARLES C. WEAVER
J. A. BAYS
W. L. CASH

NOLAN B. HARMON, *Chairman*;
DAVID D. JONES, (*) *Secretary*.

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REPORT NO. 2. COMMISSION ON INTERDENOMINATIONAL
RELATIONS

(MEMORIAL NOS. 326, 584, 746, 747, 769, 583.)

Calendar No. 83. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 381.
M, 26; P, 11; F, 11

PREAMBLE

Your Committee is glad to report that all memorials, requests, and communications officially called to its attention reflect an increasingly powerful demand for a closer unity among all Christian forces. In the midst of a divided world there stands out with more and more clarity the vision of an undivided Church. The Ecumenical Movement is but another name for the age-long effort and desire which has been present with the Church in every place at all times—that all Christians may be one. In this movement today our own Church is taking a conspicuous part.

Specifically your Committee had before it pages 34 and 35 of the Episcopal Address; also the report of the Commission on Interdenominational Church Relations; many memorials; and other matters referred to it for action or advice. The results of your Committee's deliberations and its specific recommendations are hereinafter set forth.

Having received and examined the Report of the Commission on Interdenominational Relations as made to the General Conference, we hereby express our commendation of the efforts and work of the Commission on Interdenominational Relations during the past quadrennium. Especially do we note with approval the fraternal meetings with similar representative groups from the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

We encourage any negotiations or explorations by the Commission during the next quadrennium with these or any other Churches which may express a desire to consider the advisability of closer interdenominational fellowship.

The Commission shall be continued and constituted exactly as called for by Paragraph 1701 of the *Discipline* of 1940.

NOLAN B. HARMON, *Chairman*;
DAVID D. JONES, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. RELATIONS WITH THE COLORED METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(MEMORIAL NO. None.)

Calendar No. 84. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 381.
M, 26; P, 12; F, 12

Your Committee had referred to it the report presented to

the Conference by Dr. E. D. Kohlstedt, which report is as follows:

RELATIONS WITH COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

On page 792 of our 1940 *Discipline*, please note paragraph 1731, captioned "Relations with Colored Methodist Episcopal Church," which reads:

"The Board of Missions and Church Extension is authorized to appoint not more than fifteen representatives to a

JOINT COMMISSION ON CO-OPERATION AND COUNCIL

with like members from the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, for study and consideration of the problems involved."

In accordance with a mandate from the Joint Commission on Co-operation and Counsel with the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, it is my privilege to present a request for the renewal of said authorization, and the continuance of that Commission for another quadrennium.

If someone will make and second a motion to that effect, I would like to bring a brief informational statement on the subject.

Having been charged with the responsibility by the Board of Missions and Church Extension, of convening and Joint Commission, its organization was effected early in the quadrennium, with the late Dr. Grover Carlton Emmons as Chairman. Two meetings were held, the last one on April 11, 1944, only three days before the departure of Brother Emmons for his eternal home. Our discussions at these meetings were constructive, and helpful to the interests of both communions.

The financial phase of this traditional responsibility of Methodism has been recognized as a continuing and sacred trust. During the year of 1940, the Board of Missions of our former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, disbursed \$36,417.46 toward the support of Colored Methodist Episcopal Church missionary projects. Beginning with January of 1941 the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church assumed the responsibility of providing support for this work and, through its section of Home Missions, has made the following disbursements:

Five months ending May 31, 1941	\$19,631.15
Year ending May 31, 1942	35,627.00
Year ending May 31, 1943	36,450.00
Appropriated for year ending May 31, 1944	37,250.00
Appropriated for year ending May 31, 1945	40,250.00

The support of this work has been included in the askings

of the Board of Missions and Church Extension for the next quadrennium, increased appropriation has been made for the first year of another four-year period. The Division of Home Missions and Church Extension has continued such financial support for missionary work sponsored by the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, has accepted and plans to continue that obligation, as well as the above-mentioned consultative relations, if you are disposed to grant the authorization requested.

My administrative colleagues and I believe that this sacred trust, a heritage from the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, should be recognized as a permanent connectional responsibility of The Methodist Church.

E. D. KOHLSTEDT

We greatly appreciate the spirit and scope of this Report and thank Dr. Kohlstedt and the officials of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension for this helpful and brotherly co-operation and help on their part. This is but an earnest of that bond of brotherhood which we feel for the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

NOLAN B. HARMON, *Chairman*;
DAVID D. JONES, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

(MEMORIAL NO. 583.)

Calendar No. 85. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 381.
M, 26; P, 11; F, 11

The General Conference reaffirms the membership of The Methodist Church in the World Council of Churches and records its hearty approval of the leadership given by the World Council of Churches in this great Ecumenical Movement. We authorize the Council of Bishops to nominate and the General Conference to elect representatives of The Methodist Church on the World Council of Churches. Due regard shall be given to nation-wide representation, and provision shall be made for some continuity of service. Vacancies which occur during the quadrennium shall be filled by the Council of Bishops. We request the Commission on World Service and Finance to provide for such travel expense as it may find practicable for attendance of representatives at meetings. We urge that the budget for the quadrennium beginning in 1948 provide a regular appropriation for the expenses of representatives after that time.

NOLAN B. HARMON, *Chairman*;
DAVID D. JONES, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST
IN AMERICA

(MEMORIAL NOS. 583, 747.)

Calendar No. 86. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 416.
M, 26; P, 11; F, 11

It is a source of gratification and thanksgiving that the historic spirit of co-operation among the people called Methodists with other Christian Churches has been given practical application in our day by the participation of our Church in the membership and work of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. It is apparent to everyone that world conditions call for a continuation of good will and the closest collaboration among the people of God. We appreciate greatly the work of our representatives who have been serving during the past quadrennium on the Federal Council, and commend them for the way in which they have ably represented Methodism in the work of the Council.

We direct that the following paragraph be inserted in the *Discipline*:

The historic relationship of The Methodist Church to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America is reaffirmed and the membership of The Methodist Church in the Federal Council is hereby continued. The representatives of The Methodist Church who are to serve upon the Federal Council shall be chosen in the following manner: The nominations shall be made by the Council of Bishops and election by the General Conference. The Bishops are requested to include among their nominations representative members of the Church from the various Jurisdictions. The Council of Bishops shall and is hereby empowered to fill vacancies when they occur between sessions of the General Conference.

We direct our General Commission on World Service and Finance to continue to provide support for the Federal Council in such amount as the Commission on World Service and Finance may deem advisable.

NOLAN B. HARMON, *Chairman*;
DAVID D. JONES, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. THE PROPOSED NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF CHURCHES

(MEMORIAL NOS. 484, 748.)

Calendar No. 87. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 416.
M, 26; P, 11; F, 11

Your Committee had before it memorials concerning the merging of eight international agencies, including the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, into the proposed National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Since The Methodist Church has

always shown itself friendly toward any movement that looks in the direction of a closer merger of Protestant forces, we receive this proposal with great interest. We recommend that the Commission on Interdenominational Relations, in conference with the various Boards and Agencies of the Church which are concerned, study this proposal during the coming quadrennium and report its findings to the next General Conference.

NOLAN B. HARMON, *Chairman*;
DAVID D. JONES, (*) *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Chairman, Leslie J. Lyons (*).
Vice-Chairman, Elwood F. Melson (*).
Secretary, Cassius J. Miller.

REPORT NO. 1. THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL (MEMORIAL NO. 454.)

*Calendar No. 9. Adopted April 29. See Journal, Pages 265,
330.
M, 26; P, 16; F, 16*

Paragraph 601. The Judicial Council shall be composed of nine members, of whom five shall be ministers and four shall be laymen. They shall be at least forty years of age, and members of The Methodist Church. Their term of office shall be eight years, and they shall be nominated and elected in the following manner:

The Council of Bishops shall nominate by majority vote four times the number of ministers and four times the number of laymen to be elected. At the same session of the General Conference at which the above nominations are announced, nominations may be made from the floor without discussion, and at no other session.

The names of all such nominees shall be published in the DAILY ADVOCATE together with the name of the Conference to which each belongs for two consecutive issues immediately prior to the day of election, and from these nominations the General Conference shall elect without discussion, and by ballot, and by majority vote, the necessary number. From the remaining nominees the General Conference shall elect in the same manner by separate ballot the same number of alternates in each class.

The alternates shall be eligible to fill permanent vacancies occurring in the membership of the Council in the order of their election. In such event it shall be the duty of the President and Secretary of the Council to notify the alternate entitled to fill any such vacancy.

In the event of the enforced absence of one or more members of the Council during a session of the General Conference, such temporary vacancy, or vacancies, may be filled for that session of the General Conference by alternate, or alternates, of the same class or respective classes in the order of their election. In such event, it shall be the duty of the President and Secretary of the Council to notify the alternate, or alternates entitled to serve; provided that nothing in this provision shall affect the validity of any action of the Council so long as a quorum is present.

If vacancies occur after the exhaustion of the list of alternate members the Council is authorized to fill such vacancies for the remainder of the quadrennium.

The terms of office of the members of the Council and alternates

(NOTE: Action on the above Report, Calendar No. 9, adopted Saturday, April 29, 1944, was reconsidered Tuesday evening, May 2, 1944, and Calendar No. 103, Report No. 4 (see page 612), was adopted in lieu thereof. Editor.)

shall expire upon the adjournment of the General Conference which elects their successors.

LESLIE J. LYONS, (*) *Chairman*;
CASSIUS J. MILLER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. DECLARATORY DECISIONS
(MEMORIAL NO. 487.)

Calendar No. 8. Adopted April 29. See Journal, Pages 269, 303.

M, 26; P, 16; F, 16

Under the authority of Paragraph 43, Section 5, of the *Discipline*, it is recommended that the following paragraphs under the heading "Declaratory Decisions" be adopted as additional paragraphs to and a part of the law relating to the work of the Judicial Council (P. 601-612).

Paragraph —. When the General Conference shall have passed any act or legislation that appears to be subject to more than one interpretation, or when any paragraph or paragraphs of the *Discipline* seem to be of doubtful meaning or application, any authority in the Church affected thereby, that would have the right to appeal thereon to the Judicial Council under the law of the Church from any action of any Conference, ruling of a Bishop, or of any Board, Commission or body of the Church, may petition the Judicial Council for a ruling in the nature of a declaratory decision as to the meaning, application and effect of such act, legislation or paragraph, or paragraphs, of the *Discipline*, and the decision of the Judicial Council thereon shall be as binding and effectual as a decision on appeal under the law relating to appeals to the Judicial Council.

But only those who could appeal from an action under such act, legislation, or laws can ask for such declaratory decision by the Judicial Council. Moot and hypothetical questions will not be decided, but only those where some action is desired and some doubt or question as to the meaning or application of the act, legislation, action or ruling is apparent. The Judicial Council shall determine from the facts in connection with each such petition whether or not it has jurisdiction to hear and determine the same.

Paragraph —. When a declaratory decision is sought all persons or bodies who have or claim any interest which would be affected by the declaration shall be parties to the proceeding, and the petition shall name such parties. If the Council determines that other parties not named by the petition would be affected by such a decision, such additional parties shall also be added; and the petitioner, or petitioners, shall then be required to serve all parties so joined with a copy of the petition within 15 days after the filing of the same with the Judicial Council. In like manner any interested party may on his, or its own motion intervene, and answer, plead, or interplead.

Paragraph —. All parties shall have the privilege of filing briefs and arguments, and presenting evidence, under such rules as the Council may adopt from time to time. If the Judicial Council deems it necessary to a complete understanding of the facts, in any proceeding in the nature of a petition for a declaratory decision, it may hear evidence, either orally in session, or by affidavits filed, agreed statements of fact by adverse parties, or may designate one or more of its members to hear evidence and report the same to the Judicial Council.

Paragraph —. In all other respects, except as provided herein, the proceedings before the Judicial Council in such matters shall be governed by the same rules and regulations as those under which appeals to the Judicial Council are heard.

LESLIE J. LYONS, (*) *Chairman*;
CASSIUS J. MILLER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. APPEAL OF A TRAVELING PREACHER
(MEMORIAL NOS. 187 and 571.)

Calendar No. 69. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 472.
M, 26; P, 13; F, 13

Change the word "of" in line three of Paragraph 694, and line three of Paragraph 695, to the word "on," so there may be uniformity of language in all paragraphs dealing with the Appellate Court.

Add a paragraph to Paragraph 697 as follows: "All necessary traveling and sustenance expense incurred by the Committee on Appeal, the counsel for the Church, and the counsel for the defendant, in the hearing of an appeal case coming from an Annual Conference and appearing before any Jurisdictional Committee on Appeals, shall be paid out of the administration fund of the Jurisdictional Conference in which the proceedings arise."

As amended the Paragraphs shall read as follows:

Paragraph 694, Article 1. "Each Jurisdictional Conference, upon nomination of the Bishops, shall elect a Committee on Appeals composed of nine Traveling Elders who have been at least six years successively members of The Methodist Church, or one of the Uniting Churches, and an equal number of alternates. This Committee shall serve until its successors have been confirmed. The Committee shall have full power to hear and determine appeals of Traveling Preachers taken from any Annual Conference within the Jurisdiction. The Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure and its decisions shall be final.

Paragraph 695, Article 2. In case of conviction, a Traveling Preacher shall have the right of appeal to the Jurisdictional Committee on Appeals as above constituted; provided, that within thirty days after his conviction he shall notify the President of the Conference in writing of his intention to appeal.

Paragraph 696, Article 3. When notice of an appeal has been given a President of an Annual Conference, he shall give notice of the same to the Secretary of the Committee on Appeals of the Jurisdictional Conference and submit the documents in the case. The Jurisdictional Committee on Appeals shall give notice to the President of the Conference from which the appeal is taken and to the Appellant of the time and place where the appeal will be heard. Both the Annual Conference and the Appellant may be represented by counsel. The President of the Conference shall appoint counsel for the Church.

Paragraph 697, Article 4. The Committee on Appeals of the Jurisdictional Conference when acting as a Court of Appeals shall determine two questions only:

- (a) Does the evidence sustain the charge or charges?
 (b) Were there such errors of law as to vitiate the verdict?

These questions shall be determined by the records of the trial and the arguments of the counsel for the Church and for the accused. The Committee shall in no case hear witnesses.

To add a paragraph to Paragraph 697 as follows: "All necessary traveling and sustenance expense incurred by the Committee on Appeals, the counsel for the Church, and the counsel for the defendant, in the hearing of an appeal case coming from an Annual Conference and appearing before any Jurisdictional Committee on Appeals, shall be paid out of the administration fund of the Jurisdictional Conference in which the proceedings arise."

LESLIE J. LYONS, (*) *Chairman*;
 CASSIUS J. MILLER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL
 (MEMORIAL NO. 454.)

Calendar No. 103. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 330.
 M, 26; P, 14; F, 14

Paragraph 601, Art. 1. Members. The Judicial Council shall be composed of nine members, five of whom shall be ministers and four shall be laymen. They shall be at least forty years of age, and members of The Methodist Church. Their terms of office shall be eight years. Members of the Council shall be nominated and elected in the manner following:

At each Quadrennial Session of the General Conference, the Council of Bishops shall nominate by majority vote four times the number of ministers and four times the number of laymen to be elected at such session of the General Conference. At the same daily session at which the above nominations are announced, nominations for each class may be made from the floor, but at no other time.

The names of all such nominees shall be published in the DAILY ADVOCATE with the name of the Conference to which each belongs, for two consecutive issues immediately prior to the day of election, which shall be set by action of the General Conference at the session at which the nominations are made, and from these nominations the General Conference shall elect without discussion, by ballot and by majority vote, the necessary number of each class.

Election of members shall be held at each session of the General Conference for only the number of members whose terms expire at such session.

Art. 2. Alternates. There shall be a like number of alternates of each class, and their qualifications shall be the same as for membership on the Judicial Council. Except as hereinafter provided the term of the alternates shall be for eight years, and they shall be elected in the manner following:

From the nominees of each class remaining on the ballot after the election of the necessary number of members of the Judicial Council to be elected at sessions of the General Conference, the General Conference shall, by separate ballot, without discussion and by majority vote, elect the number of alternates of each class to be elected at such session of the General Conference: provided, however, that at the

1948 session of the General Conference three ministerial alternates and two lay alternates shall be elected for four years. Thereafter all elections of alternates shall be for a term of eight years. An election shall be held at each session of the General Conference for only the number of each class whose terms expire at such session of the General Conference, or to fill vacancies.

Art. 3. Vacancies. If a vacancy or vacancies in the membership of The Judicial Council occur during the interim between sessions of the General Conference they shall be filled by the alternate, or alternates, of the same class or respective classes in the order of their election as alternates, and they shall hold office as members of the Judicial Council for the unexpired term of the member whom each respectively succeeds. In the event of any vacancy it shall be the duty of the President and Secretary of the Council to notify the alternate entitled to fill it.

In the event of the enforced absence of one or more members of the Council at or during a session of the General Conference, such temporary vacancy, or vacancies, may be filled for that session of the General Conference, or the remainder thereof, by an alternate, or alternates, of the same class or respective classes in the order of their election; provided, that nothing in this provision shall affect the validity of any action of the Council so long as a quorum is present.

Any permanent vacancy or vacancies in the alternates shall be filled by election at the next session of the General Conference to the class or respective classes in which such permanent vacancy or vacancies exist, and the person or persons so elected shall hold office during the unexpired term of the alternate whom each respectively succeeds.

If vacancies in the membership of the Judicial Council occur after exhibit of the list of alternates the Council is authorized to fill such vacancies for the remainder of the quadrennium.

Art. 4. General. The terms of office of the members of the Council and of the alternates shall expire upon the adjournment of the General Conference at which their successors are elected.

Committee on Judicial Administration.

LESLIE J. LYONS, (*) *Chairman*;
CASSIUS J. MILLER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. REVISION OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION (MEMORIAL NO. 574.)

Calendar No. 125. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 429.
M, 26; P, 13; F, 12; N, 1

Chapter II

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Trial of a Bishop or Traveling Preacher

SECTION I. OFFENSES FOR WHICH A BISHOP, OR A TRAVELING PREACHER OR PREACHER ON TRIAL IN AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE MAY BE TRIED

Par. 621. A Bishop, or Traveling Preacher, or Preacher on Trial in an Annual Conference shall be liable to accusation and trial upon any of the following charges:

- (a) Unchristian tempers, words or action.
- (b) Disobedience to the Order and *Discipline* of the Church.
- (c) Imprudent or unministerial conduct.
- (d) Habitual neglect of duties as a member, or officer in the Church.

- (e) Disseminating doctrines contrary to the Articles of Religion or other established standards of doctrines of the Church.
- (f) Immorality or crime.
- (g) Maladministration in office in the Church.

SECTION II. INVESTIGATION AND TRIAL OF A BISHOP

Par. 622. A Bishop is amenable for his conduct to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference in which he has residential or presidential supervision, or to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference to which he is related.

Par. 623. Article 1. If a Bishop shall be accused in writing of any of the offenses hereinbefore mentioned (Par. 621) in the interval between sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference, the District Superintendent within whose District the offense is said to have been committed shall call the Committee of Investigation of that Annual Conference, who shall carefully inquire into the case; and if, in the judgment of the majority of them, there is reasonable ground for such accusation, they shall prepare and sign the proper charges and specifications, and send a copy of the same to the accused, and to the President of the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction in which the offense took place. The said President shall call together at some convenient place in not less than ten nor more than fifteen days from the time he receives the charges, nine Traveling Elders of said Jurisdiction, and also the witnesses by whom the accusation is expected to be proved. The said President, or some other Bishop of the Jurisdiction appointed by him, shall preside at the investigation. If possible the accused shall have the right to make a statement in his own behalf and to interrogate witnesses, but shall not himself present any. If six or more of these Traveling Elders determine that a trial is justified, they shall order one and they may suspend the Bishop pending trial as hereinafter provided.

Par. 624. Art. 2. In case a trial be ordered, the President of the College of Bishops of the said Jurisdiction shall within seven days from the date on which a trial is ordered fix the time and place of it, which shall be in not less than thirty or more than sixty days from the date of such order. The Trial Court shall be constituted as follows:

1. The Bishop shall arrange for a meeting of the accused and his counsel and the counsel for the Church, as early as practicable after the trial is ordered, to select the members of the Trial Court.

2. The Bishop shall nominate thirteen Traveling Elders from the list as proposed members of the Trial Court.

3. The Church and the accused each shall have the right of peremptory challenge to the number of four and of unlimited challenge for cause.

4. For each name stricken from this list of thirteen through the exercise of the right of challenge, the Bishop shall add another from the eligible group until the required number of thirteen is thus selected. If necessary to complete the panel, nominations may be made from other Traveling Elders in the Jurisdiction.

5. By a continuation of this same process four alternates shall be chosen who shall be called in the order of their election to serve.

6. Should the accused be the President of the College of Bishops of the Jurisdictional Conference, then a copy of such charges and specifications shall be sent to the Secretary of the College of Bishops of that Jurisdictional Conference, who shall perform the duties hereinabove prescribed for the President, or designate another Bishop of the same Jurisdictional Conference.

Par. 625. Art. 3. The Court as thus constituted shall have full power to try the accused and by a vote of nine or more suspend him from the exercise of the functions of his office; to depose him from his office or the ministry or both; or expel him from the Church; or in case of minor offenses to fix a lesser penalty. Its findings shall be final, subject to appeal to the Judicial Council as hereinafter provided, and shall be reported to the Jurisdictional Conference for entry on its Journal. The records of the trial, including the testimony, shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the Trial Court and shall be placed in the custody of the Secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference, together with all the documents in the case, for preservation with the papers of the Jurisdictional Conference, and shall be the basis of any appeal which may be taken.

Par. 626. Art. 4. An accusation preferred during the session of a Jurisdictional Conference shall be made directly to the Committee on Episcopacy, which shall investigate the charges, and, if it consider a trial necessary, shall report to the Jurisdictional Conference. If the Committee on Episcopacy should decide a trial necessary, it shall formulate charges and specifications, conforming them to the grade of offense involved in the accusation, and it shall appoint one or more of its members to prosecute the case. The bill of charges and specifications shall be a part of the report of the Committee to the Jurisdictional Conference.

Par. 627. Art. 5. Every case to be tried under the process stated in the foregoing paragraph (Par. 626, Art. 4) shall be referred to a Trial Court which shall consist of thirteen Traveling Elders and a Presiding Officer all of whom shall be appointed by the President in the Chair, or in such manner as the Conference may determine. The Church and the accused each shall have, in addition to the right of unlimited challenge for cause, the right of peremptory challenge to the number of four. The Court as thus constituted shall have full power to try the accused and by a two-thirds vote suspend him from his office; to depose him from his office or the ministry, or both; or expel him from the Church; or in case of minor offenses to fix a lesser penalty. Its findings shall be final, subject to appeal to the Judicial Council as hereinafter provided.

Par. 628. Art. 5. A Bishop suspended or deposed shall have no claim upon the Episcopal Fund for salary, dwelling, or any other expenses from the date of such suspension or deposition; but in case he is thereafter found not guilty of the charge, or charges, for which he was suspended or deposed, his claim upon the Episcopal Fund for the period during which he was deprived of the functions of his office shall be paid to him.

Par. 629. Art. 6. If an alleged offense has been committed beyond the bounds of any District, the District Superintendent within the bounds of whose District the Bishop resides shall proceed as hereinafter provided.

Par. 630. Art. 7. The several Central Conferences shall make suitable rules for the investigation and trial of charges against Bishops elected by them. In the absence of such rules the same procedure shall be followed as is provided for the investigation and trial of Bishops in Jurisdictional Conferences; provided, however, that an appeal may be taken to the Judicial Council.

SECTION III. INVESTIGATION AND TRIAL OF A TRAVELING PREACHER OR A PREACHER ON TRIAL

Par. 631. Article 1. Each Annual Conference at each session, upon nomination of the Presiding Bishop, shall elect five Elders, men of

experience and sound judgment in the affairs of the Church, who shall be known as the Committee of Investigation, and three reserves chosen in like manner to serve in the absence or disqualification of the principals.

Par. 632. Article 2. If a traveling Preacher, or a Preacher on Trial, in the interval between sessions of his Conference, shall be accused of any of the offenses enumerated in Par. 621, his District Superintendent, or the Superintendent of the District within the bounds of which such acts are alleged to have taken place, shall call the Committee on Investigation to inquire into the same, and, if possible, bring the accused and accuser face to face; the accused shall have the right to make a statement in his own behalf, but shall not present any witnesses. The District Superintendent shall preside throughout the proceedings, and shall certify and declare the judgment of the Committee.

Par. 633. Article 3. If the accused is a District Superintendent, the Bishop in charge shall call in the Superintendent of any other District or a Traveling Elder of the Annual Conference, who shall summon the Committee of Investigation of the Annual Conference of which the accused is a member, to investigate the case and he shall preside at the investigation.

Par. 634. Article 4. If in the judgment of a majority of the Committee of Investigation there is reasonable ground for such accusation, they shall prepare and sign the proper charges and specifications, send a copy to the accused, to the Bishop in charge, to the District Superintendent or the Traveling Elder duly appointed by the Bishop in charge, and to the Secretary of the Annual Conference. On recommendation of the Committee of Investigation the Bishop may suspend the accused from all ministerial services pending trial.

Par. 635. Article 5. The Bishop in charge, or the District Superintendent, or the Traveling Elder duly appointed by the Bishop in charge, within ten days after receipt of a copy of such charges, shall appoint counsel for the Church and notify the accused in writing to appear at a fixed time and place no less than seven days after service of such notice, to select the members of the Trial Court. At the appointed time upon nomination of a majority of the District Superintendents, and in the presence of the accused and his counsel, if requested, and counsel for the Church, the Presiding Officer shall select effective Elders of the Annual Conference of which the accused is a member as a Trial Court. The counsel for the Church and the accused, each shall have peremptory challenges to the number of four and challenges for cause without limit. If by reason of challenges being sustained the number is reduced below thirteen, additional Elders shall be named to take the places of the numbers challenged, so that the membership of the Trial Court shall consist of thirteen members. The Presiding Officer in charge shall also fix the time and place for the trial, notice of which shall be given in writing to the accused by the counsel for the Church seven days in advance of the time fixed; provided, that with the consent of the accused, the time of the trial may be fixed at an earlier date. The Bishop in charge, or another Bishop invited by him, or a Traveling Elder appointed by him, shall preside at the trial. He shall appoint a Secretary who shall keep a record of the proceedings and of the testimony. The Court thus constituted shall have full power to try the accused and upon his conviction by a vote of nine, or more, thereof to suspend him from the exercise of the functions of his office; or to depose him from his office or the ministry or both; or to expel him from the Church; or in case of minor offenses to fix a lesser penalty. Its findings shall be final, subject to appeal to the Committee on Appeals of the Jurisdictional Con-

ference. It shall make a faithful report in writing of all its proceedings, signed by the President and Secretary of the Committee, to the Secretary of the Annual Conference for permanent record, and deliver to him therewith the bill of charges, the evidence taken, and the decision rendered, together with all documents brought into the trial.

Par. 636. Article 1. When accusation against a Traveling Preacher is preferred during the session of an Annual Conference, it shall be referred to the Annual Conference Committee of Investigation, which Committee shall report to the Conference whether or not a trial is deemed necessary. The Committee of Investigation when reporting a case for trial, shall formulate a bill of charges and specifications. The Presiding Bishop shall appoint some Traveling Elder of the Conference as counsel for the Church.

Par. 637. Article 2. The Conference may constitute a Trial Court of thirteen effective Elders to try the accused in the same manner as in Par. 635. The Trial Court in the presence of a Bishop, or of a Chairman whom the President of the Conference shall have appointed, and one of the Secretaries of the Conference, shall try the case. The Trial Court thus constituted shall have full power, upon conviction of the accused by two-thirds vote thereof, to expel him from the ministry and membership of the Church; to depose him from the ministry of the Church; to suspend him from his office in the ministry; or to fix a lesser penalty. Its findings shall be final, subject to appeal to the Committee on Appeals of the Jurisdictional Conference. It shall make a faithful report in writing of all its proceedings, duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Trial Court, to the Secretary of the Annual Conference for entry on its Journal, and deliver to him therewith the bill of charges and specifications, the evidence taken, and the decision rendered, with all documents brought into the trial. The Annual Conference may order the completion of such trial before the final adjournment of session.

Par. 638. Article 3. When an accused is tried and the specific charge is not sustained by the evidence, but the accused has been found guilty of imprudent or of unministerial conduct, this fact may be so declared and a suitable penalty imposed by the Committee.

Par. 639. Any Traveling Preacher residing beyond the bounds of his own Conference shall be subject to the investigation prescribed in Pars. 631-635, under the authority of the Superintendent of the District within which he resides, or within which he is employed. The Committee of Investigation shall consist of the Committee of Investigation of that Conference. If he resides or is employed within the bounds of a Mission, he shall be subject to investigation under the authority of the Superintendent of the District within which he holds his quarterly Conference membership, or of the Superintendent of the Mission and the Committee of Investigation of the same. If he is the Superintendent of the Mission the Bishop in charge shall appoint an Elder to act in the case.

Par. 640. An Annual Conference may entertain and try charges against its Ministerial Members though no investigation of them has been held, or though the investigation has not resulted in suspension.

Par. 641. In all the foregoing cases the papers, including the record, charges, evidence, and findings, shall be transmitted to the ensuing session of the Annual Conference of which the accused is a member; on which papers, and on such other evidence as may be admitted, and also upon other charges or specifications as may be presented, due notice of the same having been given to the accused, the case shall be determined.

ADMONITIONS

Par. 642. In cases of unchristian temper, words, or actions, the Traveling Preacher so offending shall be admonished by his District Superintendent. If he offends again, one or more Ministers are to be taken as witnesses. If he continues to offend, the District Superintendent shall proceed as directed in Pars. 631-635.

Par. 643. Any Traveling Preacher who shall hold a religious service within the bounds of a Pastoral Charge not his own, when requested by the Preacher in Charge, or the District Superintendent not to hold such service, shall be deemed guilty of disobedience to the Order and *Discipline* of the Church; and if he shall not refrain from such conduct, he shall be liable to investigation and trial.

Par. 644. If a Traveling Preacher is charged with disseminating publicly or privately doctrines which are contrary to our Articles of Religion, or to our other existing and established standards of doctrine, and the minister so offending shall solemnly promise the Committee of Investigation not to disseminate such erroneous doctrines in public or private, it may waive suspension in order that the case may be laid before the next Annual Conference, which shall determine the matter.

SECTION IV. TRIAL OF AN ACCEPTED SUPPLY

Par. 645. An Accepted Supply, as to amenability and appeal, is considered as a Local Preacher; but in his case the District Superintendent shall perform the duties which are assigned to the Preacher in Charge in the case of an accused Local Preacher.

SECTION V. PREACHERS IN PROVISIONAL ANNUAL

Par. 646. In all matters of Judicial Administration the rights, duties, and responsibilities of Ministerial Members of Missions and Provisional Annual Conferences are the same as those in Annual Conferences, and the procedure is the same.

SECTION VI. MALADMINISTRATION

Par. 647. Article I. Complaint against the administration of a Bishop may be forwarded to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference and entertained there; provided at least thirty days' notice in writing shall have been given to the accused and to the Secretary of the Conference. This shall not preclude earlier action as provided in Pars. 622 and 623 in the *Discipline*.

Par. 648. Article 2. A Traveling Preacher, or a Preacher on Trial, shall be answerable to his Conference on a charge of Maladministration, but not for error in judgment.

(Last sentence in Par. 651 present *Discipline*, concerning divorce was omitted and sentence added to Par. 226.)

Par. 649. Article 4. Errors of administration not connected with judicial proceedings may be presented in writing to the Bishop presiding for his decision thereon; and the Annual Conference may order just and suitable remedies when the rights of ministers or members of the Church have been injuriously affected by such errors.

SECTION VII. STATUS OF A BISHOP, TRAVELING PREACHER,
OR PREACHER ON TRIAL DEPOSED OR EXPELLED

Par. 650. Article 1. In case a Bishop, or a Traveling Preacher, or a Preacher on Trial shall have been deposed from the ministry without being expelled from the Church, he shall be given a certificate

of membership in the Church signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference.

Par. 651. Article 2. In case a Bishop, or a Traveling Preacher, or a Preacher on Trial shall have been deposed from the Ministry or expelled from the Church for teaching publicly or privately doctrines contrary to our Articles of Religion, or our other established standards of doctrine, he shall not again be licensed to preach until, if a Traveling Preacher, he shall have satisfied the Conference from which he was deposed or expelled; or, if a Bishop, he shall have satisfied the Annual Conference from which he was elected Bishop, and shall have promised in writing to desist wholly from disseminating such doctrine.

SECTION VIII. WITHDRAWAL UNDER COMPLAINTS OR CHARGES

Par. 652. Article 1. When a Bishop is accused of an offense under Par. 621 and desires to withdraw from the Church, the Jurisdictional or Central Conference may permit him to withdraw; in which case the record shall be "Withdrawn under Complaints." If formal charges have been presented, he may be permitted to withdraw; in which case the record shall be "Withdrawn under Charges." In either case his status shall be the same as if he had been expelled.

Par. 653. Article 2. When a Traveling Preacher, or a Preacher on Trial is accused of any offense under Paragraph 621 and desires to withdraw from the Church, the Annual Conference may permit him to withdraw under the same conditions as are set forth in Par. 652.

Par. 654. Article 3. When a Local Preacher or an Accepted Supply is accused of an offense under Par. 621 and desires to withdraw from the Church, the District Conference or where there is no district conference, the Quarterly Conference, may permit him (or her) to withdraw; in which case the record shall be "Withdrawn Under Complaints." If formal charges have been presented, he (or she) may be permitted to withdraw; in which case the record shall be "Withdrawn Under Charges." In either case the status of the person withdrawing shall be the same as if expelled.

Par. 655. Article 4. When a Deaconess is accused of an offense and desires to withdraw from the Church, the Annual Conference Deaconess Board may permit her to withdraw; in which case the record shall be "Withdrawn Under Complaints." If formal charges have been presented, such Deaconess may be permitted to withdraw; in which case the record shall be "Withdrawn Under Charges." In either case the status shall be the same as if the Deaconess has been expelled.

Par. 656. Article 5. When a member of the Church is accused of an offense and desires to withdraw from the Church, the Quarterly Conference may permit such member to withdraw; in which case the record shall be "Withdrawn Under Complaints." If formal charges have been presented such member may be permitted to withdraw; in which case the record shall be "Withdrawn Under Charges." In either case the status shall be the same as if the member had been expelled.

Chapter III

INVESTIGATION AND TRIAL OF OTHERS THAN TRAVELING PREACHERS

SECTION I. INVESTIGATION AND TRIAL OF A LOCAL PREACHER OR AN ACCEPTED SUPPLY

Par. 657. Each District Conference at each session, upon nomination of the District Conference President shall elect three local Preachers or Accepted Supply Pastors and two reserves, of experience and sound

judgment in the affairs of the Church, who shall be known as the Committee on Investigation. The reserves shall serve in the absence or disqualification of the principals. In case there is no District Conference, the Committee of Investigation of the Annual Conference shall act.

Par. 658. When a Local Preacher ordained, or unordained, or an Accepted Supply, is accused of any of the offenses enumerated in Par. 621, the District Superintendent shall call the Committee of Investigation to meet before which it shall be the duty of the accused to appear. If in the judgment of a majority of the Committee of Investigation there is reasonable ground for such accusation, they shall prepare and sign the proper charges, send a copy to the accused, and to the District Superintendent, and the accused may be suspended from all ministerial services pending trial. In all such cases at least seven days' notice shall be given the accused by the District Superintendent. Such notice shall contain a full statement of the charges.

Par. 659. The District Superintendent within ten days after giving notice of the charges shall select a Trial Committee of nine members and seven reserves, of experience and sound judgment in the affairs of the Church, who shall be Local Preachers, Accepted Supplies, or when necessary members of the Church. The reserves shall serve in the absence or disqualification of the principals. The Church and the accused shall have three peremptory challenges and unlimited challenges for cause. The Committee in the presence of the District Superintendent, or the Traveling Elder appointed by him, and a Secretary appointed by the Committee, shall have full power to consider and determine the case, and by a two-thirds vote to convict the accused. They may suspend him from the functions of his office; or depose him from his office or the ministry or both; or expel him from the Church. The Secretary shall make a correct report in writing of all proceedings, evidence and findings to the Secretary of the District Conference and shall deliver to him all the papers in the case. Where there is no District Conference, then the Quarterly Conference of which the accused is a member shall act.

Par. 660. In case of unchristian temper, words, or actions, the Local Preacher or the Accepted Supply so offending shall be admonished by his District Superintendent. Should a second transgression take place, one or two members of the Church are to be taken as witnesses. If he continues to offend the case shall be investigated as provided in Pars. 658 and 659.

Par. 661. If on due trial a Local Preacher or an Accepted Supply is found neglectful of his duties as a Local Preacher or unacceptable in his ministry, he may be deprived of his ministerial office in which case, if he is ordained, the District Superintendent shall require him to surrender his credentials that they may be returned to the Annual Conference.

Par. 662. If a Local Preacher or an Accepted Supply shall disseminate, publicly or privately, doctrines which are contrary to our Articles of Religion, or to our other present existing and established standards of doctrine, the same procedure shall be observed as prescribed in Pars. 663, 664, 665.

Par. 663. A Local Preacher, or an Accepted Supply, who shall hold religious services within the bounds of a Pastoral Charge not his own, when requested not to do so by the Preacher in Charge, or District Superintendent, shall be deemed guilty of disobedience to the Order and *Discipline* of the Church and shall be brought to investigation or trial.

Par. 664. After the word Deacon in line One, Par. 667 in present *Discipline*, insert the words "or an Accepted Supply."

(Pars. 668 and 669 in present *Discipline*, omitted.)

Par. 665. No change except to add words "or Accepted Supply" after the term "Local Preachers" in Par. 670 present *Discipline*.

SECTION II. INVESTIGATION AND TRIAL OF A DEACONESS

Par. 666. When a Deaconess is accused of any violation of a moral law, the District Superintendent under whose supervision she works shall call a Committee of three or more for investigation and preside at the investigation. This Committee shall consist of one representative of the Deaconess administration under which the accused serves, and two or more members of the Annual Conference Deaconess Board of which the accused is a member. She shall appear before this Committee, and, if charges are sustained, she shall be suspended from all Deaconess services pending trial. The said District Superintendent shall notify the Bishop in charge who within seven days of the receipt of such notice shall fix the time and date for the convening of the Trial Court. In this instance the Annual Conference Deaconess Board shall be the Trial Court. If the accused is found guilty the Annual Conference Deaconess Board shall suspend, or deprive her of office and credentials. A Deaconess may be tried by an Annual Conference Deaconess Board without preliminary investigation, provided fifteen days' written notice shall have been given her.

Par. 667. In case of improper temper, words, actions, or disloyalty to the rules and regulations of the administration, or other organization with which she serves, the Deaconess so offending shall be admonished by the President of the Annual Conference Deaconess Board. If she continues to offend, the case shall be investigated and tried as provided in Par. 666.

Par. 668. If a Deaconess shall contract debts which she is not able to pay, the President of the Annual Conference Deaconess Board shall appoint three judicious members of the Annual Conference Deaconess Board to consider her accounts, contracts, and circumstances. If, in their opinion, she has behaved dishonestly, or contracted debts without the probability of paying, the same procedure shall be followed as defined in Pars. 666-667.

SECTION III. INVESTIGATION AND TRIAL OF A CHURCH MEMBER OFFENSES FOR WHICH A LAY MEMBER MAY BE TRIED

Par. 669. Article 1. A member shall be liable to accusation and trial upon any of the following charges:

- (a) Immorality or crime.
- (b) Disseminating doctrines contrary to the Articles of Religion or other established standards of doctrine of the Church.
- (c) Disobedience to the Order and *Discipline* of the Church.
- (d) Buying, selling or manufacturing intoxicating liquor as a beverage; renting his property for the manufacture or sale thereof; signing a petition in favor of granting a license for the sale thereof; procuring a license for the sale of such liquors; becoming surety on the bond of any person engaged in such traffic; or persisting in the use of intoxicating liquor after private reproof and admonition by the Pastor or Class Leader.

Par. 670. Article 2. In cases of neglect of duties of any kind, indulging in sinful tempers or words, "taking such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus," or disobedience of the Order and *Discipline* of the Church, the Pastor or Class Leader shall privately admonish a member, and if there is an acknowledgment of fault and proper humiliation, the person may be borne with. Failing such, or on further offense, the Pastor or Class Leader may take with him one or

two discreet members of the Church and give further reproof. If the offense be continued, the member shall be brought to trial.

Par. 671. Article 3. If a member of the Church shall be accused of endeavoring to sow dissension in the Church by inveighing against its doctrines or *Discipline*, its ministers or members, or in any other manner, he shall first be reproved by the Pastor or Class Leader. If he shall persist in such practice, he shall be brought to trial.

Par. 671A. Article 3A. Investigation. If charges are made in writing to the Preacher in Charge against a member of the Church, the Preacher in Charge shall call a Committee of Investigation composed of seven members of the Church in good standing, and shall preside at the investigation. The accused and the accuser shall be brought face to face if possible, and the accused shall have right of making a statement in his own behalf and of interrogating witnesses, but shall not have the right of presenting witnesses. If the Committee of Investigation determines that a Trial is justified, it shall formulate the charges and specifications and order a trial.

TRIAL COURT

Par. 672. Article 4. If a member be brought to trial it shall be before a Trial Court composed of not fewer than seven nor more than twelve members. They shall be chosen by the Quarterly Conference by ballot. The accused member and the person conducting the prosecution may each challenge anyone so chosen for cause of disqualification by reason of personal interest or having formed and expressed an opinion concerning the matter, and shall also have three peremptory challenges. If the Pastor deem it advisable for obtaining a fair trial, the Quarterly Conference shall call a Committee of like members from any part of the District. The same right of challenge shall be recognized. The District Superintendent, or a Traveling Elder appointed by him shall preside at the Trial.

PENALTIES

Par. 673. Article 5. If the accused shall be found guilty by the decision of at least two-thirds of the Trial Court, they shall so declare, and the President of the Trial Court shall at once pronounce the member to be expelled from the Church.

Article 6. Provided, however, that the Trial Committee may impose a lesser penalty because of mitigating circumstances or other grounds.

NEW TRIAL

Par. 674. Article 1. If within sixty days after the conviction of any of the foregoing accused, he (or she) shall make application in writing to the District Superintendent for a new trial on the ground of newly discovered evidence, and shall submit therewith a written statement of the same, and if it shall appear to the District Superintendent that such evidence is material to the issue involved, he shall grant a new trial.

Par. 675. Article 2. In no case shall a new trial be granted upon newly discovered evidence which could have been obtained for the trial by the exercise of due diligence, or which is merely cumulative in its effect.

RESTORATION

Par. 676. An expelled member shall have no privileges of the Society or of the Sacraments of the Church without repentance, contrition or satisfactory reformation according to the determination of

the Quarterly Conference. In such case that body may restore the member into full membership.

Former Chapter IV in present *Discipline* is now included in Chapter V under sub-head Appeals

Chapter IV

THE DEPRIVATION AND RESTORATION OF CREDENTIALS

SECTION I. OF THE CREDENTIALS OF TRAVELING DEACONS OR ELDERS

Par. 730. When a Traveling Deacon or Elder is deprived of his credentials of Ordination, by expulsion or otherwise, they shall be filed with the papers of his Annual Conference.

Par. 731. When a Traveling Deacon or Elder desires to surrender his credentials and retain his membership in our Church, he shall be permitted to do so, and to designate the church in which he will hold membership. The Secretary of the Conference to which he surrenders his credentials shall issue to him a Certificate of Membership in the Church; provided, that no Minister shall be permitted to take such action when charges involving his character have been made and sustained, or are pending. However, when his character is involved in cases where the law permits final adjustment by the surrender of credentials, this shall be also the surrender of membership in the Church.

Par. 732. The Annual Conference to which credentials were surrendered as provided in Par. 731 may restore the same at its discretion, if no charges or complaints against the Minister had been lodged or were impending at the time of his surrendering the said credentials; and if at the time of his request for the restoration of the said credentials he is a member in good standing of The Methodist Church, and shall present from his Quarterly Conference a certificate of his character and a recommendation for the restoration of his credentials. In cases of surrender of credentials under situations involving the character of the Minister the said credentials may be restored only after the lapse of a period of at least two years and upon the following conditions:

(1) That the Conference holding the credentials shall be assured that there has been a complete amendment of life upon the part of the former holder of the credentials;

(2) That he shall have been readmitted on trial into the Annual Conference from which he withdrew, or admitted to another Annual Conference on trial, or been licensed as a Local Preacher by some District or Quarterly Conference;

(3) That the Annual Conference which has admitted him on trial (if another than the one from which he withdrew), or the District or Quarterly Conference which licensed him, shall present to the Annual Conference holding the credentials a certificate of his good character and a recommendation that his credentials be restored.

SECTION II. OF THE CREDENTIALS OF LOCAL DEACONS OR ELDERS

Par. 733. Article 1. When a Local Deacon or Elder is deprived of his credentials of Ordination, by expulsion or otherwise, the District Superintendent shall require them of him, and file them with the Annual Conference in the bounds of which the Local Preacher resides.

Par. 734. Article 2. Should he later produce to the Annual Conference a recommendation from the District Conference for the restoration of his credentials, signed by its President and Secretary, they may be restored to him.

SECTION III. OF THE RESTORATION OF LOST CREDENTIALS

Par. 735. Should the credentials of any Deacon or Elder be destroyed or lost, the Bishop who ordained him, or the Bishop in whose territory he resides, upon ascertaining the necessary facts, may issue duplicate credentials.

Chapter V

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

SECTION I. CHARGES

Par. 677. Article 1. No charge shall be entertained for any alleged offense which shall not have been committed within two years immediately preceding the filing of the complaint, except in cases where there is a conviction in a Civil or Criminal Court, and in such cases the charges must be filed within one year after the entry of the final judgment.

Par. 678. Article 2. A charge shall not allege more than one offense; several charges against the same person, however, with the specifications under each of them, may be presented at one and the same time and may be tried together. When several charges are tried at the same time a vote on each specification and charge must be separately taken.

Par. 679. Article 3. Amendments may be made to a bill of charges up to the time of the opening of the trial at the discretion of the presiding officer, provided they relate to the form of statement only and do not change the nature of the alleged offense and do not introduce new matter of which the accused has not had due notice.

Par. 680. Article 4. In case of improper words, tempers, and actions, a charge of slander shall not be entertained unless signed by a person alleged to have been slandered.

Par. 681. Article 5. Charges and specifications for the trial of a Bishop, Traveling Preacher, Preacher on Trial, Local Preacher, Accepted Supply, Deaconess, or Member shall define the offense by its generic term as set forth in Pars. 621 and 629 and shall state in substance the facts upon which said charges are based.

SECTION II. COUNSEL

Par. 682. Article 1. In all cases of trial the accused shall be entitled to appear and to be represented by counsel of his own selection, and to be heard in oral or written argument. Such counsel shall be one Traveling Elder, if the accused is a Bishop or a Traveling Preacher, or a Preacher on Trial, or one member in good standing in The Methodist Church if the accused is a Lay Member.

Par. 683. Article 2. In all cases of trial where counsel has not been provided such counsel shall be appointed by the presiding officer. The counsel for both the Church and the accused, each shall be entitled to one assistant counsel of their own choosing.

SECTION III. NOTICE

Par. 684. Article 1. All notices required or provided for in this chapter shall be in writing, signed by or on behalf of the person or body giving or required to give such notice, and shall be addressed to the person or body to whom it is required to be given. Such notices shall be served at least seven days in advance, by delivering a copy thereof to the party or chief officer of the body to whom it is addressed in person, or by registered mail addressed to the last known residence, or address of such party. The fact of the giving of the notice shall

affirmatively appear over the signature of the party required to give such notice and become a part of the record of the case.

Par. 685. Article 2. In all cases wherein it is provided that notice shall be given to a Bishop or District Superintendent and the charges or complaints are against that particular person, then such notice, in the case of a Bishop, shall be given to another Bishop within the same Jurisdiction; in case of a District Superintendent, to the Bishop in charge.

SECTION IV. TRIALS

Par. 686. Article 1. In all cases of investigation or trial, notice to appear shall be given at least seven days in advance, to such witnesses as either party may name, and shall be issued in the name of the Church and be signed by the Presiding Officer of the Trial Court.

Par. 687. Article 2. It shall be the duty of a Minister and a member of the Church to appear and testify when summoned.

Par. 688. Article 3. As soon as the Court has convened, the accused shall be called upon by the Presiding Officer to plead to the charge, and his pleas shall be duly recorded. On his neglect or refusal to plead, the plea of not guilty shall be entered for him, and the trial shall proceed; provided, that for sufficient cause the Court may adjourn from time to time as convenience or necessity may require; and provided, also, that the accused shall, at all times during the trial, have liberty to be present except as hereinafter mentioned and in due time and order to produce his testimony and to make his defense.

Par. 689. Article 4. If in any case the accused person, after due notice (seven days), has been given him, shall refuse or neglect to appear at the time and place set forth for the hearing, the investigation or trial may proceed in his absence. In all cases, sufficient time shall be allowed for the person to appear at the given place and time, and for the accused to prepare for the investigation or trial. The President of the tribunal to investigate or try the case shall decide what constitutes "sufficient time."

Par. 690. Article 5. The Court shall be a continuing body until the final disposition of the charge. If any member of the Court shall be unable to attend all of the sessions, he shall not vote upon the final determination of the case, but the rest of the Committee may proceed to judgment. It shall require a vote of two-thirds or more of the original membership of the Committee to sustain the charges.

Par. 691. Article 6. All objections to the regularity of the proceedings and the form and substance of charges and specifications shall be made at the first session of the trial. The Presiding Officer upon the filing of such objection shall, or, on his own motion, may determine all such preliminary objection and may dismiss the case or in furtherance of truth and justice permit amendments to the specifications or charges not changing the general nature of the same.

Par. 692. Article 7. Objections of any party to the proceedings shall be entered on the record.

Par. 693. Article 8. No witness—afterward to be examined—shall be present during the examination of another witness, if the opposing party objects. Witnesses shall be examined first by the party producing them; then cross-examined by the opposite party, after which any member of the Court or either party may put additional questions. The Presiding Officer of the Court shall determine all questions of relevancy and competency of evidence.

Par. 694. Article 9. In case of investigation, trial, or appeal the Presiding Officer shall not deliver a charge reviewing or explaining the evidence or setting forth the merits of the case. He shall express no opinion on the law or the facts while the Court is deliberating,

unless the parties in interest be present. He shall remain and preside until the decision is rendered and the findings completed, which he shall thereupon sign and certify.

SECTION V. TESTIMONY

Par. 695. Article 1. The testimony shall be taken by a stenographer, if convenient, and reduced to writing and certified by the Presiding Officer and Secretary. The record, including all exhibits, papers, and evidence in the case, shall be the basis of any appeal which may be taken.

Par. 696. Article 2. A witness may not be disqualified because he is not a member of The Methodist Church.

Par. 697. Article 3. The Presiding Officer of any Court before which a case may be pending or the Bishop in charge of an Annual Conference shall have power, whenever the necessity of the parties or of witnesses shall require, to appoint, on the application of either party, a Commissioner or Commissioners, either a Minister or Layman, or both, to examine the witnesses; provided three days' notice of the time and place of taking such testimony shall have been given to the adverse party. Counsel for both parties shall be permitted to examine and cross-examine the witness or witnesses whose testimony is thus taken. The Commissioners so appointed shall take such testimony in writing as may be offered by either party. The testimony properly certified by the signature of the Commissioner, or Commissioners, shall be transmitted to the Presiding Officer of the Court before which the case is pending.

SECTION VI. RECORDS

Par. 698. Article 1. In all investigations and trials the records shall be accurate and full; they shall include the proceedings in detail and all the evidence, taken stenographically if possible, the documents admitted, together with the charges, specifications and findings, and shall be approved and attested by the Presiding Officer and Secretary. In all investigations and trials the Presiding Officer shall appoint a Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings and documents, of which records, when properly attested, the said Presiding Officer shall be the custodian. If no appeal is taken the custodian shall deliver the entire record to the Secretary of the Conference concerned for record in its journal of the final disposition of the case.

Par. 699. Article 2. If appeal be taken, the custodian shall deliver the entire record to the President of the proper Appellate Court, and after they have been used in the Court they shall be returned to the Secretary of the Conference concerned for notation in its journal of the final disposition of the case.

Par. 700. The Secretaries of Quarterly, District, Annual and Jurisdictional Conferences shall be the custodians of the records of all trials occurring in their bodies respectively; and in case of appeal they shall deliver said records to the President or Secretary of the proper Appellate Court. After the said appeal has been heard the records shall be returned to the Conference from which they came.

SECTION VII. APPEALS

Par. 701. Article 1. In all cases of appeal the Appellant shall within thirty days give notice of appeal and at the same time shall furnish to the officer receiving such notice, and to the counsel for the Church, a written statement of the grounds of his Appeal and the hearing in the Appellate Court shall be limited to the grounds set forth in such statement.

Par. 702. Article 2. When any Appellate Court shall reverse, in whole or in part, the findings of a Trial Court, or remand the case for a new trial, or change the penalty imposed by that Court, it shall return to the Annual Conference, or to the Secretary of the Trial Court a statement of the grounds of its action.

Par. 704. Article 4. An appeal shall not be allowed in any case in which the accused has failed or refused to be present in person or by counsel at his trial. Appeals, regularly taken, shall be heard by the proper Appellate Court, unless it shall appear to the said Court that the Appellant has forfeited his right to appeal by misconduct, such as refusal to abide by the findings of the Committee of Investigation; or of the Trial Court; or by withdrawal from the Church; or, by failure to appear in person or by counsel to prosecute the appeal; or, prior to the final decision on appeal from his conviction, by resorting to suit in the Civil Courts against the complainant or any of the parties connected with the Ecclesiastical Court in which he was tried.

Par. 705. Article 5. The right of appeal, when once forfeited by neglect or otherwise, cannot be revived by any subsequent Appellate Court.

Par. 706. Article 6. The right to take and to prosecute an appeal shall not be affected by the death of the person entitled to such right. His heirs or legal representatives may prosecute such appeal as he would be entitled to do if he were living.

Par. 707. Article 7. The records and documents of the trial, including the evidence, and these only, shall be used in the hearing of any appeal, except as set forth in Pars. 650-653.

Par. 708. Article 8. In no case shall an appeal operate as suspension of sentence. The finding of the Trial Court must stand until it is modified or reversed by the proper Appellate Court.

Par. 709. Article 9. In all cases where an appeal is made, and admitted, by the Appellate Court, after the charges, findings, and evidence have been read and the arguments concluded, the parties shall withdraw, and the Appellate Court shall consider and decide the case. It may reverse, in whole or in part, the findings of the Trial Court, or it may remand the case for a new trial. It may determine what penalty, not higher than that affixed at the trial, may be imposed. If it neither reverses, in whole or in part, the judgment of the Trial Court, nor remands the case for a new trial, nor modifies the penalty, that judgment shall stand. The Appellate Court shall not reverse the judgment nor remand the case for a new trial on account of errors plainly not affecting the result.

Par. 710. Article 10. In all cases the right to present evidence shall be exhausted when the case has been heard once on its merits in the proper Court; but Questions of Law may be carried on appeal, step by step, to the Judicial Council.

SECTION VIII, APPEAL OF A BISHOP

Par. 711. Article 1. A Bishop shall have the right of appeal to the Judicial Council in case of an adverse decision by the Trial Court; provided, that within thirty days after his conviction he notify the Secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference in writing of his intention to appeal, unless such decision shall be rendered within thirty days prior to the meeting of such Conference, in which case notice shall be given within ten days after his conviction.

Par. 712. Article 2. A Bishop elected by a Central Conference shall have the right of appeal to the Judicial Council in case of an adverse decision by the Central Conference; provided, that within thirty days after the decision of the Central Conference he shall notify the Secretary of the Central Conference in writing of his intention to appeal,

unless such decision shall be rendered within thirty days prior to the meeting of such Conference, in which case notice shall be given within ten days after his conviction.

Par. 713. Article 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Jurisdictional, or the Central Conference, on receiving notice of such appeal, to notify the Secretary of the Judicial Council and the Council shall fix the time and place for the hearing of the appeal, and shall give due notice of the same to the Appellant and to the Secretary of the Jurisdictional or Central Conference, who in turn shall notify the counsel for the Church.

SECTION IX. APPEAL OF A TRAVELING PREACHER AND/OR PREACHER ON TRIAL

Par. 714. Article 1. Each Jurisdictional Conference, upon nomination of the College of Bishops, shall elect a Court of Appeals composed of nine Traveling Elders who have been at least six years successively members of The Methodist Church, or one of the Uniting Churches, and an equal number of alternates. This Court shall serve until its successors have been confirmed. This Court shall have full power to hear and determine appeals of Traveling Preachers taken from any Annual Conference within the Jurisdiction. The Court shall elect its own President and Secretary and shall adopt its own rules of procedure and its decisions shall be final, except an appeal may be taken to the Judicial Council upon Questions of Law—(748).

Par. 715. Article 2. In case of conviction in a Trial Court, a Traveling Preacher shall have the right of appeal to the Jurisdictional Court of Appeals as above constituted; provided, that within thirty days after his conviction he shall notify the President of the Conference in writing of his intention to appeal.

Par. 716. Article 3. When notice of an appeal has been given to the President of the Trial Court, he shall give notice of the same to the Secretary of the Court of Appeals of the Jurisdictional Conference and submit the documents in the case. The Jurisdictional Conference Court of Appeals shall give notice to the President of the Conference from which the appeal is taken and to the Appellant of the time and place where the appeal will be heard. Both the Annual Conference and the Appellant may be represented by counsel. The President of the Conference shall appoint counsel for the Church.

Par. 717. Article 4. The Court of Appeals of the Jurisdictional Conference when acting as a Court of Appeals shall determine two questions only:

- (a) Does the evidence sustain the charge or charges?
- (b) Were there such errors of law as to vitiate the verdict?

These questions shall be determined by the records of the trial and the argument of counsel for the Church and for the accused. The Court shall in no case hear witnesses.

Par. 718. Article 5. All necessary traveling and sustenance expense incurred by the Committee on Appeals, the counsel for the Church, and the counsel for the defendant, in the hearing of an appeal case coming from an Annual Conference and appearing before any Jurisdictional Committee on Appeals, shall be paid out of the Administration Fund of the Jurisdictional Conference in which the proceedings arise.

SECTION X. APPEAL OF A LOCAL PREACHER OR AN ACCEPTED SUPPLY

Par. 718. On Line Two (*Discipline*, Par. 698) after the word Preacher insert the words "or Accepted Supply."

Par. 719. After the words Local Preacher on Line One (*Discipline*, Par. 699) insert the words "or Accepted Supply."

SECTION XI. APPEAL OF A DEACONESS

Par. 728. Article 1. In case of conviction, a Deaconess shall be allowed to appeal to the Bureau of Deaconess Work, provided, that within thirty days after her conviction, she shall signify in writing to the District Superintendent, or President of the Annual Conference Deaconess Board by which she has been tried, her determination to appeal to the Bureau of Deaconess Work, which in full session, or by a special Committee of not less than seven nor more than nine, shall hear the appeal, and its decision shall be the final determination of the case, subject only to an appeal to the Jurisdictional Conference by either party on questions of law.

Par. 729. Article 2. An appeal by a Deaconess from an Annual Conference Deaconess Board within the Jurisdiction of a Provisional Annual Conference, shall be to the Bureau of Deaconess Work.

SECTION XII. APPEAL OF A CHURCH MEMBER

Par. 722. Article 1. The Quarterly Conference of each Charge shall elect from among the members of the Church a person of sound judgment and experience in the affairs of the Church as a Trier of Appeals for Members.

Par. 723. Article 2. Any member of the Church against whom judgment shall have been rendered by a Committee of Trial may appeal to a Court of Appeal, as hereinafter constituted, by giving written notice of his desire to the District Superintendent within thirty days after judgment is rendered.

Par. 724. Article 3. When thirty days' notice of appeal shall have been given, or sooner if agreed upon, the Superintendent, having due regard for the wishes and rights of the appellant, shall convene a Court of Appeals. It shall be constituted of not fewer than seven nor more than nine Triers of Appeals in his District, but the Trier of Appeals of the Charge to which the accused member belongs shall not be summoned. The District Superintendent shall give not less than ten nor more than thirty days' notice to all persons concerned of the time and place at which the Court of Appeals shall assemble. The appellant shall have the right of challenge for cause of disqualification by reason of personal interest or other grounds deemed sufficient by the presiding officer, and he shall have the right of peremptory challenge of three of the panel summoned. The members of the Court present and ready to proceed with the hearing shall not fall below seven, which number shall constitute a quorum. The District Superintendent shall preside. The Court may order a new trial or acquit the accused or impose any penalty prescribed in Paragraph 637 or 638.

Par. 725. Article 4. The findings of the Court of Appeals shall be certified by the District Superintendent to the Pastor of the Church of which the accused is a member for consistent proceedings.

Par. 726. Article 5. If the District Superintendent shall find the convening of such a Court to be impracticable or seriously inconvenient to the parties involved, he shall have the appeal heard by a Quarterly Conference within his District other than that of the local church. The proceedings shall be the same as provided in the foregoing paragraph.

Par. 727. Article 6. Errors or defects in judicial proceedings shall be duly considered when presented on appeal.

(a) In regard to cases where there is an investigation under Pars. 631-635, but no trial is held as a result thereof, errors of law or administration committed by a District Superintendent are to be corrected by the President of the next Annual Conference on request in open session, and in such event the Conference may also order just and suitable remedies, if injury resulted from such error.

(b) Errors of law or defects in judicial proceedings, which are discovered on appeal, are to be corrected by the President of the next Annual Conference upon request in open session, and in such event the Conference may also order just and suitable remedies, if injury has resulted from such errors.

(This is added here in order to make clear what was done concerning Par. 651 in present *Discipline*.)

Transfer of sentence from Par. 651, present *Discipline* (concerning maladministration) to Paragraph 226, present *Discipline*, so that 226 will read as follows:

Par. 226. No minister shall solemnize the marriage of a divorced person whose wife or husband is living and unmarried; but this rule shall not apply (1) to the innocent person when it is clearly established by competent testimony that the true cause for divorce was adultery or other vicious conditions which through mental or physical cruelty or physical peril invalidated the marriage vow, nor (2) to the divorced persons seeking to be reunited in marriage. The violation of this rule concerning divorce shall be considered an act of maladministration.

Par. 703. Article 3. The order of appeals on questions of law shall be as follows: From the decision of the District Superintendent presiding in the Quarterly or District Conference, to the Bishop presiding in the Annual Conference, and from the decision of the Bishop presiding in an Annual Conference to the Judicial Council; and from a Central Conference to the Judicial Council.

Par. 710. Article 11. When an appeal is taken on a question of law, written notice of the same shall be served on the Secretary of the body in which the decision has been rendered. It shall be his duty to see that an exact statement of the question submitted and the ruling of the Chair thereon shall be entered on the Journal. He shall then make and certify a copy of the question and ruling and transmit the same to the Secretary of the body to which the Appeal is taken. The Secretary who thus receives said certified copy shall present the same in open Conference and as soon as practicable lay it before the Presiding Officer for his ruling thereon; which ruling must be rendered before the final adjournment of that body, that said ruling together with the original question and ruling may be entered on the Journal of that Conference. The same course shall be followed in all subsequent appeals.

POWERS OF DISMISSAL

Par. 736. The various Boards, Committees, or Commissions, elected, authorized, or provided for by the General Conference, shall have full power and authority to remove and dismiss in their discretion any member, officer, or employee thereof who shall be guilty of any immoral conduct, breach of trust, or who for any reason is unable to, or who fails to perform the duties of his or her office, or for other misconduct which any of said Boards, Committees, or Commissions may deem sufficient to warrant such dismissal and removal. In the event that any member, officer, or employee of such Board, Committee, or Commission, including the Board of Publication, elected, authorized, or provided for by the General Conference, is found guilty of any crime involving moral turpitude by any Federal, state or county Court or who shall plead guilty thereto, then and in that event, the Board, Committee, or commission of which he or she is a member, officer, or employee shall be and it is hereby authorized to remove such officer, member or employee so charged or convicted, and the place so vacated shall be filled as provided in the *Discipline*. The action of such Board, Committee, or Commission in removing such member, officer, or employee in the circumstances above set forth shall be final, and such

member, officer, or employee so removed shall have no further authority to participate in any way in the affairs of such Board, Committee, or Commission.

LESLIE J. LYONS, (*) *Chairman*;
CASSIUS J. MILLER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. APPEALS TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL BY
ANNUAL AND PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES
(MEMORIAL NOS. 415 and 744.)

Calendar No. 156. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 451.
M, 26; P, 14; F, 13; N, 1

Subject: Amendment to Par. 606: Appeals to the Judicial Council by Annual and Provisional Annual Conferences.

Insert a new Paragraph to be numbered Par. 607 and renumber subsequent Paragraphs in Part V, Chapter 1, of the *Discipline* of 1940, the new paragraph to read as follows:

“The Judicial Council shall hear and determine the legality of any action taken therein by a General Conference Board, or Jurisdictional or Central Conference Board or body, on a matter affecting an Annual or a Provisional Annual Conference, upon appeal by two-thirds of the members of the Annual or Provisional Annual Conference present and voting.”

LESLIE J. LYONS, (*) *Chairman*;
CASSIUS J. MILLER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. TRIAL OF A CHURCH MEMBER. AMEND
PARAGRAPH 43
(MEMORIAL NOS. Non-Concurrence.)

Calendar No. 196. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Pages 497,
498.
M, 26; P, 16; F, 16

The Committee voted nonconcurrence on these memorials: 186, 572, 451, 573, 794, 65.

LESLIE J. LYONS, (*) *Chairman*;
CASSIUS J. MILLER, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP, LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

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REPORT No. 1. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

(MEMORIAL NOS. 14, 23, 188, 218, 420 and 465.)

Calendar No. 13. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 282.
M, 106; P, 80; F, 80

In connection with Memorials numbered 14, 23, 188, 218, 420 and 465, your Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy makes the following recommendations:

A. We recommend that Part II, Section 1, Paragraph 136, *Discipline* 1940, be changed by deleting the word "Non-resident" and substituting therefor the word "Inactive" so that Paragraph 136 will read:

Paragraph 136. A permanent record of membership shall be kept, both Active and Inactive, including all changes of relation in the same. Each entry shall bear its proper date, and the Pastor shall report all such changes in membership at the next Quarterly Conference.

B. We recommend that Part II, Section IV of the 1940 *Discipline* be revised by deleting the word "Nonresident" from the title and substituting therefor the word "Inactive," so that the title will read: "Active and Inactive Members."

C. We recommend that Paragraph 145 in Part II, Section IV of the 1940 *Discipline* be deleted and that there be substituted therefor a new Paragraph to be numbered 145 and reading:

"All members who manifest continued interest in the church, of which they are members by attendance, financial support or other evidence of their recognition of their membership vows (Paragraph 1586) shall be reported as active members of that church."

D. We recommend that Paragraph 146 in Part II, Section IV of the 1940 *Discipline* be deleted and that there be substituted therefor a new paragraph to be numbered 146, and reading:

"When a member has for at least two years manifested no interest in continuing his membership in the Church, either by attendance, financial support or other evidence of their recognition of their

membership vows, after adequate efforts have been made by the Pastor and Membership Committee (Paragraph 532-2a) to renew his interest and re-enlist his support, he shall be reported as an Inactive Member, when so ordered by the Quarterly Conference."

E. We recommend that Paragraph 147, Part II, Section IV, of the 1940 *Discipline* be deleted and that there be substituted therefor a new paragraph to be numbered 147 and reading:

"The Active and Inactive Members shall be counted in making the Annual Conference reports of total membership, but they shall be reported in separate columns, and only the number of active members shall be considered in making the apportionments."

F. We recommend that Paragraph 151, Part II, Section V, *Discipline* 1940 be changed by deleting the period at the end thereof and substituting therefor a comma followed by the words, "and so record it." This will cause Paragraph 151 to read:

"A pastor shall upon request give a Certificate of Membership and of Recommendation to any member in good standing who wishes to unite with any other evangelical denomination, and so record it."

G. We recommend that Paragraph 152, Part II, Section VI, *Discipline* 1940, be changed by deleting the word "or" preceding the word "death" and substituting a comma therefor; deleting the period at the end of the sentence and substituting a comma therefor, and adding the words "or by transfer to another evangelical denomination." Paragraph 152 will then read:

"Membership in the church can be terminated only by withdrawal, expulsion, death, or by transfer to another evangelical denomination."

H. We recommend that Paragraph 155, Part II, Section VI, of the *Discipline* of 1940 be changed by deleting the words "a Non-resident" and inserting the words "An Inactive" in lieu thereof. Paragraph 155 will then read:

"A person who has been an Inactive Member for three consecutive years, upon recommendation of the Membership Committee and by vote of the Quarterly Conference, shall no longer be counted in the statistical returns, and there shall be written after his name, 'Removed without certificate.' But no name shall be so designated until the Pastor and the Membership Committee shall have made faithful effort to find and relate said member to a church in the community where he resides. Such member, upon application to the pastor, may be restored to active membership.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. MINIMUM SALARY FOR PASTORS, NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SALE AND PURCHASE OF EPISCOPAL RESIDENCES, PRO-RATING MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, TRUSTEE EMERGENCY FUND, CHURCH AND PARSONAGE INSURANCE, DONATIONS FOR CHURCH PROPERTY REPAIRS AND AMEND PARAGRAPH 783. (MEMORIAL Nos. 6, 10, 17, 34, 191, 204, 213, 337, 384, 433, 453.)

Calendar No. 14. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Pages 497, 498.

M, 106; P, 85; F, 85

Your committee recommends nonconcurrency in these eleven memorials.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. AMENDING CHAPTER IN THE 1940
"DISCIPLINE" ON LAY ACTIVITIES

(MEMORIAL NOS. 5, 8, 9, 19, 24, 206, 207, 438, 440 and 445.)
Calendar No. 40. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 315.

M, 106; P, 90; F, 90

In connection with Memorials numbered 5, 8, 9, 19, 24, 206, 207, 438, 440 and 445 your Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy makes the following recommendations:

I

For Part IV, Section V, Paragraphs 541, 542 and 543, and Section VII, Paragraphs 545, 546, 547 and 548, and other paragraphs pertaining thereto of the 1940 *Discipline* substitute the following:

SECTION V. THE OFFICIAL BOARD, THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

Par. 541. In every church and Charge there shall be an Executive Body, the Official Board or the Board of Stewards as the Quarterly Conference may determine, hereinafter designated as "the Board." The composition, organization, duties and functions of the Board are set forth in the succeeding paragraphs of this Section.

Par. 542A. The Board, when designated by the Quarterly Conference as the Official Board, shall be composed of the duly elected Stewards of the church or Charge, the Trustees, the Pastor, the Lay Leader, the Superintendent of the Church School, the Chairman of the Board of Education, the Lay Member of the Annual Conference, the President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the President of Methodist Men or Brotherhood or Men's Club, the Church or Charge Treasurer or Treasurers, the Director of Religious Education, the Associate Pastor, and a representative of the Young People's Division, *provided*, that all members of the Official Board are members of The Methodist Church.

Par. 542B. The Board, when designated by the Quarterly Conference as the Board of Stewards, shall be composed of the Stewards duly elected by the Quarterly Conference as provided in Par. 543.

Par. 543. The Stewards shall be elected annually by the Quarterly Conference at the regular session next preceding the regular session of the Annual Conference, on nomination of the Committee on Nominations (Par. 532) 2 (d) of which the Pastor shall be Chairman, or they shall be elected by the members of the Charge, eighteen years of age and over, at a meeting called for that purpose, as may be arranged by the Quarterly Conference; Stewards to take office at the beginning of the Conference year. Each church shall be entitled to not less than *three* nor more than thirty-five stewards, exclusive of Honorary Stewards, provided that in churches of more than 500 members one Steward may be elected for each 30 additional members.

Par. 544. By action of the Quarterly Conference any church or Charge may provide for rotation in the office of Steward. In the event of such proposed rotation in office, a resolution shall be presented to the Quarterly Conference, for its action and determination, setting forth in detail the plan and method proposed.

Par. 545. A Steward shall be a member of The Methodist Church, not less than 18 years of age, and a person of genuine Christian character who loves the Church and is competent to administer its affairs.

Par. 546. In each church the Quarterly Conference may make provision for the recognition of the faithful service of those Stewards on the Board who have reached the age of 72, or who may have become physically incapacitated, by electing them Honorary Stewards, without vote.

Par. 547. The Board shall be organized annually by the election of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary. These officers shall be elected by the members of the Board on the nomination of a Committee on Nominations. The Committee on Nominations shall be named by the Board, by ballot without nomination, at least a month before the meeting for organization. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. The Board shall create from its own membership such Divisions, or Committees, as may be necessary to carry on its work.

Par. 548. The Board shall meet at least monthly at a time determined by the Board. Special meetings may be ordered by the Board, or called by the Chairman or by the Pastor if he is not Chairman.

Par. 549. The Board shall be charged with the following duties and responsibilities:

1. To promote and to have general oversight of the work of the local church under the direction of the Pastor, including the receiving of reports of the work of all the other organizations of the church.

2. In co-operation with the Pastor and the Lay Leader to promote the program of lay activities as outlined in Pars. 1212, 1213, 1233-40, 1244-1249.

3. Where authorization has been given by the Quarterly Conference to fix the minimum salary of the Pastor of the Charge for the ensuing year, at the meeting next preceding the session of the Annual Conference, and after consultation with the Pastor. In fixing the salary, careful consideration shall be given to all matters pertaining to the efficiency of the minister, including estimate for ear maintenance, books and periodicals, attendance upon institutes and schools for ministers. In Charges of more than one organized congregation, the amount apportioned to each church for Pastoral support shall be recorded in the minutes of the Quarterly Conference. The amount thus fixed for the Pastor's salary shall not include the traveling and moving expenses of a new appointee to the charge. Where such allowance is made, it shall be a separate and additional item. No Pastor shall be entitled to any claims for unpaid salary against any church

or Charge he has served after his pastoral connection with the church has ceased.

4. To make adequate provision for the financial needs of the church, including ministerial support (the Pastor, the District Superintendent, the Conference Claimants, the Bishops), the General Administration Fund, World Service and Conference Benevolences, local expenses and other properly authorized causes; and to lay upon the minds and hearts of the members of the church the privilege and duty of benevolent giving.

5. To set up a budget in the local church and to make provision for meeting it; and to appoint annually a Finance Committee of not less than three members (one of whom shall be the Church Treasurer) whose duty it shall be to prepare the budget for submission to the Board for its action and determination, and to serve in relation to other phases of the finances of the church as the Board may direct.

6. To conduct annually an every-member canvass, except as provided in Par. 178 of revised financial legislation, in order to give all members of the church an opportunity to indicate the amount they are willing to pledge to the support of the Church. Pledges should be on a weekly basis and in proportion to income.

7. To provide offering envelopes in order that payments on pledges may be received weekly and properly credited.

8. To provide for the collection of pledges.

9. To explain personally the financial plan of the Church to new members and to furnish them with offering envelopes upon their reception.

10. To inform every member fully regarding the extent and needs of the local, District, Conference, and World Service programs of the Church.

11. To present to the congregation, in co-operation with the Pastor, the Lay Leader, and the District Steward, the program of Benevolences, including explanation of the various causes supported, and the statement of the amount of apportionments from the congregation and the manner in which it was determined. This shall be done before the Quarterly Conference shall set the amount of the Acceptance for these causes.

12. To promote through an educational program interest in all the Benevolent causes authorized by the General and the Annual Conferences, and to see that the fourth Sunday of each month is observed as World Service Sunday, co-ordinating the same with the observance in the Church School.

13. Where the Unified Budget is used, to see that payments to ministerial support, World Service and Conference Benevolences, and local expenses shall be prorated, as nearly as possible, to the relative proportion of these items in the Approved Budget.

14. To name a person, or Committee, unless provided for by the Quarterly Conference, whose duty it shall be to provide the elements for the Holy Communion and, under the direction of the Pastor, properly to arrange the Communion Table.

15. To arrange for the visitation of strangers in the community and those members of the congregation who may be ill or in distress.

16. To study diligently the duties and responsibilities committed to it: individually, in classes, in institutes, in planned retreats, and in the regular sessions of the Board.

17. To elect a church treasurer or treasurers, and a financial secretary if deemed necessary, unless they are elected by the Quarterly Conference, to perform the following duties under the direction of the Board and as assigned by the Board.

a. To receive and record in approved classified form all moneys coming under the supervision of the Board.

b. To deposit in the name of the church promptly all funds in a bank approved by the Board.

c. To make a report of all funds received and disbursed and all unpaid accounts to each monthly meeting of the Board and to the Quarterly Conference as may be required.

d. To disburse the funds received on the annual budget and special causes only on the order of the Board.

e. To make proportional distribution of the funds raised for the support of the ministry and to remit the same monthly.

f. To submit the books and accounts annually for audit.

18. To provide for an annual audit of the books and accounts of the treasurer and treasurers by a certified public accountant or a competent Committee appointed by the Board.

19. To discharge any other duties and responsibilities committed to the Board by the Quarterly Conference as provided in Par. 532, Section 13, and any other duties vested in the Board by other provisions in the *Discipline*.

II

In Part VII, Chapter V, Section I through Section VII, amend as follows:

Par. 1210—For the words “with the ultimate end in view of creating” in line 4 substitute “that they may become,” so that the paragraph as amended will read:

Par. 1210. The purpose of the Board of Lay Activities shall be to deepen the spiritual life of the lay members of the Church and to cultivate among them an increasing loyalty and interest that they may become an active working force in each Local Church.

Par. 1211—Delete the word “General” in lines 1, 13, and 14, so that the paragraph thus amended will read:

Par. 1211. The Board shall be composed of six effective Bishops, one from each Jurisdiction; six effective Ministers, one from each Jurisdiction; twenty-four Lay Members, distributed to the several Jurisdictional Conferences on the basis of church membership, elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences on nomination of the Committee on Lay Activities of the Jurisdictional Conferences; provided that these Lay Members shall be selected from the Conference Lay Leaders of the several Annual Conferences in the Jurisdiction; provided, further, that retirement from the office of Conference Lay Leader shall automatically vacate membership on the Board. The headquarters of the Board shall be fixed by the General Conference. The Board shall be duly incorporated.

Par. 1212. Delete the words “(including Brotherhoods)” in line 8, and insert in line 9 after the word “Boards” the words “or Boards of Stewards” so that the paragraph thus amended will read:

Par. 1212. The Board shall promote a program of Lay Activities which shall include:

1. Christian stewardship
2. Christian fellowship

3. Personal evangelism
4. Lay speaking or preaching
5. The circulation of Church papers and other Christian literature
6. The Benevolences
7. Adequate support of the Ministry
8. Sound Church finance in the Local Church
9. Attendance upon worship services
10. Men's work
11. The training of official boards or boards of stewards
12. Work for boys and youth
13. The Christianizing of personal and community life
14. Co-operation with other General Boards and Agencies
15. District and Conference Lay organizations to make more effective the entire program of Lay Activities.

Par. 1212A. Immediately following Par. 1212 insert a new paragraph as follows :

Par. 1212A. To further the work of Lay Activities, the fourth Sunday in February of each year shall be designated as Laymen's Day, the program to be under the direction of the Board.

Par. 1213. Delete the entire paragraph. (See proposed new Section VI-A, Methodist Men, Pars. 1246A-1246B.)

Par. 1214. Delete the word "General" in line 1. Substitute "Executive" in place of "General" in line 5 so that the paragraph thus amended will read :

Par. 1214. The Board shall elect an Executive Secretary, who shall have general supervision of the work under the direction of the Board and who shall be subject to the authority and control of the Board. On nomination of the Executive Secretary such Associate Secretaries as the Board deems necessary shall be elected by the Board. The Board shall have authority to fill vacancies in office occurring ad interim, including that of the Executive Secretary.

Par. 1218. Insert after "Lay Activities" in line 2 the words "auxiliary to the General Board" so that the paragraph thus amended will read :

Par. 1218. There may be in every Jurisdiction a Jurisdictional Board of Lay Activities auxiliary to the General Board composed of the Conference Lay Leaders of the several Annual Conferences in the Jurisdiction; two effective Bishops, one of whom shall be a member of the General Board of Lay Activities, three effective Ministers, one of whom shall be a member of the General Board of Lay Activities, elected by the Jurisdictional Conference on the nomination of the Committee on Lay Activities.

Par. 1219. Delete the words "of Lay Activities" in line 3 so that the paragraph as thus amended will read :

Par. 1219. Within the Jurisdiction this Board shall promote the program of Lay Activities as outlined by the General Board under the authority of the General Conference.

Par. 1222. Reverse Pars. 1222 and 1223 and bring together into one paragraph so that they will read :

Par. 1222. The Board shall be organized by the election of a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. It shall have authority to regulate its own proceedings. It shall report quadrennially to the Jurisdictional Conference.

Par. 1224. For "the District Lay Leader and the two Associate District Lay Leaders" in lines 4 and 5 substitute "the District Lay Leader and the Associate Lay Leaders from each District," and add at the end of the paragraph "the Board shall elect a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer," so that the paragraph thus amended will read:

Par. 1224. There shall be in every Annual Conference a Board of Lay Activities composed of the Conference Lay Leader, who shall be Chairman, the District Lay Leader and the Associate District Lay Leaders from each District, and the District Superintendents. The Board shall elect a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Par. 1225. Delete the word "Conference" in line 3. Delete the words "shall be a member of the District Conference of the District in which he resides, and he" in lines 5 and 6, so that the paragraph thus amended will read:

Par. 1225. The Conference Lay Leader shall be elected annually by the Annual Conference on nomination of the Board of Lay Activities, which nomination shall be by ballot. The Conference Lay Leader shall be seated in the Annual Conference, if he is not a member of the same, but without right to vote.

Par. 1229. For the word "two" in line 3, substitute the words "not less than two nor more than four" and delete "of the Board" in line 3, so that the paragraph thus amended will read:

Par. 1229. There shall be in every District a Board of Lay Activities composed of the District Lay Leader, who shall be Chairman, not less than two nor more than four Associate District Lay Leaders, the District Superintendent, and the Lay Leader of each Charge.

Par. 1230. Delete the first half of the paragraph through the word "order" in line 5, so that the paragraph as amended will read:

Par. 1230. The District and Associate District Lay Leaders shall be elected annually by the Annual Conference on nomination of the District Superintendents and the Conference Lay Leader.

Par. 1232. At the end of the paragraph add the following: "provided that, where the Annual Conference shall order, the Conference Lay Leader and the District Superintendent shall have authority to fill such vacancies," so that the paragraph thus amended will read:

Par. 1232. The Board shall have authority to fill vacancies occurring ad interim in the office of District and Associate District Lay Leaders; provided that, where the Annual Conference shall order, the Conference Lay Leader and the District Superintendent shall have authority to fill such vacancies.

Par. 1233 (Par. 568). In line 1 after "Board" insert the words "or the Board of Stewards," and at the close of the paragraph add in parentheses "See Par. 1212" so that the paragraph thus amended will read:

Par. 1233. The Official Board or the Board of Stewards, in co-operation with the Pastor, shall be responsible for the program of Lay Activities in the Station Charge as outlined under the direction of the General, Jurisdictional, Conference, and District Boards of Lay Activities. (See Par. 1212.)

Par. 1234 (Par. 569). In line 3 "for organization and for perfecting plans for the work of the year" substitute "to plan the work for the year" and at the end of the paragraph add: "The Pastor shall report the name and address of his Charge Lay Leader to the District Lay Leader," so that the paragraph thus amended will read:

Par. 1234. The Pastor shall call the Board to meet as soon as practicable after the session of the Annual Conference to plan the work for the year. The Pastor shall report the name and address of his Charge Lay Leader to the District Lay Leader.

Par. 1235 (Par. 570). For the entire paragraph substitute the following:

Par. 1235. Where the Official Board is the Executive Body of the Local Church the Charge Lay Leader shall be elected by that body at its last regular meeting before the Annual Conference in the same manner as other Board officials (See Par. 547); where the Board of Stewards is the Executive Body, the Chairman of the Board shall be the Charge Lay Leader.

Par. 1236. (Par. 571). In line 1 after "Boards" insert the words "or the Boards of Stewards," and at the close of the paragraph add in parentheses "(See Par. 1212)," so that the paragraph thus amended will read:

Par. 1236 (Par. 571). The Official Boards or Boards of Stewards of the several churches of the Circuit, in co-operation with the Pastor, shall be responsible for the program of Lay Activities as outlined under the direction of the General, Jurisdictional, Conference, and District Boards of Lay Activities. (See Par. 1212.)

Par. 1238 (Par. 573). In lines 3 and 4 "for organization and for perfecting plans for the work of the year" substitute "to plan the work for the year" and at the end of the para-

graph add: "The Pastor shall report the name and address of the Charge Lay Leader to the District Lay Leader," so that the paragraph thus amended will read:

Par. 1238 (Par. 573). The Pastor shall call these Boards to meet as soon as practicable after the session of the Annual Conference to plan the work for the year. The Pastor shall report the name and address of the Charge Lay Leader to the District Lay Leader.

Par. 1239 (Par. 574). Beginning with line 3 "at the session next preceding the session of the Annual Conference" substitute "on nomination of the Committee on Nominations to assume his responsibilities at the beginning of the new Conference year," so that the paragraph thus amended will read:

Par. 1239 (Par. 574). The Charge Lay Leader of the Circuit shall be elected annually by the Fourth Quarterly Conference on nomination of the Committee on Nominations to assume his responsibilities at the beginning of the new Conference year.

Par. 1240 (Par. 575). Insert after "Boards" in line 1 "or Boards of Stewards," and insert after "Boards" in line 4 "or Boards of Stewards," so that the paragraph thus amended will read:

Par. 1240. Where the Official Boards are the Executive Bodies in the local churches, the Church Lay Leaders shall be elected by those bodies at their last regular meetings before the Annual Conference in the same manner as other Board officials (See Par. 547); where the Boards of Stewards are the Executive Bodies, the Chairmen of the Boards shall be the Church Lay Leaders respectively.

Par. 1241. The Conference Lay Leader as the Executive officer of the Conference Board of Lay Activities shall give direction to its work, confer with the Bishop and correlate the work of the Board with all other activities within the Conference, make a written report to the Board at its regular annual session, and make a comprehensive report to the General Board following the close of the Conference year which shall include the names and correct addresses of the District, Associate District, and Charge Lay Leaders of the several Districts and Charges.

Pars. 1242-1243. The District Lay Leader as Executive officer of the District Board of Lay Activities shall give direction to its work, make a written report to each regular meeting of the District Board and to the District Conference, and a detailed report to the Conference Lay Leader at the close of the Conference year which shall include the names and correct addresses of the Associate District Lay Leaders and the Charge Lay Leaders of the several Charges in the District. The Associate District Lay Leaders shall co-operate with the District Lay Leader in the work of Lay Activities as the District Board may direct. The District and Associate District Lay Leaders shall confer at least quarterly with the District Superintendent regarding the promotion of Lay Activities and the correlation of the work with all other activities within the District.

Par. 1244. The Charge Lay Leader of the Station Charge in cooperation with the Pastor shall be responsible for presenting the pro-

gram of Lay Activities (See Par. 1212) to the Official Board or the Board of Stewards for the adoption of plans necessary to carry on the work. He shall give continued leadership to make the work effective, make a report to each regular session of the Board, and to each Quarterly Conference, and a detailed report to the District Lay Leader at the close of the Conference year. He shall confer frequently with the Pastor about the work of Lay Activities and assist him in all his plans, co-operate with the Pastor in presenting Benevolences to the congregation, co-operate with the General Board and its auxiliary units in the promotion of the total program of Lay Activities, and promote the circulation of *The Methodist Layman* and *The Christian Advocate*.

Par. 1245. The Charge Lay Leader of the Circuit Charge in co-operation with the Pastor shall be responsible for presenting the program of Lay Activities (See Par. 1212) to the Official Board or Board of Stewards for the adoption of plans necessary to carry on the work. He shall give continued leadership to make the work effective, make a report to each regular session of the Board and to each Quarterly Conference, and a detailed report to the District Lay Leader following the close of the Conference year. He shall confer frequently with the Pastor and the several Church Lay Leaders about the work of Lay Activities within the Charge and assist them in all their plans, co-operate with the General Board and its auxiliary units in the promotion of the total program of Lay Activities, and promote the circulation of *The Methodist Layman* and *The Christian Advocate*.

Par. 1246. The Church Lay Leader in co-operation with the Pastor shall be responsible for presenting the program of Lay Activities (See Par. 1212) to the Official Board or Board of Stewards and for the adoption of plans necessary to carry on the work. He shall give continued leadership to make the work effective, make a report to each regular session of the Board and each quarter to the Charge Lay Leader, co-operate with the Pastor in presenting Benevolences to the congregation, promote the circulation of *The Methodist Layman* and *The Christian Advocate*, confer frequently with the Pastor and the Charge Lay Leader and co-operate with them in the promotion of the total program of Lay Activities within the Charge.

Between Sections VI and VII as they now stand in the *Discipline*, add a new Section of three paragraphs as follows:

SECTION VI-A. METHODIST MEN

Par. — The General Board of Lay Activities shall give special consideration to Men's Work, correlating it with the total program of Lay Activities. "Methodist Men" shall be the duly authorized organization for this purpose. The Board shall have authority to promote and charter local units of "Methodist Men" and to affiliate with the movement other existing men's organizations in the local church.

Par. — The Official Board or the Board of Stewards in co-operation with the Pastor and the Lay Leader, shall be responsible for organizing "Methodist Men" in the local church, as need may arise, for the development of the spiritual life of the men of the church and the attainment of the objectives set forth in the following obligation assumed by members of the organization:

"1. To seek daily Christ's way of life; to bear witness to this way in business dealings and in social contacts; to engage in some definite Christian service.

"2. To learn more about The Methodist Church: to study diligently its interpretation and proclamation of the Evangel; to promote its interests and purposes.

"3. To endeavor to win men and boys to Christ and the Church; to promote plans for the handcraft training and for the recreational, social, and religious development of the boys and young men of the church and the community.

"4. To promote Christian fellowship in the church through acquaintance and co-operative effort, and to foster mutual understanding and the spirit of Christian brotherhood in social, industrial, and race relations in the community and among all peoples of the world."

Par. 1247. Amend by inserting the word "General" in the first line so that the paragraph will read :

Par. 1247. The General Board of Lay Activities, etc.

Par. ——— Immediately following Par. 1247 insert a new paragraph as follows :

Par. — A Committee on Christian Stewardship for each local church shall be elected annually by the Official Board or the Board of Stewards. The Pastor and the Lay Leader shall be *ex-officio* members of the Committee. The Committee shall correlate and promote stewardship in the local church in harmony with the plans of the General Board. It shall report to the Official Board or the Board of Stewards and to the Quarterly Conference.

Par. 1249. For this paragraph substitute the following :

Par. 1249. God is the owner of all things. Man is a steward. God's ownership and man's stewardship ought to be acknowledged.

Stewardship is the practical expression of one's experience of God. Therefore, all one's life, all personal abilities, and all material resources constitute a gift from God, which should be used for His glory and for the welfare of mankind. This is central in Christian faith and should control and direct all one's being.

Stewardship involves both motives and methods in the production and acquisition of wealth, the service ideals in vocation and avocation, and the conservation of natural resources. It also governs motives and methods in the investment and expenditure of one's total material gains.

Christian experience demonstrates that the acknowledgment of God's ownership and man's stewardship should result in systematic, proportionate and abundant giving. Tithing is commended as a historic and workable method attested by many Christians throughout centuries of religious custom and joyful experience.

Stewardship likewise requires the offering of one's self and the sharing of one's abilities in the work of the organized agencies of the Church and community which serve Kingdom interests.

Christian Stewardship inevitably expresses itself in one's daily economic experiences and in all life and service.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY OF A DISCONTINUED CHARGE. (MEMORIAL NO. 37.)

Calendar No. 41. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 343. Reconsidered and Referred May 3. See Journal, Pages 343, 477.

M, 106; P, 88; F, 87; N, 1

In connection with Memorial No. 37 your Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy makes the following recommendation:

Amend Par. 782 so it shall read:

Any gift, legacy, devise, annuity, or other benefit to a Charge or Church that accrues or becomes available after said Charge or Church has been discontinued or abandoned shall be and become the property of the Trustees of the Annual Conference within whose jurisdiction the said discontinued or abandoned Charge or Church was located.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY OF A DISCONTINUED CHARGE. (MEMORIAL NO. 37.)

Calendar No. 65. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 477.

M, 106; P, 88; F, 87; N, 1

In connection with Memorial No. 37 your Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy makes the following recommendation:

Amend Par. 782 so it shall read:

Any gift, legacy, devise, annuity or other benefit to a Charge or Church that accrues or becomes available after said Charge or Church has been discontinued or abandoned shall be and become the property of the Trustees of the Annual Conference within whose jurisdiction the said discontinued or abandoned Charge or Church was located.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. CHARTERS FOR LOCAL CHARGES (MEMORIAL NO. 330.)

Calendar No. 42. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 343.

M, 106; P, 100; F, 100

In connection with Memorial No. 330 your Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy recommends the addition of a new section which shall be Section 4 to Paragraph 776 which shall read:

All new Charters, or suggested amendments to existing Charters, shall be submitted to the District Superintendent for his approval as to their conformity with Provisions of the *Discipline*.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. VACANCIES IN BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHARGES. (MEMORIAL NO. 25.)

Calendar No. 43. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 344.
M, 106; P, 85; F, 84; A, 1

In connection with Memorial No. 25 your Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy makes the following recommendation:

Amend Paragraph 773 of the 1940 *Discipline* so that it shall read:

"Any vacancy in the Board of Trustees may be filled until the next annual election by the Quarterly Conference of the Charge in any regular or a special session, except as the civil laws shall prescribe otherwise."

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

(Note: Calendar No. 66 is a duplicate of this Report, Calendar No. 43.)

REPORT NO. 7. MINIMUM STANDARD OF MINISTERIAL SUPPORT. (MEMORIAL NOS. 1, 12, 35, 198, 201, 202, 203, 351, 367, 383, and 399.)

Calendar No. 44. Adopted April 29. Withdrawn May 6. See Journal, Page 478
M, 106; P, 67; F, 67

In connection with the above-numbered Memorials your Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy makes the following recommendations:

1. That a Commission be set up to make a thorough study of a plan of basic support for all ministers of The Methodist Church upon some basis of equity, and that said Commission report its findings and recommendations back to the General Conference of 1948; and

2. That said Commission shall be composed of one layman and one minister from each Jurisdictional Conference upon nomination of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy of each Jurisdictional Conference, together with the Presidents and Executive Secretaries of the Missouri and Illinois Corporations.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO 8. SUGGESTED CHANGES IN THE BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCIAL PLAN. (MEMORIAL NO. Non-Concurrence.)
M, 106; P, 77; F, 76; N, 1

Calendar No. 45. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Pages 497, 498.

Non-Concurrence recommended in 2, 4, 13, 18, 20, 21, 26.

33, 36, 38, 192, 194, 197, 199, 214, 215, 216, 339, 344, 348, 357, 394, 395, 417, 418, 449, 450, 470, 486, 529 and 531 because the General Conference has already acted upon the matters, or the subject matter is already covered by legislation in the 1940 *Discipline*.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. TRANSFER OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.
(MEMORIAL NO. 458.)

Calendar No. 46. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 475.
M, 106; P, 83; F, 83

With reference to Memorial 458 concerning the transfer of Church membership, your Standing Committee recognizes the seriousness of the problem involved and is in sympathy with the purpose of the memorial.

It is the judgment of your Committee that the whole matter should be referred to the Joint Committee considering the recommendation of a Commission for Study of the Local Church, if and when such a Commission is created by the General Conference, with the request that some provision be made for the study of this problem during the quadrennium and report back to the 1948 General Conference.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. CORRELATION OF LEGISLATION
(IN COMMITTEE.)

Calendar No. 47. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 480.
M, 106; P, 67; F, 67

RESOLUTION

The Legislative Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy desires to call to the attention of the Committee on Correlation of Legislation, through the General Conference, the wisdom of eliminating the items on Church Membership appearing in Part II, Chapter I of the 1940 *Discipline*, which are repeated in Part III, Chapter X, Section I.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. MEMBERSHIP. (MEMORIAL NOS. 525, 526.)
Calendar No. 48. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 282.
M, 106; P, 69; F, 69

Your Committee reports that the changes in legislation

requested in Memorials 525 and 526 have already been acted upon in Committee Report No. 1 to the General Conference.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. DEFINITION OF PASTORAL CHARGE.

(MEMORIAL NO. 455.)

Calendar No. 49. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 475.
M, 106; P, 67; F, 67

With reference to Memorial 455, your Committee recommends deletion of the sub-head to Section II of Chapter X reading "Duties of District Superintendent and Pastor," and

That Paragraph 527 be amended by inserting before the present wording a section reading:

So that Paragraph 527 will then read:

Par. 527. 1. A Pastoral Charge consists of one or more churches organized under the *Discipline* with a single Quarterly Conference to which a Minister has been duly appointed as Preacher in Charge. A Charge of two or more churches is a Circuit.

2. In order that each local church or congregation may be an effective unit it shall be the duty of all District Superintendents and Pastors to organize and administer the Charges and Churches committed to their care in accordance with the plan set forth in this chapter.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF TRUSTEES

(MEMORIAL NO. 332.)

Calendar No. 50. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 478.
M, 106; P, 83; F, 83

Reporting on Memorial 332, your Committee recommends amending paragraph 772, line 5, by striking out the words "on nomination of the Pastor" and inserting the words "on nomination by the Nominating Committee of which the pastor shall be the Chairman."

So the paragraph will read:

Paragraph 772. Except as the laws of the state, territory or country, or the existing Charter of any incorporated Charge or Church prescribe otherwise, such Board of Trustees shall be elected by the Quarterly Conference on nomination by the Nominating Committee of which the Pastor shall be the Chairman, or in his absence, of the District Superintendent; or they may be elected by the members of the Charge not less than twenty-one years of age at a meeting called for that purpose, as may be arranged by the Quarterly Conference. At least ten days' notice of such meeting and the purpose thereof shall be given from the pulpit of the Charge.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

**REPORT NO. 14. VACANCIES ON THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE.**

(MEMORIAL NOS. 11, 27.)

M, 106; P, 73; F, 73

Calendar No. 51. Withdrawn May 6. See Journal, Page 480.

Reporting on Memorials No. 11 and 27, your Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy recommends the addition of the following to Paragraph 832 of the 1940 *Discipline*:

“Vacancies occurring in the membership of the Commission in the interim between the sessions of the Annual Conference shall be filled by the Commission, preserving the ratio of membership between ministers and laymen. At the next session of the Annual Conference such vacancies shall be filled by proper action of the Annual Conference for the unexpired term.”

So the Paragraph shall read:

Paragraph 832. There shall be in each Annual Conference a Commission on World Service and Finance composed of five Ministers and six Lay Members, nominated by the District Superintendents and elected by the Annual Conference next succeeding the General Conference. They shall serve for four years, beginning with the adjournment of that Annual Conference. No member or employee of any Conference or Connectional Board shall be eligible. The Chairman of each Conference Board or Commission, or some person appointed by it, shall have opportunity to represent the claims of his Board or Commission before the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance. Vacancies occurring in the membership of the Commission in the interim between the sessions of the Annual Conference shall be filled by the Commission, preserving the ratio of membership between ministers and laymen. At the next session of the Annual Conference such vacancies shall be filled by proper action of the Annual Conference for the unexpired term.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;

ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

**REPORT NO. 15. AMEND PARAGRAPH 800 RELATING TO
TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS**

(MEMORIAL NO. 362.)

Calendar No. 52. Referred to Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms. See Report No. 15 of that Committee, Pages 477, 492.

M, 106; P, 60; F, 60

In reporting on Memorial 362, your Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, recommends that Paragraph 800 of the 1940 *Discipline* be amended by striking out in line five of said paragraph the words “three fourths” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “a majority” and by striking out in line thirteen of said para-

graph the words "three fourths" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "a majority" so that when amended the paragraph will read:

"Trustees of schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, homes, orphanages, institutes, and other institutions owned or controlled by The Methodist Church shall be at least twenty-one years of age. At all times not less than a majority of them shall be members of The Methodist Church and all must be nominated, confirmed, or elected by some body or officer thereof to which or to whom this power has been delegated by the governing body of the Church; *provided* that when an institution is owned and operated jointly with some other denomination or organization, said requirement that a majority of the Trustees shall be members of The Methodist Church shall apply only to the portion of the Trustees representing The Methodist Church."

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. VACANCIES IN BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH. (MEMORIAL NO. 15.)

Calendar No. 53. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 481.
M, 106; P, 103; F, 103

Your Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy recommends the addition of the following to paragraph 793 of the 1940 *Discipline*:

"Between General Conferences, the Council of Bishops is designated to act upon resignations and to fill vacancies in the membership of this Board, until the next session of the General Conference," so the paragraph shall read:

Par. 793. There shall be a Board of Trustees incorporated under the name of "The Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church." This Board shall be composed of six Ministers and six Lay Members. At least one of its members shall be chosen from the bounds of each Jurisdictional Conference in the United States. They shall be elected for a term of eight years by the General Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops, except as to the first such Board, of which three Clerical and three Lay Members thereof shall be elected for a term of four years and three Clerical and three Lay Members thereof shall be elected for a term of eight years, and they shall serve until their successors have been elected and qualified. Between General Conferences, the Council of Bishops is designated to act upon resignations and to fill vacancies in the membership of this Board, until the next session of the General Conference.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 17. ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE JOHN STREET
METHODIST CHURCH. (MEMORIAL NO. 200.)

Calendar No. 54. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 433.
M, 106; P, 99; F, 99

John Street Methodist Church has been accepted as a responsibility of Methodism at large since 1868, its Trustees having been elected by the General Conference for each quadrennium since that date, including the years of 1940 and 1944. This responsibility was distinctly reaffirmed by the last General Conference.

This shrine of early Methodism in the United States is beloved by many Methodists and others, who annually make pilgrimage to it by the hundreds. The Church's present situation is ideal for enlarging its program of noonday services for the thousands who work in the skyscrapers of the business and financial district which surround it on every side. This is in addition to the usual preaching and other meetings of Sunday.

The present state of the church property, however, is far from satisfactory. The building is more than two hundred years old, and structural weaknesses have developed which endanger its safety. Considerable changes also are essential if even the present program of service is to be carried on under sanitary and suitable conditions. And that program ought to be extended if the historic usefulness of the church is to be maintained. The Roman Catholics have announced a large plan for work in this vicinity as soon as the war is over.

The local resources of the church constituency are taxed to the uttermost for the current expenses, and the income from the adjacent building, from which the larger part of the present budget is derived, has no certainty of permanence. Outside help must be secured if this conspicuous enterprise of The Methodist Church is to go on in vigor.

We therefore recommend that the General Conference give its endorsement to a projected appeal to and campaign among the members of The Methodist Church at large for the raising of funds for endowment and for such restoration, repairs and changes in the building as are necessary for security and for the proper conduct of the work.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 18. NANNIE FINDLEY BEAN BEQUEST.

(MEMORIAL NO. 219.)

*Calendar No. 55. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 478
M, 106; P, 99; F, 99*

Your Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy recommends the adoption by the General Conference of the following resolution, as prayed for in Memorial No. 219:

Be it Resolved, By the General Conference of The Methodist Church, in regular session duly assembled, that the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church, an Ohio Corporation, be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to sell and convey in whole or in part the real estate devised it under the will of Nannie Findley Bean, said Board being authorized and empowered to sell and convey the entire fee simple title to any or all of said land or to except and reserve from any sale, or sales, any or all of the minerals, including oil and gas, in and under said lands, and in turn to sell any or all of such minerals so excepted and reserved or to execute and deliver oil or other mining leases on all or any portion of such minerals, which sale, or sales, lease, or leases, shall be made for such consideration, upon such terms, and at such time, or times, as may be considered advisable or proper by said Board of Trustees or by its Executive Committee, as the President and Secretary of said Board of Trustees are authorized and empowered to deliver to any purchaser, or purchasers, lessee, or lessees, such deed or deeds, lease or leases, as will properly convey to and vest in such purchaser, or purchasers, lessee, or lessees, any or all of the right, title and interest owned by, or accruing to the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Inc., the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church, or The Methodist Church acting through its General Conference, and all things done hereunder and by virtue hereof are hereby ratified and confirmed, it being provided and required, however, that said Board of Trustees will substitute the proceeds from any such sale, or sales, or from any such lease, or leases, for the land itself and will handle and dispose of said proceeds only in accordance with the terms and provisions of the will of Nannie Findley Bean.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 19. DEFINITION OF PASTORAL CHARGE.
(MEMORIAL NO. 455.)

*Calendar No. 72. Withdrawn May 6. See Journal, Page 481
M, 106; P, 67; F, 67*

Whereas the term "pastoral charge" occurs several times in the *Discipline* and there is no exact definition of a pastoral charge, your Standing Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy recommends concurrence in Memorial No. 455, that a section be added to Paragraph 528 of the 1940 *Discipline*, to read:

The pastoral charge shall be understood to include all of the individual churches assigned to the care of an individual pastor. Each of the churches thus assigned may have separate Official Boards but shall have but one Quarterly Conference, providing that in cases of emergency, in the judgment and decision of the District Superintendent, new mergers of individual churches in one pastoral charge may have separate Quarterly Conferences for a period not to exceed three years. In listing pastoral charges with more than one individual church the community where the pastor is resident shall be named first and the others follow in alphabetical order. The Annual Conference may determine whether the pastor's reports to the Conference are to be made by individual churches or by the charge as a whole. For purposes of lay membership in the Annual Conference there may be but one

member and one reserve from each Quarterly Conference. When a Pastoral Charge consists of but one individual church it may be known as a Station, when of more than one individual church it may be known as a Circuit.

So the new paragraph will read:

Par. 528. Article 1. A Quarterly Conference, which is the governing body of the Charge, shall be organized in each Pastoral Charge. (Paragraph 31.) The pastoral charge shall be understood to include all of the individual churches assigned to the care of an individual pastor. Each of the churches thus assigned may have separate Official Boards, but shall have but one Quarterly Conference, providing that in cases of emergency, in the judgment and decision of the District Superintendent, new mergers of individual churches in one pastoral charge may have separate Quarterly Conferences for a period not to exceed three years. In listing pastoral charges with more than one individual church the community where the pastor is resident shall be named first and the others follow in alphabetical order. The Annual Conference may determine whether the pastor's reports to the Conference are to be made by individual churches or by the charge as a whole. For purposes of lay membership in the Annual Conference there may be but one member and one reserve from each Quarterly Conference. When a Pastoral Charge consists of but one individual church it may be known as a Station, when of more than one individual church it may be known as a Circuit.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;

ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

For Report No. 20 See Page 781.

REPORT NO. 21. ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH. (MEMORIAL NO. 532.)
Calendar No. 13. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 432.
M, 106; P, 82; F, 77; A, 5

Your Committee submits the following resolution as its report on memorial No. 532:

Whereas, a memorial from the St. George's Methodist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., requesting this General Conference to make an appropriation of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars annually for the renovation and repairs of the historic Old St. George's Church, and

Whereas, the Old St. George's Church is American Methodism's oldest and most historic church, having been used continuously for worship and service to her community since November 23, 1769; and

Whereas, within her walls the first three Conferences of American Methodism, the first Watch Night Service in America, and the first Love Feast in America by the Methodists were held; and

Whereas, by her society have been received or from her pulpit have been preached the first sermons in America by Robert Williams, Joseph Pilmoor, Richard Boardman, John King, Francis Asbury, Richard Wright, Thomas Rankin, George Shadford and others; and

Whereas, by her pastors John Dickins and Ezekiel Cooper, sponsored by her Trustees, the Methodist Book Concern was established and placed on a firm financial basis; and

Whereas, by her Trustees, the Charter Fund was drafted, presented to the General Conference of 1796, incorporated and for many years sponsored; and

Whereas, due to the age of this ancient structure, renovations and repairs are constantly necessary; and

Whereas, it can no longer be adequately maintained by its members or constituents; and

Whereas, the General Conference of 1940 adopted a memorial recognizing Old St. George's as a "shrine of Methodism" and declaring this ancient building "worthy of the care of the general Church;" and

Whereas, this memorial was referred by the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy

Therefore, be it resolved that not to exceed the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars annually be allocated to St. George's Methodist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. This amount to be paid out of the funds of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension by the General Board of Missions and Church Extension.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 22. STUDY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH.
(MEMORIAL No. 447.)

Calendar No. 172. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 433.
M, 106; P, 79; F, 79

Your Committee on Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy had before it Memorial No. 447. It was referred to a Special Committee of Fifteen on Conference properly constituted as follows: three persons from each of the following standing committees—Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy; Ministry; Education; Conferences, and Missions and Church Extension.

This Joint Committee recommended approval of the following report to the General Conference which recommendation was acted upon favorably with the vote reported herewith.

Your Standing Committee recommends concurrence.

To the Members of the General Conference of The Methodist Church meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, April 26, 1944.

Dear Brethren:

Our world is in a state of revolution. Private, public, social, economic, and political life has been caught in the maelstrom of change. Overnight, a vast number of large and small industrial establishments have been converted to war production. Whole communities and even nations of free peoples have been subjected to virtual slavery. The whole world is in armed conflict. In our own country, over ten million men are in the Armed Forces of the nation.

In some parts of the world, the Churches have become largely nonfunctional, having suffered untold destruction of property and being brutally subjected to the will of the con-

querors. Everywhere is to be found disruption of homes, starvation, disease, and death. And, no one dare predict when the end will come.

However, we do know that great changes will come at the close of the war—changes in every phase of life: economic, social, educational, functional, institutional, political, spiritual.

Will the Church be ready for these changes and prepared to adapt its program to meet the urgent needs that will grow out of them? Many of the men and women in the Armed Forces will return to us with a new vision of the Church and the service it can render to God and humanity; others will come back disillusioned and cynical. Will the Church find a new place of service for the one and at the same time give a convincing proof of its stewardship to the other? Will it be prepared to meet the many problems even now emerging in our beloved land?

From many quarters there are now coming challenges to the Church to make ready for the days and years ahead. The Church, likewise, has been changing, while holding on to some of the eternal verities. There is evidence of increased devotion and zeal on the part of its leadership; an encouraging increase in World Service giving; a far-reaching program of paying debts on property; a clear evidence of a desire to forge ahead in the important fields of evangelism and stewardship.

But this is only a part of the picture. Church membership does not show the substantial gains rightfully expected; attendance upon the Church School has fallen off; the larger per cent of our members do not attend regularly the worship services of the Church; it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure workers for the various programs of the local church; and it must be admitted that large numbers of our people seem to have little comprehension of the world mission of the Church.

Moreover, it is becoming increasingly clear that there is a wide-spread demand for a thorough study and a re-evaluation of the local church in relation to its local constituency, to its community, to the Conference and general agencies of the Church, to the world mission of Christianity, and in relation to the simplification of its organization and program and adaptation to meet the needs of various types of churches; the large city church; the suburban church; the town church; the village church; the small rural church; the industrial area church; the mission church.

Therefore, in view of the changing order in which we now live and which we shall face in increasing degree in a

brief time and the need of the Church to gird itself to meet the situation; and also in view of the widespread demand for streamlining and adapting the organization and the program of the local church to meet the conditions that face us even now and which will confront us with greater urgency in the future, the General Board of Lay Activities in called session in Chicago, Illinois, March 23-24, 1944, respectfully memorializes the General Conference of The Methodist Church in session in Kansas City, Missouri, April 26, 1944;

1. To appoint a Commission on the Study of the Local Church in relation to its ministry, its membership, and its responsibility to its parish and community; its program of worship, education, mission, evangelism, stewardship, men's work, women's work, work with children and youth, lay activities, and finance; its organization and varied forms of activities; its relationships to all of the District, Conference, and general agencies and institutions of the Church, and to ministerial supply and support.

2. That the Commission on Study of the Local Church be composed of six effective Bishops, one from each Jurisdiction; twelve effective ministers, two from each Jurisdiction; eighteen laymen, three from each Jurisdiction, at least one of whom shall be a woman; all to be elected by the General Conference on nomination by the Council of Bishops. And provided that the Executive Secretaries of the General Boards and Commissions of the Church, and the Executive Secretaries of the main Divisions of the General Boards and Commissions shall be members of the Commission on Study of the Local Church without vote.

3. That vacancies in the membership of the Commission due to resignation, transfer from one Jurisdiction to another, disability or death, shall be filled by the Council of Bishops.

4. That the Commission shall have authority to conduct surveys and studies as may be necessary in order to do its work effectively.

5. That the expenses of the Commission shall be paid from the General Administration Fund.

6. That the Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Conference meeting in 1948.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 23. CLARIFY PARAGRAPH 779.

(MEMORIAL NOS. 521 AND 649.)

Calendar No. 173. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 452.

M, 106; P, 67; F, 65 A, 2

In connection with Memorials Nos. 521 and 649, your Committee recommends:

That Par. 779 of the *Discipline* be amended by inserting the following sentence at the end of the first sentence in said paragraph, which sentence reads as follows:

"Such Committee shall hear all interested parties, and shall take into account the investment of any church in any such property before arriving at a final determination."

Par. 779 will then read:

"When two or more churches comprise a single Charge and one or more thereof is separated from such Charge and established as a Charge or united with another Charge which does not own a parsonage, each such church shall be entitled to receive its just share of the then reasonable value of the parsonage in which it had invested funds, and the amount of such value and just share shall be determined by a Committee of three persons, appointed by the District Superintendent, who shall not be members of any of the interested churches. Such Committee shall hear all interested parties, and shall take into account the investment of any church in any such property before arriving at a final determination.

"From any such determination there is reserved unto each of the interested churches the right of appeal to the next succeeding Annual Conference. Any sum received as or from such share shall be used for no purpose other than the purchase or building of a parsonage."

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 24. TO DEFINE MORE FULLY THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH. (MEMORIAL NO. 527.)

Calendar No. 174. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 452.
M, 106; P, 60; F, 59; A, 1

In connection with Memorial No. 527 your Committee recommends the following:

To amend Par. 795, *Discipline* 1940, by the addition of the following sentence:

Trust funds committed to this Board may be invested only in such securities or properties as are legal for the investment of trust funds in the State in which the Board is incorporated.

To amend Par. 798, *Discipline* 1940, by the addition of the following sentence:

The beneficiary of a fund held in trust by the Board shall be entitled to a report at least annually on the condition of such fund and on the transactions affecting it.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 25. PASTOR'S SERVICE RECORD.

(MEMORIAL NO. 127.)

Calendar No. 175. Adopted May 6. Journal, Page 476.

M, 106; P, 77; F, 77

In connection with Memorial No. 127 your Committee recommends the following:

That immediately following Par. 454, *Discipline* 1940, this paragraph be added:

The Secretary of each Annual Conference shall keep a service record, together with the date of birth and marriage, of all ministerial members of the Annual Conference and this record shall be available for use by the Board of Conference Claimants of that Conference, and any other Annual Conference supplemental organization existing under *Par. 1313* and the Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 26. TRUSTEES NOT LIABLE. (MEMORIAL NO. 648.)

Calendar No. 138. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 480.

M, 106; P, 66; F, 63; A, 2; N, 1

In connection with Memorial No. 648 your Committee recommends the following:

That the following be enacted as a part of Par. 987 of the 1940 *Discipline*:

"Trustees or other members of local churches shall not be required to guarantee personally any loan made to the particular church by any Board created by, or under the authority of, the General Conference."

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 27. THE STATUS OF BAPTIZED CHILDREN.

(MEMORIAL NO. 22.)

Calendar No. 176. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 434.

M, 106; P, 81; F, 79; A, 1; N, 1

In connection with Memorial No. 22 your Committee recommends the following:

That Pars. 140 and 141 be deleted, and the following paragraphs be inserted in their place:

Par. 140. We regard all children who have been baptized as being in visible covenant relation to God and under the special care and supervision of the Church. All children who are baptized by a Methodist Minister and other baptized children under the care of a Methodist Church shall be enrolled as Preparatory Members in The Methodist Church until this status is terminated by their reception, after a proper course of training, into full membership, or by death, withdrawal, or transfer to another evangelical denomination.

The parents of all children presented by them for Baptism shall be instructed as to the significance of the Sacrament and informed that the children will be enrolled after Baptism as Preparatory Members unless they determine otherwise.

Par.— The Pastor of the Church shall, at the time of administering the Sacrament of Baptism, furnish the person baptized, or the parents or guardians of the child who is baptized, with a Certificate of Baptism which also clearly states that this person is now enrolled as a Preparatory Member in the ——— Methodist Church.

Par. 141. The Pastor shall keep and transmit to his successor an accurate register of the names of baptized children in his Pastoral Charge; this shall constitute the Preparatory Membership roll. It shall give the names of their parents and date of their birth, and the date of Baptism and place of residence. Should they move, the Pastor shall issue a Transfer of Preparatory Membership, in accordance with the rules for transferring full members (Pars. 149-151). The number of persons on the Preparatory Membership roll shall be reported to the Annual Conference.

The Committee recommends that: the statistical forms of the Church, especially the Pastor's report to the Annual Conference, shall indicate the number of Preparatory Members on the roll in the Local Church; and the Editor of the *Discipline* shall be instructed to bring other paragraphs which refer to baptized children into conformity with this legislation.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 28. J. WESLEY ROBINSON ESTATE, ANDERSON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. (MEMORIAL NO. 647.)

Calendar No. 177. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 452. M, 106; P, 58; F, 58

In connection with Memorial No. 647 your Committee Recommends the following:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, J. Wesley Robinson, late of Anderson County, South Carolina, by his will dated May 28, 1909, and duly probated in the office of the Probate Court for Anderson County, South Carolina, devised the tract of land situated in Anderson County, South Carolina, containing one hundred (100) acres, more or less, and known as the testator's Robinson land, and being Tract No. 4 on a plat made by W. L. Mitchell, Surveyor, of the lands of the James Robinson Estate, which said plat bears date December 17, 1903, and which said tract of land represents the testator's portion of the James Robinson Estate lands, to the testator's mother, Emily Elizabeth Robinson, and after her death and the death of certain other beneficiaries, then the remainder to go to the "Methodist Episcopal Church, South, unconditionally"; and

Whereas, All prior estates have fallen in and said Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has now merged with and its properties have become vested in The Methodist Church; and

Whereas, Though said devise was to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, nevertheless, the testator, no doubt, had in mind bene-

fitting Ebenezer Church, of the Belton Circuit, in Anderson District, of the Upper South Carolina Conference of what is now The Methodist Church; now

Be it Resolved by the General Conference of The Methodist Church in its 1944 session being held in Kansas City:

That the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church, or the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, be and it is hereby authorized and directed to convey all its right, title and interest in and to said property, without warranties, to the Trustees of the Ebenezer Methodist Church of the Belton Circuit in the Anderson District of the Upper South Carolina Conference, the tract of land formerly owned by J. Wesley Robinson, above described, which church shall have, hold, use, and dispose of the same for its own use and benefit as to the said church shall seem for its best interest.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 29. QUADRENNIAL REPORTS.
(MEMORIAL NO. 624.)

Calendar No. 178. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 481.
M, 106; P, 78; F, 78

Your Committee has examined the report of the General Board of Lay Activities as printed on pages 348 to 360 in the Quadrennial Reports of the Boards and Commissions of The Methodist Church to the General Conference 1944—pages 348-360.

We recommend the acceptance of this report as the official report of the General Board of Lay Activities for the Quadrennium 1940-1944.

We desire to commend the Board of Lay Activities on the significant growth in the interest of the laymen in the total work of the Church, no small part of which is due to the efforts of this Board through its manifold approaches in the fields of promotion and education. The work of the Board has been over such a wide range of activities that neither time nor printing space will permit mention of the various items.

We would however lift out for your attention and considerate thought the single item of Stewardship. The 1940 General Conference made the General Board of Lay Activities responsible for the promotion and cultivation of Stewardship for the Quadrennium (*Discipline*, Par. 1247). The program inaugurated for this purpose is set forth on page 351 of the report. It is evident that notable progress has been made throughout the Church in this field of endeavor. Although the results have been gratifying, the General Board of Lay Activities is not "satisfied with progress made." For this reason, a series of studies have been made

which resulted in a plan for a unified Church-wide program of Stewardship cultivation and promotion for the next quadrennium. The plan was endorsed by the National Council of Conference Lay Leaders at its session in Chicago last July, was approved by the Council of Secretaries at about the same time. The Council of Bishops in their meeting in December, 1943, also approved "the general outline of the program for cultivating Christian Stewardship as projected by the General Board of Lay Activities" and offered "full and earnest co-operation in carrying out the program."

Subsequently, a stewardship planning conference raised by these bodies meeting in Chicago completed details of the plan. This plan has been adopted by the General Conference as a part of the Report on the Crusade for Christ.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 30. AGE OF PREPARATORY MEMBERS.
(MEMORIAL NO. 212.)

Calendar No. 179. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 476.
M, 106; P, 80; F, 51; A, 27; N, 2

In connection with Memorial 212, your Committee recommends the following:

In Article 142 to change the age from 10 to 12 years so that the amended paragraph will read as follows:

Par. 142. The Pastor shall organize into classes the baptized children of the Church when they shall have reached the age of twelve years, or at an earlier age when it deemed advisable, and shall meet them at least once a week for a reasonable period to instruct them in the nature, design, and obligations of Baptism, and in the truths of the Scriptures; to urge them to give regular attendance upon the public worship of the Church; to advise, exhort, and encourage them to an immediate personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and to instruct them in the use of the means of grace in living the Christian life; *provided*, that unbaptized children may likewise be included in such cases. Such unbaptized children may, with the consent of their parents or guardians, be recognized and recorded as Preparatory Members. If need be, the Pastor may appoint one or more suitable persons to assist him in such class instruction.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 31. CLARIFY PARAGRAPH 783.
(MEMORIAL NO. 757.)

Calendar No. 180. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 440.
M, 106; P, 67; F, 65; N, 2

In connection with Memorial No. 757, your Committee recommends the following:

In Par. 783 of the 1940 *Discipline* add in line 25 after the word "church" the words "or remodeling a church or church building," so it shall read:

Par. 783. Any church desiring to purchase, build, or remodel a church building shall first secure the District Superintendent's written consent thereto and the Quarterly Conference's authorization after not less than ten days' notice of such proposed action shall have been given from the pulpit of the charge. Thereupon the Quarterly Conference shall appoint a Committee of not less than three members of such church, who shall make an estimate of the amount required to complete such undertaking or enterprise, and such estimate, amount, and proposed undertaking shall be submitted for approval to the members of the church not less than twenty-one years of age at a meeting called for that purpose. If such undertaking is that of building a church the purchase price of the lot or lots on which such church is to be erected shall be paid in full, and before any such building is begun or contract is entered into for the construction thereof or for the purpose of remodeling of an already erected church, it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Conference to acquire a fee simple title to such premises by deed of conveyance executed in the form and manner as in this Chapter provided, and to secure in cash and tangible assets one half of said estimated cost. When such undertaking is that of building a church or remodeling a church or church building the purchase price for the lot or lots on which the church is to be erected may be credited as a tangible asset secured. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any repairs or remodeling the cost of which shall not exceed ten per cent of the value of the building affected.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 32. ADJUSTMENT OF PROPERTY RIGHTS.
(MEMORIAL NO. 530.)

Calendar No. 181. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 440.
M, 106, 50; P, 38; F, 38

In connection with Memorial No. 530 your Committee recommends that the following Paragraph be added at the end of Par. 790 in the 1940 *Discipline*:

When District boundaries are changed by division, rearrangement or consolidation, so that a District parsonage, purchased, owned and maintained by one District is included within the bounds of another District, each such District shall be entitled to receive its just share of the then reasonable value of the parsonage in which is had invested funds, and the amount of such value and just share shall be determined by a Committee of three persons, appointed by the Bishop of the Area, who shall not be residents of any of the said Districts. The Committee shall hear claims of each District regarding its interest therein before making decision. From any such determination there is reserved unto each of the interested Districts the right of appeal to the next succeeding Annual Conference. Any sum received as or from such share will be used for no other purpose than purchase or building of a parsonage in the District.

The same procedure shall be followed in determining equities of

a District in any other property which may be included in another District by changes in District boundaries.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 33. CONVEYANCES OF CHURCHES AND
PARSONAGES

(MEMORIAL NO. 189 and 328.)

Calendar No. 182. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 440.
M, 106; P, 38; F, 38

In connection with Memorials Nos. 189 and 328 your Committee recommends:

That Par. 777 of the 1940 *Discipline* be amended by striking out the words, "and disposed of" from the first line of page 238, and by adding to the first paragraph on page 238 the following: "This provision is solely for the benefit of the grantee, and the grantor reserves no right or interest in said premises." And by adding thereafter a new paragraph as follows:

"Premises so acquired may be disposed of in conformity with the provisions of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church when the use of such property as a place of divine worship has been determinated."

And that the third paragraph on page 238 be amended by striking out the words, "and disposed of" from the second line, and the word "preachers" from the third line; and the words "be appointed in said place" from the fourth and fifth lines of said paragraph three on page 238, inserting the word "ministers" instead of "preachers" and the words "entitled to occupy the same by appointment" instead of the words "be appointed in said place;" and by adding to said paragraph the following provisions: "This provision is solely for the benefit of the grantee, and the grantor reserves no right or interest in said premises." And by adding thereafter a new paragraph as follows:

"Premises so acquired may be disposed of in conformity with the provisions of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church when the use of such property as a parsonage has been terminated."

Which amendments will make Par. 777 read as follows:

Par. 777. If and when the Charge is incorporated, all real estate owned or thereafter acquired by the Charge shall be deeded directly to it in its corporate name. If the Charge is not incorporated, all real estate owned or acquired by the Charge shall be deeded to the Trustees of the Charge, their successors and assigns in trust for the use and benefit of the Charge and of The Methodist Church. All deeds by which premises are hereafter acquired for use as a place of divine worship shall contain the following Trust Clause:

"In trust, that said premises shall be used, kept, and maintained as a place of divine worship of the Methodist Ministry and members of The Methodist Church; subject to the *Discipline*, usage and ministerial appointments of said Church as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated. This provision is solely for the benefit of the grantee, and the grantor reserves no right or interest in said premises."

Premises so acquired may be disposed of in conformity with the provisions of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church when the use of such property as a place of divine worship has been terminated.

All deeds by which premises are hereafter acquired for use as a parsonage shall contain the following Trust Clause:

"In trust, that such premises shall be held, kept, and maintained as a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the Ministers of The Methodist Church who may from time to time be entitled to occupy the same by appointment; subject to the *Discipline* and usage of said Church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated. This provision is solely for the benefit of the grantee, and the grantor reserves no right or interest in said premises."

Premises so acquired may be disposed of in conformity with the provisions of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church when the use of such property as a parsonage has been terminated.

If the law of the state, territory or country in which the property is located requires a different method or means of conveying or acquiring fee simple title to such property, the same shall apply and be substituted for the means and method prescribed in this paragraph.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 34. QUESTION IN STATISTICAL FORMS REGARDING WORLD SERVICE GIVING OF CHURCH SCHOOLS

(MEMORIAL NO. 646.)

*Calendar No. 183. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 481.
M, 106; P, 59; F, 58; N, 1*

Memorial No. 646 quoted herewith was referred to your Committee for consideration:

"Whereas, The promotion of World Service giving in the Church Schools has resulted in an annual increase until their giving now amounts to more than a million dollars annually, and

"Whereas, Accurate information concerning World Service giving in the Church School is essential to its effective promotion by the Board of Education and by the several Annual Conference Boards of Education, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the General Conference instruct its Committee on Statistical Forms to include in those forms the following question: 'How much is paid by the Church School for World Service and Conference Benevolences?'"

Your Committee recommends concurrence and that the

information herein be referred to the Commission on Statistics.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 35. PENSIONS FOR LAY WORKERS

(MEMORIAL NO. 641 and 643.)

Calendar No. 184. Withdrawn May 6. See Journal, Page 481.
M, 106; P, 60; F, 60

These two memorials are identical and read as follows:

"Be It Resolved, That the General Conference authorize and inaugurate a pension plan to provide for the lay members of staffs employed by institutions, agencies, and churches of The Methodist Church."

No plan is proposed in these memorials, however, since the great majority of the Committee favored pensions for Lay Workers in Church organizations and institutions, your Committee submits the following recommendation, to wit:

That the General Conference authorize the General Board of Lay Activities, in co-operation with the other Boards, Commissions, institutions, and agencies, to work out a plan for pensions for lay workers in The Methodist Church, this plan to be presented to the General Conference in 1948.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 36. REPRESENTATION ON THE GENERAL
COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

(MEMORIAL NO. 7.)

Calendar No. 185. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 482.
M, 106; P, 61; F, 60; N, 1

Memorial No. 7 quoted herewith was referred to your Committee for consideration:

"Resolved, That the Central Conference of Southern Asia memorialize the General Conference to provide for the representation on the General Commission on World Service and Finance or at least those Central Conferences which have a Christian community of 450,000 or over, within the provision for six members-at-large found in Paragraph 820. of the 1940 *Discipline*. This need not be the same person for the four years, but any such persons, lay or ministerial, as, from time to time, the Bishops of the Central Conference concerned may find easily available for the meetings."

The following resolution is a recommendation of your Committee:

"Whereas, There has been referred to the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy a memorial from the

Central Conference of Southern Asia requesting representation on the General Commission on World Service and Finance;

"Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the General Commission on World Service and Finance be instructed to make a study of the question of representation from the Central Conferences on the General Boards and Commissions of the Church and to report its findings and recommendations to the 1948 session of the General Conference."

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman;*
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 37. STATISTICAL CONFERENCE REPORT
(MEMORIAL NO. 517.)

Calendar No. 186. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Pages 497,
498.

M, 106; P, 63; F, 62; N, 1

The Committee recommends nonconcurrence, but recommends that the data attached to this memorial be referred to the Special Commission on Statistical Blanks.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman;*
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 38. NON-CONCURRENCE
(MEMORIAL: Non-Concurrence.)

Calendar No. 189. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Pages 497,
498.

M, 106; P, 69; F, 69

Your Committee recommends nonconcurrence in Memorials bearing these numbers: 3, 32, 119, 158, 193, 195, 211, 217, 290, 410, 441, 475, 518, 519, 522, 523, 533, 534, 541, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 633, 634, 635, 636, 638, 639, 640, 642, 644, 645, 734, 741, 742, 743, 752, 762, 776, 803, 805, 806, 808, 809, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 819, 820, 821, 825, 839.

RAY H. NICHOLS. (*) *Chairman;*
ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 39. AMENDING PARAGRAPH 840
(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

Calendar No. Not published. Adopted May 6. See Journal,
Page 483.

M, 106; P, 69; F, 69

Your Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy recommends, and so moves, that Par. 840 of the 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church be amended by changing the word "rent" in line seven, to the word "dwelling" so that the Paragraph as amended will read;

Par. 840. It shall be the duty of the Commission, unless otherwise provided for, to estimate and apportion to the Districts or Charges the amount necessary to furnish a sufficient and equitable support for the Superintendent of each District in the Conference, including salary, suitable provision for a dwelling, travel, and office expense. It shall report this estimate to the Annual Conference for approval, and the Annual Conference shall determine the basis upon which this amount shall be apportioned to the District or the Charges of the Conference. The Conference Treasurer, or District Treasurer elected by the Annual Conference, shall remit monthly to the several District Superintendents the amount due them, and with the approval of the Conference may borrow the funds necessary to make this possible.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;

ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

For Non-concurrent Report on the new simplified Tax Bill HR4646, see *Journal*, page 482.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Chairman, John W. Hawley.
Vice-Chairman, Marshall R. Reed.
Secretary, Frank L. Shaffer.

REPORT NO. 1. RECEIVING MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES (MEMORIAL NO. 232.)

Calendar No. 5. Adopted April 29. See Journal, Page 268.
M, 89; P, 74; F, 67; N, 7

Your Committee recommends to amend Paragraph 311, Article 1, Item 3 of the 1940 *Discipline*:

A. By inserting after the fourth word "Churches" the following: "who can meet the educational standards required of Methodist ministers."

B. By inserting after the word "them" in the third line, the words "on trial or."

C. By substituting between the word "provided" and the word "further" for the phrase that is now there, the following, "that candidates for admission, under this or the preceding item, be required to answer, satisfactorily, the questions in paragraphs 212 and 218, and" so that the item shall read as follows:

3. Ministers from other Churches, who can meet the educational standards required of Methodist ministers, may apply directly to the Annual Conference, which may recognize their credentials and receive them on trial or into the full membership of the Conference; provided, that candidates for admission under this or the preceding item, be required to answer, satisfactorily, the questions in paragraphs 212 and 218; and, further, that those from other than Methodist Churches must take upon themselves our ordination vows, without the reimposition of hands.

JOHN W. HAWLEY, *Chairman*;
FRANK L. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. AD INTERIM LICENSING COMMITTEE (MEMORIAL NO. 373.)

Calendar No. 19. Withdrawn May 5. See Journal, Pages 283,
440.
M, 89; P, 77; F, 71; N, 6

Your Committee recommends to amend paragraph 488 of the *Discipline* of 1940 by striking out the sentence, "The Committee shall serve until the ensuing Annual Conference," which begins on line five, and inserting the following, "The

Committee shall serve until the meeting of the next District Conference."

JOHN W. HAWLEY, *Chairman*;
FRANK L. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. REPORTS OF LOCAL PREACHERS
(MEMORIAL NO. 248.)

Calendar No. 21. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 283.
M, 89; P, 81; F, 78; N, 3

Amend ¶ 291, Article II of the *Discipline* of 1940 by adding between items four and five, as item five, the following: "Progress made in the prescribed course of study," and changing five to six and six to seven.

Amend ¶ 486 of the *Discipline* of 1940 by adding to the sentence which begins on line six the following: "including progress made in the prescribed Course of Study." The new sentence to read, "Local Preachers shall present to the Conference written reports of their work including progress made in the prescribed Course of Study."

JOHN W. HAWLEY, *Chairman*;
FRANK L. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. DUTIES OF MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF AN
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
(MEMORIAL NO. 46.)

Calendar No. 20. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 283.
M, 89; P, 80; F, 77; N, 3

Amend ¶ 460, Article 9, of the *Discipline* of 1940 by inserting the word "Ministerial" after the article "A" in line one so that the paragraph will read as follows:

460. Article 9, "The status of a Ministerial member of the Annual Conference or Probationer is further determined by those sections of the *Discipline* governing the Ministry."

JOHN W. HAWLEY, *Chairman*;
FRANK L. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. DUTIES OF UNORDAINED LOCAL PREACHERS
(MEMORIAL NO. 57.)

Calendar No. 22. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Pages 295,
344, 346.
M, 89; P, 88; F, 76; A, 10; N, 2

Amend ¶ 215 of the *Discipline* of 1940 by striking out all that follows the word "charge" in line four and substituting the following:

"He may, upon recommendation by his District Superintendent and written consent of the resident Bishop, be authorized to ad-

minister the Sacrament of Baptism and the Lord's Supper and to perform the marriage ceremony, if the laws of the State permit.

Any exercise by him of his authorization outside the bounds of his Charge shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of his authorization by his Bishop, upon recommendation of his District Superintendent. Written consent by the Bishop shall be on a form prepared by The Methodist Publishing House and must be renewed annually."

Amend ¶ 287 of the *Discipline* of 1940 by striking out all that follows the word "charges" in line three and substituting the following:

"He may, upon recommendation by his District Superintendent and written consent of the resident Bishop, be authorized to administer the Sacrament of Baptism and the Lord's Supper and to perform the marriage ceremony, if the laws of the State permit. Any exercise by him of his authorization outside the bounds of his Charge shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of his authorization by his Bishop, upon recommendation of his District Superintendent. Written consent by the Bishop shall be on a form prepared by The Methodist Publishing House and must be renewed annually."

JOHN W. HAWLEY, *Chairman*;
FRANK L. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. FULL CLERGY RIGHTS FOR WOMEN
(MEMORIAL NO. 244.)

Calendar No. 71. See Cal. No. 71. See Journal, Pages 497, 498.

M, 89; P, 77; F, 50; A, 21; N, 6

The Committee recommends nonconcurrence on memorial 244.

JOHN W. HAWLEY, *Chairman*;
FRANK L. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. EQUAL CLERGY RIGHTS FOR WOMEN
(MEMORIAL NOS. 221, 41, 515, 513, 235, 516, 54, 56, 355, 243, 66, 391, 247, 51, 494, 222, 55, 514, 512, 511, 509, 508, 507, 506, 505, 504, 503, 502, 501, 500, 466, 464, 510.)

Calendar No. 71. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 349.

M, 89; P, 78; F, 54; A, 18; N, 6

Your Committee on Ministry has received Memorials Nos. 221, 41, 515, 513, 235, 516, 54, 56, 355, 243, 66, 391, 247, 51, 494, 222, 55, 514, 512, 511, 509, 508, 507, 506, 505, 504, 503, 502, 501, 500, 466; 464, 510, requesting that Par. 292, Article 12, be deleted from the 1940 *Discipline* and the following substituted:

"Women are included in all provisions both for the local and traveling ministry."

Your Committee moves non-concurrence.

JOHN W. HAWLEY, *Chairman*;
FRANK L. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

(The Majority Report was adopted. Editor.)

Committee on Ministry Minority Report

In the matter of Clergy Rights for Women, considered by the Committee under a large number of memorials, the undersigned present the following report:

Change Par. 292 of the *Discipline* which now reads, "Women are included in the foregoing provisions, except in so far as they apply to candidates for the Traveling Ministry," by substituting therefor the following:

"Women are included in the foregoing provisions, both for the local and the traveling ministry."

A. Wesley Pugh, Lynn A. Wood, Raymond H. Huse, Mrs. R. E. Connell, Mrs. W. R. Johnson, R. Gammon Morris, Mrs. P. D. Johnson, Mrs. M. M. Drake, Paul M. Hillman, Leonard B. Smith, H. Guy Goodsell, E. L. Hillman, H. T. Freeman, F. W. Wohl, John C. Buthman.

REPORT NO. 8. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS

(MEMORIAL NO. 473.)

Calendar No. 74. Adopted April 29. See Journal, Page 348.
M, 89; P, 69; F, 58; A, 8; N, 3

Amend Paragraph 293 of the *Discipline* of 1940 by striking out the entire Paragraph and substituting the following:

Par. 293. (1) The Bishop and District Superintendents shall nominate and the Annual Conference elect not more than nine elders to be a Quadrennial Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors. The Committee of Ministerial Training and the Board of Conference Relations and Ministerial Training shall be represented by one or more each on this Committee. This Committee shall recommend annually to the Annual Conference those who may become accepted Supply Pastors for the ensuing year.

(2) Any local Preacher employed as Pastor in Charge must have his character, fitness, training and effectiveness passed by a majority vote of the District Conference, or the unanimous vote of the District Licensing Committee, and the Annual Conference after reference to and recommendation by the Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors.

(3) Between sessions of the Annual Conference, a District Superintendent may employ, but only until the next session of the Annual Conference, as a Supply Pastor, a Local Preacher who is not listed as an Accepted Supply.

Amend Paragraph 488 of the *Discipline* of 1940 by inserting the words "to recommend Local Preachers as Accepted Supply Pastors," after the word "preach" in line 9.

JOHN W. HAWLEY, *Chairman*;
FRANK L. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF
PREACHERS' AID SOCIETIES
(MEMORIAL NO. 63.)

Calendar No. 70. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 347.
M, 89; P, 63; F, 59; N, 4

Amend Par. 332, Section 4, of the *Discipline* of 1940 by adding the following:

"Executive Secretaries of Preachers' Aid Societies and organizations of similar character."

JOHN W. HAWLEY, *Chairman*;
FRANK L. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. ORDINATION OF DEACONS UNDER
SEMINARY RULE
(MEMORIAL NO. 434.)

Calendar No. 101. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 441.
M, 89; P, 65; F, 50; A, 9; N, 6

Amend Par. 257 of the *Discipline* of 1940 by striking out the entire Paragraph and substituting the following:

Par. 257. Those who have been Local Preachers for two full years and have completed two-thirds of the regular degree course in one of our Theological Seminaries, or another Theological Seminary whose standing is approved by the University Senate; have been received on trial; and shall have completed satisfactorily to the Annual Conference, the first two years of the Conference Course of Study.

JOHN W. HAWLEY, *Chairman*;
FRANK L. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. ADMISSION OF PREACHERS ON TRIAL
(MEMORIAL NO. 499.)

Calendar No. 135. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 453.
M, 89; P, 37; F, 32; N, 1

WHEREAS, The present statement does not include certain necessary information, now scattered through the *Discipline*—amend Paragraphs 211-215, 1096-1098, 1110, 1102-1106 of the *Discipline* of 940 as follows:

A candidate for the Traveling Ministry who applies for admission on Trial to an Annual Conference must present a recommendation duly signed by the President and Secretary of the District Conference, or by the Chairman and Secretary of the Licensing Committee of the District, or of the Quarterly Conference where no District Conference exists. He must have passed the examination on the studies prescribed for candidates for Admission on Trial (Paragraph 1114). He must deposit with the Committee on Conference Relations in duplicate on the prescribed form, one copy of which shall be filed with the Secretary of the Annual Conference, and one with the Commission on Ministerial Training, satisfactory written

answers to questions which may be asked concerning such matters as his age, health, religious and Church experience, call to the ministry, educational record and plans. The following questions shall be included:

(1) Are you convinced that you should enter the Ministry of the Church?

(2) Are you willing to face any sacrifices that may be involved?

(3) Are you in debt so as to interfere with your work, or have you obligations to others which will make it difficult for you to live on the salary you are to receive?

(4) Will you abstain from the use of tobacco and other indulgences which may injure your influence?

(5) Will you keep before you as the one great objective of your life the advancement of God's kingdom?

It is expected of all candidates for our Ministry that they shall complete a four-year College course of study leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree or its equivalent, and complete a course leading to the Bachelor of Divinity, or an equivalent degree, in one of our Schools of Theology. Par. 1097.

The candidate must have completed the prescribed Course of Study for Admission on Trial or must furnish equivalent seminary credits before he is admitted on Trial by an Annual Conference. After his admission on Trial he shall continue in the Conference Course of Study prescribed by the Commission on Ministerial Training, except as noted in the next paragraph.

Graduates of Colleges who are also graduates of an accredited School of Theology shall be exempt from examination in the Conference Course of Study except as noted in the following paragraph. The Board of Ministerial Training shall discuss with each candidate his preparations for Admission on Trial.

Credits from Graduate Schools of Theology and other educational agencies approved by the University Senate, submitted by students who have not completed the Graduate theological course, shall be accepted by the Conference on the basis of studies pursued in the same text or courses in the same subject judged to be equivalent by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training. However, all candidates shall be examined in the *Discipline*.

Every applicant admitted under the Seminary Rule, and thereby exempt from the regular Course of Study, shall be required to take that part of the Course dealing with Methodist history, polity, and doctrine unless he can furnish credentials in the same texts from his seminary.

The Board of Ministerial Training shall require a certificate of graduation or a transcript of credits from each applicant before recognizing any of his educational claims. All credits on the Course of Study, on the basis of seminary work, shall be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Ministerial Training.

A candidate who is admitted on Trial is actually on trial as to his character, his preaching, and his competency as a Pastor. Only a candidate who proves himself worthy may expect to be admitted into Full Connection. A person on Trial may be discontinued without any reflection on his character.

While he is on Trial the Annual Conference alone has jurisdiction over his License to Preach; his continuance on Trial shall be equivalent to the renewal of his License to Preach. If he be discontinued, he shall come again under the authority of the Quarterly Conference of the Charge where he resides at the time; and if he is not a Deacon or Elder, his License shall expire within one year unless it be renewed,

He may, upon recommendation by his District Superintendent and written consent of the resident Bishop, be authorized to administer the Sacrament of Baptism and the Lord's Supper and to perform the marriage ceremony, if the laws of the State permit. Such authorization shall be valid only within the bounds of his own Charge. Written consent by the Bishop shall be on a form prepared by the Methodist Publishing House and must be renewed annually.

Any member on Trial who does not complete the first two years of the Course of Study within four years shall be discontinued, unless an extension of time shall be recommended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Ministerial Training and authorized by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference.

Central Conferences shall fix the educational standards and all other requirements for admission to the Annual Conferences within their borders; all other Annual Conferences and Provisional Annual Conferences outside of the United States of America shall fix their own standards and requirements for admission. Provisional Annual Conferences in the United States shall require of all applicants the conditions and qualifications demanded of Traveling Deacons and Elders by an Annual Conference.

JOHN W. HAWLEY, *Chairman*;
FRANK L. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. ADMISSION OF PREACHERS INTO FULL CONNECTION

(MEMORIAL NO. 435.)

Calendar No. 136. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 453.
M, 89; P, 34; F, 32; N, 2

Amend Paragraphs 216-220, 1099 and 1100 of the *Discipline* of 1940 as follows in order to bring together all pertinent materials on this subject:

A Preacher on Trial who has been appointed in the regular itinerant work on Circuits or Stations, or as instructor in one of our institutions of learning for two successive years from the time he was received on Trial, may be admitted into Full Connection in the Annual Conference after he has given satisfactory evidence of his knowledge of the subjects covered in the first two years of the Conference Course of Study, and after the examination before the Conference prescribed in Paragraph 218 of this Chapter; *provided*, this shall not be so construed as to prevent the admission into Full Connection of one who, while a student in any college or Theological Seminary of The Methodist Church approved by the Authorized Standardizing Agency, or other Evangelical Theological Seminary of equal rank, has been for the proper length of time regularly appointed as Pastor in a Circuit or Station under the appointment of the District Superintendent. (See Paragraphs 1102, 1103, 1106 above.)

An Annual Conference may require a physical examination of a candidate before his admission either on Trial or into Full Connection from members on Trial, or on credentials from other Churches.

A Preacher seeking admission into Full Connection in the Conference shall, after solemn fasting and prayer, be asked, before the Conference, the following questions, with any others which may be thought necessary, namely:

- (1) Have you faith in Christ?
- (2) Are you going on to perfection?
- (3) Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?
- (4) Are you earnestly striving after it?
- (5) Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and his work?
- (6) Do you know the General Rules of our Church?
- (7) Will you keep them?
- (8) Have you studied the Doctrines of The Methodist Church?
- (9) After full examination do you believe that our Doctrines are in harmony with the Holy Scriptures?
- (10) Will you preach and maintain them?
- (11) Have you studied our form of Church Discipline and Polity?
- (12) Do you approve our Church Government and Polity?
- (13) Will you support and maintain them?
- (14) Will you diligently instruct the children in every place?
- (15) Will you visit from house to house?
- (16) Will you recommend fasting or abstinence, both by precept and example?
- (17) Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God?
- (18) Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in your work?
- (19) Will you observe the following directions?
 - (a) Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never be triflingly employed. Never trifle away time; neither spend any more time at one place than is strictly necessary.
 - (b) Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time. And do not mend our rules but keep them; not for wrath, but for conscience's sake.

A Missionary employed in a Mission may be admitted into Full Connection, if recommended by the Superintendent of the Mission where he labors, without being present at his Annual Conference for examination; but, whenever practicable, he shall be asked the questions in Par. — above in the presence of the members of the Mission at the Annual Meeting, otherwise in the presence of the Superintendent.

A Minister who has been admitted into Full Connection before the completion of the prescribed Course of Study shall complete the unfinished portion of the Course of Study under the direction of the Board of Ministerial Training, except as provided above. (Paragraphs 1102, 1103, 1106.)

When a Minister in Full Connection fails to be advanced in his work in the Conference Course of Study for a given year, said year shall not be counted as a year of effective service, unless he is in attendance upon a school approved by the University Senate or is excused by a two-thirds vote of his Conference upon the recommendation of the Board of Ministerial Training.

Any full Member who fails to complete the entire four years of the Course of Study within six years shall be located, unless extension of time shall be recommended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Ministerial Training and authorized by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference. In no case shall a person have a larger total than eight years in the Course of Study, and any person failing to complete the Course within this eight-year period shall not be permitted to join a Conference again on Trial. This section, however, shall not apply for the period of time in which the candidates are carrying regular work in residence in a School of Theology approved by the University Senate.

A Minister who has been located at his own request may be readmitted by an Annual Conference, at its discretion, upon presentation

of his Certificate of Location and the recommendation of his Quarterly or District Conference and of the Annual Conference from which he located.

JOHN W. HAWLEY, *Chairman*;
FRANK L. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. ANNUITY CLAIM OF A LOCATED PERSON
(MEMORIAL NO. 435.)

Calendar No. 133. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 441.
M, 89; P, 34; F, 33; N, 1

Amend Paragraph 239 of the *Discipline* of 1940 by inserting subsidiary caption above Paragraph 239 to read as follows:

"Annuity Claim of a Located Person" by striking out the words "Article 3" and the word "such" in the first line and substituting the word "a" so that the entire paragraph as amended shall read,

If a located person remains a member in good standing of The Methodist Church until the age of retirement fixed by the General Conference, he shall thereby retain the right to make an annuity claim, based upon the years of his Effective Ministry plus the two years on probation; provided, however, that he shall have been readmitted by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference which granted him location, or if it be non-existent, then he shall apply for admission to the Annual Conference within the boundaries of which the major part of his service was rendered, or its legal successor.

JOHN W. HAWLEY, *Chairman*;
FRANK L. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION OR
ORDINATION
(MEMORIAL NO. 227.)

Calendar No. 134. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 441.
M, 89; P, 32; F, 30; N, 2

Amend Paragraph 487 of the *Discipline* of 1940 by striking out the sentence, "No person shall be recommended to the Annual Conference for Admission on Trial or for Ordination until he passes before a Committee of three, to be appointed by the District Superintendent, an approved examination in the prescribed Course of Study."

JOHN W. HAWLEY, *Chairman*;
FRANK L. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 15. CHAPLAINS IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS
(MEMORIAL NO. 231.)

Calendar No. 141. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 454.
M, 89; P, 56; F, 54; N, 2

We, the Committee on Ministry, have had before us a memorial with reference to the appointment of Chaplains to hospitals for Government veterans and recommend the following:

Be It Resolved, That the General Conference request the Commission on Chaplains to make definite plans in co-operation with the United States Government, or State governments, for the appointment of Chaplains to Veterans Hospitals, or seek to provide for such a program as will minister to the spiritual needs of the thousands of our men and women who will be coming back permanently incapacitated and in need of spiritual guidance.

JOHN W. HAWLEY, *Chairman*;
FRANK L. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. DUTIES OF A BISHOP—MAKING
APPOINTMENTS

(MEMORIAL No. 69.)

Calendar No. 1110. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 453.
M, 89; P, 46; F, 41; A, 4; N, 1

Amend Chapter 5 of the *Discipline* of 1940 by inserting the following as Paragraph 312 and Paragraph 313 and renumbering 312 and 313 as 314 and 315:

312. "That the Committee on Conference Relations of an Annual Conference be required to ascertain from a minister seeking admission into the membership of an Annual Conference on Credentials from another denomination, whether or not membership in the effective relation was previously held in an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, or one of its legal predecessors, and if so, when and under what circumstances his connection with such Annual Conference was severed.

313. "That a minister seeking admission into an Annual Conference on Credentials from another denomination who has previously withdrawn from membership in the effective relation of an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, or one of its legal predecessors, shall not be admitted or readmitted without the consent of the Annual Conference from which he withdrew, its legal successor, or the Annual Conference of which the major portion of his former Conference is a part.

JOHN W. HAWLEY, *Chairman*;
FRANK L. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 17. NON-CONCURRENCE

(MEMORIAL: Non-Concurrence.)

Calendar No. 198. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Pages 497,
498.

M, 89; P, 46; F, 46

Your Committee recommends non-concurrence in the Memorials: Nos. 684, 226, 225, 468, 53, 70, 696, 360, 236, 49, 220, 706, 173, 175, 44, 45, 229, 40, 50, 68, 228, 69, 382, 421, 495, 492, 702, 700, 703, 693, 695, 704, 708, 705, 493, 471, 472, 233, 234, 237, 381, 48, 721, 491, 43, 469, 336, 245, 241, 61, 488, 490, 498, 707, 496, 692, 764, 777, 689, 698, 688, 778, 766.

JOHN W. HAWLEY, *Chairman*;
FRANK L. SHAFFER, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Chairman, Frederick B. Newell.
Vice-Chairman, Mrs. J. D. Bragg (*).
Secretary, Marvin A. Franklin.

REPORT NO. 1. AMENDING CHAPTER II IN THE 1940 "DISCIPLINE" ON BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

(MEMORIAL NOS. 105, 268, 269, 271, 375, 416, 577, 578, 579,
661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 667, 669 and 709.)
*Calendar No. 123. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Pages 413,
493, 494.*

M, 106; P, 73; F, 73

In connection with Memorials numbered 105, 268, 269,
271, 375, 416, 577, 578, 579, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 667, 669
and 709, your Committee on Missions and Church Extension
makes the following recommendations:

CHAPTER II

BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

SECTION I. THE AIM OF MISSIONS

Par. 911. No change.

SECTION II. INCORPORATION

Par 912. No change.

Par. 913. No change.

SECTION III. CONSTITUTION

Par. 914. No change.

Par. 915. No change.

Par. 916. No change.

Par. 917. Lower the age of the youth members from "un-
der 25 years of age" to "under 21 years of age," lines 8 and
9; amend the second and third subparagraphs and add an
additional subparagraph, so that Par. 917 shall read as
follows:

"Par. 917. The Board of Managers shall be composed as follows:
1. All Effective Bishops of The Methodist Church resident in the
United States of America; 2. Members elected quadrennially by the
Jurisdictional Conferences; one Minister and three Lay members,
two of whom shall be women, from each Jurisdiction for each 450,000

members, or major fraction thereof, in the Jurisdiction, and in addition, one young man and one young woman under twenty-one years of age, from each Jurisdiction; *provided* that no Jurisdiction, in addition to its Effective Bishops, shall have fewer than two Ministers and six Lay Members, four of whom shall be women, and in addition, two Youth Members, one man and one woman, under twenty-one years of age. In nominating and electing such members, the Jurisdictional Conference shall have as a basis for choice the following: (a) One Minister and one Layman designated by each Annual Conference of the Jurisdiction, on nomination of its Board of Missions and Church Extension; (b) twice the necessary number of Lay Members who shall be designated by the Woman's Jurisdictional Society from the three members nominated by each Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Jurisdiction; (c) and one young man and one young woman from those nominated by the Youth Organization of each Annual Conference in the Jurisdiction. Vacancies in the Board of Managers shall be filled by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction in which the vacancies occur ad interim, having regard to the various classifications of members.

"The Board, on nomination of the Council of Bishops, is authorized to elect quadrennially twelve laymen—two from each Jurisdiction, six assigned to the Division of Foreign Missions and six to the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension—who shall serve as Members-at-Large of the Board.

"The Board, on nomination of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, is authorized to elect quadrennially twelve women, two from each Jurisdiction, for the Division, who shall serve as Members-at-Large.

"The Board shall elect to membership, the Chairman on World Friendship of the National Council of Methodist Youth Fellowship."

Par. 918. Delete present Par. 918 and insert the following :

"Par. 918. The Board of Managers shall meet, on call of the Council of Bishops, for the purpose of organization within sixty days following adjournment of the last Jurisdictional Conference."

Par. 919. Delete the Paragraph and substitute the following new Paragraph, so that Par. 919 shall read as follows :

"Par. 919. The Board of Managers shall elect quadrennially a President, who shall be the presiding officer, four Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, and such other officers as it may need. Their duties shall be those usually performed by such officers. The Board may also elect annually such Committees as may be necessary to carry on its business."

Par. 920. Provide for the addition of certain Executive Secretaries to the membership of the General Executive Committee by inserting, in the first subparagraph after the words "twelve members, six men and six women, from the Division of Education and Cultivation," the following: "one Executive Secretary from the Division of Foreign Missions; one Executive Secretary from the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension; two Executive Secretaries from the Woman's Division of Christian Service; two Executive Sec-

retaries from the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation," so that Par. 920. 1, shall read as follows:

"Par. 920. 1. The Board shall elect quadrennially, upon nomination of the respective Divisions, a General Executive Committee of fifty-five members: twelve members from the Division of Foreign Missions, three of whom shall be women; twelve members from the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, three of whom shall be women; twelve women from the Woman's Division of Christian Service; twelve members, six men and six women, from the Division of Education and Cultivation; one Executive Secretary from the Division of Foreign Missions; one Executive Secretary from Division of Home Missions and Church Extension; two Executive Secretaries from the Woman's Division of Christian Service; two Executive Secretaries from the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation. A majority of the members of the General Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. The President of the Board shall be a member of and the Chairman of the Executive Committee. This General Executive Committee shall exercise the powers of the Board ad interim.

No change in subparagraph 2 of Par. 920.

Par. 921. No change.

Par. 922. No change.

Par. 923. No change.

Par. 924. In the second subparagraph delete the last sentence which reads as follows: "These Executive Secretaries shall be members ex-officio of the Board," and add a third subparagraph which shall read: "One Executive Secretary from the Division of Foreign Missions; two Executive Secretaries from the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension; three Executive Secretaries from the Woman's Division of Christian Service; two Executive Secretaries from the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation, shall be members of the Board," so that Par. 924 shall read as follows:

"Par. 924. Art. 6. *Executive Secretaries.* The Board shall elect quadrennially one or more Executive Secretaries for each of the three Administrative Divisions, and two (one man and one woman) for the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation, with such assistants as the needs of the work may require. Said Secretaries shall be nominated by their respective Divisions, and shall be elected by the Board.

"These Secretaries shall have co-ordinate power. They shall be subject to the direction of the Board and of their respective Divisions. Upon the recommendation of the Divisions their salaries shall be fixed and paid as the Board may determine. They shall be employed exclusively in the work of the Board, promoting its activities as the Board may approve.

"One Executive Secretary from the Division of Foreign Missions; two Executive Secretaries from the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension; three Executive Secretaries from the Woman's Division of Christian Service, two Executive Secretaries from the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation, shall be members of the Board," but without vote,

Par. 925. Amend the paragraph to read as follows :

"Par. 925. Art. 7. *Treasurers*. The Board shall elect quadrennially one of the Division's Treasurers as the Treasurer of the Board. He shall receive and handle general funds of the Board not belonging to any one Division and shall act as the legal financial representative of the Board in matters affecting the Board as a whole. It may also elect one or more Assistant Treasurers."

Par. 926. No change.

Par. 927. No change.

Immediately following Par. 927, insert Paragraphs 1026, 1027 and 1028, which pertain to "Funds," and renumber the paragraphs accordingly.

Par. 928. No change.

Par. 929. No change.

Par. 930. Amend by adding another paragraph, so that Par. 930 shall read as follows :

"Par. 930. The Board shall also elect such Associate or Assistant Secretaries, Treasurers, Superintendents of Departments, and other officers, on nomination of the respective Divisions and sections concerned, as the Board may require.

"All officers, whether elected quadrennially or annually, shall retire upon reaching the retirement age fixed by the Board's Pension Plan."

Par. 931. No change.

Par. 932. No change.

Par. 933. Insert after the word "and" the word "may" so that the paragraph shall read :

"Par. 933. A person shall be constituted a Missionary or Deaconess and may receive support as such from the funds of the Board when such person has been commissioned by the Board and has been assigned to some definite field."

Par. 934. Amend to read as follows, removing it from this section of the *Discipline* and inserting it as subparagraph (2) under Par. 447. (See page 2 of this Memorial) :

"Par. 934. Lay missionaries, both men and women, regularly appointed by the Board of Missions and Church Extension in fields outside the United States may be seated in the Annual Conference session and given the privileges of the floor.

SECTION IV. DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Par. 935. No change.

Par. 936. No change.

Par. 937. No change.

Par. 938. Amend the paragraph by inserting, following the word "By-laws" the words "to elect such officers as are to be elected by the Division, to remove any of them for cause, to fill vacancies among the officers so elected; to nominate

such officers as are to be elected by the Board, to recommend their removal for cause and to present nominations to the Board to fill vacancies; so that the paragraph shall read:

Par. 938. Art. 2. *Authority.* The Division shall have authority to make By-laws in harmony with the Charter and Constitution of the Board and of its Divisions; to regulate its own proceedings in harmony with its By-laws; to elect such officers as are to be elected by the Division, to remove any of them for cause, to fill vacancies among the officers so elected; to nominate such officers as are to be elected by the Board, to recommend their removal for cause and to present nominations to the Board to fill vacancies; to recommend fields of labor; to accept, train, and maintain workers; to buy and sell property; to secure and administer funds for the support of all work under its charge; to solicit and accept contributions subject to annuity under the Board's regulations; and to prepare and recommend to the Board appropriations for its work."

Par. 939. No change.

Par. 940. No change.

Par. 941. Amend the seventh line (of subparagraph 2) by deleting "in the respective Divisions" and the last line by deleting "or Board" so that the paragraph shall read:

"Par. 941. 1. (No change in subparagraph 1.)

"2. There shall be an Inter-Division Committee on Foreign Work with equal representation from the Division of Foreign Missions and the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, which shall consider policies, programs, and estimates which come from Field Committees. (See Par. 944.) They shall report their recommendations regarding correlation and coordination to the Divisions."

Par. 942. No change.

Par. 943. Amend to read as follows:

"Par. 943. The Division shall elect quadrennially a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer or Treasurers, and a Recording Secretary. Vacancies occurring during the quadrennium shall be filled by the Division. The Division shall also nominate for election by the Board one or more Executive Secretaries and such other Secretaries and Superintendents as the need may require. Such other officers as the Division may need it shall elect. The Division shall determine the powers and duties of its officers and staff and shall recommend their remuneration.

Par. 944. Ort. 3 will then read as follows:
delete "budgets."

Page 301, under "The duties of the Field Committee shall be"

1. Line 1, delete the word "askings" and substitute the word "estimates." Line 3, delete the word "work" and insert "the" after the word "both," and "the" after "and," and "Division" instead of "Work."

2. In line 2, after the words "Church Extension" insert "through the respective divisions."

3. In line 2, delete the words "the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of."

4. In line 6, after the word "Superintendents" insert the words "the President of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Conference Lay Leader."

Change the order of the Sections so that 4 becomes 1; 3 becomes 2; 2 becomes 3; and 1 becomes 4.

Par. 944. Art. 3 will then read as follows:

"Par. 944. Art. 3. *Foreign Field Committees and Estimates.* In a Foreign Mission Field of the Board each Annual Conference and each Provisional Annual Conference shall have a Field Committee, consisting of the following members: the Resident Bishop; the Mission Superintendent; the District Superintendents; the President of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Conference Lay Leader, if requested by the Conference; the Mission Treasurers; and wherever possible an equal number of missionaries of the Division of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service, chosen by the missionaries within the bounds of the Conference; and national men and women, wherever possible of equal number, to be elected by the Conference. The personnel of the Committee shall be approved by the Division of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The Committee shall be responsible to the Divisions for the administration of the funds provided by the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

"The duties of the Field Committee shall be:

"1. To elect its Chairman and Secretary; to forward its minutes, quarterly, to the respective Divisions of the Board, and the report of its recommendations to the Divisions for approval.

"2. To study and co-ordinate the work of the Division of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

"3. To consult with the Board of Missions and Church Extension through the respective Divisions on all matters of mutual concern.

"4. To prepare estimates for the work of the Annual Conference, Provisional Annual Conference, or Mission for both the General and the Woman's Division, except the financial requirements for missionary support which is a direct responsibility of the Board."

Par. 945. Page 302, in the fifth line from the top, delete the word "Budget."

In the sixth line from the top after the words "estimates for the" add the words "maintenance and."

In line eleven, delete the word "Budgets" and substitute therefor the word "Estimates."

In the fourteenth line from the top delete the words "General and Woman's Work" and substitute therefor "two Divisions."

In the last line of Par. 945, delete "and shall be the basis for the appropriation of Mission funds." So that Par. 945 shall read:

"Par. 945. In a Mission field where there is a Central Conference in which there is an Executive Board or Council of Co-operation duly constituted, the estimates for the maintenance and development of

the work, prepared by the various Field Committees, shall be presented to the Division of Foreign Missions and to the Woman's Division of Christian Service after approval by said Executive Board or Council of Co-operation. The Estimates shall be presented, Conference by Conference, and by projects within the Conference. These Estimates shall be prepared and submitted separately for the two Divisions in such form as may be required."

Par. 946. In the sixth line after the word "Conference" add the word "and."

In the seventh line delete the words "or Mission," so that Par. 946 shall read:

"Par. 946. In Provisional Central Conferences, where there is no Executive Board or Council of Co-operation, the Estimates shall be sent direct to the Division of Foreign Missions and to the Woman's Division of Christian Service from the Field Committee of each Annual Conference and Provisional Annual Conference."

Par. 947. Delete the entire paragraph.

Par. 948. Amend the paragraph by inserting in the first line, following the word "an," the word "affiliated;" in the third line write the word "Joint" with a small "j;" in the fourth line insert following the word "the" the word "affiliated;" in the seventh line write the word "Joint" with a small "j;" and in the eighth line following the word "such" insert the word "affiliated," so that the paragraph shall read:

"Par. 948. Wherever desired by an affiliated autonomous Methodist Church and the Missionaries working in relation to such Church, there shall be a joint Council composed of members of the affiliated autonomous Church and Missionaries of the Board working in that field, under a Constitution approved by the Board of Missions and Church Extension. This joint Council shall be the agency through which the Board shall co-operate with such affiliated autonomous Church."

Par. 949. Delete "Administration of Missions" and substitute "Administration of a Mission."

In line two, after "Missionaries" insert the words, "both Lay and Clerical," also in line three, after "Preachers" omit "with" and insert in its place "and other" so that the paragraph shall read:

Par. 949. Art. 4. Administration of a Mission.

1. No change.
2. The Mission shall meet annually. It shall be composed of all regularly appointed Missionaries, both Lay and Clerical, and Mission Traveling Preachers, and other Lay Members. Each Mission shall determine the number of Lay Members and the mode of their appointment.
3. No change.
4. No change.
5. (Par. 950 of *Discipline* amended by omitting title "Missionaries' Meeting," becomes No. 5, of Par. 949, and reads as follows):

"For the consideration of financial and other matters relative to

the policies of the Board and the work of the Missionaries, the Missionaries of each Mission shall hold an annual Missionaries' Meeting and report their proceedings to the Board. In the absence of a Bishop one of the Missionaries shall be elected by ballot to preside."

950. Delete from *Discipline* as a separate paragraph and add it to Par. 949 as No. 5 (see above).

In place of the present Par. 951, Section 1, the following be substituted:

Par. 951, Article 6. Missionaries of The Methodist Church Serving Other Churches.

(1) Missionaries of The Methodist Church, upon action of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, may be assigned to serve in affiliated autonomous churches, independent churches, churches resulting from the union of Methodist Churches and other communions, or in other Evangelical Denominations.

(2) Such missionaries, while retaining their membership in their home Local Churches and Annual Conferences, and without impairing their relationship to the Board of Missions and Church Extension, shall, while on service in such fields be free to accept such rights and privileges as may be offered to them by such churches.

2. No change. Renumber as 3.

Par. 952. Deleted.

SECTION V. DIVISION OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Par. 953—no change.

Par. 954—no change.

Par. 955—no change.

Par. 956. Art 2. Line 5, amend the paragraph by inserting following the word "By-laws," the words "to elect such officers as are to be elected by the Division, to remove any of them for cause, to fill vacancies among the officers so elected; to nominate such officers as are to be elected by the Board, to recommend their removal for cause and to present nominations to the Board to fill vacancies";

Line 9. Insert after the word "maintain" the words "missionaries and special"; also in the 9th line, insert the words "to buy and sell property; to own and operate radio stations"; so that the paragraph shall read:

"Par. 956. Art. 2—Authority. The Division shall have authority to make By-laws in harmony with the Charter and Constitution of the Board and of its Divisions; to regulate its own proceedings in harmony with its By-laws; to elect such officers as are to be elected by the Division, to remove any of them for cause, to fill vacancies among the officers so elected; to nominate such officers as are to be elected by the Board, to recommend their removal for cause and to present nominations to the Board to fill vacancies; to recommend fields of labor; to accept, train, and maintain missionaries and special work-

ers; to buy and sell property; to own and operate radio stations; to secure and administer funds for the support of all work under its charge; to solicit and accept contributions subject to annuity under the Board's regulations; and to prepare and recommend to the Board appropriations for its work."

Par. 957. Delete the paragraph and substitute the following new paragraph, which reads as follows:

"Par. 957. The Division shall elect quadrennially a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer or Treasurers, and a Recording Secretary. Vacancies occurring during the quadrennium shall be filled by the Division. The Division shall also nominate for election by the Board one or more Executive Secretaries and such other Secretaries and Superintendents as the need may require. Such other officers as the Division may need it shall elect. The Division shall determine the powers and duties of its officers and staff and shall recommend their remuneration."

Par. 958—no change.

Par. 959. Delete the paragraph and substitute the following new paragraph:

"Par. 959. The Division shall have one or more Executive Secretaries. The Division shall have two Sections; Section of Home Missions and Section of Church Extension."

SECTION OF HOME MISSIONS

Par. 960. In line two delete "together with such organizational" and substitute "or such departments and administrative," and designate the paragraph as "Art. 1." Add new paragraphs "Art. 2" and "Art. 3."

So that Par. 960 shall read as follows:

"Par. 960. Art. 1. The Section of Home Missions shall have the following Departments, or such Departments and administrative units as the Board, upon recommendation of the Division may determine:

"(a) Department of City Work.

"(b) Department of Town and Country Work.

"(c) Department of Goodwill Industries.

"(d) Department of Negro Work.

"The Departments shall work in close co-operation with one another particularly in any overlapping areas.

"Art. 2. The Division shall appoint, on nomination of the Superintendent concerned, fifteen members for each Department, or administrative unit, who shall be chosen from among the members of the Division and others who are actively engaged in the work or administration of projects within the fields of the respective departments or administrative units.

"Art. 3. Bilingual work in the United States, except in organized Bilingual Provisional Annual Conferences and Missions, shall be administered through English-speaking Annual Conferences, under the joint supervision of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension and the District Superintendents."

Par. 961. Delete the paragraph and substitute the following new paragraph:

"Par. 961. The Executive Secretary or Secretaries shall communicate to the Bishops such information as he or they may possess concerning Home Missions in their respective areas. He or they, or their representative shall counsel with the Bishops relative to Home Missions activities and needs; also, relative to the appointment of Mission Superintendents and special workers, who are maintained by appropriations from missionary funds."

A. DEPARTMENT OF CITY WORK

Par. 962—no change.

Par. 963—no change.

Par. 964. In the first line after the word "City" insert the words "or District."

In line nine after the word "communities" insert the following sentence, "Charges in communities adjacent to a city, and not attached to a city, may be included in the Society."

So that Par. 964 shall read:

"Par. 964. A City or District Society may be organized in the interest of Home Missions and Church Extension under such name and control as it may determine, wherever, in the judgment of the Bishop or Bishops and District Superintendent or Superintendents concerned, it is deemed advisable. The purpose of such a Society is to promote evangelization and to co-ordinate the work of the Church in such cities and contiguous communities. Charges in communities adjacent to a city, and not attached to a city, may be included in the Society. All Bishops, District Superintendents, and Superintendents of Missions or Provisional Annual Conferences having jurisdiction within the geographical territory covered by the Society, and all pastors therein shall be ex-officio members of said Society or its Board of Managers. Each Quarterly Conference in the said territory shall be entitled to at least one Lay Representative in the Society or Board."

Par. 965. Change line to read "The City or District Society" and omit the last sentence, so that the paragraph shall read:

"Par. 965. The City or District Society may include in its work the organization of Church Schools and the organization (but not the constituting) of churches, the aid of weak churches, the acquisition of real estate, and the erection of buildings, the adaptation of downtown churches to their altered environment, the securing and holding of endowments for the City or District Society and dependent churches, the conducting of missions among foreign-speaking and other needy peoples, the development of well-organized open-air evangelism, the maintenance of kindergartens and industrial schools, the promotion of social and settlement work, including services rendered in connection with juvenile court cases, the support of rescue missions and of institutions for the relief of the sick and the destitute."

Par. 966. In the first line after "A City" insert the words "or District."

Par. 967. In line 2 after "A City" insert the words "or District."

Par. 968. In line 1 after "A City" insert the words "or District."

Par. 969. In line 2 and in line 5, after the words "the City" insert the words "or District."

Par. 970. Delete from the beginning of the paragraph down to and including the word "conditions" and substitute the following sentence:

"A City or District Society, in order to receive financial assistance from the Division shall meet the following conditions."

So that the paragraph shall read:

"Par. 970. A City or District Society, in order to receive financial assistance from the Division shall meet the following conditions: (a) It shall be organized according to the *Discipline*; (b) it shall have an Executive Committee meeting at least once every quarter; (c) it shall be actively at work; (d) it shall have made a report as required by the Department of City Work; (e) it shall endeavor to raise annually by collections or otherwise an amount at least equal to that appropriated to it by the Board, exclusive of appropriations made for work among foreign-speaking peoples."

Par. 971. Delete the paragraph.

Par. 972. In line 2 after the words "a City" insert the words "or District."

Par. 973. In line 2 after the words "the City" insert the words "or District."

Par. 974. In the first line after "All City" insert the words "or District."

Par. 975 and Par. 976. Combine these two paragraphs by deleting the last sentences of Par. 976, beginning with "It shall present" and continuing to the end of the paragraph, and add the first sentence of Par. 976 to Par. 975, so that Par. 975 shall read:

"Par. 975. The Department of City Work shall promote the Council of Cities of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. The Council shall be composed of the Executive Secretaries of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, the Superintendent and members of the Department, and two delegates from each organized City Society. The Council may be convened annually or at such other times as the Department may determine. The purpose of the Council shall be to promote the study of City Church work, with all that relates to a better understanding of the religious needs of urban communities."

Paragraphs 977, 978, 979 and 980. Eliminate these paragraphs and combine into a new paragraph to be Par. 977, and which shall read as follows:

"B. Department of Town and Country Work.

"Par. 977. 1. The Department shall promote, in co-operation with other Boards and Agencies, all phases of the work of the Church in rural territory and in places of less than 10,000 population; conduct

surveys and research studies, and use the findings for more effective Church work; administer funds committed to it by the Division; develop a co-operative procedure among Church and other agencies that seek to improve the economic, social, educational, and religious life of people in Town and Country areas; and promote among ministers and in colleges and theological schools a study of Town and Country life and effective ways and means of Church and community work.

"2. The Department shall give encouragement and support to Annual Conference Boards of Missions and Church Extension, to Commissions on Town and Country Work, and to Jurisdictional Boards in their efforts to develop more effective and constructive work in Town and Country communities.

"3. The Department shall review maintenance askings, and recommend them to the Committee on Appropriations of the Division, administer appropriations to the field of Town and Country Work, and recommend to responsible organizations, after a careful survey of the field, exchanges, mergers or other co-operative plans to prevent denominational overlapping."

Par. 981. (Becomes Par. 978.) No change except the addition of the following Caption:

"Interboard Committee on Town and Country Work"

Par. 982. (Becomes 979.) Amend by deleting the words following "Fellowship" in the 15th line, "and one person interested in Town and Country Work chosen from each District by the District Superintendent," and insert the words "one rural layman and one rural pastor from each District, nominated by the District Superintendent or the Nominating Committee of the Conference, and elected by the Annual Conference," so that Item 1 shall read:

Par. 979. 1. Each Annual Conference having town and country churches shall set up under the direction of the Bishop and his Cabinet, a Commission on Town and Country Work. The membership of the Commission shall be the Bishop in charge of the Conference; the District Superintendents; the Conference Missionary Secretary; the Executive Secretary of the Board of Education; the President of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service; a representative elected by each of the following Conference agencies: the Board of Missions and Church Extension, the Board of Education, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Board of Lay Activities, the Commission on Evangelism, the Conference Youth Fellowship, the Methodist Rural Fellowship, and one rural layman and one rural pastor from each District, nominated by the District Superintendent, or the Nominating Committee of the Conference, and elected by the Annual Conference.

2. The Commission shall be advisory to Conference agencies and to the Conference, and shall conduct surveys and research studies of rural conditions within the bounds of the Annual Conference, seek to develop a co-operative procedure between the Church and social and governmental agencies, work to create a definite status for the town and country church and pastor, seek to co-ordinate the work of the various Boards and agencies, and outline a program of Town and Country Work to be presented to the participating Boards and agencies.

3. The Commission shall be called together by the Bishop at the first session of the Annual Conference in each Quadrennium for the purpose of organization and to determine its initial activities, procedures and time of meeting. The co-operating agencies should share with the Commission in determining and planning ways to secure the budget for the Commission's work. Reports of all meetings of the Commission shall be furnished to the Secretaries of the co-operating agencies and an annual report of findings and recommendations presented to these agencies and to the Annual Conference."

Par. 983. Amend to read as follows: (and renumber as required)

"C. Department of Goodwill Industries.

"Par. 983. The Department of Goodwill Industries shall provide for the religious, educational, social and industrial welfare of the handicapped and unfortunate. It shall promote and establish Goodwill Industries in various centers; shall review missionary askings and administer appropriations for Goodwill Industries; shall endorse and assist only those local Goodwill Industries which are organized and conducted according to its standards, rules and regulations, and shall urge them to co-operate with the Departments, Sections, Divisions and Boards of The Methodist Church, and other organizations serving the handicapped and unfortunate. The Department may conduct National and Regional Institutes, and such other special training activities as will help to develop the specialized leadership required for the direction of Goodwill Industries."

Par. 984. Amend to read as follows: (renumber as required)

"D. Department of Negro Work.

"Par. 984. The Department shall study and promote missionary work among Negroes and conduct other activities which, from time to time, the developments of the work may require and which the Section may assign to it and administer such appropriations as may be committed to it by the Division. It shall co-operate with the Boards and agencies of the Central Jurisdiction, the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, and other Boards and agencies as their work may affect the Negro population of the Country."

Par. 985. Omit the paragraph.

Par. 986. Add to the paragraph the sentence beginning, "They shall make recommendations" etc., so that Par. 986 shall read:

"Inter-Division Committee on Home Missions and
Church Extension Work

"Par. 986. There shall be an Inter-Division Committee on Home Missionary and Church Extension work which, in co-operation with a similar Committee of an equal number from the Home Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, shall co-ordinate and correlate plans and policies for Home Missions, and arrange for such co-operative activities and joint projects as may be mutually acceptable. They shall make recommendations regarding correlation and co-ordination to their respective Divisions."

SECTION OF CHURCH EXTENSION

Par. 987. Sub-paragraphs 1 to 9, inclusive, no change.

Sub-paragraph 10, Amend.

Sub-paragraph 11, delete the words "Debt-raising" at the end of the paragraph and substitute the words "Field Service."

So that Sub-paragraphs 10 and 11 shall read as follows:

"10. The Section shall have a Department of Finance and Field Service for the purpose:

"a. Of securing funds for the building of churches, parsonages and religious educational equipment and for remodeling and repair projects;

"b. Of raising funds for the liquidation of church debts;

"c. Of assisting and guiding churches in developing effective budget and other financial plans;

"d. Of providing counsel and suggesting plans for church building enterprises;

"e. Of co-operating in making surveys of new fields and other community centers with special reference to the location and adaptation of church buildings and equipment.

"11. A fund may be set up by the Section to be secured from gifts and legacies and the income therefrom to be used in supporting the work of the Department of Finance and Field Service."

Par. 988. Change the Caption preceding Par. 988 to read:
"Administration of a Mission"

Sec. 1 of Par. 988—no change.

Sec. 2 of Par. 988. After the word "Missionaries" insert the words "both Lay and Clerical," also after the word "Preachers" omit the word "with" and insert in its place the words "and other," so that the section shall read:

"2. The Mission shall meet annually, and shall be composed of all regularly appointed Missionaries, both Lay and Clerical, and Mission Traveling Preachers, and other Lay Members, the number of whom and the mode of their appointment each Mission shall determine for itself."

Sections 3 to 6 inclusive—no change.

SECTION VI. WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Par. 989—no change.

Par. 990. Amend the paragraph by inserting, following the word "By-laws," the words "to elect such officers as are to be elected by the Division, to remove any of them for cause, to fill vacancies among the officers so elected; to nominate such officers as are to be elected by the Board, to recommend their removal for cause and to present nominations to the Board to fill vacancies"; so that the paragraph shall read:

"Par. 990. Art. 2. *Authority.* The Division shall have authority to make By-laws in harmony with the Charter and Constitution of the Board and of its Divisions; to regulate its own proceedings in harmony with its By-laws; to elect such officers as are to be elected by the Division, to remove any of them for cause, to fill vacancies among the officers so elected; to nominate such officers as are to be elected by the Board, to recommend their removal for cause and to present nominations to the Board to fill vacancies; to recommend fields of labor; to accept, train, and maintain workers; to buy and sell property; to secure and administer funds for the support of all work under its charge; to solicit and accept contributions subject to annuity under the Board's regulations; and to prepare and recommend to the Board appropriations for its work."

Par. 991—no change.

Par. 992. Amend to read as follows: "Par. 992. Art 4. Officers. The Division shall elect quadrennially a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer or Treasurers, and a Recording Secretary. Vacancies occurring during the quadrennium shall be filled by the Division. The Division shall also nominate for election by the Board one or more Executive Secretaries and such other Secretaries and Superintendents as the need may require. Such other officers as the Division may need it shall elect. The Division shall determine the powers and duties of its officers and staff and shall recommend their remuneration."

DEPARTMENTS

Par. 993. Art. 1. Organization.

(1)—no change.

(2)—no change.

(3)—no change.

(4)—In line 1, delete the word "a" and insert "an Executive" before the word "Secretary," and in line 2, after the words "duties of" delete the word "the" and insert the word "such," so that the section shall read:

"(4) There shall be an Executive Secretary or Secretaries in each Department. The number and duties of such Secretaries shall be determined and defined by the Division."

Par. 994. Art 2. (2). Change reference after the words "composed of the" insert the words "Chairman, the."

Par. 994. Art 2. (2). Change reference in parentheses from "(994)" to "See Par. 994 (3)," and delete the last three words "or the Board."

Par. 994. Art 2. (3) Add new (3) as indicated below.

So that Par. 994 shall read as follows:

"Par. 994. Art. 2. The Department of Work in Foreign Fields shall be an administrative department and shall promote the work of Missions outside the United States of America, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and The Dominican Republic.

"(1) There shall be a Standing Committee composed of the Chairman, the Executive Secretary or Secretaries of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields, and the Secretaries of Foreign Work in the several Jurisdictions.

"(2) There shall be an Inter-Division Committee on Foreign Work with equal representation from the Department of Work in Foreign Fields, and the Division of Foreign Missions, which shall consider policies, programs, and estimates which come from the Field Committees to the respective Divisions. (See Par. 994, 3.) They shall report their recommendations regarding correlation and co-ordination to the Divisions."

(3) (a) Insert paragraph 944 as amended.

(b) Insert paragraph 945 as amended.

(c) Insert paragraph 946 as amended.

(d) Insert paragraph 948 as amended.

(e) Insert paragraph 949 as amended.

(f) Insert paragraph 951 as amended.

Par. 995. Art. 3. Delete sub-paragraphs (1) and (2), and substitute the following; sub-paragraph (3) same as in *Discipline*:

"Par. 995. Art. 3." (opening paragraph, no change.)

"(1) There shall be a Standing Committee in this Department composed of the Chairman of the Department, the Executive Secretary or Secretaries of the Department and the Secretaries of Work in Home Fields of the several Jurisdictions.

"(2) There shall be an Inter-Division Committee on Work in Home Fields, with equal representation from the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, which shall co-ordinate and correlate plans and policies for Home Missions and arrange for such co-operative activities and joint projects as may be mutually acceptable. They shall make recommendations regarding correlation and co-ordination to their respective Divisions. (See par. 986.)"

(3) No change.

Par. 996. Art. 4. Amend Par. 996 by deleting the third sub-paragraph and substituting a new third sub-paragraph, and by adding a fourth sub-paragraph, so that the paragraph shall read:

"Par. 996. Art. 4. The Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities shall supervise and promote the work of the Division along the lines of community service and social relations.

"It shall seek to make real and effective the teachings of Jesus as applied to individual, class, racial, and national relationships. It shall endeavor to enlist the participation of Church women in such questions as have a moral or religious significance or an important bearing on public welfare.

"It shall seek to inspire in the women of the local church a greater devotion to and concern for the total life and work of the local church.

"This Department shall have a Standing Committee, composed of the Executive Secretary and Chairman of the Department, Chairman of the Resource Committees, the Jurisdictional Secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, and such

other persons as the Division may provide upon recommendation of the Department."

Par. 997. No change.

Par. 998. No change.

THE ASSEMBLY

Par. 999. No change.

THE BUREAU OF DEACONESS WORK

Par. 1000. Amend to read as follows:

"Par. 1000. 1. The Office of Deaconess is hereby authorized in The Methodist Church.

"(a) All Deaconess work in the United States and its dependencies shall be under the supervision of the Bureau of Deaconess Work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

"(b) All Deaconess work outside of the United States and its dependencies shall be under the supervision of the Central Conferences or Provisional Central Conferences concerned, or Annual Conference where there is not a Central Conference.

"(c) There shall be an Executive Secretary or Secretaries of the Bureau of Deaconess Work elected by the Woman's Division.

"2. All properties, trust funds, permanent funds, other special funds, and endowments now held and administered by or for the several forms of administration of Deaconess work under the three Uniting Churches shall be carefully safeguarded and administered by the several forms of administration in the interest of those persons and causes for which said funds were established.

"3. The Bureau of Deaconess Work shall be composed of a Bishop, chosen by the Council of Bishops, the Executive Secretaries of the Home Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, the Executive Secretary or Secretaries of the Deaconess Bureau, and three persons chosen by each Jurisdictional Deaconess Association, two of whom shall be Deaconess members of the Association, and the other an officer of the Jurisdictional Woman's Society of Christian Service.

"4. The Bureau of Deaconess Work shall recommend standards for candidates for Deaconess Work to the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel.

"5. A Sabbatical Year, a part of which shall be spent in special study, may be granted with full or part salary upon recommendation of the Executive Secretary of the Bureau of Deaconess Work and the Conference Deaconess Board. Pension credit is granted for each Sabbatical Year.

"6. All Deaconesses shall receive financial compensation on either the allowance or salary basis, the minimum of which shall be fixed by the Bureau of Deaconess Work.

"7. Retirement. (a) For Deaconesses commissioned or consecrated previous to July, 1940, former agreements are continued and the administrations with which they were connected are responsible for the pensions.

"(b) The Woman's Division of Christian Service has adopted a compulsory contribution pension plan for all Deaconesses of the Division who were commissioned or consecrated on or after July 24, 1940.

"8. A Deaconess uniform shall be prescribed but the wearing of it shall be optional."

Par. 1001. Amend to read as follows:

"Par. 1001. Jurisdictional Deaconess Association.

"1. All Deaconesses working in Annual Conferences, Provisional Annual Conferences, or Missions of the Jurisdiction shall be members of the Association. The Association shall elect its own officers.

"2. One Bishop, elected by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction, one minister from each Conference, elected by the Conference, and the President of each Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Jurisdiction shall be members of the Association.

"3. The Jurisdictional Deaconess Association shall recommend to the Bureau of Deaconess Work the transfers of Deaconesses to and from the Jurisdiction. It shall also recommend Deaconesses who are eligible for retirement. It shall recommend annually the renewal of certificates or licenses of Deaconesses, and shall make a report to the Bureau of Deaconess Work.

"4. For the Deaconess who has no Conference relationship the Jurisdictional Deaconess Association shall assume all the responsibility inhering in the Conference Deaconess Board.

"5. There shall be an Executive Committee in each Jurisdictional Deaconess Association."

Par. 1002. Amend to read as follows:

ANNUAL CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD

"Par. 1002. 1. Annual Conference Deaconess Boards shall be set up in all Conferences where five or more Deaconesses are working; Annual Conference Deaconess Boards may be set up in all Conferences where fewer than five Deaconesses are working. All licensed Deaconesses of the Conference shall be members of the Conference Deaconess Board, Superintendents of Districts in which there is Deaconess work, or effective elders as alternates, two representatives of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and at least one non-deaconess representative from the Local Board of Managers of each Institution within the Conference where Deaconesses live or are employed, shall also be members of the Conference Deaconess Board.

"2. It shall approve annually the standing of all Deaconesses within the Conference and report the same to the Jurisdictional Deaconess Association and to the Bureau of Deaconess Work.

"3. The Conference Deaconess Board shall have authority to license Deaconesses whose candidacy has been recommended by the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel and accepted by the Woman's Division of Christian Service on recommendation of the Bureau of Deaconess Work, arrange for their consecration at the Annual Conference by the presiding Bishop, and transfer Deaconesses from one Annual Conference to another within the Jurisdiction.

"4. Upon recommendation of the Conference Deaconess Board and the Bureau of Deaconess Work, the appointments of deaconesses to their respective fields of labor shall be read by the Bishop presiding at the Annual Conference and shall be printed in the Conference Journal.

"5. The minutes of the Conference Deaconess Board shall be reported to the Annual Conference for publication in the Conference Journal, to the Jurisdictional Deaconess Association, and to the Bureau of Deaconess Work."

THE JURISDICTIONAL WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Par. 1003. In Art. 3, last line, bottom of page 332 and first line top of page 333, delete the words "five members at large elected by ballot by the Jurisdictional Woman's Society" and substitute the words "a representative of the Jurisdictional Deaconess Association."

In Art 4, in the sixth line after "activities" delete "a Secretary of Education and Cultivation" and insert the words "a Secretary of Organization and Promotion and a Secretary of Missionary Education and Service."

Line 9, after "Work" delete the period and insert "and a Secretary of Spiritual Life."

So that Par. 1003 shall read as follows:

"Par. 1003. Art. 1. No change.

"Art. 2. No change.

"Art. 3. Membership. The Jurisdictional Woman's Society of Christian Service shall be composed of the officers of the Jurisdictional Woman's Society of Christian Service and six delegates from each Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, within the Jurisdiction, three of whom shall be Conference officers; and all the women members of the Jurisdictional Board of Missions and Church Extension and any members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, living within the Jurisdiction, a representative of the Jurisdictional Deaconess Association, and two Bishops chosen by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction. The Secretaries of the Jurisdictional Board of Missions and Church Extension and one Secretary from the Jurisdictional Board of Education may be members of the Jurisdictional Society.

"Art. 4. Officers. Each Jurisdictional Woman's Society shall elect a President, one or more Vice-presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Secretary of Foreign Work, a Secretary of Home Work, a Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, a Secretary of Organization and Promotion, a Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, a Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, a Secretary of Student Work, a Secretary of Youth Work, a Secretary of Children's Work and a Secretary of Spiritual Life. These officers shall be elected at its first meeting following the meeting of the Jurisdictional Conference. Other Officers, Superintendents, and Secretaries may be elected and such committees appointed as the work may demand in accordance with the plans of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

"Art. 5. No change.

"Art. 6. No change."

THE CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Par. 1004. No change.

Par. 1005. No change.

Par. 1006. No change.

SECTION VII. JOINT DIVISION OF EDUCATION AND CULTIVATION

Par. 1007. In the 5th line from the bottom after the words "that Division" delete the period and add: "one Executive Secretary from the Division of Foreign Missions, one Executive Secretary from the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, three Executive Secretaries from the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and the two Executive Secretaries of the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation, to be members of the Joint Division"

so that the paragraph shall read:

"Par. 1007. Art 1. The Joint Division of Education and Cultivation shall be composed of six Bishops, one from each Jurisdiction; six men and two women from the Division of Foreign Missions, elected by that Division; six men and two women from the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, elected by that Division; eight women from the Woman's Division of Christian Service, elected by that Division; one Executive Secretary from the Division of Foreign Missions, one Executive Secretary from the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, three Executive Secretaries from the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and two Executive Secretaries of the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation, when elected shall be members of the Joint Division. In all these selections there must be due regard to equitable representation from the Jurisdictions. This Division shall undergird with education and cultivation the total program of the Board."

Par. 1008. No change.

Par. 1009. No change.

Par. 1010. Delete "placing missionary specials" so that paragraph 1010 shall read:

Par. 1010. Art. 4. The Division shall have charge of all plans for cultivating missionary giving and for promoting the missionary program of the Church; *provided*, however, that all such plans shall be subject to and in harmony with the general financial system of The Methodist Church as adopted by the General Conference.

Par. 1011. No change.

Par. 1012. No change.

Par. 1013. In the 6th line from the top of page 336, delete the words "Woman's Christian Service Societies" and substitute the words "Woman's Societies of Christian Service," so that the paragraph shall read:

"Par. 1013. Art. 7. The Woman Secretaries and Woman Editors of this Division shall carry out the plans and policies of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in promoting organizations for the various age-groups in Local Churches, Districts, Conferences, and Jurisdictions; in providing missionary education for Woman's, Young Women's, Girls' and Children's Societies; in creating, editing and publishing such periodicals, books, and leaflets as the work of the societies may necessitate. This Division shall co-operate in all plans necessary

for the efficiency of the Woman's Societies of Christian Service in the Jurisdictions, Conferences, Districts, and Churches."

Par. 1014. Amend to read as follows:

"Par. 1014. The Division shall elect quadrennially a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, and a Recording Secretary. The Division shall also nominate for election by the Board two Executive Secretaries (one man and one woman) and other Secretaries, and such other officers as the Division may determine. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board on nomination of the Division. The Division shall determine the powers and duties of its officers and staff and shall recommend the remuneration of its employed officers and workers."

Par. 1015. No change.

Par. 1016. In the third line after "Board" delete to the end of the paragraph, so that it shall read:

"Par. 1016. The funds for the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation shall be appropriated by the Board."

SECTION VIII. COUNCILS

Par. 1017. No change.

Par. 1018. On page 337, line 2, of item (1), strike out the word "shall" and substitute the word "may." Strike out the last two sentences and substitute a new sentence reading as follows: "Meetings of this Council may be held at such times and places as the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation or the Council itself may determine, for the consideration of any or all matters relating to Missions and Church Extension and for the dissemination of missionary information and inspiration throughout the Church."

In item (2), strike out the last ten words beginning with "on years," and substitute therefor "at such times and places as the Jurisdictional Board of Missions and Church Extension may determine, in consultation with the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation and in harmony with its plans."

So that the paragraph shall read as follows:

"Par. 1018. Art. 2. Missionary Councils. (1) There may be a General Missionary Council composed of the members of the Board and the Secretaries, Associate and Assistant Secretaries, Treasurers, Superintendents, Directors and other members of the full-time employed staff of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, Jurisdictional Boards of Missions and Church Extension and Annual Conference Boards of Missions and Church Extension. Meetings of this Council may be held at such times and places as the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation or the Council itself may determine, for the consideration of any or all matters relating to Missions and Church Extension and for the dissemination of Missionary information and inspiration throughout the Church.

"(2) There may be a Jurisdictional Missionary Council held within each Jurisdiction at such times and places as the Jurisdictional

Board of Missions and Church Extension may determine in consultation with the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation and in harmony with its plans."

SECTION IX. CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER BOARDS AND AGENCIES

A. *Joint Committee on Religious Education in Foreign Fields*

Par. 1019. Amend to read as follows:

"Par. 1019. For the purpose of more effectively promoting religious education outside the United States there shall be a Joint Committee on Religious Education in Foreign fields composed of twenty-eight members, fourteen from the Board of Education, four of whom shall be members of the Board and ten staff members of the Division of the Local Church, elected by the Division; fourteen from the Board of Missions and Church Extension, four of whom shall be members of the Board (two elected by the Division of Foreign Missions, and two by the Woman's Division of Christian Service), and ten Secretaries (five Secretaries of the Division of Foreign Missions, elected by the Division, and five Secretaries, of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.)"

Par. 1020. No change.

Par. 1021. No change.

Par. 1022. No change.

B. *Interboard Committee on Missionary Education*

Par. 1023, Line 11, preceding the word "Division" insert "Editorial"; and in line 12 preceding the words, "Educational Institutions" insert the words "the Executive Secretary of the Division of." In line 16 immediately following the words "Christian service" place a period; and delete the remainder of the sentence. In the next to the last line of the paragraph place a period immediately after the word, "character"; and delete the remaining words of the sentence. Transfer the final sentence of Par. 1024 to Par. 1023 making it then the final sentence of the said Par. 1023.

Paragraph 1023 as amended in the foregoing shall then read:

"Par. 1023. For the purpose of promoting effective co-operation between the Board of Missions and Church Extension and the Board of Education in missionary education there shall be an Inter-Board Committee between the two Boards, composed of the Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church, the Executive Secretary of the Editorial Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education; and five other persons to be appointed by that Board, and an equal number from the Board of Missions and Church Extension which shall include the following: Two Secretaries from the Division of Education and Cultivation; two Secretaries from the Division of Foreign Missions, two from the Division of Home Missions and

Church Extension, and two from the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The Committee shall provide for age-group Subcommittees and such other Subcommittees as may be needed. This Committee and its Subcommittees shall be advisory and creative in character. The promotion of plans and materials created by this committee shall be a responsibility of the Board of Education and of the Board of Missions and Church Extension."

Par. 1024, Line 11, following the words "missionary education," insert the words "and missionary giving." Delete the last sentence in paragraph 1024, beginning with the words "The Promotion of."

Add to Paragraph 1024 the following sentence. "The Interboard Committee shall meet annually, and at such other times as the Committee itself may determine."

Paragraph 1024 as amended in the foregoing shall then read as follows:

"The duties of this Committee shall be: (a) To develop a unified program of missionary education for all age-groups in the Local Church and in the Colleges, Universities, and Theological Seminaries; (b) to co-operate with the Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education in providing missionary information for Church School literature, and in the planning and preparation of curricular material on Missions; (c) to co-operate in the publication of books for missionary education in the Church; (d) to develop co-operative plans for the missionary education and missionary giving of children, young people, and adults; and (e) to report annually to the Board of Missions and Church Extension and to the Board of Education. The Interboard Committee shall meet annually, and at such other times as the Committee itself may determine."

Par. 1025. As a final sentence of this paragraph add the following words: "During the period between the General Conference and the organization of the new Interboard Committee on Missionary Education for the coming quadrennium, those members who have served on the Committee during the past quadrennium shall continue to function until the said new committee is organized." So that the paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

"There shall be an Executive Secretary of the Committee, who shall be elected by the Board of Education, on nomination of the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education, and shall be confirmed by the Board of Missions and Church Extension. He shall be the Secretary for Missionary Education of the Board of Education with staff relationship to the Division of the Local Church. He shall likewise be the Secretary for Missionary Education of the Board of Missions and Church Extension having staff relationship to the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation. The Inter-Board Committee shall have a budget provided for its work by the two Boards upon such ratio as they may decide. In missionary education the Secretary and his departmental workers shall be the representatives equally of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and of the Board of

Education. During the period between the General Conference and the organization of the new Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education for the coming quadrennium, those members who have served on the Committee during the past quadrennium shall continue to function until the said new Committee is organized."

SECTION X. FUNDS

Remove Paragraphs 1026, 1027, and 1028 from their present location and insert immediately following Paragraph 927, renumbering the paragraphs accordingly.

SECTION XI. JURISDICTIONAL BOARDS

Par. 1029. After the word "Boards" add "auxiliary to the general boards" so that Paragraph 1029 shall read:

Par. 1029. The Plan of Union gives the Jurisdictional Conference authority "to establish and constitute Jurisdictional Boards as auxiliary to the General Boards of the Church as the needs may appear." However, in the interest of uniformity it is suggested that the Jurisdictional Conferences give serious consideration to the following:

Par. 1030. No change.

Par. 1031. No change.

Par. 1032. No change.

Par. 1033. No change.

SECTION XII. ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARDS

Par. 1034. In line 7 substitute "nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee" in place of "nominated by the District Superintendents."

Par. 1035. No change.

Par. 1036. No change.

Par. 1037. No change.

Par. 1038. No change.

SECTION XIII. LOCAL CHURCH BOARDS

Par. 1039. No change.

Par. 1040. Strike out Par. 1040 on pages 347 and 348 of the *Discipline*, and substitute a new paragraph as follows:

"Par. 1040. There shall be organized in each local church a Church Board of Missions and Church Extension, members of which shall be elected by the Quarterly Conference on nomination of the pastor or the nominating committee. It shall be auxiliary to the Board of Missions and Church Extension and to the Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Boards of Missions and Church Extension and shall seek in every way to co-operate with these agencies in their plans and programs for missionary education and cultivation."

Par. 1041. Strike out Par. 1041 on page 348 of the *Discipline* and substitute the following new paragraph:

“Par. 1041. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Church Board of Missions and Church Extension:

“1. To provide for the diffusion of missionary information, the distribution of missionary literature, the circulation of the general missionary periodical, and the use of missionary visual education materials in the church.

“2. To plan each year under the leadership of the Pastor, with the co-operation of the Woman’s Society of Christian Service and the Board of Education, for a Church-wide School of Missions in order that the entire congregation may be drawn into a period of intensive study, using the Study Book and other materials issued by the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation.”

“3. To assist the pastor each year in the organization of a School of Missions for the whole congregation, using the Study Book and materials issued by the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation.

“4. To co-operate with other agencies in the survey and study of the needs of the community and to recommend to the Quarterly Conference missionary projects both home and foreign, which should be undertaken, and to make plans whereby the local church may undertake missionary projects for the purpose of Christianizing the total life of its own community.

“5. To co-operate with the pastor, the Woman’s Society of Christian Service, Church School officers, and other organizations and agencies in the local church in all plans for the development of the missionary life and spirit of the congregation, especially in programs and offerings for Missions on ‘Fourth Sundays,’ plans for raising funds for Missions and Church Extension, the support of missionary ‘specials’ by individuals, organizations, and the whole church.

“6. To confer annually with the finance committee or Quarterly Conference with reference to the benevolence budget of the local church.

“7. To unite with the Pastor and the Finance Committee in an effort to secure an effective every member canvass each year with emphasis on stewardship and missions.”

FREDERICK B. NEWELL, *Chairman*;
MARVIN A. FRANKLIN, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. REPORT ON THE REFERENCE TO THIS COMMITTEE OF THE MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS FOUND IN REPORT NO. 4 OF THE GENERAL COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE PRINTER ON PAGE 13 OF THE “DAILY CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE” ON APRIL 27, 1944 (MEMORIAL: Report 4, World Service and Finance.)
Calendar No. 113. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 415.
M, 106; P, 59; F, 59

We recommend that this report be adopted in principle and applied in detail insofar as it is in conformity with the legislation in Report No. 1.

FREDERICK B. NEWELL, *Chairman*;
MARVIN A. FRANKLIN, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. PROPER CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF THE WORK OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN CHINA
Calendar No. 139. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 409.
M, 106; P, 70; F, 70

WHEREAS, Missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church first arrived in China in 1847, missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1849, and consequently the centennial anniversary will occur before the next session of the General Conference; and

WHEREAS, The Methodist Church in China has grown until it has nine Annual Conferences and one provisional Annual Conference with a total membership of more than 100,000 and with many high schools, colleges, hospitals and other institutional outlets for its Christian spirit; and

WHEREAS, Methodism numbers its members and constituency among all sections of Chinese life from the humblest to the present head of the government, exerting a strong influence in these days of war with a probability of more strongly influencing all areas of life in the days of peace to come; and

WHEREAS, The China Central Conference has voted to celebrate this anniversary in 1947-48, has begun even in war time the preliminary work including a five-year program of evangelism, and has requested the General Conference to recognize the importance of the occasion by joining in its observance;

We, regular and appointed delegates to this General Conference, with some friends from outside its membership, memorialize this body

1. To recognize the significance for world Methodism of this century of missionary service to China by issuing a call to Methodists in all lands to join in a celebration on dates to be jointly decided by the Methodist Church in China, the Council of Bishops, and the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

2. To request the Council of Bishops to send to China at least two Bishops from the United States and one from India at the time of China's major celebration of the centennial.

3. To request the Board of Missions and Church Extension to join with the China Central Conference in planning for a fitting celebration and, if deemed wise, to provide official visitors to assist in evangelistic, educational and medical special observances.

4. To request the editors of the Church press before and during the actual celebration to give special emphasis to the stirring history of Methodist work in China and to the opportunities in the years ahead.

FREDERICK B. NEWELL, *Chairman*;
MARVIN A. FRANKLIN, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS

Chairman, W. Angie Smith.

Vice-Chairman, Troy W. Appleby (*).

Secretary, Charles E. Schofield.

REPORT NO. 1. RELIGION IN LIFE

(MEMORIAL NO. 429.)

Calendar No. 1. Adopted April 29. See Journal, Page 268.
M, 73; P, 58; F, 58

MEMORIAL NO. 429: Presented by the Board of Publication proposing to amend paragraph 876 of the *Discipline* which reads as follows:

“The Board of Publication shall provide for the continuation of the quarterly *Religion in Life*, determine the budget which shall be allowed for its publication, and elect the Managing Editor and such Associate Editor as it may deem advisable.”

to read as follows:

“The Board of Publication shall provide for the continuation of the quarterly *Religion in Life* and determine the budget which shall be allowed for its publication. The Book Editor shall be the Editor.”

The Committee recommends concurrence.

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;

CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, CENTRAL EDITION

(MEMORIAL NO. 428.)

Calendar No. 2. Adopted April 29. See Journal, Page 268.
M, 73; P, 60; F, 59; N, 1

MEMORIAL NO. 428: Presented by the Board of Publication proposing to amend paragraph 881, Section 5 of the *Discipline*, concerning the *Christian Advocate, Central Edition*, which reads as follows:

“There shall be published the *Christian Advocate, Central Edition*, for service in the Central Jurisdiction. Its Editor shall be elected quadrennially from the Central Jurisdiction by the Board of Publication,” to read as follows:

“There shall be published *The Central Christian Advocate* for service in the Central Jurisdiction. Its Editor shall be elected quadrennially from the Central Jurisdiction by the Board of Publication.”

The Committee recommends concurrence.

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;

CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

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REPORT NO. 3. FILLING VACANCIES ON BOARD
OF PUBLICATION

(MEMORIAL NO. 427.)

Calendar No. 3. Adopted April 29. See Journal, Page 268.
M. 73: P. 62; F. 62

MEMORIAL NO. 427: Presented by the Board of Publication proposing to amend paragraph 871 of the *Discipline*, fixing the method for filling vacancies on the Board of Publication, which reads as follows:

"Any vacancy occurring between sessions of the Jurisdictional Conferences for any cause, including removal from the Jurisdiction, shall be filled by the Board from that Jurisdictional Conference in whose representation the vacancy occurs."

to read as follows:

"In case a vacancy occurs between sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference for any cause, including removal from the Jurisdiction, the Board shall fill the vacancy from that Jurisdiction in whose representation the vacancy occurs until the next session of the Jurisdictional Conference. The Jurisdictional Conference after such a vacancy occurs shall elect a successor to fill the unexpired term."

The Committee recommends concurrence.

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;

CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. COMMITTEE ON MANUALS

(MEMORIAL NO. 426.)

Calendar No. 4. Adopted April 29. See Journal, Page 268.
M. 73: P. 62; F. 62

MEMORIAL NO. 426: Presented by the Board of Publication, proposing a Committee on Manuals for Training for Church Membership. The recommendation is as follows:

"To create a Committee on Manuals for Training in Church Membership and the Christian Life, the Committee to be composed of:

1. The Book Editor
2. The Editor of Church School Publications
3. The President of the Board of Education
4. The Executive Secretary, Division of the Local Church, the Board of Education
5. The President of the General Commission on Evangelism
6. The Executive Secretary, General Commission on Evangelism
7. The Educational Director of the Commission on Courses of Study

3-13. Six Pastors to be selected by the above-named group.

And the expenses of this Committee to be borne by the above-named Boards and Commissions.

The Committee recommends concurrence.

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;

CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. CO-ORDINATION OF GOOD LITERATURE

(MEMORIAL NOS. 108, 112, 273, 276, 359, 411, 467, 568, 569.)

Calendar No. 16. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 282.
M, 73; P, 60; F, 58; A, 2

Your Committee had before it for consideration Memorials Nos. 108, 112, 273, 276, 359, 411, 467, 568 and 569, these coming from the Wisconsin, Upper Iowa, New York, Tennessee, Northern New York, Florida, and New York Annual Conferences, and, after careful consideration, presents the following:

We appreciate the work of the various Boards and Commissions of the Church, which have had as their worthy objective an informed and stimulated Methodism, and which, to this end, have severally issued many publications. However, since the memorials presented indicate the feeling across the Church that too many of these publications are being issued, at too great an expense, and that they, because of their multiplicity, are being read by too few, therefore we request that at their first meeting the Council of Secretaries of the various interested Boards and Commissions, together with the Publishing Agents of the Board of Publication of the Church, through their channels, make a definite and immediate attempt to co-ordinate, correlate, and consolidate as many as possible of these publications, with the definite understanding that the resultant publication, or publications shall include the total program of the Church, the same to be issued so that every minister and every salaried officer shall be furnished with it, or them.

We believe that such a publication, or publications, would reach a larger reader clientele, would produce the desired result, and insure a large saving to the Church.

We further request that the Council of Secretaries report to the next General Conference what steps have been taken to carry out the spirit of this resolution.

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;

CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. AMEND PARAGRAPH 1299, 1940 "DISCIPLINE,"
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OF THE METHODIST
CHURCH

(MEMORIAL NO. 274.)

Calendar No. 17. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 282.
M, 73; P, 53; F, 53

Amend Paragraph 1299, 1940 *Discipline*:

In line 1, strike out the word "publicity" and insert "Public Information," so that the amended clause shall read:

"There shall be a Department of Public Information of The Methodist Church."

In line 7, strike out the word "six" and insert the word "nine," so that the amended sentence shall read: "This Department shall be under the supervision of a Commission of nine persons, one of whom shall be a Bishop."

In line 12, after the word "advertising," insert the word "radio," so that the amended sentence shall read: "Care shall be taken to nominate persons whose experience in journalism, advertising, radio, business or the Church particularly qualifies them for this service."

In line 16, strike out the words "a Director" and insert the words, "an Executive Secretary to be known as Director"; and after the word "such" insert the word "other," so that the sentence shall read: "The Commission is authorized to employ an Executive Secretary to be known as Director, and such other persons as may be necessary to give effect to its purpose."

The entire paragraph, as amended, will then read:

"There shall be a Department of Public Information of The Methodist Church, which shall gather news of public interest concerning Methodist activities and opinion and disseminate it through the secular press, the religious press, the radio, and other legitimate media of public information. This Department shall be under the supervision of a Commission of nine persons, one of whom shall be a Bishop. The Commission shall be elected by the General Conference upon nomination of the Council of Bishops. Care shall be taken to nominate persons whose experience in journalism, advertising, radio, business or the Church particularly qualifies them for this service. The Bishop who shall be a member of the Commission shall act as its Chairman. The Commission is authorized to employ an Executive Secretary, to be known as Director, and such other persons as may be necessary to give effect to its purpose. The Commission shall present a proposed budget to the Commission on World Service and Finance for its consideration and action. Vacancies occurring between sessions of the General Conference shall be filled by the Commission. Members of the Commission shall hold office until the next session of the General Conference, or until their successors are elected. The Commission shall be known as the Commission on Public Information."

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;
CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. ANNUAL CONFERENCE RECORDS
(MEMORIAL NO. 335.)

Calendar No. 18. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 283.
M, 73; P, 56; F, 56

We, the members of the Baltimore Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, hereby memorialize the General Conference of The Methodist Church of 1944 to make or

adopt the following change in Paragraph 457, Article 6, page 148, of the *Discipline* of 1940:

Paragraph 457 reads as follows: "The Annual Conference shall keep an exact record of its proceedings, according to the forms provided by the General, Jurisdictional, and Central Conferences. It shall send to its Jurisdictional or Central Conference, as may be required, a copy signed by the President and Secretary. It shall also send to the Board of Publication and the Director of Statistics a printed or written copy of the Journal."

To amend by adding, after the words, "shall send to its Jurisdictional or Central Conference," the following, "a bound copy of the Minutes of the Quadrennium for examination, and said copy to be returned to the Secretary of the Annual Conference to be placed in the Archives of the Conference. If there be no Archives of the Annual Conference, then the Secretary shall keep the bound copy to be handed on to his successor in office." And also, at the end of the paragraph, after the word Journal, add the words "signed by the President and Secretary of the Annual Conference."

The amended paragraph shall then read,

"The Annual Conference shall keep an exact record of its proceedings, according to the forms provided by the General, Jurisdictional, and Central Conferences. It shall send to its Jurisdictional or Central Conference, a bound copy of the Minutes of the Quadrennium for examination, said copy to be returned to the Secretary of the Annual Conference to be placed in the Archives of the Conference. If there be no Archives of the Annual Conference, then the Secretary shall keep the bound copy to be handed on to his successor in office. The Annual Conference shall also send to the Board of Publication and the Director of Statistics a printed or written copy of the Annual Journal signed by the President and Secretary of the Annual Conference."

(Signed by William F. Wright, Secretary of the Baltimore Annual Conference.)

The Committee recommends concurrence.

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;
CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. REARRANGING SECTIONS 4 AND 6 OF THE
"DISCIPLINE." (MEMORIAL NO. 109.)

*Calendar No. 24. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Pages 283,
307.*

M, 73; P, 56; F, 52; A, 4

In order to secure a better logical arrangement and sequence of the material contained in Section IV Central Conference Powers and Section VI Episcopal Vacancies, the following proposals are made to the General Conference for the rearrangement suggested:

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The Committee recommends concurrence.

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;

CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. REARRANGEMENT OF MATERIALS IN
"DISCIPLINE" DEALING WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH

(MEMORIAL NO. 431.)

Calendar No. 25. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Pages 284,
298.

M, 73; P, 56; F, 56

WHEREAS, The Local Church is an important basic unit within The Methodist Church, and

WHEREAS, The law governing the organization and administration of the Local Church is now scattered through many parts of the *Discipline*, resulting in confusion and making it difficult for the Laymen and Minister in the Local Church to discover the detailed methods and procedures which are to be followed and the duties which are to be fulfilled.

Therefore, we respectfully request that the General Conference instruct the Editor of the *Discipline* to organize a new major division within the *Discipline* entitled The Local Church and to assemble under this part all actions and regulations which have been, or will be adopted by the General Conference, and all programs under the various Boards which deal with the organization and administration of the Local Church, and to print therewith cross references to the various General and Conference Boards and Agencies severally responsible in connection with the various Sections of this Division.

Further, it is respectfully urged that the Editor of the *Discipline* be instructed to include the following statement on the Pastoral Charge as Chapter I in the Part on the Local Church.

CHAPTER I

THE PASTORAL CHARGE

The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men in which the pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments duly administered according to Christ's ordinance, in all those things that of necessity are requisite to the same. (The 13th Article of Religion, Par. 73 in *Discipline*.)

The Local Church is a society of persons who have professed their faith and have joined together in the fellowship of a Christian congregation in order to pray together, to receive the word of exhortation, and to watch over one another in love, that they may help each other to work out their salvation. (The General Rules, Par. 102.)

In order that each Local Church or Congregation may be an effective unit it shall be the duty of all District Superin-

tendents and Pastors to organize and administer the Charges and Churches committed to their care in accordance with the plan set forth in Part IV of the *Discipline*. (Par. 527 in present *Discipline*.)

A Pastoral Charge consists of one or more churches organized under the *Discipline* with a single Quarterly Conference, and to which a Minister has been duly appointed as Preacher in Charge, or Pastor. A Charge of two or more churches is a Circuit.

The Committee recommends concurrence.

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;

CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. AMEND PARAGRAPH 903—COMMISSION ON RECORDS, FORMS, AND STATISTICAL BLANKS
(MEMORIAL NO. 425.)

Calendar No. 26. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 285.
M, 73; P, 53; F, 53

Amend Paragraph 903 to read as follows:

“The General Conference shall elect quadrennially a Commission on Records, Forms, and Statistical Blanks to consist of eight members, one of whom shall be the Book Editor and one the Director of the Statistical Office, and six members nominated by the Council of Bishops, who shall consist of one Annual Conference Treasurer, one Annual Conference Statistician, one pastor, one layman, and two District Superintendents, selected to represent the major geographical sections of the Church, and a representative from the General Commission on World Service and Finance, or from the office of the Central Treasury. The Commission shall have the privilege of inviting an available Bishop to meet with it for counsel and assistance. The Commission shall prepare and edit all official statistical blanks and record forms, and record books required for use in The Methodist Church, furnished by the General Administrative Fund for the service of the Church or distributed by the Publishing House, except official records for the Local Church School.”

The Committee recommends concurrence.

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;

CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. A METHODIST HISTORICAL MAGAZINE
(MEMORIAL NOS. 432, 570.)

Calendar No. 27. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 295.
M, 73; P, 56; F, 56

Your Committee on Publishing Interests has had before it a Memorial No. 432, from Donald H. Yoder, and No. 570 from the faculty of Garrett Biblical Institute, asking for the establishment of a Methodist historical magazine.

Your Committee looks with favor upon this proposal as one means by which Methodist historical records can be

preserved and the great historical heritage of Methodism can be presented to the public.

Therefore, we recommend that The Association of Methodist Historical Societies, the official historical society of The Methodist Church, and the Publishing Agents be requested to investigate the possibility of the establishment of the proposed historical magazine.

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;
CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

(Report No. 12. None presented. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 13. TO REVISE THE OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF
BAPTISM FOR ADULTS
(MEMORIAL NO. 113.)

Calendar No. 28. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 296.
M, 73; P, 48; F, 48

The Committee concurs in recommendation as follows:

"That the Commission on Records, Forms, and Statistical Blanks be instructed to insert in the official certificate of baptism for adults a space for recording the date of birth of the person baptized."

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;
CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. RITUAL SERVICES IN HYMNAL AND
"DISCIPLINE"
(MEMORIAL NO. 424.)

Calendar No. 29. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 341.
M, 73; P, 49; F, 49

The Board of Publication respectfully memorializes the General Conference of 1944 to pass the following Resolution or its equivalent:

Whereas, There are now in use in The Methodist Church approximately two million Hymnals that are used by the churches in administering the Sacrament of Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and certain other Ritual Services, and therefore it is desirable that there be no change that will disturb the usual procedure of these congregations;

Therefore be it resolved, That the General Conference instruct the Publishing House to provide for the continuance in the Hymnal the same form of Ritual Services that are now provided for the use of the congregation.

It is understood that the purpose of this resolution is to avoid confusion for those congregations that confine the use of the Church Ritual to the Hymnal and is not in any sense to prevent the printing of other services approved by the Church for the use of such congregations as desire them.

The Committee recommends concurrence.

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;
CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

(Report No. 15. None presented. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 16. A GLOSSARY OF TERMS

(MEMORIAL NO. 430.)

Calendar No. 58. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 442.
M, 73; P, 60; F, 52; A, 8

In response to Memorial No. 430, the Committee on Publishing Interests recommends concurrence in the following:

Whereas, The Discipline of The Methodist Church now contains a number of terms discussed in such various parts of the Discipline that it is difficult to arrive at a clear definition;

Therefore. We respectfully request the General Conference to instruct the Editor of the Discipline to prepare a Glossary of Terms.

This Glossary is to be published for the convenience of the reader, it being understood that the definitions there given do not constitute the Law of the Church but are based upon that Law as stated in the Constitution and Statutes in the *Discipline*, or where no specific legislation covers the subject on accepted practice, and that it be printed in the Appendix of the *Discipline*.

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;
CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

(Report No. 17. None presented. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 18. QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING AGENTS AND EDITORS, THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION
(MEMORIAL NO. 637.)

Calendar No. 63. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 347.
M, 73; P, 52; F, 52

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND REVIEW REPORT OF PUBLISHING AGENTS

The undersigned Committee, appointed by the Committee on Publishing Interests to examine and review the Report of the Publishing Agents, have completed the task assigned to them and submit this as their report.

The 1940 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church places upon The Methodist Publishing House certain responsibilities with regard to the publishing interests of the Church. The Report of the Publishing Agents sets forth an outstanding record of achievements in the discharge of that responsibility. A brief reference to some of those achievements and to some interesting information stated in the Report follows:

I. ORGANIZATION

When The Methodist Church was formed by the merger of the three different branches of Methodism, the Church became possessed of the three different systems that had been employed by the uniting

Churches in the operation of their publishing interests. One of the most important, and at the same time one of the most difficult, tasks was the co-ordination and unifying of those systems. Notwithstanding the legal and practical complications involved, this was accomplished by the formulation and adoption of a plan that has made it possible for The Methodist Publishing House to serve the Church with a high degree of effectiveness during the past quadrennium.

II. ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION

During the four years just past, the assets, the volume of business and the net produce have materially increased, and the indebtedness has been very substantially reduced.

The total sales for the three years ending May 31, 1943, amounted to \$19,091,389.12, and they are expected to exceed \$7,000,000.00 for the current fiscal year ending May 31, 1944, making a total of from \$26,000,000.00 to \$27,000,000.00 for the quadrennium. At the beginning of the quadrennium the total sales amounted to about \$5,500,000.00 per year.

The net produce for the three years to May 31, 1943, was \$1,140,567.91, which will be increased by the net produce for the current fiscal year.

Since the union of the three branches of Methodism, the Board of Publication of The Methodist Church has authorized an aggregate cash distribution to Conference Claimants amounting to \$665,000.00. The total appropriations to the Conference Claimants to date by the three uniting Churches and by the United Church amounts to \$10,868,198. These figures will be increased by such appropriation as may be made out of the net produce for the current fiscal year.

III. CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE

At the date of the General Conference of 1940, 55 periodicals and story papers, exclusive of Closely Graded Lesson publications, were being used in the three uniting Churches. By October, 1941, this number had been reduced from 55 to 24.

In December, 1943, the net paid circulation of all Church School periodicals and story papers was 4,740,162. Attention is called to the fact that this total would be substantially increased, if Methodist literature were to be used in the rather large number of Methodist Church Schools which do not now use it.

IV. BOOK PUBLISHING

The book business of The Methodist Publishing House has had a remarkable growth during the quadrennium. The total sales for the three fiscal years ending on the respective dates stated below are as follows:

May 31, 1941	\$ 524,854.05
May 31, 1942	724,406.26
May 31, 1943	1,067,797.82

These figures indicate an increase of 103% in the sales for the last of the three years over those for the first of the three years.

Books having an interdenominational value are published under the name "Abingdon-Cokesbury Press."

V. "THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE"

The total number of subscribers to *The Christian Advocate* on February 15, 1944, was 269,964. The report of the Publishing Agents contains this gratifying statement:

"We count it an item of unusual interest that the present *Christian Advocate* is now probably not only the most widely circulated of any denominational paper but is also operating without a deficit."

VI. "THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE—CENTRAL EDITION"

This paper is printed and published for the Central Jurisdiction.

During the quadrennium the circulation has been more than doubled. In 1941, the circulation was 10,282. As of February 15, 1944, the circulation was 27,671.

VII. MANUFACTURING AND SALES

The printing and other manufacturing of The Methodist Publishing House are done in its three plants located at Cincinnati, Nashville, and Chicago.

The retail sales of its products are effected at its thirteen stores located in Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, Detroit, Kansas City, Nashville, New York, Pittsburgh, Portland, Richmond, and San Francisco.

VIII. PERSONNEL

Employees of The Methodist Publishing House are not included within the provision of the Federal Social Security legislation. In view of this situation, the House has established a social security program which provides for the employees' pensions, group life insurance, and health, sick, hospitalization and surgical benefits.

On the subject of wages and working hours and conditions, the report states:

"All of our houses and plants operate on a forty-hour week. Employees other than administrative, supervisory, and professional, receive time and one-half for overtime.

"Wages in all of our plants are equal to or above the highest wages for similar work in the areas in which we operate.

"The Publishing Agents and their associates are constantly giving attention to improving working conditions and doing everything possible for the comfort and welfare of the employees throughout the organization."

IX. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, your Committee submits that the Report of the Publishing Agents presents a record of achievement and a presently existing condition in the affairs of the publishing interests of The Methodist Church which merit the commendation and unlimited confidence of both the General Conference now in session and the Church at large.

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;
CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 19. EDITING THE "DISCIPLINE"

Calendar No. 57. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 347.
M, 73; P, 52; F, 52

The Committee on Publishing Interests recommends the adoption of the following:

That the Book Editor, the Secretary of the General Conference and the Publishing Agents are charged with editing the *Discipline*. The Editors in the exercise of their judgment

shall have authority to make such changes in phraseology as may be necessary to harmonize legislation without changing its substance.

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;
CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 20. THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, AND GOOD LITERATURE. (MEMORIAL NO. 765.)

Calendar No. 62. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 347.
M, 73; P, 59; F, 58; N, 1

Be it resolved, That the Committee on Publishing Interests request the General Conference to endorse and approve the proposal to conduct a campaign to secure a minimum of one half million subscriptions to *The Christian Advocate*, thirty-five thousand for *The Central Christian Advocate*, the official publications of The Methodist Church. And to this end we request that a Sunday in October or November, be designated *Christian Advocate Sunday*. Also that our pastors be urged to preach on the subject of Good Literature on that Sunday. In order that the most effective presentation of the cause may be made, we urge the Charge Lay Leader in each Charge to cooperate with the pastor who is responsible for securing subscriptions to these *Advocates*, and give any aid possible in promoting the distribution and use of good literature.

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;
CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 21. AN ABRIDGED EDITION OF THE "DISCIPLINE"
(MEMORIAL NOS. 275, 656, 657, 658, 430.)

Calendar No. 64. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 442.
M, 73; P, 60; F, 55; A, 1; N, 4

WHEREAS, The *Discipline* contains 917 pages, and contains much material not important or interesting to the average church member;

AND WHEREAS, There is need for more knowledge about our great Church;

We Recommend, That our Book Editor prepare an abbreviated Local Church *Discipline* that can be printed at less cost and circulated widely throughout the Church;

We Suggest, That such Local Church *Discipline* contain an introduction on the Church in general and articles lifted from the *Discipline* on Articles of Religion; the general rules; church membership; temporal economy; the finance

plan; lay activities; evangelism; World Service; woman's activities; youth work; and stewardship; and other material of help in building up the local church.

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;
CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 22. NON-CONCURRENCE

(MEMORIAL NOS. 190, 110, 275, 111, 472 and 277.)

Calendar No. 35. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Pages 497, 498.

M, 73; P, 53; F, 53

The Committee recommends non-concurrence in the above Memorials.

W. ANGIE SMITH, *Chairman*;
CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

J. N. R. SCORE, *Chairman*

MISS ELLEN M. STUDLEY (*), *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 1. ACTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

(MEMORIAL NO. REPORT OF COMMISSION ON RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Calendar No. 67. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 341.
M, 24; P, 16; F, 16

Your Committee had before it the Report of the Commission on Ritual and Orders of Worship and makes the following recommendations: (To save space when the Report is referred to in this paper the initials BWCH, for "Book of Worship for Church and Home," are used.)

1. That Chapter I, Orders of Worship, Par. 1571-1576 of Part X, and Chapter II, Aids to Individual and Congregational Devotion, Par. 1577 of Part X, the *Discipline*, 1940, be printed in similar fashion in the *Discipline* for 1944; that a similar policy is advised for the publication of The Methodist Hymnal, no change in these sections now printed in the Hymnal nor in the portions of the Ritual of the Church printed in the Hymnal being contemplated for this quadrennium.

2. That the following be approved and adopted as the Ritual of The Methodist Church and printed as Chapter III, the Ritual, Part —, The *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, 1944:

SECTION I. THE LORD'S SUPPER OR HOLY COMMUNION

P——The Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, I, pp. 269-281 BWCH (Par. 1578, the *Discipline*.)

P——The Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, II, pp. 282-287 BWCH (Par. 1579, the *Discipline*.)

SECTION II. BAPTISM

The Order for the Administration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

P——The Baptism of Infants. (Par. 1580, the *Discipline*.)

P——The Order for the Baptism of Children and Youth. (Par. 1582, the *Discipline*.)

P——The Order for the Baptism of Adults. (Par. 1583, the *Discipline*.)

SECTION III. RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

P——The Order for Receiving Persons as Preparatory Members. (Par. 1584, the *Discipline*.)

P——The Order for Receiving Persons into the Church. (Par. 1585, the *Discipline*.)

P——The Order for Receiving Children and Youth into the Church. (Par. 1586, the *Discipline*.)

P——The Order for Receiving Members by Transfer (P. 315f, BWCH.)

SECTION IV. MATRIMONY

P——The Order for the Solemnization of Matrimony, pp. 319-322, BWCH.

SECTION V. THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

P——The Order for the Burial of the Dead, pp. 323-333, BWCH.

P——The Order for the Burial of a Child, pp. 334-338, BWCH.

SECTION VI. CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION

P——The Order for the Ordination of Deacons, pp. 339-342, BWCH.

P——The Order for the Ordination of Elders, pp. 343-349, BWCH.

P——The Order for the Consecration of Bishops, pp. 350-356, BWCH, with substitution of Par. 1593, the 1940 *Discipline*, page 666, beginning with line 11 and the words: "I am so persuaded" and continuing through line 18 same paragraph and page for that appearing BWCH, page 352, line 26, which reads: "I am so persuaded and determined, by God's grace."

P——An Order for the Admission of Candidates to Full Membership in an Annual Conference, pp. 357-360, BWCH.

P——The Order for the Consecration of Deaconesses, pp. 361-363, BWCH.

SECTION VII. COMMISSIONING AND RECOGNITION

P——An Order for the Commissioning of Missionaries and Deaconesses, pp. 364-372, BWCH.

P——An Order for the Recognition of Church School Officers and Teachers, pp. 373-375, BWCH.

P——An Order for the Recognition of Choristers, pp. 376, 377, BWCH.

SECTION VIII. SPECIAL ORDERS

P——An Order for the Laying of the Cornerstone of a Church, pp. 378-383, BWCH.

P——An Order for the Dedication of a Church, pp. 384-389, BWCH.

P——An Order for the Opening of a Church for Worship, pp. 390-394, BWCH.

P——An Order for the Dedication of an Organ, pp. 395-397, BWCH.

P——An Order for the Dedication of a Church School Building or Parish House, pp. 398-402, BWCH.

P——An Order for the Dedication of a Hospital, pp. 403-408, BWCH.

P——An Order for the Dedication of a Hospital, pp. 403-408, BWCH.

P——An Order for the Dedication of a School, College, or University Building, pp. 409-413, BWCH.

P———An Order for the Dedication of a Home, pp. 414-416, BWCH.

P———An Order for the Dedication of a Memorial, pp. 417, 418, BWCH.

3. That the Ritual as listed in Section "2" of this Report and ordered printed in the 1944 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church be substituted for all the material appearing in the BWCH, pages 269-418, except that pages 299 and 300 of the material headed "Proper Preface to Precede the Sanctus in the Service of Holy Communion" and "A Lectionary of Suggested Lessons for the Holy Communion" shall be printed in the BWCH following P——— of the *Discipline*, "The Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, II."

4. That the brief introductory paragraphs preceding the several selections from the Scriptures for Reading and Meditation, pages 433-453, BWCH, and in the Section "Daily Readings and Prayers for a Month," pages 454-491, BWCH, be recommitted to the Ritual Commission with instructions to edit so as to eliminate controversial material and bring the language more into harmony with that of the BWCH.

5. That the following changes be made in the BWCH:

(a) In line 21, page 144, following the words, "even death on the cross," substitute for the words: "and endured faithful to the end" the following: "wherefore God hath highly exalted him," so that the revision shall read: "even death on the cross, wherefore God hath highly exalted him."

(b) In line 5, page 154, following the word "For" the words: "leaders in nation and state" be inserted in place of the phrase now appearing so that the entire petition shall read: "For leaders in nation and state, and those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth."

(c) At line 6, page 247, delete the prayer of confession now appearing in the service and instruct the Ritual Commission to supply a more appropriate one.

(d) In line 22, page 253, delete the word "Scripture" so that the line as amended shall read: "The Lesson Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15."

(e) At line 8, page 337, instead of the words, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen," substitute the following: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen."

(f) At line 2, page 429, instead of the prayer of consecra-

tion which begins "All glory and thanksgiving be to thee," substitute the prayer of consecration found in Par. 1578 on pages 591-592 of the *Discipline*, which begins, "Almighty God, our Heavenly Father."

(g) At line 16, page 430, instead of the prayer of thanksgiving which begins, "O God, our heavenly Father," substitute the prayer of thanksgiving found in Par. 1579 on pages 600 and 601 of the *Discipline*, which begins, "O Lord, our Heavenly Father."

6. That we authorize the publication of the Book of Worship for Church and Home as amended by sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this report for optional and voluntary use by Methodist Churches and Methodist people and instruct the Commission on Ritual and Orders of Worship and the Book Editor to make such editorial changes as shall be necessary to avoid all infelicities of expression, and to assure uniformity in spelling and the use of the Scriptures.

7. That the Commission on Ritual and Orders of Worship be continued for another quadrennium and that we request the Council of Bishops to fill any vacancies now existing or that may occur by the appointment of persons of the order and from the Jurisdiction of the person whose death or removal has occasioned or shall occasion a vacancy; further that the expense of the Commission be paid from the General Administration Fund.

8. That we authorize the Commission in the light of suggestions and criticisms received, to revise the Book of Worship for Church and Home if according to their best judgment such revision is necessary; and any such revised edition is to be printed for distribution among the members of the General Conference three months prior to the 1948 session of the General Conference.

J. N. R. SCORE, *Chairman*;

ELLEN M. STUDLEY, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. HARMONIZATION OF HYMN TUNES

(MEMORIAL NO. 749.)

Calendar No. 102. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 399.
M, 24; P, 15; F, 11; A, 1; N, 3

Your Committee had before it recommendations from the Editor of *The Methodist Hymnal* and from the Book Editor of The Methodist Church that in subsequent printings of *The Methodist Hymnal*, the Book Editors be instructed to change the harmonization of certain specified hymn tunes to that harmonization which was in the former Methodist Hymnal—that is a change back to the familiar harmonization. These hymn tunes are:

- 187—Greenville, set to *Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*
198—Woodworth, set to *Just As I Am*
210—Truman, set to *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*
240—Converse, set to *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
243—Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide, set to *Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide*
338—Martyn, set to *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Since the people sing the long familiar arrangement and the organist plays the new one, so much confusion has been caused by the harmonization now in *The Methodist Hymnal* that we recommend the change called for above shall be ordered.

J. N. R. SCORE, *Chairman*;
ELLEN M. STUDLEY, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 3. NON-CONCURRENCE
(MEMORIAL No. NON-CONCURRENCE.)

Calendar No. 195. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Pages 497, 498.

M, 24; P, 15; F, 15

Nos. 184, 185, 327, 575, 576, 763, 791, 792, 836.
Vote non-concurrence.

J. N. R. SCORE, *Chairman*;
ELLEN M. STUDLEY, (*) *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH

Chairman, Ernest Fremont Tittle.
Vice-Chairman, Edmund Heinsohn.
Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Hillman (*).

REPORT NO. 1. OVERSEAS RELIEF

(MEMORIAL NO. 313.)

Calendar No. 10. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 281.

(MEMORIAL NO. 313)

M, 74; P, 58; F, 58

Memorial from the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief to the General Conference of 1944.

Supplementing the report of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, as printed in the General Conference *Handbook*, we call attention to the fact that the needs which led to the appointment of the Committee four years ago exist in ever greater urgency today. The area of suffering is extending and, in the fields where the Christian Church has responsibility, the intensity of suffering is deepening. Many changes have occurred during the quadrennium, including the appearance of numerous secular relief agencies, some more or less directly under Government auspices. The work of the Church, however, is still called for even more imperatively than before. The distinctive ministry in the name of Christ and through Christian agencies to Christians and to others who are not reached by other agencies must be maintained. Therefore, after the most careful review, the Committee is agreed in recommending that the action taken in 1940 regarding the appointment of a Special Relief Committee should be renewed.

Some of the considerations which indicate the wisdom of continuing such a body, having as its separate and sole function the relief of want and suffering overseas, may briefly be indicated:

(1) The appointment of a Special Committee for relief serves to emphasize the urgent nature of this as one of the major tasks of the Church during this emergency period.

(2) The work of relief demands the concentrated effort of those who have this as their only responsibility:

To gather information as to the needs of the many peoples overseas who call for the special ministry of the Church; involving keeping in constant touch with the continually changing aspects of the tragic situation in the ever-widening field;

To give publicity to those needs;

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To represent The Methodist Church in the whole relief field, both for Methodist groups and for general relief in co-operation with the great interdenominational relief agencies approved by our Church—a type of work which is not within the province of the denominational boards.

(3) It is believed, in the light of experience, that a separate Committee will increase the amount available for the imperative relief demands that face the Church, particularly since there are some who respond instinctively and with special liberality to a distinct appeal for relief.

(4) A separate Committee provides the most effective means to maintain co-operative relations not only with the Board of Missions and Church Extension, but also with the Board of Education, the Commission on Chaplains, and the Committee on Camp Activities, all of which have been found most helpful. Moreover, this is the simplest method of continuing what is now established practice for this critical period—the participation of overseas relief and the ministry to the armed forces in the communion collections of the churches, especially on World-wide Communion Sunday.

(5) The present Committee appears to have won in a gratifying degree the recognition, the confidence and the support of the Church, as a separate body organized on a Church-wide basis, with a definite mandate from the General Conference. It seems strategic to consolidate the plans on lines already won.

On the basis of these beliefs regarding the wise course to be followed, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief recommends to the General Conference:

(1) That the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief be continued; with the proviso that if, at any time during the next quadrennium, the Council of Bishops and the General Commission on World Service and Finance decide that the specific work of the Committee is no longer needed, the Committee shall be discharged and its responsibilities and assets be transferred to such agency as these two bodies may determine.

(2) That the Committee consist of thirty representative members: one Bishop, one other minister, one lay man and one lay woman from each Jurisdiction, to be nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Conference; plus three members to be elected by the Board of Missions and Church Extension and three by the Board of Education. In addition, the Committee shall be empowered to co-opt not more than five members-at-large. Vacancies shall be filled by the body concerned; by the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction affected, or by the Board involved, or, in the case of co-opted members, by the Committee itself.

The Committee is authorized to elect its own officers, to appoint subcommittees if desired, to employ such assistance as may be needed, and to provide for its necessary expense of administration and promotion out of the undesignated receipts. Its financial officers shall be bonded.

(3) The Committee is authorized and empowered: (1) to be the representative of The Methodist Church in the field of overseas relief; (2) to transmit to our Church the appeals for help from recognized agencies and to receive and allocate the funds contributed for relief purposes by churches, groups or individuals; (3) to give special attention and assistance to the national workers and the people of our Methodist churches overseas who are in need because of war or other

disasters. In countries where the Board of Missions and Church Extension is at work, it would be expected that the administration of specifically Methodist relief would be through the Board and the Bishops in charge and, where possible, the indigenous church; (4) to co-operate with the interdenominational relief agencies approved and recommended by the Church Committee for Overseas Relief and Reconstruction, as the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief may deem wise from time to time; (5) when considered desirable, to supplement the work of other agencies ministering to the relief of human suffering in the spirit of Christ.

In order to provide adequate means for the prosecution of this work, the Committee, in addition to its receipts by voluntary gifts and by participation in the Communion collections, shall be included in any general Church-wide appeal for war emergencies or postwar work.

(5) Authorization is given to the Committee to acknowledge gifts by its own World Service special gift vouchers. Gifts for relief cannot receive credit on World Service "On Apportionment."

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REPORT NO. 2. THE CHURCH AND RURAL LIFE

Calendar No. 11. Adopted April 29. See Journal, Page 285.
M, 74; P, 59; F, 58; N, 1

The Methodist Church must recognize its obligation to people who gain their livelihood from the soil. Human welfare largely depends upon the proper use of the soil and other natural resources. Accordingly we call upon our people to recognize their responsibility to God for the conservation, the development, and the right use of the total resources of the rural community. We appeal for intelligent and persistent effort in the interest of home ownership, better health, and educational opportunities, better husbandry, and stewardship of the soil, fair market prices, and trade, adequate financing of farm enterprise, and better rural-urban relationship.

We urge our leaders—Bishops, District Superintendents, Conference and District Lay Leaders, Secretaries of Boards and Commissions, Editors of Church publications—to give more thought and heed to the challenge of the seed, the soil and the sower.

ERNEST F. TITTLE, *Chairman*;
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REPORT NO. 3. USE OF THE TERM "METHODIST" (MEMORIAL NO. 324.)

Calendar No. 23. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 294.
M, 74; P, 51; F, 51

Resolved that Article 1739 of the *Discipline* of 1940 be reaffirmed.

Article 1739 of the *Discipline* reads as follows: "No person, no paper, no organization has the authority to speak officially for The Methodist Church, unless given power to do so by the General Conference, which is the sole body possessing the right so to speak or to authorize others to speak."

ERNEST F. TITTLE, *Chairman*;
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REPORT NO. 4. THE CHRISTIAN HOME
(MEMORIAL NO. IN COMMITTEE.)

Calendar No. 75. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 470.
M, 74; P, 47; F, 47

We recommend the following be inserted in Article 1713 of the 1940 *Discipline*, following section 8:

9. We recommend the correlation of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service through its Committee on "The Christian Home" and of the Board of Education in the Local Church, as regards special courses of study, to the ends that the above provisions may become a regular part of the educational program of the Church.

10. We further recommend that our Pastors, Lay Leaders and Church School Superintendents utilize special classes, seminars, workshops, discussion groups and counseling centers, and special days and weeks, such as "The Christian Home Week" for the further emphasis of the above recommendations.

11. We recommend that our Churches fully co-operate with all other agencies in the community, such as schools, Hi-Y, Girl Reserves, Boy Scouts, Social Service Agencies, and any other agencies that promote family welfare.

Retain present paragraph 9 as paragraph 12.

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REPORT NO. 5. SEGREGATION AND CHURCH-WIDE MEETINGS
(MEMORIAL NO. 319.)

Calendar No. 76. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 359.
M, 74; P, 48; F, 47; A, 1

We recommend that Committees arranging for general meetings of the Church locate such meetings only in places where adequate and suitable entertainment can be provided for all delegates and representatives of the Church.

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REPORT NO. 6. RESOLUTIONS ON THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE FOR
A NEW WORLD ORDER
(MEMORIAL NO. 594.)

Calendar No. 77. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 470.
M, 74; P, 48; F, 48

I. We express our sincere gratitude to the Council of Bishops for its vision and leadership, believing that tens of thousands of Methodists were moved to study the "Bases of a Just and Lasting Peace" and to express their opinions on world collaboration to their representatives in Congress and to the President and to the State Department.

II. We express the hope that the Council of Bishops will undertake other steps in this Crusade for the achievement of a just and lasting peace toward the success of which we pledge our support.

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REPORT NO. 7. CONDITIONS OF PEACE
(MEMORIALS NOS. 545, 614, 619, 735, 753.)

*Calendar No. 68. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Pages 360,
405.*

M, 74; P, 56; F, 50; A, 6

CONDITIONS OF PEACE

We welcome the statements on the conditions of peace issued by Church bodies in this and in other countries. We joyfully associate ourselves with Christians in every part of the world who are seeking peace and, in particular, with the Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace instituted by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, in which we have membership. We believe that enduring peace on earth depends under God upon a world-wide acceptance of the following convictions which belong to the Christian faith:

1. God is the Ruler of the world: nations as well as individuals are subject to his law.

2. Mankind is one in nature and in the sight of God, who has "made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth."

3. All men are children of God and brothers one of another. "No group is inherently superior or inferior to any other, and none is above any other beloved of God."

4. All men have within them divine possibilities and must be accorded a fair and equal chance to become the best of which they are capable.

5. It is required of us to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." Every human ambition and practice must be brought into conformity with this demand.

SECTION I. POLITICAL

We believe that God is the Ruler of the world; nations as well as individuals are subject to his law.

1. *International organization.* We hail with enthusiasm the declaration of the Episcopal Address that "the time is at hand when the Church must rise in its might and demand an international organization which will make another war impossible." We rejoice in the decision of the Government of the United States to collaborate with other nations after the war in the promotion of world order and peace. We insist upon the carrying out of the agreement reached at Moscow to establish at the earliest practicable date a general international organization, with membership open to all states, large or small, that may desire to work together for the security and welfare of the world as a whole. Agencies of co-operation, such as the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, the Interim Commission on Food and Agriculture, and the International Labor Organization should be preserved in the transitional postwar period and new agencies of co-operation should be created as need for them may arise. In this way the habit of co-operation between nations or their mutual benefit can be formed and with it the will to use international agencies for the development and promotion of world order and peace. We recommend the creation of an international office of education and publicity for peace.

2. *Limitation of National Sovereignty.* We hold with the Delaware Conference: "That certain powers now exercised by national governments must . . . be delegated to international government, organized and acting in accordance with a world system of law. Among the powers so delegated must be the power of final judgment in controversies between nations, the maintenance and use of armed forces except for the preservation of domestic order, and the regulation of international trade and population movements among nations." For it is now quite clear that "a world of irresponsible, competing and unrestrained national sovereignties, whether acting alone or in alliance or in coalition, is a world of international anarchy."

3. *Treatment of enemy nations.* With regard to the treatment of Germany and of Japan after the war we endorse the statement issued by the Princeton Conference:

(a) Treatment of Germany: "For the oppressed nations—victims of aggression—justice demands a restitution by Germany, but one that will not involve disintegration of the European economic structure. For Germany, the aggressor, Christianity involves reconciliation on the basis of justice and mercy and the meeting of a spirit of repentance with a spirit of forgiveness. This attitude must characterize all policies to which Christians lend support. While the problem of Germany in the postwar period cannot be separated from its European setting, its solution must also take into account the wider objective—the early achievement of a world organization embracing all nations. Our object should be to help Germany take her place within this organization, assuming all the responsibilities and rights which membership implies. With regard to the treatment of Germany, Christian principles must prevail. Controls and safeguards will be necessary. But it would be folly to attempt to apply repressive measures so vindictive and harsh that public opinion in the victor nations themselves would later revolt against them. This will inevitably bring about a breakdown of the peace structure and lead to renewed conflict. More powerful than any material forces imposed as safeguards upon Germany will be the invigoration of the sense of personal responsibility on the part of individuals and a world point of view based upon Christian principles influencing and strengthening recuperative forces within Germany. Churches and nations must lend responsible leaders in Germany every encouragement and aid to the process of creating that Christian world viewpoint, while at the same time demonstrating their sincerity of

purpose by initiating whatever re-education is needed in their own sphere of responsibility within their own lands."

(b) Treatment of Japan: "Although the terms exacted from Japan will be severe, as Christians we urge that they be just, constructive and not retributive. They must not be carried to the point where Japan would be deprived of hope or prospect of economic revival and of readmission into international society with its consequent rights and duties. Because the restoration of territories now occupied by Japan, notably Formosa, Korea, and Manchuria, will inevitably deprive her of important features of the economy which she had built up before the war, steps must be taken (*e. g.*, by providing access to markets for her exports and thus the means of obtaining foodstuffs and other vital materials, and by lending capital) to enable her to adjust her postwar economy to the legitimate welfare of her people without detriment to the economics of her neighbors. In general it will be neither possible nor desirable for the victorious powers to impose upon Japan conditions as to her future form of government; but they should shape their policy toward Japan so as to encourage the emergence within Japan of liberal and moderate elements disposed to co-operate in international arrangements for security, and other international projects of a global nature."

4. *Colonial administration.* We join with the Delaware Conference in advocating: "That, utilizing experience with the mandate principle, a system of administration of colonial territories under international authority be developed. In areas now under colonial administration advance toward self-government should be carried forward in substantial progress. The affairs of peoples deemed not yet capable of self-government should be administered as a common trust, by international authority, in the interest of these people as members of a world society."

We confess our sympathy with the aspirations of dependent peoples everywhere and believe that these aspirations are in full harmony with the struggle for freedom throughout the world. We also ask that the governments concerned be urged to regard the welfare of these peoples as their central purpose.

SECTION II. RACIAL

We believe:

That all men are children of God and brothers one of another. "No group is inherently superior or inferior to any other, and none is above any other beloved of God."

The Problems of Race.

We endorse the following statement in the Address of the Council of Bishops to the General Conference of 1944:

"In what faith and with what hope are we to face this problem? Scientific humanism and secular communism speak often of human values and social ideals, but they are prejudiced against the recognition of the supernatural and reject a belief in the future life. This position in itself opens the way for the idolatry of mere physical existence and exercises a devastating effect on the human spirit. The Christian teaching concerning the value of the individual as a child of God consecrates human relationships and develops a fellowship devoid of the impulses of rivalry and distrust. The recognition of the worth and dignity of each individual, the value of each human soul, freedom of conscience, all are drawn from the Christian revelation. The Christian Church alone can generate the courage and provide the guidance that

is sorely needed. Once the Christian doctrine of men is rejected the way is opened for man's exploitation of man, a merciless attitude on the part of the strong toward the weak, savage ruthlessness, degrading snobberies, social confusion and racial war.

God made the earth a place of infinite variety by the creation of the several races. Christianity does not destroy this variety of races, but insists that each be allowed to make its distinctive contribution. The basic assumption that one race is inherently superior to all others cannot be defended. No one race is superior or self-sufficient. God created us not for independence but interdependence. The divine law is that we help ourselves by helping others. It is not possible to obscure the rights and claims of other races without suffering ourselves. To impair humanity at one point is to impair it as a whole. . . .

The liberating truth which Jesus brought into the world is that God loves all men not merely collectively but one by one and that every man as a child of God has dignity and infinite worth. His commission to preach the gospel to every creature forms a perfect and logical conclusion to all he taught concerning God and man. Through the years of his earthly ministry Jesus was busy leading his disciples beyond themselves and beyond the limits of class; when he was about to go away from them in physical form, he lifted their eyes to horizons beyond the barriers of race and nation. His insistence was that our supreme loyalty is not to race, or fatherland, or earthly family, but to the family of God. That is the goal for which every sincere Christian works. While we wait for its attainment we are to bring the spirit of love into all the relations we sustain to each other; we are to be brotherly with every man and just with every race. . . .

The injustices of the American social order may not be dismissed with a general statement. There are acute and intricate problems associated with them, which, if approached in an atmosphere poisoned on the one hand by contempt and on the other by resentment, may easily become dangerous and explosive. If, however, these problems are approached in an atmosphere of determined good will and patience, they can be solved.

PROGRAM OF ACTION

We make the following proposals for action:

A. *Study Commission.* We look to the ultimate elimination of racial discrimination within The Methodist Church. Accordingly, we ask the Council of Bishops to create forthwith a Commission to consider afresh the relations of all races included in the membership of The Methodist Church and to report to the General Conference of 1948.

B. *Peace Treaty.* We stand for a peace treaty based on the recognition of the equality of races as a fundamental basis of Christian World Order; and we plead for early assurance from our Government that this will be recognized in the coming peace plan.

C. *Oriental Exclusion.* We urge the repeal of existing discriminatory legislation against the immigration and naturalization of Orientals of friendly nations, and as soon as possible of all nations. In the meantime we rejoice that the Government of the United States of America has already repealed the "Chinese Exclusion Laws," and has thus done belated justice to a great people. We are deeply interested, also, in the present brave effort being made to provide similar legislation to do justice to the people of India, and we, the members of this General Conference, pledge ourselves to lend our cordial support to this legislation now before Congress.

D. *The Indian.* We hold that American citizens of Indian ancestry

should be regarded as citizens and no longer as wards of the Government. They should be accorded the same opportunities, educational, economic and religious, that are enjoyed by other citizens; they should also be asked to assume the same responsibilities.

E. *The Jew*. We deplore the rising tide of anti-Semitism in this as well as in other countries. For the promotion of better understanding we recommend:

(1) More frequent interchange of pastors, rabbis, and members of the various groups in the churches; extension of Round Tables of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; wider use of Interracial Sunday and Brotherhood Week.

(2) Greater emphasis throughout the educational program of the Church on understanding of the Jewish people.

F. *The Negro*. We stand for the recognition of the rights of the Negro. To this end we urge:

(1) The foundation within our schools and colleges of special courses and activities promoting racial understanding.

(2) Equal opportunity in employment, upgrading and conditions of work, in exercise of the full rights of citizenship; in access to professional and business careers, in housing, in transportation, and in educational facilities. We endorse the principles underlying the Fair Employment Practice Committee and urge all agencies involved in the administration of the act to improve that administration.

(3) Equal protection through the agencies of law and order.

G. *Japanese Americans*. We commend the War Relocation Authority for its policy of finding homes and employment for the Japanese Americans now living in relocation centers. We urge the active participation of our churches in this relocation, especially in the preparation of communities to welcome and assimilate these persons into American life. We earnestly urge that at the earliest moment consistent with the public interest, loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry have restored to them their full rights as citizens, especially the right to return to their former residences and occupations.

H. *The Latin Americans*. We insist that all Latin Americans employed in the United States be accorded just, fair and friendly treatment.

I. *Procedures for Dealing with Racial Conflict*. Certain general procedures for dealing with racial conflict are called for both by Christian ethics and by effective strategy.

(1) Common Responsibility. In cases of conflict representatives of both racial groups should pray, study, and work together to discover and interpret the issues. Not only courageous indictment but patient meditation is required.

(2) Corporate Influence. Through the General Conferences, Annual Conferences, and similar Church meetings, the Church should make its corporate influence felt against the collective evils of racism. It should seek to have Interracial Commissions appointed in nation, state, and every community where racial groups are to be found.

(3) Education. Through conferences, seminars, literature, church school and young people's classes, in laymen's groups, and in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Church should seek to discover the mind of Christ in the field of race relations.

(4) The Church in the Local Community. The minister and lay leader should seek to encourage within the official leadership of the local church a Christian attitude toward such community situations as involve the promotion of racial understanding and good will.

SECTION III. ECONOMIC

We believe: That all men have within them divine possibilities and must be accorded a fair and equal chance to become the best of which they are capable. That it is required of us to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." Every human ambition and practice must be brought into conformity with this demand.

The true end of economic activity is the satisfaction of human needs. Material necessities are a prerequisite of a good life for all men and are important in winning and maintaining peace. We agree with the Malvern Manifesto that: "It is a traditional doctrine of Christendom that property is necessary to fullness of personal life; all citizens should be enabled to hold such property as contributes to more independence and spiritual freedom without impairing that of others; but where the rights of property conflict with the establishment of social justice or the general social welfare, those rights should be overridden, modified, or, if need be, abolished." We endorse the stand taken by the Delaware Conference: "We believe that a new ordering of economic life is both imminent and imperative. We recognize the need of experimentation with various forms of ownership and control; private, co-operative and public."

From such information as is available to us, we see no reason why our allies in all occupied countries should not be fed according to the same plan which prevails for Greece. A heavy responsibility rests upon those statesmen who oppose this policy. Malnutrition and famine may rob our allies of both ability to resist the aggressor at home and to provide adequate future leadership. The fate of persecuted minorities and refugees commands our sympathetic interest. Upon our allied nations rests a heavy responsibility for the first and worst victims of totalitarian tyranny, the Jewish people, who now have no refuge.

In a Christian social order there will be no place for operations, other than gifts, where wealth changes hands without commensurate service having been rendered. Those who possess an abundance of this world's wealth have stewardship opportunities which should be expressed in this hour of human need. In our interdependent world we realize there can be no lasting economic well-being or security in one part of the world while want and insecurity exist elsewhere. We reaffirm the principle of the Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace of the Federal Council of Churches: "The peace must make provision for bringing within the scope of international agreement those economic and financial acts of national governments which have wide-

spread international repercussions." We look with favor upon such currency and monetary arrangements as seek to stimulate and stabilize international trade. We condemn cartels that restrict production for human needs in the interests of larger profits for those able to effect monopolistic practices. Economic imperialism has had its day and must give way to ideals of service and co-operation.

The issue of national sovereignty is important in the field of economic relations. In the words of the Episcopal Address, "The idea that every sovereign state is the sole judge of its own rights and owes no allegiance to any common moral ideal is incompatible with secure and lasting peace." As Christians, nationals of many nations, we call upon our people to accept whatever limitations on tariffs, trade relations, access to raw materials may be necessary to provide an equality of opportunity for all men to raise their standard of living, even though this may temporarily lower our own. We are willing to sacrifice treasure to aid in establishing an economic world order capable of meeting human needs and to relieve the suffering of the world. Again we find our convictions expressed in the Episcopal Address, "The price of peace was fixed a long while ago, and the price was a Cross."

IV. RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

We endorse the statement adopted by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the Foreign Missions Conference of North America:

We recognize the dignity of the human person as the image of God. We therefore urge that the civic rights which derive from that dignity be set forth in the agreements into which our country may enter looking toward the promotion of world order, and vindicated in the treaty arrangements and in the functions and responsibilities assigned to international organizations. States should assure their citizens freedom from compulsion and discrimination in matters of religion. This and the other rights which inhere in man's dignity must be adequately guarded; for when they are impaired, all liberty is jeopardized. More specifically, we urge that:

The right of individuals everywhere to religious liberty shall be recognized and, subject only to the maintenance of public order and security, shall be guaranteed against legal provisions and administrative acts which would impose political, economic, or social disabilities on grounds of religion.

Religious liberty shall be interpreted to include freedom to worship according to conscience and to bring up children in the faith of their parents; freedom for the individual to change his religion; freedom to preach, educate, publish, and carry on missionary activities; and freedom to organize with others, and to acquire and hold property, for these purposes.

To safeguard public order and to promote the well-being of the community, both the State, in providing for religious liberty, and the people, in exercising the rights thus recognized, must fulfill reciprocal

obligations: The State must guard all groups, both minority and majority, against legal disabilities on account of religious belief; the people must exercise their rights with a sense of responsibility and with charitable consideration for the rights of others.

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REPORT NO. 8. THE CHURCH IN TIME OF WAR

(MEMORIAL NOS. 347, 485, 539, 611, 780, 755, 621.)

Calendar No. 108. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 391.

M, 74; P, 64; F, 44; A, 17; N, 3

We reaffirm the statement of the General Conference of 1940 as embodied in the *Discipline*, Article 1716, Section I and Section III, with the exception of the last two paragraphs in Section III.

We recommend the addition of the following paragraph to Section III:

"Many Methodists in loyalty to conscience are in the armed and auxiliary services; others in equal loyalty to conscience are in Civilian Public Service Camps or in prison. In harmony with the foregoing declaration of the General Conference of 1940, which affirmed that the Church should honor conscientious decision whether it leads to participation in or abstention from war, we send our greetings and love to them all. We affirm our confidence that God whose wisdom embraces the total reality in every situation, and whose love and power are redemptively at work in all our ethical dilemmas, will accept and use their sincere devotion and often difficult decisions. We daily offer earnest prayer that God will sustain and comfort them and out of their sacrifices create a new opportunity to lay the foundations of a just and durable peace.

We call upon the Church to pray for the welfare of those in the armed forces, for the maintenance of their Christian faith and ideals and their safe return to our homes and churches if this be possible. Believing that God has a stake in the victory of peace with justice in the present conflict, we commend our cause to him, praying "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done."

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MINORITY REPORT

(The Minority Report was substituted for the Majority Report, and adopted. Editor. See page 391.)

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND WAR

There is no better way of entering upon the discussion of the relationship of the Christian Church to war than by raising such questions as those propounded in the Episcopal Address. We must ask the detailed questions which the Bishops there stated. Each one of these questions, pursued

to its ultimate meaning, brings us at last stark against the question: Must the Christian Church condemn all use of military force?

As members of a Church with world-wide relationships, we must remember that our deepest responsibility is to speak the truth. We must be willing to face the stern judgment of God upon evils in our own national life. By the same token we speak unequivocally regarding the attack upon civilization which has been made by the forces of aggression.

In this country we are sending over a million young men from Methodist homes to participate in the conflict. God himself has a stake in the struggle and he will uphold them as they fight forces destructive of the moral life of man. In Christ's name we ask for the blessing of God upon the men in the armed forces and we pray for victory. We repudiate the theory that a State, even though imperfect in itself, must not fight against intolerable wrongs.

While we respect the individual conscience of those who believe that they cannot condone the use of force, and staunchly will defend them on this issue, we cannot accept their position as the defining position of the Christian Church. We are well within the Christian position when we assert the necessity of the use of military forces to resist an aggression which would overthrow every right which is held sacred by civilized men.

We must face the fact that the victory itself will be judged by the use we make of it. Our treatment of men and women in enemy countries in the post-war world must be in harmony with those principles for which we fight. We must assert for every person in the world, of whatever race, color, or nation, those very rights which we prize for ourselves. In the hour of victory our Christian loyalties will meet their supreme test.

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REPORT NO. 9. PERSONNEL OF THE BOARD OF TEMPERANCE
(MEMORIAL NO. 321.)

Calendar No. 109. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 444.
M, 74; P, 37; F, 37

We recommend that Par. 1193 of the *Discipline* be amended to read as follows:

Par. 1193. The Board shall consist of one Bishop from each Jurisdictional Conference, elected by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction, one Minister and one Lay Member, elected by each Jurisdiction, and six members at large, at least three of whom shall be women, to be elected by the Board.

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REPORT NO. 10. TEMPERANCE
(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

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496.

M, 74; P, 55; F, 53; N, 2

The Church of Jesus Christ from its very nature stands at variance with the liquor traffic. For it to be silent in its opposition would be to be disloyal in its function. Therefore, to be true to itself the Church of Christ must be militant.

Especially now does the call arise for the Church like a plumed knight to take the lists in an effort to purify life. For seldom has the liquor traffic ever shown an affrontery more brazen than that of the present moment. On billboard, over the air, in moving picture, by way of the pages of newspaper and magazine, people are urged with all the guiles of art to employ deceiving beverages as a means to make the party lively, the spirit happy and set conduct in step with the smartness of current custom. But with all its attractiveness, the practice of using liquor is attended no less now than ever with all the dangers that inhere in the use of a treacherous poison.

All over America are the foes of liquor again recovering their sense of power. And one of the needs of the hour points in the direction of the merger of effort on the part of the many individual dry units across the nation to the end that an opposition may arise so strong against the liquor traffic that that traffic will be destroyed.

The traffic is showing no few signs of fear in the face of rising tides of opposition. For in its journals and trade communications it is appealing to its constituents for obedience to the law and keeps insisting that the exemplary character of its conduct merits for it a respectable place in the society of legitimate business.

And yet such a claim must not permit the forces of law and order to be deceived, for the traffic never yet has adhered to truth nor law except under compulsion. It was said that the saloon would never be brought back, and it was brought back. No apology has ever been made for that deception. It was said that repeal would cut taxation, but taxation was not cut. It promised that the traffic would be good only to prove itself worse than it was remembered to have been. It presumes to take all the rights of democracy and assumes none of its responsibilities. And a traffic that forgets promises for profits will never remember to keep promises for honor.

Science has demonstrated that alcohol is a vicious drug. Accidents on the city streets testify to the liability which alcohol is on the paths of traffic. Jails and courts of law reveal what a factor alcohol is as a creator of crime. Insanity and vice declare how dangerous is the use of alcohol to human welfare. And respectable people by their patronage of a destructive traffic prove how incompetent careless thinking is in the face of this destroyer. Therefore, an aroused public needs to assert its powers in defense of society. Reeling men and women—finished products of the open saloon—make the call for sobriety urgent even to the extent of immediacy.

Society almost always stands utterly unprotected in the face of iniquity until the Church of Christ takes the initiative against it. To expect the average citizen to lead is to expect too much. But the Church which by the purity of its Founder, the nobility of its precepts and the purposes of its program, now as always has the compulsion of necessity on its soul to lead the crusade against beverage alcohol and its destructive consequences.

Strong phrases of opposition will not achieve salutary ends. Long resolutions will not accomplish saving goals. Great language will never drive demons from the earth. What is needed is not feather dusters but steam shovels. Devoted people, aroused in the interests of humanity and following in the paths of well formed plans though pursuing their course for decades without desired results, yet at last will gain their ends, if they faint not.

It remains, therefore, for the Church to project at least a simple program of action. Here is one: Let the Annual Conferences encourage each Charge to a militant plan not only of education in the scientific truths about alcohol but also in aggressive action as community conditions may demand. And while in the various States the details of action differ, the demands for aggression in every State remain the same.

When the prosecution of war calls for sober men and women to serve for victory, when sobriety is none too small a sacrifice to lay on the altar of patriotism, when strength of life alone is enough for times of national crisis, the Church calls its people to take the lead in a movement for temperance. It is not a land weakened by vice at which we aim, but a land strengthened by sobriety. And only a land where temperance takes the place of intemperance and sobriety that of insobriety will have power enough in periods of great peril greatly to prevail. Unless the Church takes the lead to this end, there can be no leader.

We recommend our Board of Temperance for its ever untiring services in this fight. It is truly the "Voice of Temperance" for the Church. It is most efficiently carrying forward the campaign for a sober nation and proving true to the trust committed to it.

We are not unmindful of the co-operation given by other agencies and commend the work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Anti-Saloon League, and other similar organizations.

We are also cognizant of the fact that across the country there are newspapers, magazines, and broadcasting companies that have refused and continue to refuse liquor advertising, which means substantial loss. We heartily commend the periodicals and those broadcasting companies that refuse liquor advertising distribution.

In this hour Methodism accepts its responsibility and calls all its members to join the fight. We must continue to press toward the goals of total abstinence for the individual and legal prohibition by the State. (1940 *Discipline*.)

Par. 1724. Amid the confused moral judgments of our age with regard to drinking and the liquor traffic, The Methodist Church lifts the clear voice of the Christian conscience. The teaching of Christ emphasizes as one of its basic principles the sacredness of each human personality. Anything which blights personality is fundamentally opposed to the Gospel of Christ. Since alcohol by its very nature harms personality, we stand for the Christian principle of total abstinence. Since human welfare decreases as the drinking of alcohol increases, we stand opposed to the continuation of the organized liquor traffic.

The Methodist Church does not retreat in this trying hour. It has accepted no discharge in the war for a nation free from the domination of legalized liquor. We do not bind ourselves to the trail of moral wreckage across the ages of repeal. Increased crime, social drinking, the open saloon under new dress and name, depressed morals, wrecked homes, de-

bauched youth, mounting traffic tolls, broken pledges, and other glaring evils almost without number shout the call for a reawakened conscience that will meet this crisis. We look to Almighty God for strength to meet this issue.

Protection of its citizens is a function of the State. It is intolerable that any government, through participating in revenues, should be a party to a business which thrives upon the physical, social, moral and spiritual decay of its people.

The Twenty-first Amendment leaves each State free to enact any anti-liquor local option, or prohibition legislation it may deem wise, free from any enforcement handicap of the Interstate Commerce clauses of the Constitution. We urge all Methodists everywhere to promote in all their communities and in the States public sentiment in favor of restrictions and prohibitions of intoxicating liquor by no license campaigns. We also call upon the Congress of the United States to enact proper legislation for the adequate enforcement of the second clause of the Federal Constitution, which is as follows: "The transportation or importation into any state, territory, or possession of the United States for delivery or use therein of intoxicating liquor, in violation of the laws thereof, is hereby prohibited."

We urge the Congress to enact legislation to prohibit all advertising of intoxicating liquor; we urge the several States to enact legislation forbidding the employment of minors in places serving intoxicating liquors; we protest the Federal Government's part in the liquor business in the Virgin Islands.

Methodism has insisted and does now insist that intoxicating liquor cannot be legalized without sin. Wine through the centuries has not ceased to be a mocker, destroying individuals and blighting society. The legalized liquor traffic is today, as it has always been, an anti-social institution. . . .

The truth taught by the Church concerning the physical, moral, and social evils of alcohol has been clouded by the falsehoods and cleverness of writers of publicity in magazines and newspapers until millions do not know or realize the danger in all forms of alcoholic beverages. We call upon our churches to cease not in their declaration of truth concerning liquor until its poison and destruction are clearly in the minds of our people. In doing this, we ask them to use all forms of educational processes and every educational agency of the Church. We must resume our task of leadership against the liquor traffic. We must continue to labor by educational methods until we have effectively outlawed this traffic from our midst. We further urge Methodists to co-operate with and support public school officials in edu-

cating our youth as to the nature and effect of alcohol and narcotics. (1940 *Discipline*.)

ERNEST F. TITTLE, *Chairman*;
MRS. E. L. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. PARAGRAPHS 1721 AND 1724 OF THE
1940 "DISCIPLINE"

(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

Calendar No. 111. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 445.
M, 74; P, 53; F, 53

Resolved that we reaffirm Pars. 1721 and 1724 of the 1940
Discipline.

ERNEST F. TITTLE, *Chairman*;
MRS. E. L. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. TEMPERANCE (EPISCOPAL ADDRESS)

(MEMORIAL: In Committee.)

Calendar No. 112. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 445.
M, 74; P, 53; F, 53

Resolved, That we endorse that part of the Episcopal Ad-
dress referring to the Problem of the Liquor Traffic.

ERNEST F. TITTLE, *Chairman*;
MRS. E. L. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. SUPPORT OF CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS
(MEMORIAL NOS. 176, 612, 756, 754, 312, 315, 368, 323, 352,
317, 620, 593, 419.)

Calendar No. 148. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 470.
M, 74; P, 44; F, 40; A, 1; N, 3

Believing that "in the long-run any people have far more
to gain by cherishing freedom of conscience than by any
regimentation that takes away freedom," we approve the
taking, in such of our church as desire to do so, of voluntary
collections for support of such objectors who are in the Ci-
vilian Public Service Camps.

ERNEST F. TITTLE, *Chairman*;
MRS. E. L. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. DETACHED SERVICE FOR CONSCIENTIOUS
OBJECTORS

(MEMORIAL NOS. 398, 615.)

Calendar No. 149. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 470.
M, 74; P, 46; F, 44; A, 2

Resolved, That we memorialize the General Conference of
The Methodist Church to petition the Government of the
United States to permit the conscientious objector to serve
his country in the spirit of his beliefs, and furthermore, that
he be given work of greater social significance than that in

which the majority are now employed; and be it further

Resolved, That we commend the Federal Government for permitting the use of conscientious objectors in State institutions, thereby relieving a critical labor shortage, and allowing their efforts to alleviate human suffering, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be sent to General Lewis B. Hershey and to the President of the United States.

ERNEST F. TITTLE, *Chairman*;

MRS. E. L. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 15. POSTPONE ACTION ON POSTWAR
CONSCRIPTION

(MEMORIAL NO. 775.)

Calendar No. 150. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 471.

M, 74; P, 42; F, 38; A, 4

We memorialize the General Conference to adopt the following resolution, or its equivalent:

We request Congress to postpone action on legislation involving post-war conscription until after the war.

ERNEST F. TITTLE, *Chairman*;

MRS. E. L. HILLMAN, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. AGAINST GENERAL CONSCRIPTION ON LABOR
(MEMORIAL NO. 774.)

Calendar No. 151. Laid on the table May 6. See Journal, Page 471.

M, 74; P, 44; F, 34; A, 6; N, 4

We memorialize the General Conference to adopt the following resolution, or its equivalent:

That we express the judgment that the general conscription of civilians, including labor, be not now undertaken.

ERNEST F. TITTLE, *Chairman*;

MRS. E. L. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 17. SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION
(MEMORIAL NOS. 177 AND 538.)

Calendar No. 152. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 472.

M, 74; P, 33; F, 33

The Council of Bishops is requested to appoint a Committee to inquire into the advisability of creating a Commission in the field of Social Action and Industrial Relations for the purpose of implementing our Social Creed and of co-operating with the Boards and Commissions affected. The Committee shall be composed of at least two representatives of each Jurisdiction.

The Committee shall report to the 1948 General Conference.

ERNEST F. TITTLE, *Chairman*;
MRS. E. L. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 18. CHURCH AND ECONOMICS
(MEMORIAL NO. 374.)

Calendar No. 153. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 472.
M, 74; P, 35; F, 28; A, 5; N, 2

We repeat to reaffirm these statements of the 1944 Episcopal Address: "It is the business of the Church to define and defend the principles of Christ and to point the way to a social order which is in accordance with those principles. It cannot stand aside and say that economics is not its concern. The Methodist Church insists upon the application of the Christian ethic to economic order."

Principles are naturally in advance of practice, and this is likely to be true even in areas where the Church and churchmen are in positions of making decisions in respect to management or in organized labor. In both situations we are confident that Christians will be sympathetic, patient, and progressive in forwarding democratic methods and advancing ethical ideals. Christians in management will encourage rather than oppose responsible labor union leadership. Christians in labor organizations will oppose irresponsible and undemocratic leadership. Organized labor has made great gains in power in recent years. A disservice will be done to human progress if that power is misused.

Our present economic prosperity is not based on a permanent peace-time economy. A miracle of war production has been made possible by the appeal of the service motive of patriotism. We believe the service motive should be supreme to the profit motive. We believe the co-operative method is to be recommended as against monopolistic control by one group in industry. War production has given us a splendid illustration of what can be done when the service motive predominates and yet is supplemented by the profit motive. Planning can be under democratic control as many United Nations commissions have demonstrated, where all engaged in the enterprise—management, workers, technicians, scientists and Government officials—co-operate. Full employment after the war calls for teamwork of government, industry, labor, and agriculture. Such co-operation can in many industries plan for a guaranteed annual wage.

For three generations the Methodist Federation for Social Service (unofficial) has pioneered in the field now under consideration. It has a history of achievement in stimulating thought and action of which the Church is proud. The

work must be carried forward by some effective method. Some effort in this area is necessary if The Methodist Church responds adequately to this ideal of the Episcopal Address: "The people of God must develop a militant faith which will keep them alive in every fiber of their being and imbue them with an impulse to action that will make them implacable foes of injustice and iniquity and enthusiastic champions of whatever promises to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God on earth."

ERNEST F. TITTLE, *Chairman*;
MRS. E. L. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 19. SOCIAL SECURITY FOR LAY EMPLOYEES
(MEMORIAL NOS. 371, 353, 320.)

Calendar No. 154. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 472.
M, 74; P, 36; F, 32; A, 2; N, 2

The Methodist Church favors the application of Federal Social Security legislation for all full-time lay employees of religious and social work organizations and institutions. The General Conference authorizes the Council of Bishops to appoint a representative Committee with a Bishop as Chairman to present this point of view to the proper Federal authorities at such a time as shall be deemed advisable by the Committee.

ERNEST F. TITTLE, *Chairman*;
MRS. E. L. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 20. WARTIME PROHIBITION
(MEMORIAL NO. 535.)

Calendar No. 155. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 472.
M, 74; P, 50; F, 48; N, 2

We call upon the President of the United States to exercise the wartime powers granted him, and thereby bring about the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages during the period of the war.

ERNEST F. TITTLE, *Chairman*;
MRS. E. L. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 21. NON-CONCURRENCE
(MEMORIAL: Non-Concurrence.)

(MEMORIAL NOS. 174, 311, 364, 536, 781, 782, 785.)
Calendar No. 192. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Pages 497, 498.

The Committee votes Non-Concurrence in Memorials Nos. 174, 311, 364, 536, 781, 782, and 785.

ERNEST F. TITTLE, *Chairman*;
MRS. E. L. HILLMAN, (*) *Secretary*.

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COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Chairman, Leland Moore.

Secretary, A. Wesley Pugh.

REPORT NO. 1

Adopted April 28. See Journal, Page 253.

The Committee recommends the following changes in seating of delegates:

1. Central Pennsylvania Conference, W. W. Banks, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Edgar R. Heckman, all sessions of Thursday, April 27.

2. Holston Conference, Mrs. P. L. Cobb, Lay Reserve, in place of R. R. Cramer for the session of Wednesday night, April 26.

3. Holston Conference, J. N. Hillman, principal Lay Delegate, seated afternoon of April 26.

4. Upper South Carolina Conference, W. D. Roberts, Lay Reserve, in place of H. N. Snyder for the duration of the Conference.

LELAND MOORE, *Chairman*;

A. WESLEY PUGH, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2

Adopted April 29. See Journal, Page 266.

The Committee recommends the following changes in seating of delegates:

1. Kansas Conference, James S. Chubb, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Charles I. Coldsmith, all sessions on Friday, April 28.

2. Kentucky Conference, Virgil L. Moore, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Z. T. Johnson for the morning session of Friday, April 28.

3. Missouri Conference, Bradford V. Powell, Ministerial Reserve, in place of J. D. Randolph for the morning session of Friday, April 28.

4. North Texas Conference, Francis A. Buddin, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Umphrey Lee for the morning session of Saturday, April 29.

5. Western North Carolina Conference, G. Ray Jordan, principal Ministerial delegate, seated afternoon and night sessions Wednesday, April 26.

6. West Oklahoma Conference, Mrs. E. B. Dunlap and

Mrs. George Dismukes, Lay Reserves, in place of B. C. Clark and Ed Morrison for morning session of April 28.

7. West Texas Conference, Timothy B. Echols, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Karl Downs, beginning Wednesday, April 26.

LELAND MOORE, *Chairman*;
A. WESLEY PUGH, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3

Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 305.

The Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of delegates:

1. Alabama Conference, John T. Ellison, Lay Reserve, in place of C. M. Dannelly, beginning afternoon, April 29, for remainder of the Conference.

2. Dakota Conference, Adolph H. Kemper, Lay Reserve, in place of George E. Whitson, beginning April 30, for remainder of the Conference.

3. Erie Conference, Blaine Gifford, Lay Reserve, in place of Edgar T. Welch, beginning morning, May 2, for remainder of the Conference.

4. Florida Conference, C. B. Peeler, Lay Reserve, in place of R. A. Gray, seated April 29 for remainder of the Conference.

5. Iowa-Des Moines Conference, Mrs. Harley Walker, Lay Reserve, in place of B. O. Gammon, all sessions on May 1 and 2.

6. Missouri Conference, William R. Nelson, Lay Reserve, in place of George Pohlman, all sessions of April 29.

7. Nebraska Conference, Harry F. Huntington, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Paul M. Hillman, all sessions of May 1.

8. New England Conference, Sam T. Emery, Lay Reserve, in place of Mrs. Howard LeSourd, morning session, May 1.

9. New Mexico Conference, M. L. Sims, Ministerial Reserve, in place of William Brown for the morning session, April 29.

10. New York Conference, Ralph W. Sockman, principal Ministerial Delegate, seated beginning with the morning session, April 29.

11. North-East Ohio Conference, Oscar T. Olson, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Louis C. Wright, all sessions, May 1.

12. Kentucky Conference, Virgil L. Moore, Ministerial Reserve, in place of A. R. Perkins, morning session, April 29.

13. Pacific Northwest Conference, Roy L. Sprague, Min-

isterial Reserve, in place of Fred L. Pederson, all sessions, May 1.

14. Rock River Conference, George Fowler, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Fred D. Stone, morning session of April 29.

15. North-East Ohio Conference, Charles N. Sutton, principal Lay Delegate, seated April 30.

LELAND MOORE, *Chairman*;
A. WESLEY PUGH, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4

Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 385.

The Committee recommends the approval of the following substitutions which were made on the First Day of the General Conference:

1. Atlanta Conference: Mrs. Eva B. Parks, Lay Reserve, was seated in place of E. Luther Brookes, deceased.

2. California Conference: Dr. J. B. Sims, Lay Reserve, was seated in place of Percy F. Morris, deceased.

3. Central New York: Mrs. Florence K. Nye, Lay Reserve, was seated in place of Tracy K. Jones. M. Faye Van Dyke, Lay Reserve, was seated in place of Mrs. Gertrude Brown.

4. Central Pennsylvania: Richard W. Campbell, Lay Reserve, was seated in place of V. Max Frey.

5. Genesee Conference: A. Merritt Dieterich, Ministerial Reserve, was seated in place of Paul Morrison.

6. Indiana Conference: Abram S. Woodard, Ministerial Reserve, was seated in place of Chester A. McPheeters.

7. Iowa-Des Moines: Rae L. Dean, Lay Reserve, was seated in place of Dean Taylor, deceased.

8. Kentucky Conference: Walter V. Cropper, Ministerial Reserve, was seated in place of Willard G. Cram. Dennis V. Snapp, Lay Reserve, was seated in place of Mrs. Robert T. Brown. J. T. Slaton, Lay Reserve, was seated in place of Mrs. James H. Spillman.

9. Montana Conference: Vernon E. Lewis, Lay Reserve, was seated in place of A. R. Reeves.

10. Nebraska Conference: W. S. Rogers, Lay Reserve, was seated in place of Roy M. Green.

11. New Hampshire: LeRoy Stringfellow, Ministerial Reserve, was seated in place of Phillip S. Nason.

12. New York Conference: John M. Pearson, Ministerial Reserve, was seated in place of Ralph W. Sockman.

13. North Alabama: Marvin A. Franklin, Ministerial Reserve, seated in place of Henry M. Stevenson.

14. North Arkansas: Sam B. Wiggins, Ministerial Reserve, seated in place of Ransford S. Hayden, deceased.

15. North Carolina: Harry C. Smith, Ministerial Reserve, seated in place of Thomas M. Grant.

16. North Georgia: Joseph S. Thrailkill, Ministerial Reserve, seated in place of M. M. Maxwell, deceased.

17. North Mississippi: W. R. McCormack, Lay Reserve, seated in place of Julius M. Forman.

18. Northwest Iowa: Mrs. Mildred O. Feller, Lay Reserve, seated in place of James I. Dolliver.

19. South Georgia: J. Slater Wight, Lay Reserve, seated in place of C. Leighton Shepard, deceased.

20. Southern California-Arizona: Paul F. Huebner, Ministerial Reserve, seated in place of Donald H. Tippett until 12:10 P.M.

21. Southwest Missouri: Irwin Raut, Lay Reserve, seated in place of Robert J. Smith.

22. Southwest Texas: D. Amos Barber, Lay Reserve, seated in place of W. W. Jackson.

23. Upper South Carolina: W. D. Roberts, Lay Reserve, seated in place of H. N. Snyder.

24. Virginia: Lucius Gregory, Lay Reserve, seated in place of B. L. Fisher.

LELAND MOORE, *Chairman*;

A. WESLEY PUGH, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5

Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 385.

We recommend the following changes in seating of delegates:

1. Kentucky Conference: Virgil L. Moore, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Walter V. Cropper, night session, May 1.

2. Missouri Conference: William A. Cravens, Lay Reserve, in place of William H. Utz, Jr., all sessions, May 1, 2 and 3.

3. New Mexico: Joe B. Scrimshire, Ministerial Reserve, in place of William E. Brown, morning session, May 1.

4. New Mexico Conference: M. L. Sims, Ministerial Reserve, in place of William E. Brown, morning session, April 29.

5. New York East: Mrs. Charles H. Hardie, Lay Reserve, in place of Edward R. Carman seated at morning session, May 1, for balance of the Conference.

6. North Alabama Conference: W. Nelson Guthrie, Ministerial Reserve, in place of J. H. Chitwood, morning session, May 1.

7. North Alabama Conference: Forrest S. Ward, Lay Re-

serve, in place of John L. Liles, morning session, May 1.

8. North Alabama Conference: W. Nelson Guthrie, Ministerial Reserve, in place of George M. Davenport, night session, May 1.

9. Rock River Conference: C. A. Bloomquist, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Fred D. Stone, night session, May 1.

10. West Virginia Conference: John B. F. Yoak, Jr., Ministerial Reserve, in place of Frank L. Shaffer, morning session, April 27.

11. Kansas Conference: Mrs. Grace Marie Prince, Lay Reserve, in place of C. M. Miller, all sessions, May 1.

12. Central Texas Conference: Warren Johnston, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Eugene B. Hawk, night session, May 1.

13. North Texas Conference: E. A. Hunter, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Paul E. Martin, morning session, May 1, and in place of W. Harrison Baker, night session, same day.

LELAND MOORE, *Chairman*;
A. WESLEY PUGH, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 463.

The Committee recommends the following changes in the seating of delegates:

1. Central Pennsylvania Conference: Lester A. Welliver, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Edgar R. Heckman, night session, May 2.

2. Kansas Conference: Mrs. Grace Marie Prince, Lay Reserve, in place of C. A. Byers, all sessions, May 2 and 3.

3. Kentucky Conference: Virgil L. Moore, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Samuel C. Rice, morning session, May 2.

4. Little Rock Conference: Mrs. H. King Wade, Lay Reserve, in place of Matt. L. Ellis, morning session, May 2.

5. Louisiana Conference (South Central): Virgil D. Morris, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Guy M. Hicks, all sessions of May 3.

6. Missouri Conference: Perry P. Taylor, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Joseph D. Randolph, morning session, May 2.

7. North-East Ohio Conference: E. Ray Jenkins, Lay Principal, seated May 2.

8. Northwest Iowa Conference: James J. Davies, Ministerial Reserve, in place of L. D. Havighurst, morning session, May 3.

9. Northwest Iowa Conference: James I. Dolliver, Lay Principal, seated May 2.

10. Southwest Missouri Conference: A. A. McCullum, Lay Reserve, in place of W. L. Earp, night session, April 30.

11. Texas Conference: Mrs. W. W. Fondren, Lay Reserve, in place of H. F. Banker, seated morning session, May 2, and for balance of the conference.

12. Washington Conference: Caleb E. Queen, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Edgar A. Love, morning session, May 2.

13. West Oklahoma Conference: Harry G. Ryan, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Robert J. Smith, morning session, May 2.

14. Delaware Conference: David H. Hargis, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Leon S. Moore, beginning morning session, May 2.

15. Delaware Conference: W. C. Thompson, Ministerial Reserve, in place of David W. Henry, beginning morning session, May 2.

16. Missouri Conference: A. G. Williamson, Ministerial Reserve, in place of O. J. Carder, night session, May 2.

17. Northwest Texas Conference: Tom V. Ellzey, Lay Reserve, night session, May 2.

18. Western North Carolina Conference: E. H. Blackard, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Gilbert T. Rowe, night session, May 2.

19. West Oklahoma Conference: Mrs. E. B. Dunlap, Lay Reserve, in place of Ed. Morrison, seated at night session, May 1, and for remainder of the conference.

20. West Oklahoma Conference: Mrs. George Dismukes, Lay Reserve, in place of Mrs. Earl Foster, seated at night session, May 1, and for remainder of the conference.

LELAND MOORE, *Chairman*;
A. WESLEY PUGH, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 463.

We recommend the following changes in the seating of delegates:

1. Alabama Conference: C. M. Dannelly, Lay principal, resumes seat, May 3, in place of Hubert Searcy.

2. Central Kansas Conference: L. L. Wilson, Lay Reserve, in place of L. C. Baker, morning and afternoon sessions, May 3.

3. Central West Conference: George D. Hancock, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Edward W. Kelly, morning session, May 4.

4. Kansas Conference: Mrs. W. C. Hanson, Lay Reserve, in place of Charles M. Miller, night session, May 3.

5. Kentucky Conference: Virgil L. Moore, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Walter V. Cropper, night session, May 3.

6. Little Rock Conference: Homer T. Fort, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Arthur Terry, morning session, May 3.

7. North Alabama Conference: Albert L. Branscomb, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Marvin A. Franklin, morning session, May 3.

8. Rock River Conference: Henry V. Loeppert, Lay Reserve, in place of Alfred C. Crawford, night session, May 3.

9. St. Louis Conference: Harry P. Hunter, Ministerial Reserve, in place of F. W. Wahl, beginning night session, May 4.

10. South Carolina Conference, Central Jurisdiction: Calvin C. Reynolds, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Samuel M. Miller, all sessions, May 4.

11. Southwest Missouri Conference: Homer U. Campbell, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Willis L. Perryman, night session, May 2.

12. Tennessee Conference, Southeastern Jurisdiction: King Vivion, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Costen J. Harrell, afternoon and night session, May 3.

13. Texas Conference: Mrs. W. W. Fondren, Lay Reserve, in place of Galloway Calhoun, April 26 to May 1, inclusive.

14. Texas Conference: Earl Huffer, Lay Reserve, in place of Galloway Calhoun, seated afternoon, May 3, and for remainder of the Conference.

15. Atlanta Conference: E. G. Newton, Ministerial Reserve, in place of J. Wesley Thomas, night session, May 3.

16. Dakota Conference: Joseph H. Edge, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Frank E. Lockridge, morning session, May 4.

17. North Alabama Conference: A. L. Branscomb, Ministerial Reserve, in place of F. K. Gamble, night session, May 3.

18. South Georgia Conference: William F. Quillian, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Silas Johnson, afternoon of May 5, and for remainder of session.

19. St. Louis Conference: Jesse A. Mitchell, Lay Reserve, in place of Wesley Deneke, beginning morning session, May 5.

LELAND MOORE, *Chairman*;
A. WESLEY PUGH, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 463.

The Committee recommends the following changes in seating of delegates:

1. Baltimore Conference: E. E. Bradley, Lay Reserve, in place of John H. Baker, seated at night session, May 5, for the remainder of the Conference.

2. Baltimore Conference: Mrs. B. W. Meeks, Lay Reserve, in place of John H. Baker, morning and afternoon sessions, May 5.

3. Kansas Conference: R. S. Gault, Lay Reserve, in place of C. M. Miller, all sessions, May 4.

4. Minnesota Conference: Leroy Klaus, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Miron A. Morrill, all sessions, May 4.

5. Missouri Conference: George V. Baskett, Lay Reserve, in place of George Pohlman, morning session, May 4.

6. North Alabama Conference: A. L. Branscomb, Ministerial Reserve, in place of J. H. Chitwood, afternoon session, May 4. F. K. Gamble, principal Ministerial Delegate resumes seat, evening session, May 3.

7. Pacific Northwest Conference: Roy L. Sprague, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Carl K. Mahoney, afternoon session, May 4, and for remainder of the Conference.

8. Rhodesia Conference: Mrs. M. J. Murphree, Lay Reserve, in place of Sarah N. King, afternoon session, May 4.

9. Rock River Conference: Mrs. C. A. Bloomquist, Lay Reserve, in place of Alfred C. Crawford, morning session, May 4.

10. Southwest Missouri Conference: A. A. McCullum, Lay Reserve, in place of W. L. Earp, night session, May 3.

11. Southwest Missouri Conference: Quincy R. Wright, Ministerial Reserve, in place of E. D. Baker, afternoon session, May 4.

12. Central Texas Conference: Marcus M. Chunn, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Eugene B. Hawk, morning session, May 4, for remainder of the Conference.

13. Delaware Conference: D. W. Henry and Leon S. Moore, principal Ministerial Delegates, resume seats, morning session, May 4.

LELAND MOORE, *Chairman*;
A. WESLEY PUGH, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 463.

1. New York East Conference, Wm. H. Stewart, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Lynn H. Hough, morning session, May 6, and for the remainder of the Conference.

2. Virginia Conference, John Paul Tyler, Ministerial Reserve, in place of J. J. Rives, morning session, May 6, and for remainder of the Conference.

3. North Texas Conference, Dero F. Armistead, Lay Re-

serve, in place of J. J. Perkins, morning session, May 5, and for remainder of the Conference.

4. Kansas Conference, Mrs. Grace Marie Prince, Lay Reserve, in place of C. M. Miller, night session, May 5.

5. North Alabama Conference, Harry Denman, Lay Reserve, in place of John L. Liles, morning session, May 5.

6. North Alabama Conference, Albert L. Branscomb, Ministerial Reserve, in place of G. M. Davenport, morning and night sessions, May 5.

7. Texas Conference (SC), Stewart Clendenin, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Paul Quillian, afternoon session, May 5.

8. North Mississippi Conference, L. P. Wasson, Ministerial Reserve, in place of A. T. McIlwain, afternoon session, May 5.

9. Northwest Texas Conference, O. W. Carter, Ministerial Reserve, in place of J. O. Haymes, night session, May 5, and for remainder of the Conference.

10. Southern California-Arizona Conference, Paul F. Huebner, Ministerial Reserve, in place of Roy L. Smith, afternoon session, May 5, and for remainder of the Conference.

LELAND MOORE, *Chairman*;
A. WESLEY PUGH, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON REFERENCE

Chairman, Paul E. Martin.
Secretary, Fred J. Jordan.

REPORT NO. 1. BISHOPS' ADDRESS

Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 342.

References to the Bishops' Address were made to the following Legislative Committees:

- Ministry—Pages 30 and 34.
- Education—Pages 21 to 22 and 33 to 34.
- Missions—Pages 21 and 24, 25 and 26.
- Publishing Interests—Page 35.
- Conferences—Page 34.
- State of the Church—Pages 22 and 23 and 26 to 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 to 32 and 38.
- Evangelism—Pages 20 and 36, 37, 38, 39.
- Ritual and Orders of Worship—Page 35.
- Interdenominational Relations—Pages 34 and 35.

PAUL E. MARTIN, *Chairman*;
FRED J. JORDAN, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. QUADRENNIAL REPORTS

Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 342.

References to Quadrennial Reports were made to the following Legislative Committees:

- Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy—Pages 348 to 361.
- Education—218 to 339 and 478 to 480.
- Missions and Church Extension—Foreign Missions—Pages 58 to 92.
- Home Missions—Pages 92 to 125.
- Woman's Society of Christian Service—Pages 125 to 175.
- World Federation of Methodist Women—Pages 175 to 179.
- Joint Division of Education and Cultivation—Pages 179 to 200.
- Publishing Interests—Pages 466 to 478.
- Conference Claimants—Pages 447 to 466.
- Conferences—Pages 492 to 496.
- Central Conferences—Pages 437 to 445.
- Evangelism—Pages 407 to 425.
- Hospitals and Homes—Pages 361 to 386.
- American Bible Society—Pages 496 to 502.
- Interdenominational Relations—Pages 435 to 437.
- Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—Pages 445 to 447.

PAUL E. MARTIN, *Chairman*;
FRED J. JORDAN, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Chairman, J. Edgar Skillington.
Secretary, Thomas B. Lugg.

REPORT No. 1

Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 305.

M, 7; P, 7; F, 7

Your committee reports concerning the matter of clarification of Rule No. 21 as found in the Handbook for Delegates to the General Conference of The Methodist Church by recommending the following change :

Strike out from lines 13 and 14, page 168, the words, "The process of perfecting the substitute may also be terminated by ordering the previous question." Insert in their place the words, "The main question, report or resolution, having been perfected, the substitute shall be considered, which consideration may be terminated at any time thereafter by ordering the previous question," so that the sentence as amended will read, "The main question, report or resolution, having been perfected, the substitute shall be considered, which consideration may be terminated at any time thereafter by ordering the previous question, in which case, after action on any amendments to the substitute then pending, the vote shall be taken on the motion to substitute."

J. EDGAR SKILLINGTON, *Chairman*;
THOMAS B. LUGG, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 2. AMENDMENT OF RULE No. 34 OF THE PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 464.

M, 7; P, 6; F, 6

Amend Rule 34, of the plan of "Plan of Organization and Rules of Order" as found in the 1944 "Handbook for Delegates to the General Conference" by inserting in paragraph 2, at the beginning of the paragraph the words, "except for undebatable motions," so that the paragraph as amended will read as follows :

Except for undebatable motions, no report shall be adopted or question relating to the same decided without opportunity having been given for at least one speech for and one against the said proposal; provided this right is claimed before the Chairman or duly authorized member representing the Committee's report or the minority report, if there be such, is presented to close the debate.

J. EDGAR SKILLINGTON, *Chairman*;
THOMAS B. LUGG, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. REVISION OF RULES

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 465.

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the "Plan of Organization and Rules of Order" as found in the 1944 "Handbook for Delegates to the General Conference":

1. Amend the Paragraph prescribing the duties of the Committee of Reference (pages 157 and 158 of Handbook) by adding to the Paragraph, top of page 158, the following: "All memorials should be presented in triplicate. Each should deal with only one general subject. Not more than one memorial should be presented on a single sheet of paper."

2. Amend Rule 14, page 166 of Handbook, by rewriting as follows: "No other business shall be in order when a vote is being taken or when the previous question has been called until the process is completed, except such as relates to the vote itself or that which can be appropriately fitted into the time while waiting for the report of the secretaries on a count vote or an aye or no vote. (See Rule 11.)"

3. Amend Rule 19 (page 167 of the Handbook), No. (9), by striking out the words "or a substitute" so that the sentence as amended shall read:

(9) To amend or to substitute (one amendment being allowed to an amendment).

4. Amend Rule 20 (page 167 of the Handbook) by rewriting as follows: "No motion which adheres to another motion or has another motion adhering to it can be laid on the table by itself. Such motions, if laid on the table, carry with them the motions to which they adhere or which adhere to them."

5. Amend Rule 21 (pages 167 and 168 of the Handbook) by adding at the close of the Paragraph, the following: "In the course of the foregoing perfecting process in the case of both or either the main question and/or the substitute, the consideration may for a time be limited by action of the Conference to presenting, considering and acting on amendments. If this be done, the previous question may not be ordered on the adoption of the report or on making the substitution until after two or more members shall have spoken on each side of the question after the termination of the period limited to amendments, if there be those who desire so to speak."

6. Amend Rule 24 (page 168 of Handbook), Paragraph numbered (1) by striking out the words "an 'aye' and 'no' vote, or" so that the sentence as amended shall read,

"(1) One fifth of those present and voting shall suffice to sustain a call for a count vote in case the decision of the Chair is doubted."

7. Amend Rule 34 (page 171 of Handbook) by adding to the last Paragraph of Rule 34, the words, "provided that this five minutes limit shall not apply to a motion to substitute a minority report for a regular (majority) report of a Committee," so that the last Paragraph of Rule 34 as amended shall read:

"This right of the Chairman and/or other member or members to close the debate shall prevail in like manner, to a limit of five minutes, when a vote is about to be taken on a motion to amend, to substitute, to postpone, to refer, to lay on the table or any other motion whose adoption would vitally affect the report under consideration; provided

that this five minutes limit shall not apply to a motion to substitute a minority report for a regular (majority) report of a Committee.”

J. EDGAR SKILLINGTON, *Chairman*;
THOMAS B. LUGG, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 465.

M, 7; P, 7; F, 5

With regard to the proposal submitted on the motion of Fred E. Lott and George R. Savage, your Committee reports as follows:

1. It is recommended that a Committee of Six be created by this General Conference, appointed by the Council of Bishops, to prepare a Plan or Organization and Rules of Order for the General Conference of 1948, of whom one shall be a Bishop, and that the Secretary of the General Conference shall be an additional member ex officio.

2. That members of this General Conference be requested to provide said Committee, when created, with suggestions in writing of changes in the rules which they would recommend.

3. That the said Committee be instructed to revise our present rules so as to be able to mail to each delegate of the 1948 General Conference a copy of said revision promptly upon receiving information of his election.

J. EDGAR SKILLINGTON, *Chairman*;
THOMAS B. LUGG, *Secretary*.

SIFTING COMMITTEE

Chairman, Silas Johnson.

Secretary, Frank C. Propert (*).

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 491.

REPORT No. 1.

We, your Committee, met immediately after appointment and organized by electing Silas Johnson, Chairman and Frank C. Propert, Secretary.

No paper having been referred to us by this body, we, therefore, have no detailed report.

SILAS JOHNSON, *Chairman*;

FRANK C. PROPERT, (*) *Secretary*.

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COMMITTEE ON CENTRAL CONFERENCES

REPORT NO. 1. DISCIPLINARY CHANGES

Calendar No. 59. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Pages 395, 435.

In Committee

M, 25; P, 16; F, 16

I. *Support of Central Conference Bishops*

The Committee recommends that the following be substituted for Par. 402 of the *Discipline*:

The amount of support and all other allowances, including office, house rent, travel, retirement allowances, and provision for health and education of children, for a Bishop elected by a Central Conference shall be estimated by that Central Conference. It shall also determine the amount that it will be able to provide toward the General Episcopal Fund on the ratio of apportionment ordered by the General Conference. When the total estimated support shall have been determined, this amount in itemized form shall be submitted for approval to the General Commission on World Service and Finance. After approval, the Treasurer of the General Episcopal Fund shall pay the amount agreed upon to the Bishop concerned, or as the Central Conference may determine.

II. *Other Disciplinary Changes*

1. Par. 327 in sub-paragraph 5, after the word "death" insert the words "or expiration of term of service," and after "or" the words "any other" so that the sub-paragraph 5 as revised shall read:

In the case of an emergency in the Central Conference through the death, expiration of term of service, or any other disability of a Bishop, the Council of Bishops may assign one of its members to furnish the necessary episcopal supervision for that field.

2. Par. 332, Article 3. Delete Article 3 and substitute therefor the following:

He shall choose and appoint the District Superintendents annually; but, within the Jurisdictional Conferences of the United States and its possessions, he shall not appoint any minister a District Superintendent for more than six consecutive years, nor for more than six years in any consecutive nine years.

3. Par. 376, Article 3. Omit "Each Jurisdictional or Central Conference may" in the first line. Add "To" at the beginning of line 2, omit "or Central" in lines 3 and 5, so that the paragraph as revised shall read:

To fix the Episcopal Residences within the Jurisdictional Conference and assign the Bishops to the same. The boundaries of the Episcopal Areas of each Jurisdictional Conference shall be fixed by the Bishops.

4. Par. 391. Amend by substituting for the first sentence the following three sentences:

The Central Conferences shall be composed of Ministerial and Lay Members in equal numbers, the Ministerial elected by the Ministerial Members of the Annual Conference and the Lay by the Lay Members thereof. For the first session their qualifications shall be the same as provided in Paragraphs 446 and 447, and the Annual Conference shall determine the manner of their choice. Thereafter, additional qualifications, if any, and the manner of election shall be determined by the Central Conference itself.

Also in the sixth line insert after "Conference" the words "and Provisional Annual Conference," and in the tenth line substitute "six" for "four," so that the whole paragraph as revised shall read:

The Central Conference shall be composed of Ministerial and Lay Members of the Annual Conference and the Lay by the Lay Members of the Annual Conference and the Lay by the Lay Members thereof. For the first meeting their qualifications shall be the same as provided in Paragraphs 446 and 447, and the Annual Conference shall determine the manner of their choice. Thereafter, their qualifications and the manner of election shall be determined by the Central Conference itself. Each Annual Conference and Provisional Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least two Ministerial and two Lay Delegates, and no other selection of delegates shall be authorized which would provide for more than one Ministerial Delegate for every six Ministerial Members of an Annual Conference except that a majority of the number fixed by a Central Conference as the ratio of representation shall entitle an Annual Conference to an additional Ministerial Delegate and to an additional Lay Delegate. A mission is authorized to elect and send one of its members to the Central Conference concerned as the representative of the mission, said representative to be accorded the privilege of sitting with the Committees of the Central Conference, with the right to speak in the Committees, and in the regular sessions of the Central Conference, but without the right to vote. The representative of the mission shall have the same claim for payment of expenses as is allowed to members of the Central Conference.

5. Par. 406. Delete the entire paragraph and substitute therefor the following:

A Central Conference may advise its Annual Conferences, and Provisional Annual Conferences to set standards of character and other qualifications for admission of lay members.

6. Par. 412. Amend by inserting at the end of the sixth line the words "representing it in its property and legal interests and for" so that the paragraph as revised shall read:

A Central Conference, where the laws of the land permit, shall have the power to organize and incorporate one or more Executive

Committees, Executive Boards, or Councils of Co-operation, with such membership and such powers as may have been granted by the Central Conference, for the purpose of representing it in its property and legal interests and for transacting any necessary business that may arise in the interval between the sessions of the Central Conference, or that may be committed to said Boards or Committees by the Central Conference.

7. Par. 414. Substitute for the entire paragraph the following:

1. A Central Conference, through a duly incorporated property-holding body or bodies, shall have authority to purchase, hold, or transfer property for and on behalf of The Methodist Church, and of all the unincorporated organizations of The Methodist Church within the territory of that Central Conference; or on behalf of other organizations of The Methodist Church, which have entrusted their property to that Central Conference. 2. A Central Conference shall have authority to make the necessary rules and regulations for the holding and management of such properties; provided, however, (a) that all procedure shall be subject to the laws of the country or countries concerned; (b) that no transfer of property shall be made from one Annual Conference to another without the consent of the Conference holding title to such property; (c) that the status of properties held by local trustees or other holding bodies shall be recognized. 3. A Central Conference shall not directly or indirectly through its incorporated property-holding body or bodies, alienate property or the proceeds of property without due consideration of its trusteeship for local churches, Annual Conferences, Board of Missions and Church Extension, and other organizations, local or general, of the Church. 4. A Central Conference, or any of its incorporated organizations, shall not involve the Board of Missions and Church Extension or any organization of the Church in any financial obligation without the official approval of said Board or organization. All invested funds, fiduciary trusts, or property belonging to an Annual Conference, a Provisional Annual Conference, or Mission, or any of its institutions acquired by bequest, donation, or otherwise and designated for a specific use shall be applied to the purpose for which they were designated. It shall not be diverted to any other purpose except by the consent of the Conference or Mission involved, and with the approval of the Central Conference concerned, and civil court action when necessary. The same rule shall apply to similar funds or properties acquired by a Central Conference for specific objects.

In cases involving the diversion of trust funds and properties within the territory of a Central Conference, the Central Conference concerned shall determine the disposition of the interests involved subject to an appeal to the Judicial Court of the Central Conference.

8. Par. 416. In the last sentence of the paragraph in Line 11 substitute "thirty-five" for "twenty-five," and in Line 13 substitute "twenty-five" for "twenty," so that the paragraph as revised shall read:

A Central Conference shall fix the boundaries of the Annual Conferences, Provisional Annual Conferences, and Missions within its bounds, proposals for changes having first been submitted to the Annual Conferences concerned as prescribed in the general book of *Discipline* of The Methodist Church: *provided*, however, that the number of Annual

Conferences which may be organized within the bounds of a Central Conference shall first have been determined by the General Conference. No Annual Conference shall be organized with fewer than thirty-five Ministerial Members nor shall an Annual Conference be continued with fewer than twenty-five Ministerial Members after the General Conference of 1948.

9. Par. 431. Insert after Article 2 a new Article 3 to read as follows:

An Annual Conference or a Provisional Annual Conference in the field of a Provisional Central Conference shall have the power to set standards of character and other qualifications for admission of its lay members.

Re-number Articles 3, 4, and 5, making them 4, 5, and 6.

10. Par. 433. Insert after the words "Central Conference" in Line 4 the words "Provisional Central Conference or Jurisdictional Conference within which the Mission is located," so that the paragraph as revised shall read:

Any Mission established under the provisions of the *Discipline* may be constituted a Provisional Annual Conference by the General Conference in consultation with the Central Conference, Provisional Central Conference, or Jurisdictional Conference within which the Mission is located; provided that no Provisional Annual Conference shall be organized with fewer than ten Ministerial Members; nor shall a Provisional Annual Conference be continued with fewer than six Ministerial Members.

11. Par. 442. Articles 2, 3, and 4. 2. Amend by inserting in Article 2 after the word "missionaries" in Line 2, the words "both lay and clerical."

3. Amend by inserting in Article 3, Line 8, after the word "recommend" the words "to an Annual Conference."

4. Amend by deleting in Article 4, Line 2, "a missionary," in Line 3 change "as" to "a."

As thus amended, the three articles of the paragraph shall read:

(2) The Mission shall meet annually and shall be composed of all regularly appointed missionaries, both lay and clerical, and mission traveling preachers with lay appointed missionaries, both lay and clerical, and mission traveling preachers with lay members the number of whom and the mode of their appointment each Mission shall determine for itself.

(3) A Bishop, or in his absence one of the Superintendents, chosen by ballot of the Mission, shall preside in the Annual Meeting. This Meeting shall exercise in a general way the functions of a District Conference. It shall have power to license suitable persons to preach and to pass upon the character of preachers not members of an Annual Conference, to receive on trial mission traveling preachers, and to recommend to an Annual Conference proper persons for deacon's and elder's orders. At the Annual Meeting the Bishop or President

shall assign the missionaries and traveling preachers to their several Charges for the ensuing year; provided that no missionary shall be transferred to or from a Mission without previous consultation with the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

(4) The work of a Mission shall be divided, when necessary, into Districts, over each of which shall be placed a Superintendent. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent, in the absence of a Bishop, to take general supervision of the work in his District with all its interests, and to report the state of that work and its needs to the Bishop in charge and to the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

12. Add to Par. 453, Article 2, the following: "An Annual Conference cannot financially obligate The Methodist Church, or any other organizational unit thereof except the Annual Conference itself.

The Paragraph as amended will then read:

"The Annual Conference may make rules to govern its own procedure, *provided* that no Annual Conference shall make any rule contrary to the Constitution or to the powers granted it by the General Conference. An Annual Conference cannot financially obligate The Methodist Church or an organizational unit thereof except the Annual Conference itself."

13. Par. 1543—*Missions and Councils*. Delete (1) and (4) and renumber (2) and (3) so that the whole will read:

(1) Japan Provisional Annual Conference shall include the work of the former Methodist Protestant Church in Japan.

(2) Kalgan Provisional Annual Conference shall include all the work of the former Methodist Protestant Church in China.

14. Par. 1544. *Europe: Annual Conferences*. Correct (3) so that it will read:

(3) Czechoslovakia Conference shall include all the work of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the Republic of Czechoslovakia.

15. Par. 1563. *Central and Southern Europe Provisional Central Conference*. Correct by deleting "France Mission," and the footnote at the bottom of the page so that the list will read:

Belgium Annual Conference
 Bulgaria Provisional Annual Conference
 Czechoslovakia Annual Conference
 Hungary Provisional Annual Conference
 Italy Provisional Annual Conference
 Jugoslavia Provisional Annual Conference
 Maderia Mission
 North Africa Annual Conference
 Poland Provisional Annual Conference
 Spain Mission
 Switzerland Annual Conference

16. Par. 1567. Correct this list in the third line by changing "Council" to "Conference" and deleting (M. P.) to read: Japan Provisional Annual Conference.

17. Par. 1568. First line, place an asterisk (*) at end of the line with footnote to read:— *The former Japan Methodist Church and the Provisional Annual Conference have been included in the United Church of Christ in Japan.

L. O. HARTMAN, *Chairman*;
MURRAY T. TITUS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. ENABLING ACTS

Adopted May 1, 1944

Calendar No. 88. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Pages 396, 399, 466.

Memorial Serial Nos. 145, 149, 165, 725, 726, 732,
736, 772

M, 25; P, 13; F, 12; N, 1

We recommend that the following Enabling Acts be passed by the General Conference:

1. CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN ASIA

Par. 1631. The Central Conference of Southern Asia is hereby authorized to elect one or more Bishops for India and Burma; *provided*, that by such election there shall not be more than four Bishops resident in that field during the quadrennium ending in 1948.

2. CHINA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The China Central Conference is authorized to elect one or more Bishops for China, *provided*, that by such an election there shall not be more than four Bishops resident in this field during the quadrennium ending in 1948.

3. PHILIPPINE ISLANDS CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Par. 1629. The Philippine Islands Central Conference is authorized to elect one Bishop for the Philippine Islands; *provided*, that by such election there shall not be more than one Bishop resident in that field during the quadrennium ending in 1948. The Central Conference of the Philippine Islands, however, is authorized by the General Conference to conduct a Central Conference with the privileges and powers as provided under Central Conference legislation; *provided*, that it shall have at least a total of fifteen Ministerial and fifteen Lay Delegates on the regular basis of representation.

4. NORTHERN EUROPE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Par. 1626. The Northern Europe Central Conference is hereby authorized to elect one Bishop for Northern Europe; *provided*, that by such election there shall not be more than one Bishop resident in that field during the quadrennium ending in 1948.

5. GERMANY CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The Germany Central Conference is authorized to elect one Bishop for Germany, *provided*, that by such election there shall be not more

than one Bishop resident in that field during the quadrennium ending in 1948.

6. GERMANY CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Par. 1620. The Germany Central Conference is authorized to increase its number of Annual Conferences up to the number of ten if it should be deemed necessary during the quadrennium ending in 1948; *provided*, however, that this permission shall apply only to the territory included in the Germany Central Conference as defined in the *Discipline* of 1939, Par. 1545, and in the *Discipline* of the former Methodist Episcopal Church for 1936, Par. 1373.

7. LATIN AMERICA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Par. 1623. The Latin America Central Conference is hereby authorized to elect two Bishops for South America; *provided*, that by such election there shall not be more than two Bishops resident in that field during the quadrennium ending in 1948. The Central Conference, however, of Latin America is authorized (Par. 390) by the General Conference to conduct a Central Conference with the privileges and powers as provided under Central Conference legislation; *provided*, that it shall have at least a total of fifteen Ministerial and fifteen Lay Delegates on the regular basis of representation.

8. SWITZERLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Par. 1632. The Switzerland Annual Conference in the present emergency shall be given enlarged rights and privileges during the quadrennium ending in 1948 only as indicated in the following specification:

1. The Switzerland Annual Conference is authorized to add to the business of the Annual Conference supplementary questions considered desirable or necessary for meeting its own needs; to make such adaptations in procedure as the peculiar conditions of the fields require; and to adapt the temporal economy of the Church within its own territory, including orders of business suitable for District and Quarterly Conferences.

2. Subject to the approval of the Bishop in charge, the Switzerland Annual Conference shall have the power to prescribe courses of study for its Ministry including Local Preachers, Exhorters, Deaconesses, Teachers, both male and female, and all other workers whatsoever, ordained or lay. It shall also make rules and regulations for examinations in these courses.

3. The Switzerland Annual Conference is authorized to conform the detailed rules, rites, and ceremonies for the solemnization of marriage, to the statute laws of Switzerland.

4. The Switzerland Annual Conference is authorized to prepare and translate simplified or adapted forms of such parts of the Ritual as it may deem necessary, such changes to require the approval of the Bishop in charge.

5. The Switzerland Annual Conference is authorized to adopt rules for procedure for the trial and appeal of its Ministers as the necessities of the field may require; to appoint a Committee on Appeals to hear and determine the appeal of a Traveling Preacher of that Conference from the decision of a Committee on Trial; *provided*, however, that these rules shall in all respects conform to the restrictions and limitations prescribed in the chapter on Jurisdictional Administration.

The foregoing authorization for the Switzerland Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1948 is extended also to any Annual Conference within the territory of the Northern Europe Central Con-

ference until such time as the session of that Central Conference can be held.

9. AFRICA PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The Africa Provisional Central Conference is authorized by the General Conference to organize as a Central Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1948, *provided*, that it shall have fulfilled the requirements of the *Discipline* for the organization of a Central Conference as found in the paragraph of the *Discipline* relating thereto.

10. SOUTHEASTERN ASIA PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The Southeastern Asia Provisional Central Conference shall have such powers of a Central Conference as are indicated in Par. 431.

11. ANGOLA PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Par. 1613. Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1944 relating thereto, the Angola Provisional Annual Conference is authorized to organize into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1948.

12. SOUTHEAST AFRICA PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Par. 1630. Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1944 relating thereto, the Southeast Africa Provisional Annual Conference is authorized to organize into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1948.

13. CENTRAL CONGO PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Par. ——. Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1944 relating thereto, the Central Congo Provisional Annual Conference is authorized to organize into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1948.

14. BALTIC AND SLAVIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Par. 1614. Authority is given to the Baltic and Slavic Annual Conference to become the Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference or Mission if it be deemed wise to make such change during the quadrennium ending in 1948.

L. O. HARTMAN, *Chairman*;

MURRAY T. TITUS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. BISHOPS FOR AFRICA

Calendar No. 94. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 451.

MEMORIAL SERIAL NOS. 148, 361, 773

M, 25; P, 14; F, 13; N, 1

Your Committee on Central Conferences has had before it Memorials Nos. 148, 361, 773 from the Africa Provisional Central Conference asking that arrangements be made for adequate Episcopal supervision; and, also, in view of the fact that Bishop Springer is due to retire at the forthcoming session of his Jurisdictional Conference, therefore,

your Committee has carefully considered this matter in all its aspects, and requests the General Conference to provide two Bishops for the residential and presidential supervision of the work in the area of the Africa Provisional Central Conference, one of whom shall be a Negro with residence in Monrovia, and the other with residence in Elizabethville.

L. O. HARTMAN, *Chairman*;
MURRAY T. TITUS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE CHANGES IN THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Calendar No. 95. Withdrawn May 6. See Journal, Page 466.

MEMORIAL NO. 136

M, 25; P, 13; F, 13

Your Committee had before it Memorial No. 136 from the Central Conference of Southeastern Asia asking for a change in Par. 363 (3). Your Committee finds itself in agreement with this suggestion, and recommends concurrence as follows:

Amend Par. 363 (3) by adding the words "or Central" after the word "Jurisdictional," line 1 of the first sentence, so that the sentence shall read: "A Jurisdictional or Central Conference may, by a majority vote, propose changes in the Constitution of the Church, etc."

L. O. HARTMAN, *Chairman*;
MURRAY T. TITUS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS
MEMORIAL NO. 732

Calendar No. 96. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 451.

M, 25; P, 13; F, 11; N, 2

Your Committee had before it the report of the General Conference Commission on Central Conferences recommending that provision be made for a Conference of Methodist Bishops to be held quadrennially. Your Committee proposes that the following be added to Par. 325:

"There shall be a Conference of Methodist Bishops composed of all the Jurisdictional Bishops, Central Conference Bishops, Missionary Bishops, and Bishops of affiliated Methodist Churches which shall meet at least once in each quadrennium."

L. O. HARTMAN, *Chairman*;
MURRAY T. TITUS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. LAYMEN IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MEMORIAL NOS. 407 AND 729

Calendar No. 97. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 467.

M, 25; P, 13; F, 11; N, 2

This Memorial from the China Central Conference was favorably considered by your Committee, and, in response to its general purpose, we recommend that the General Conference amend Par. 934 of the *Discipline* by adding in the fourth line of the paragraph the following words: After the word "Extension" in the fourth line of the paragraph add "and National heads of major institutions in such numbers and with such qualifications as the Central Conference may prescribe," so that the whole may read:

Par. 934. In fields outside the United States the Annual Conference may seat in the Annual Conference session regularly appointed lay missionaries of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and National heads of major institutions in such numbers and with such qualifications as the Central Conference may prescribe, and give them the privileges of the floor.

L. O. HARTMAN, *Chairman*;
MURRAY T. TITUS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. TERM EPISCOPACY AND RETIREMENT
ALLOWANCES. MEMORIAL NO. 723

Calendar No. 98. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 451.

M, 25; P, 13; F, 12; N, 1

Your Committee has given favorable consideration to this Memorial from the China Central Conference and recommends the following action:

To be inserted at the end of Par. 402:

A minister who has served a term, or part of a term, as a Bishop in a Central Conference where term Episcopacy has prevailed, shall, upon his retirement from the effective relation in the ministry, be paid an allowance from the General Episcopal Fund in such sum as the General Commission on World Service and Finance shall determine for the years during which he served as a Bishop.

L. O. HARTMAN, *Chairman*;
MURRAY T. TITUS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. AFFILIATED AUTONOMOUS CHURCHES
MEMORIAL NOS. 135, 457

Calendar No. 99. Substituted for same Par. in Report No. 1 of Committee on Missions and Church Extension, page 467.

M, 25; P, 14; F, 14

Your Committee received the above Memorial from the Central Conference of Southeastern Asia with which it finds itself in substantial agreement and recommends that the following action be taken in this respect:

In place of the present entire Par. 951 the following be substituted:

Par. 951, Article 6. Missionaries of The Methodist Church Serving Other Churches.

(1) Missionaries of The Methodist Church, upon action of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, may be assigned to serve in affiliated autonomous Churches, independent Churches, Churches resulting from the union of Methodist Churches and other communions, or in other Evangelical Denominations.

(2) Such missionaries, while retaining their membership in their home Local Churches and Annual Conferences, and without impairing their relationship to the Board of Missions and Church Extension, shall, while on service in such fields be free to accept such rights and privileges as may be offered to them by such Churches.

L. O. HARTMAN, *Chairman*;
MURRAY T. TITUS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. BOUNDARIES WITHIN THE CENTRAL CHINA
CONFERENCE. MEMORIAL NO. 366

Calendar No. 100. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 468.
M, 25; P, 13; F, 13

Your Committee recommends concurrence with this Memorial from the Central China Conference with reference to the amendment of Par. 1542 (3) and (9) so as to read:

(3) Foochow Conference shall include Futsing, Kutien, Minhow, Mintsing and Pintang Counties, except such portions as are included in the Hinghwa and Yenping Conferences.

(9) Yenping Conference shall include the following counties in Fukien: Nanping, Sha, Yungan, Mingchi, Shuchang, Sanyuan, Yuki, Kaotan, of Chianglo County, and Hsia-Shuan-keng, of Kutien County.

L. O. HARTMAN, *Chairman*;
MURRAY T. TITUS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. EPISCOPAL SUPERVISION IN MISSION FIELDS
MEMORIAL NO. 732

Calendar No. 124. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Pages 398,
434, 435, 485.

M, 25; P, 14; F, 13; N, 1

With reference to the subject of Episcopal Supervision in Mission Fields, referred to in the above Memorial from the Commission on Central Conferences, your Committee makes the following recommendations to meet the changed condition:

I

In order to arrange for the election of Bishops by a Jurisdictional Conference to meet emergencies arising in Episcopal Supervision in mission fields outside the territory of a Jurisdictional Conference, your Committee recommends that the following be added as an amendment to Par. 339 of the *Discipline*:

Provided, That the General Conference may authorize any Jurisdictional Conference to elect one or more Bishops beyond the quota herein specified in order to provide Episcopal Supervision for mission fields outside the territory of a Jurisdictional Conference.

II

Par. 1709—For the purpose of providing Presidential, Visitatorial and Residential Episcopal Supervision of territory embraced in Provisional Central Conferences and in emergency situations in Central Conferences, it is recommended that provision be made for the quadrennium 1944-48 according to the following arrangement:

1. The North Central Jurisdictional Conference shall provide supervision for the Northern Europe Central Conference.

2. The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall provide residential supervision for the Central and Southern Europe Provisional Central Conference, and is hereby authorized according to the provision of Par. 8, Section 4, and Par. 339 as amended to elect one Bishop in addition to its quota in order to provide for this supervision.

The North Central Jurisdictional Conference shall provide supervision for the Philippine Islands Central Conference and the Provisional Central Conference of Southeastern Asia, and shall be requested to assign Missionary Bishop Edwin F. Lee to Singapore and Manila for Residential Supervision in the Philippine Islands Central Conference and the Provisional Central Conference of Southeastern Asia.

4. The Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall provide supervision for an area in the Central Conference of Southern Asia, and shall be requested to assign Bishop Brenton T. Badley to Delhi, India, for Residential Episcopal Supervision in that Central Conference.

5. The South Central Jurisdictional Conference shall provide for Episcopal visitation to the Latin American Central Conference and to the affiliated autonomous churches of Latin America.

6. The Central Jurisdictional Conference shall provide Residential Supervision for the work in Liberia of the Africa Provisional Central Conference and is hereby authorized according to the provisions of Par. 8, Section 4, and Par. 339 as amended to elect one Bishop in addition to its membership quota in order to provide for this supervision.

7. The Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall provide Residential Supervision for the work in Angola, Belgian Congo, Portuguese East Africa, Southern Rhodesia and the Union of South Africa of the Africa Provisional Central Conference and is hereby authorized according to the provisions of Par. 8, Section 4 and Par. 339 as amended to elect one Bishop in addition to its membership quota in order to provide for this supervision.

8. The Western Jurisdictional Conference shall provide, if and when necessary, for visitation of Mission Councils in Japan and Korea.

Inasmuch as the territory in which is located the work, for which the foregoing provides the Episcopal Supervision, is not in any case included in the geographical boundaries of the Jurisdictional Conference which elects the Bishop or Bishops involved, therefore it is recommended that the said Bishops be directed to report on the supervision of their fields to the Council of Bishops as well as to the Central Conferences or Provisional Central Conferences to which they are related.

If during the ensuing quadrennium any emergency in Episcopal supervision should arise in any of the mission fields covered by the foregoing provisions, the Council of Bishops shall provide the necessary Episcopal supervision.

L. O. HARTMAN, *Chairman*;
MURRAY T. TITUS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF LATIN-AMERICA
MEMORIAL NO. 837

Calendar No. 146. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 468.

M, 25; P, 14; F, 14

This Memorial from the Provisional Annual Conference of Central America requests that its present relationship to the Central Conference of Latin America be continued. Your Committee recommends concurrence.

L. O. HARTMAN, *Chairman*;
MURRAY T. TITUS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. REPORT OF COMMISSION ON CENTRAL
CONFERENCES. MEMORIAL NO. 732

Calendar No. 147. Adopted May 5. See Journal, Page 451.

M, 25; P, 16; F, 16

I. AFFILIATED METHODIST CHURCHES

For purposes of record we recommend that the following items be approved by the General Conference:

1. Relationship between The Methodist Church of Brazil and The Methodist Church.

WHEREAS, When the Methodist Church of Brazil was set up in 1930 an organic relationship between it and the mother Church was established, consisting of (1) the Central Council composed of an equal number of nationals and missionaries, (2) delegates between the two Churches, and (3) exchange of members and ministers as set forth in Article 7 of the Constitution of The Methodist Church of Brazil, which Constitution was agreed upon by the Joint Commission that organized The Methodist Church of Brazil, and later was approved by the General Conferences of the

two Churches. We recommend that this organic affiliation be continued between The Methodist Church and The Methodist Church of Brazil in accordance with Paragraph 432 of the 1940 *Discipline of The Methodist Church*.

(Note: See Journal of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1934.)

2. Proposal for Accepting the Amended Constitution of the Council of Co-operation with The Methodist Church in Mexico.

WHEREAS, When The Methodist Church of Mexico was set up in 1930 provision was made for a Council of Co-operation which is described in a series of eight articles in Paragraph 41 of the Constitution of The Methodist Church of Mexico, which Constitution was prepared and approved by the Joint Commission representing the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Annual Conferences in Mexico which founded The Methodist Church of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Article 8 of said Paragraph 41 provides: "Any change in this plan of co-operation shall be subject to concurrent action by the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Mexico; the Methodist Episcopal Church, South"; and

WHEREAS, The General Conference of The Methodist Church of Mexico at its session in Monterey, September, 1942, proposed certain changes in the phraseology of Paragraph 41 made necessary by the unification of Methodism, we recommend that the proposed amendments be accepted, so that the Constitution as amended shall read as follows:

1. There shall be a Council of Co-operation between the Methodist Church of Mexico, and the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church.

2. This Council shall consist of eight representatives elected by the General Conference of The Methodist Church of Mexico, including ministers, laymen and laywomen, and eight representatives of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church, four of whom shall be appointed by the Foreign Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and four by the Division of Foreign Missions.

The members of the Council of Co-operation shall be appointed quadrennially. Vacancies in the Mexican membership may be filled by the General Superintendent of The Methodist Church of Mexico, and vacancies in the missionary representation shall be filled by the Divisions concerned.

3. To this Council of Co-operation shall be referred all matters of financial co-operation between The Methodist Church of Mexico and the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church, with the exception of the salaries and allowances of missionaries. The Council shall also receive from all schools, hospitals, social centers, and other institutions, denominational and union, estimates of financial needs and make recommendations to the Board.

4. The Council shall also provide such local Advisory Boards, or Boards of Trustees, or Boards of Managers as the local needs may require for educational and other institutions.

5. The Council shall also study and make recommendations for new phases of work in which financial co-operation is desired.

6. All recommendations with reference to missionaries and property belonging to the Board shall be made to the Board by the Council of Co-operation.

7. The General Superintendent of The Methodist Church of Mexico shall be the Chairman of the Council of Co-operation, ex officio, with the right to vote only in case of a tie.

8. Any change in this plan of co-operation shall be subject to concurrent action by the General Conferences of the Methodist Church of Mexico and The Methodist Church.

II. COMMISSION ON CENTRAL CONFERENCES

Your Committee recommends that a General Conference Commission on Central Conferences, constituted in accordance with the following provisions, be appointed to serve during the quadrennium 1944-48.

Par. 1702. There shall be a Commission on Central Conferences for the quadrennium 1944-48, to be constituted as follows:

Two Bishops, one person from each Jurisdictional Conference, one person from each Central and Provisional Central Conference; all to be nominated by the Council of Bishops and approved by the General Conference.

There shall be added to the Commission by the Board of Missions and Church Extension four persons, two from the Division of Foreign Missions and two from the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Bishops working in Foreign Fields shall be considered consultative members of the Commission, and shall be called in, when available, at the time of the meeting of the Commission.

When a representative of a Central or Provisional Central Conference cannot be present to represent this field, the Bishop or Bishops of that field shall designate someone to represent it.

This Commission shall study the structure and supervision of The Methodist Church in its work outside the United States and its Territories, including the question of Episcopal support and administration in Central Conferences, and the standards to be required for the organization of a Central Conference, and shall prepare such recommendations as it considers necessary for presentation to the General Conference of 1948.

L. O. HARTMAN, *Chairman*;
MURRAY T. TITUS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
MEMORIAL: NON-CONCURRENCE

Calendar No. 188. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Pages 496, 498.

M, 25; P, 14; F, 14

Nonconcurrency is recommended on these Memorials because either the General Conference and this Committee have already acted upon these matters, or the subject matter is already covered by legislation in the *Discipline*:

1. Memorials 137, 461: To amend Par. 414.

2. Memorial 462: Representation on World Service Commission.

3. Memorial 409: Appeal of a Traveling Preacher.

4. Memorials 387, 731: Legislation on Central Conferences not to be changed.

5. Memorials 31, 737, 39, 719: Support of Central Conference Bishops.

6. Memorials 42, 64, 456, 770, 733: Status of Central Conference Bishops.

7. Memorials 246, 288, 289, 300, 301, 307, 405, 422, 727, 728, 760: Liberia and the Africa Central Conference.

L. O. HARTMAN, *Chairman*;

MURRAY T. TITUS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. MISSIONARY BISHOPS
MEMORIAL: IN COMMITTEE

Calendar No. Not Published. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 485.

M, 25; P, 14; F, 14

Your Committee recommends that Paragraph 341 of the 1940 *Discipline* be amended by the addition of a new Section to be numbered 3, and which will read as follows:

3. Notwithstanding the above definitions, in an emergency, the Council of Bishops may assign a Missionary Bishop for specified service in any Foreign Field, in consultation with the authorities, where such exist, of the Provisional Central Conference and/or the Central Conference concerned.

L. O. HARTMAN, *Chairman*;

MURRAY T. TITUS, *Secretary*.

REPORT ON THE CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

Report adopted Wednesday morning, May 3. Page 339.

PREAMBLE TO THE CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

Christianity is never more creative than in an era of crisis. The needs of humanity have been upon the hearts and minds of the people called Methodists, and the command of the Christ to "Follow Me" has been heard. During the quadrennium, movements of significance designed to meet these needs have been projected. The spiritual need of mankind has summoned our people to an evangelistic endeavor that will command the full attention of the Church for an entire year, looking to the winning of tens of thousands to Christ and the rekindling of the spiritual life of our people. It has been called a need for a spiritual renaissance. The need for the dedication of ourselves, our property, our all has called forth plans for a Church-wide program of Stewardship cultivation. More than a hundred devoted laymen have given many months of hard study to the perfecting of plans. The needs of a war-torn world, of the hungry and the suffering, of the Missionary movement of the whole Church resulted in the appointment of a Committee of Twenty-One representing the Council of Bishops, the General Commission on World Service and Finance, the Council of Secretaries and the Executive Committee of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; and a program of relief and reconstruction has been adopted. The serious situation in our Church Schools has similarly called forth a movement to increase Church School enrollment and attendance. The demand of our people for a warless world, for a world of law and order, was answered initially by the Crusade for a New World Order. That must be followed up with great wisdom and strength. Each of these movements has been projected as a single and separate endeavor. They can and should be correlated and unified in a challenging Crusade great enough for this great hour.

It is recommended, therefore, that the whole Church unite in a movement to be known as "The Crusade for Christ," in which each of the five major endeavors shall be integrated, to the end that the objectives of The Crusade for a New World Order, the post-war plans for World Relief and Reconstruction, the Church-wide Evangelistic Campaign, the Church-wide Program of Stewardship Cultivation and the

proposals to increase Church School enrollment and attendance shall be united in one challenging quadrennial objective.

It is further recommended that the Council of Bishops shall be requested to appoint a Continuing Committee, chosen from the Church at large, composed as far as possible of an equal number of laymen and ministers, representative of the Local Church, the Council of Bishops, the Boards, Commissions and other agencies of the Church and charged with the correlation of the plans proposed and the direction of the movement; but with the distinct understanding that the several aspects of The Crusade for Christ shall be administered by the Board, Commission, Committee or Agency directly involved, within the terms of the unifying principles adopted by the Continuing Committee.

REPORT OF THE CRUSADE FOR A NEW WORLD ORDER NEXT STEPS

1. The educational work must be continued and the desire for World Law and Order must be grounded in an understanding of the principles upon which an ordered world must rest. Critical study of the measures essential to the practice of principle must be organized. The people must see that it is not enough to believe in brotherhood as a general proposition. It must be expressed in concrete measures. And these measures must be supported by the people at the time the decision is taken by the representative of the people.

2. In order that there may be guidance and action too, the following policy will be observed. When the moral issue appears involved in a specific measure, the Council of Bishops will meet and consider the question and determine whether to advise support of the measure.

3. Such advice will be communicated to the Pastors, Charge Lay Leaders and Presidents of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, as well as to the Boards and Commissions of the Church.

4. In each of the 578 Districts of the Church a Stand-by Committee has been set up, composed of the District Superintendent, the District Lay Leader, the District President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the District Director of Adult Work, the District Director of Youth Work, a Youth Representative, the District Missionary Secretary and a minister, a layman and a laywoman. This Committee will be called upon to mobilize the District for an expression of opinion to the representatives in the Congress.

5. It is hoped that the Commission of Twenty-One now

preparing plans for a postwar world will recommend the creation of a Methodist Bureau of Research, so that impartial, factual consideration of trends and measures may be made available to the membership of the Church and thus aid in forming public opinion upon the basis of careful research.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF TWENTY-ONE

The tragic and appalling world situation faced by the followers of Jesus Christ at this hour needs no amplification to the members of this General Conference. Never before has so much sorrow, desolation and utter destruction come to so many peoples. The world awaits the healing touch of Christ upon its misery and desolation.

Two outstanding facts present themselves as Christian people face the stark realities of this tragic hour: (1) The centers of much of the work Christian forces have been doing throughout the world have been destroyed by the ravages of war; churches, hospitals, schools and colleges, institutions of all kinds have suffered widespread destruction; the lives and homes of thousands of our fellow Christians are in constant jeopardy. (2) Secular and pagan forces seeking to control the world are operating with a swiftness and magnitude hitherto unknown.

The conclusion is inevitable that since hope for the world of tomorrow rests in the message and spirit of our Lord and Master, Christian forces throughout the world must act with instant zeal and unceasing devotion to re-establish those forms of work which have been devastated and to intensify the effort to make more potent His Spirit in the affairs of men.

Stirred by the conviction that this world condition places upon Methodism an inescapable responsibility, the Council of Bishops, the Commission on World Service and Finance, the Executive Committee of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and the Council of Secretaries came together in Chicago in August, 1942, to face this sacred obligation.

After days of consideration the conviction was established that this General Conference would expect and desire a well considered plan by which The Methodist Church may provide its share of the answer to this cry of distress.

Because of the immensity of the task of canvassing and determining the proper objectives, these bodies delegated to twenty-one of their number the responsibility for a thorough review of our fields of work. With this Committee the Secretaries of our Boards and Commissions and their assistants have whole-heartedly co-operated. Months of re-

search and study resulted in the presentation of a detailed study of needs and responsibilities which, in the judgment of our Secretaries, were immediately pressing, calling for an expenditure of approximately \$114,000,000. From this vast need have been chosen only those projects most urgent and imperative. Priority has been given to the restoration of structures and services destroyed by the war, provided these have a vital contribution to make to the post-war world; to those askings which seek to relieve and make self-supporting our ministers and other representatives of the Church in areas devastated or affected by war; and to new avenues of service open because of an emerging world situation. The aim has not been to support recurring objects, to project the services of yesterday into the world of tomorrow, but to meet obligations which this world situation thrusts upon us. Other denominations, we are assured, are also mobilizing to answer these human needs.

Upon the basis of this intensive study, the Committee of Twenty-One has presented to the parent bodies from which it was chosen, these recommendations are now transmitted to the General Conference with their most earnest endorsement:

1. That a Church-wide effort be immediately organized and inaugurated to raise as a special fund a sum not less than \$25,000,000.

It must be emphatically stated that \$25,000,000 is but a small portion of the amount actually needed by The Methodist Church for rehabilitation and extension of its work in this tragic and potential era, and it is hoped and contemplated that during the quadrennium our people will contribute a sum considerably in excess of this amount.

2. That we undertake to raise this entire amount by means of a special campaign during the half year beginning December 1, 1944, contributions to be in cash or in pledges payable on or before January 31, 1946. In order that the proper emphasis be given the other features of the Crusade—Evangelism, Stewardship, Church School Attendance, etc., it is understood that the financial aspects of this Crusade will not be continued beyond January 31, 1946.

3. That this fund shall be used for non-recurring and emergency items and shall be kept separate and distinct from funds included in the World Service budget and the budget of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

4. That the General Conference approve the following distribution of this special fund, the causes included being, in the judgment of the Committee, our most evident needs and opportunities.

Foreign Fields:

Division of foreign Missions	\$8,360,000
Foreign Department Woman's	
Division of Christian Service	3,620,000
Scholarships for National	
Leaders	537,500

Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (including \$100,000 for relief of retired ministers and widows in Europe)	\$2,150,000		\$14,667,500
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<i>Home Fields:</i>			
Section of Home Missions	\$1,467,000		
Home Department Woman's Division of Christian Service	1,173,000		
Department of Christian Social Relations	25,000		
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Total Home Missions		\$2,665,000	
Section of Church Extension		2,175,000	
<i>Board of Education:</i>			
Division of Local Church	\$ 652,000		
Gammon Theological Seminary	543,000		
Other Negro Institutions	272,000		
Other Educational Institutions of the Church in America	1,523,000		
Scholarships	537,500	\$3,527,500	
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Methodist Commission on Chaplains		435,000	\$ 8,802,500
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<i>Other Fields of Service:</i>			
For Reserved Contingent Fund (including World Council of Churches, Geneva Office; Bureau of Research, and other objectives)		\$1,290,000	
American Bible Society		240,000	\$ 1,530,000
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			\$25,000,000

5. That the raising of this special appeal shall be committed to a Directing Committee constituted by action of the General Overhead Committee called for in the preamble to these resolutions. This Directing Committee shall have the authority and the responsibility for organizing, promoting and directing the campaign. It shall also have authority to make equitable apportionments to the Conferences, and to discharge such other responsibilities as may be connected with the appeal.

6. That the Continuing Committee shall be charged with responsibility for the continued oversight of the funds which shall be secured, seeing that they are applied to the objects and purposes originally designated, and to make such adjustments between projects as changing conditions may necessitate. If during the quadrennium it appears that the needs of any agency participating in this special fund have been reasonably met, or if an unforeseen emergency arises, the Council of Bishops and the Commission on World Service and Finance may, by a three-fourths vote of each, allot any or all of the share of such agency to another agency participating in this special fund, or may allot the same to a cause that has not hitherto participated therein; provided that if and when such a condition arises the Executive Committee of the Woman's Division of Christian Service shall sit with the

Commission on World Service and Finance and shall vote therewith as though they were regular members of the same.

7. That each agency be required to present a detailed report of receipts and expenditures from such funds to the Continuing Committee each year and that the Committee shall be required to present a complete report to the General Conference of 1948.

Methodists have met and faced great challenges in other days. We believe that The Methodist Church will meet this one if the call that challenges us is laid upon our hearts. It is our conviction that all appeals should be undergirded by the verities of our Christian faith and by a sense of our obligation to humanity and Almighty God. In this faith we meet the challenge confronting us with confidence in God and in the liberality and devotion of our people.

Bishop Paul B. Kern, Chairman; Charles A. Jones, Secretary; Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Bishop Robert E. Jones, Bishop Titus Lowe, Bishop William C. Martin, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Bishop Clare Purcell, Mrs. A. E. Beebe, Mrs. J. D. Bragg, Mrs. W. Raymond Brown, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. James Oldshue, Mrs. F. C. Reynolds, Mrs. Homer Tatum, W. F. Bryan, Coster J. Harrell, Neyland Hester, James A. James, H. R. Snively, O. W. Auman, *ex officio*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The Committee on Evangelism enthusiastically approves the proposal of a United Crusade for Christ during the quadrennium 1944-48. We believe this united movement offers the possibility of such a spiritual renaissance and service to the world as the Church has not known for many years.

We earnestly request the Commission which shall be appointed by the General Conference for the conduct of the Crusade to set aside the year 1946 for the evangelistic emphasis, the details of the plan to be worked out later by the Commission on Evangelism in co-operation with the General Committee.

We further request that the General Committee shall maintain throughout the quadrennium the evangelistic note not only for the spiritual undergirding of the other phases of this great Crusade but because we believe that the kind of spiritual renaissance which the Church and this troubled generation need will require as its condition not the particular emphasis for one year alone but the constant and prayerful thought of the leadership of the Church.

At a later time during the Conference we request the privilege of submitting to the Conference a more complete statement of our conviction concerning the critical nature of the situation now confronting the Church and the methods which the Church must employ in order to meet the situation triumphantly in the name of Christ.

ALBERT E. DAY, *Chairman*;
MARGUERITE C. LAWSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP, LAY ACTIVITIES
AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

(This is report number 20 of the Committee and concerns "Stewardship." Adopted April 29, 1944; Memorial Serial Nos. 209-210; Total membership of this Committee: 106; Number present when this Report was acted on: 81; Number voting for adoption of this Report: 81; Number voting against the adoption of this Report: 0; Number not voting: 0.)

In connection with Memorials numbered 209 and 210 your Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy makes the following recommendations:

Your Committee had before it Memorial No. 209 from the General Board of Lay Activities and Memorial No. 210 from the Stewardship Planning Conference concerning a unified program of Stewardship Cultivation for the ensuing quadrennium. While the memorials are not identical, they make the same recommendations, consequently, your Committee recommends the approval of the following report to the General Conference which embodies the facts set out, the principle and program of the memorials.

REPORT

The General Board of Lay Activities with its auxiliary organizations has attempted to carry out the instructions of the General Conference of 1940 for the cultivation and promotion of Christian Stewardship in The Methodist Church. Its efforts have met with gratifying success. A great deal of preliminary work, study, research, organization, education, and development of Stewardship materials has been done by the Board during the quadrennium which has borne much fruit in all sections of the Church.

However, the Board has felt that its efforts should become more vital, more specific, and Church-wide in application. Consequently, definite studies have been made by the Secretarial Staff, by competent Committees of the Board, and by an extraordinary Stewardship Conference held in Chicago, February, 1943.

Prior to this Conference the Council of Secretaries in its responsibility for the cultivation of Benevolences in the Church requested the Board of Lay Activities to present to the Council a unified plan of Stewardship Cultivation in which all of the General Boards and Agencies of the Church might unite.

As a result of these studies and this request, a plan for a Church-wide program of Stewardship Cultivation for the

ensuing quadrennium was developed by the Board of Lay Activities subject to the approval and active leadership of the Council of Bishops and the co-operation of all the other General Boards and Agencies of the Church.

The Inter-Board Committee on Stewardship representing the Board of Lay Activities, the Board of Education, the Board of Missions and Church Extension has actively participated in working out the plan.

The plan was approved by the General Board of Lay Activities and the National Council of Lay Leaders in July, 1943.

At the same time, it was endorsed in principle by the Council of Secretaries.

The Council of Bishops endorsed the plan at its session in Princeton, New Jersey, in December, 1943, in the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Council of Bishops heartily approves the general outline of the program for cultivating Christian Stewardship as projected by the General Board of Lay Activities in counsel with the Conference of Lay Leaders of the Church; that we offer full and earnest co-operation in carrying out this program; and that we appoint the following eight Bishops to represent the Council in the further development of the program: Bishops King, Magee, Straughn, Martin, Decell, Hammaker, Cushman, Selecman.”

A Stewardship Planning Conference was held in Chicago, March 21-22, in which the major details of the plan were worked out. This Conference was composed of the representatives from the Council of Bishops, the Executive Secretaries of the General Boards and Commissions of the Church, or their approved representatives, a representative from the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the members of the Inter-Board Committee, the Secretarial Staff of the General Board of Lay Activities, and representative ministers and laymen of the Church. Among other recommendations the Stewardship Planning Conference declared:

“We must have a Stewardship Church if it is to be effective in meeting needs of people and the building of the Kingdom. Christian Stewardship is of basic importance in the teaching of Jesus, and in the life of his Church today, both individually and collectively. There is a tremendous need for the Christian investment of life and possessions in the world today, if we are to meet the needs presented at this hour in a world disillusioned and torn by strife.”

In view of the basic importance and practice of Stewardship, the needs, and the situations to which we have directed attention, and the fact that we have considered favorably

the memorials on Stewardship Education and Cultivation from the Stewardship Planning Conference meeting in Chicago, March 21-22, 1944, and from the General Board of Lay Activities meeting in called session in Chicago, March 23-24, 1944, your Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy respectfully submits to the General Conference of The Methodist Church the following recommendations:

1. To authorize a consistent, continuous, and unified program of cultivation and education in Christian Stewardship throughout the Church during the ensuing quadrennium involving the leadership of the Board of Lay Activities, the co-operation of all the other General Boards and Agencies of the Church together with their auxiliary Conference units, and the leadership of the Bishops in their several Areas.

2. To designate 1947 as Stewardship Year for an intensive program of Stewardship Cultivation for the total enlistment of the members of our Church in the more complete dedication of their lives and possessions to the principle and practice of Christian Stewardship.

3. To approve the action of the Council of Bishops in offering full and earnest co-operation in carrying out this program for the quadrennium, and to request and empower the Council of Bishops working with and through the Board of Lay Activities to give their leadership to the movement for 1947 in which all of the General and Conference agencies and the entire leadership of the Church will be requested to co-operate.

4. To empower the General Board of Lay Activities in co-operation with the representatives from the Council of Bishops, the Inter-Board Committee on Stewardship, and the Council of Secretaries to work out all of the details necessary for making the program of stewardship cultivation, education, and promotion effective, subject to correlation by the Continuing Committee.

RAY H. NICHOLS, (*) *Chairman*;

ERNEST W. PETERSON, (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

I. The Situation

Much has been said and written about the decrease in Sunday school enrollment and attendance in our Church. The situation demands immediate, sustained, and unusual attention.

The record follows a zigzag line through the past twenty-three years, as is revealed in the table on page 221 in the Handbook. It will be observed, however, that the total for 1943 is lower than for any other year in that period.

II. A Problem Common to Protestant Churches

Every Protestant denomination in America, from whose responsible executive a report could be secured, reveals a decline in enrollment in the period 1939 to 1943 with the

exception of the Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) and the Nazarenes. This, of course, indicates that forces are at work which affect all Protestantism alike. The Methodist Church stands almost exactly at the median point in this record of denominations.

Report of Church School Enrollment by Denominations

Denomination			Percentage of Increase or Decrease		Percentage of Increase or Decrease	
	1934	1939	1934-1939	1943	1939-1943	1934-1943
Church of God.....	86,900	111,442	+28.24	141,837	+27.36	+63.21
Nazarene.....	259,985	307,083	+18.11	332,665	+8.3	+27
Baptist, Southern.....	3,104,411	3,523,853	+13	*3,430,929	-2.6	+10
Evangelical and Reformed.....	428,674	522,153	+17	*468,737	-10	+9
Wesleyan Methodist Connection in America.....	61,348	68,995	+12.46	65,316	-5.31	+6.4
Presbyterian Church in U. S.....	415,574	432,345	+4	401,948	-7	-3.2
Church of the Brethren.....	127,503	132,289	+3.7	116,903	-11	-8
United Lutheran Church in America.....	832,206	820,921	-1.3	755,352	-7.9	-9.2
Reformed Church in America.....	145,344	137,701	-5.2	129,511	-5.9	-10.8
Disciples.....	1,151,441	1,139,035	-1.07	1,003,192	-11	-12
The Methodist Church.....	5,806,781	5,488,939	-5.4	5,040,511	-8.16	-13.1
United Brethren.....	434,815	410,408	-5.6	374,385	-8.7	-13.8
Baptist, Northern.....	1,168,990	1,101,392	-5.9	992,381	-9.89	-14
United Presbyterian of N. A.....	174,141	164,656	-5.4	145,292	-11.7	-16.5
Presbyterian Church in U. S. A.....	1,608,697	1,495,038	-7	1,294,819	-13	-19.5
Protestant Episcopal Church.....	510,309	496,866	-2.6	409,087	-17.6	-19.8
Congregational Christian Churches.....	734,146	663,660	-9	583,876	-12	-20
The Evangelical Church.....	344,133	292,567	-14	264,581	-9	-23
United Church in Canada.....	640,596	564,665	-11.8	484,712	-14.1	-24
Presbyterian Church in Canada.....	131,918	115,745	-12	*84,866	-26	-35

* Latest report, 1942.

III. What Are the Causes for the Decline?

Certain reasons often mentioned are real but subsidiary. Too many times we recite these with an air of finality and do not press on to a consideration of reasons that are basic. Some of these subsidiary reasons are: the decline in birth-rate, the war, inaccurate records and reports; distraction of interest by other agencies; frequent changes in ministers, resulting in changes of policy regarding the Sunday school; lack of family support; working conditions, including Sunday work and unusual working hours; Saturday night shows, parties and dances.

A STATEMENT OF BASIC CAUSES

1. Decline in the spiritual life of the people; the rise of secularism in general, and the secularizing of the Sabbath in particular.
2. Inferior quality of work in many schools.
3. Ineffective pastoral leadership.

4. Mistakes of religious education workers.
5. Competition of other religious groups.
6. Lack of evangelistic zeal.

IV. Is the Sunday School Through?

Recent articles in certain religious journals have advanced the idea that the Sunday school is through as an agency for religious teaching. That the Sunday school has its weaknesses—inadequate equipment, volunteer teachers, limited time, among others—all admit. Likewise, the Church is discovering other means for the religious education of the people: vacation church schools, weekday schools, camps, youth and young adult fellowships, informal training enterprises, forums, seminars, and other types of programs. It is also experimenting in the broad field of curriculum, and in the use of picture slides and moving pictures and audio aids in Christian teaching. These agencies are serving hundreds of thousands of people already and will serve larger numbers in the future. This trend was recognized in the Churches before Union in the adoption of the name *church school* to cover all such agencies, including the Sunday school. The Board of Education is seeking to strengthen and perfect these agencies and to discover other means through which the Church may discharge its great responsibility for Christian teaching.

There may be a day when these agencies may displace the Sunday school. If and when that day comes there should be no regret, but that day is not here now. It would be poor strategy indeed to abandon an institution which, in spite of its decreases, still has five million persons on its rolls, provides the Church with its most fruitful opportunity for missionary education and temperance education, raises seven million dollars a year for the Church (more than one million of which is for World Service and Conference Benevolences) pours more than one hundred and fifty thousand of its pupils into the membership of the Church annually, and is still the best available agency which the Church has for providing the people with Christian teaching.

V. What Has Been and Is Being Done

In addition to the outline of the various efforts that have been made and are being made to increase attendance and enrollment in our Church schools, which will be found in the Handbook (pages 223 and 224), several of the bishops have called together their District Superintendents with the Executive Secretaries of the Conference Boards of Education and have made very definite and constructive plans for dealing with this problem.

VI. Some Guiding Principles

First. The main issue here is not an increase or decrease in the enrollment and attendance of our schools. The main issue is reaching the constituency of The Methodist Church, which has been estimated at 20,000,000 persons in this country. An increase, let us say, of 500,000 might give us a false sense of gratification over our success, when actually it would not be success at all when this number is compared with the total of our constituency.

Second. Our primary job is to change the lives of boys and girls, men and women, so that they may become Christians in all their attitudes and relationships in life. This calls for a higher type of educational service than most of our churches are now providing the people. While we quicken and extend our efforts to increase our Sunday school attendance, we cannot afford to slacken in our efforts to improve the quality of educational service in all our churches. Only by so doing can we hold any gains which we make.

VII. Recommendations

1. That a Church-wide Program for Church School Attendance be made a part of the fivefold Quadrennial program in the ensuing quadrennium.

2. That the Board of Education be directed:

To co-operate with the Council of Bishops in constructing and promoting a *four-year-plan* for this program.

To co-operate with the Commission on Evangelism in the Church-wide Campaign of Evangelism in 1946 by promoting four definite objectives for the local church: (a) continuing the Church-wide Program for Church School Attendance; (b) leading Church school pupils to make decisions for Christ and church membership; (c) training persons for membership in the Church; (d) improving the quality of the educational service of the local church.

3. That the General Conference direct the Bishops, the District Superintendents and the Pastors to study this problem in each Episcopal Area, Conference, District, and local church, and make appropriate plans for sustained effort to participate in the Church-wide Program for Church School Attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL B. KERN,

Chairman, Division of the Local Church;

G. BROMLEY OXNAM,

Chairman, Division of Educational Institutions;

H. LESTER SMITH,

Chairman, Editorial Division.

COMMISSION ON ENTERTAINMENT

REPORT NO. 1

Adopted Wednesday, April 26. See page 225.

The Commission on Entertainment for the General Conference of The Methodist Church, 1944 session, presents for your consideration the following:

I. Your Commission did, pursuant to authority given it by the General Conference, 1940 session, proceed in due time and form to select the city in which the 1944 session of said Conference would be held, and has selected the city of Kansas City, Mo.; that it has designated the seat of the Conference to be the Municipal Auditorium in said city and recommends that its action in this respect be approved.

II. That it has allocated the seats in the Assembly Hall of said Auditorium by lot among the several Conferences of said Methodist Church and that the allocation of seats as published in the seating plan as given on page 6 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* of this date, April 26, 1944, be approved as the official seating plan of this Conference subject, however, to such minor changes as may be found necessary; and your Commission respectfully requests that it be authorized to make from time to time such adjustments and changes as are found necessary.

Paragraph 350. 2, of the 1940 *Discipline* provides that "General or Executive Secretaries of the General Boards of the Church who are not elected members of the General Conference shall have the privilege of the floor on matters affecting the interests of their boards, but without vote and at the expense of their respective boards." It has been suggested to the Commission on Entertainment that the Publishing Agents, the Executive Secretaries of the Commission on Evangelism, the Commission on World Peace, and the Commission on Publicity should be included in the above group. We, therefore, recommend that the Conference approve the seating of the four representatives, mentioned above, with the Executive Secretaries of the General Boards and be granted the rights and privileges specified in the *Discipline* with reference to "General or Executive Secretaries of the General Boards of the Church."

III. That it has suggested meeting places for the Judicial Council and fifteen Legislative Committees in committee rooms located in said Auditorium and near-by churches and

office buildings, a correct list of which meeting places is published in the *Daily Christian Advocate* on this date, Wednesday, April 26, 1944, on pages 2 and 3, and your Commission recommends that its suggestions in this respect be approved.

IV. Your Commission has provided offices for the General Officers of the Conference in various rooms in said Auditorium, a correct list of which is published in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of this date, April 26, 1944, on page 2, and your Commission respectfully requests your approval of its action in this respect.

V. Your Commission recommends that the bar of the Conference be fixed to include that portion of the floor of said Assembly Hall of the Municipal Auditorium as shown on the printed plat of said floor on page 6 in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of Wednesday, April 26, 1944.

VI. Your Commission has provided press tables in front of the platform and we recommend that the representatives of the press as designated from time to time by this Commission be given seats at these tables.

VII. Your Commission recommends that the nine members of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church be seated upon the platform during all business sessions of the Conference.

VIII. Your Commission recommends that fraternal delegates and distinguished guests be seated on the platform from time to time as occasion requires.

IX. Your Commission, in harmony with previous action, presents the following resolution:

“Resolved, That for the sake of the convenience and uniformity, the Jurisdictional Conference Journals when printed should conform in page size and format to the General Conference Journal; and

“That when a Jurisdictional Conference Journal is issued the printing should be done at the expense of the Jurisdiction by The Methodist Publishing House.”

X. Your Commission presents the following resolution:

“Resolved, That the General Conference now in session hereby adopts the Handbook of Reports of the Boards and Commissions which has been distributed to the delegates on this day as the official document of the General Conference embodying the reports of these Boards and Commissions; and be it further

“Resolved, That these reports be not printed in the Journal of the General Conference or in the Daily Christian Advocate; and be it further

Resolved, That any documents presented by Boards to each and every delegate be considered by the General Conference without printing in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

XI. Your Commission recommends that the General Conference vote a per diem of \$5 to each delegate for the days he is in attendance upon the sessions of the General Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE J. LYONS, (*) *Chairman*;
AUBREY S. MOORE, *Secretary*.

QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF LAKE JUNALUSKA ASSEMBLY, INC.

Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH,
MEETING IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, APRIL 26, 1944

Received and ordered to record May 1. See Journal Page 288.

Your attention is respectfully directed to the printed Journal of the First General Conference, meeting at Atlantic City, New Jersey, April 24-May 6, 1940, on pages 382 and 575, which pages record the action of that General Conference with reference to Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc.

In addition, your attention is requested to the printed minutes of the action of the last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, April 28-May 5, 1938, with reference to Lake Junaluska Assembly, on pages 111, 212, and 354.

The present Trustees, having been instructed to "make quadrennial reports to all succeeding General Conferences," are very glad to be able to report that there is now no indebtedness of any kind on our Assembly, due to the fact that gate-fees, personal donations, and General Conference assistance have enabled the institution to live within its income, while providing for upkeep, summer programs, and annual improvements.

A copy of our annual audit, made by W. Bowen Henderson, Asheville, North Carolina, under date of May 31, 1943, is herewith enclosed.

While this audit shows our Assembly, as such, as having a net worth of \$286,415.08, the total value of Church-owned property, plus privately-owned hotels and residences, is conservatively estimated at \$761,650.00.

Along with this report, our Trustees are sending to this General Conference four copies of Junaluska's printed programs for the seasons of 1940, 1941, 1942, and 1943. Within a short time, every delegate and alternate will receive, at his home address, a printed copy of the program for the summer of 1944.

Due to the lamented death of Mr. E. A. Cole, Charlotte, North Carolina, who was one of the Trustees and benefactors of our Assembly, the present Trustees have elected in his place, and now ask this General Conference to con-

firm, Mr. Edwin L. Jones, Charlotte, North Carolina, as Trustee for the unexpired term of eight years.

As the Birmingham General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, meeting in 1938, confirmed certain Trustees for eight years and other Trustees for four years, this General Conference is now requested to confirm all the fifteen Trustees, some for eight years and others for four years, as listed below, in order that recurring times for confirmation may occur regularly with future meetings of General Conferences.

For eight years:

Elmer T. Clark, New York, N. Y.
Edwin L. Jones, Charlotte, N. C.
Benjamin H. Littleton, Washington, D. C.
G. L. Morelock, Chicago, Ill.
C. C. Norton, Spartanburg, S. C.
Clare Purcell, Charlotte, N. C.
W. F. Quillian, New York, N. Y.
Guy E. Snavelly, New York, N. Y.

For four years:

H. A. Dunham, Asheville, N. C.
R. L. Flowers, Durham, N. C.
Paul B. Kern, Nashville, Tenn.
W. A. Lambeth, Asheville, N. C.
W. W. Peele, Richmond, Va.
W. S. F. Tatum, Hattiesburg, Miss.
L. W. Wells, Richmond, Va.

CLARE PURCELL, *Chairman*;
PAUL B. KERN, *Chairman Ex. Com.*;
W. F. QUILLIAN, *Rec. Sec.*;
G. L. MORELOCK, *Trustee*;
W. W. PEELE, *Trustee*;
L. W. WELLS, *Trustee*
W. A. LAMBETH, *Supt.*

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH,
1944

PART I, RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Received and ordered to record Thursday, April 27. See page 233.

To the General Conference of The Methodist Church:

In accord with the requirements of the *Discipline* and the recommendations of the General Conference of 1940, the Commission on World Service and Finance submits herewith its report to the General Conference of 1944.

For the sake of clearness the report of the Commission will be presented in four parts.

Part I. A report on World Service Funds, Episcopal Fund, Administration Fund, and other financial operations of The Methodist Church for the first three years of the quadrennium and the first nine months of the fourth year of the quadrennium.

Part II. A survey of the Benevolences of The Methodist Church (Journal of the General Conference of 1940, pages 344 and 345).

Part III. Proposed Revision of the legislation pertaining to the Financial Plan.

Part IV. Recommendations for the ensuing quadrennium concerning the World Service Funds, the Episcopal Fund, the Administration Fund, and other connectional interests.

PART I. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

THE WORLD SERVICE FUNDS

The World Service operations during the first quadrennium of The Methodist Church have constituted an interesting experiment. The new church which had come into being through the unification of three Methodist denominations had to organize its General Benevolences and to put into actual operation the benevolence and financial plans which it had adopted.

According to the plan of unification the Uniting Conference was limited in its organization to the plans and organizations then existing in the three uniting churches. The

general financial plan which was adopted by the Uniting Conference for The Methodist Church was, therefore, the co-ordination of the plans and practices then in operation in the three denominations. The financial and general benevolence plans were carried on by Enabling Acts passed by the Uniting Conference until the first General Conference of The Methodist Church meeting in 1940 could pass the necessary legislation to put the new plans into operation. That General Conference ordered that the general funds of the Church for which the General Commission on World Service and Finance should be responsible should be turned over to the treasurer of the Commission as of the close of business on May 31, 1940. The reports for World Service herewith submitted begin, therefore, with June 1, 1940.

The report on World Service income for the first three years and nine months of the quadrennium will include—

- (1) A statement of the World Service receipts and disbursements for three years and nine months, June 1, 1940, to February 29, 1944;
- (2) A statement of World Service receipts from all conferences for each of the first three years of the quadrennium;
- (3) A statement of the distribution of the World Service income to the World Service Boards and Agencies for the first three years of the quadrennium.

World Service Receipts and Disbursements

June 1, 1940 to February 29, 1944

RECEIPTS	June 1, 1940	June 1, 1941	June 1, 1942	June 1, 1943
	to May 31, 1941	to May 31, 1942	to May 31, 1943	to Feb 29, 1944
Received by Treasurer.....	\$ 3,983,560.37	\$ 4,224,526.53	\$ 4,784,362.18	\$ 2,977,489.90
DIRECT RECEIPTS BY AGENCIES				
Board of Missions.....	450,462.73	252,189.24	282,539.60	267,339.85
Board of Education.....	42,418.42	23,108.15	18,267.88	10,672.68
Board of Temperance.....	36,316.58	37,446.37	37,449.97	30,006.13
Board of Hospitals and Homes.....	20,626.95	1,534.57	995.45	1,214.01
Commission on World Peace.....	260.40	5,619.51	7,583.16	4,045.18
American Bible Society.....	6,307.90	9,395.31	6,048.21	6,008.50
Total Receipts.....	\$ 4,539,953.35	\$ 4,553,819.68	\$ 5,137,246.45	\$ 3,296,776.25
DISBURSEMENTS				
SPECIAL GIFTS				
Board of Missions.....	\$ 283,310.86	\$ 153,028.50	\$ 225,326.84	\$ 242,373.56
Board of Education.....	30,811.72	23,108.15	18,876.88	11,196.68
Theological Schools.....	574.00	1,909.50	1,355.90	478.00
Board of Temperance.....	35,885.60	37,181.47	37,544.68	30,091.77
Board of Hospitals and Homes.....	18,040.00	670.48	1,093.29	1,248.52
Commission on World Peace.....	260.40	5,619.51	9,011.29	4,958.88
Commission on Evangelism.....			110.00	2.00
American Bible Society.....	4,808.76	8,152.04	5,240.86	5,414.34
	\$ 373,691.34	\$ 229,669.65	\$ 298,559.74	\$ 295,763.75
ON APPORTIONMENT				
ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED INCOME				
Board of Education (World Comradeship Fund)....	\$ 34,838.60	\$ 40,277.84	\$ 55,149.42	\$ 37,708.70
Board of Hospital and Homes (Hospitals).....	14,006.29	6,313.07	4,631.09	3,736.00
	\$ 48,844.89	\$ 46,590.91	\$ 59,780.51	\$ 41,444.70
DISTRIBUTED AS FIXED PAYMENTS				
General Commission on				
World Service and Finance....	\$ 3,249.74	\$ 3,114.51	\$ 3,226.25	\$ 3,418.06
Central Receiving Treasury.....	31,096.96	28,958.21	26,694.31	18,747.45
Co-operative Work of Boards....		77,719.24	89,154.98	63,767.92
	\$ 34,346.70	\$ 109,791.96	\$ 119,075.54	\$ 85,933.43
DISTRIBUTED ON RATIOS				
Board of Missions.....	\$ 2,829,567.81	\$ 2,888,262.65	\$ 3,229,338.43	\$ 1,991,428.61
Board of Education.....	594,086.74	606,410.14	678,021.27	418,113.82
Theological Schools.....	163,322.82	166,710.70	186,397.61	114,945.36
Commission on Courses of Study.....	40,830.70	41,677.66	46,599.39	28,736.35
Board of Temperance.....	87,786.01	89,606.99	100,188.71	61,783.14
Board of Hospitals and Homes.....	85,744.49	87,523.10	97,858.72	60,346.31
Board of Pensions (Ill.).....	53,079.91	54,180.97	60,579.22	37,357.24
Board of Pensions (Mo.).....	44,913.79	45,845.45	51,150.00	31,609.98
Board of Lay Activities.....	65,329.14	66,684.27	74,559.04	45,978.16
Commission on World Peace.....	32,664.55	33,342.14	37,279.53	22,989.07
Commission on Evangelism.....	36,747.63	37,509.89	41,939.46	25,862.71
American Bible Society.....	48,996.83	50,013.20	55,919.28	34,483.62
	\$ 4,083,070.42	\$ 4,167,767.16	\$ 4,659,830.66	\$ 2,873,634.37
Total Disbursements.....	\$ 4,539,953.35	\$ 4,553,819.68	\$ 5,137,246.45	\$ 3,296,776.25

Conference by Conference Report on World Service
Receipts for the First Three Years
of the Quadrennium

June 1, 1940 to May 31, 1943

	June 1, 1940 to May 31, 1941	June 1, 1941 to May 31, 1942	June 1, 1942 to May 31, 1943
WHOLE CHURCH	\$ 4,166,262 01	\$ 4,324,150 03	\$ 4,838,686 71
NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION	*1,407,684 61	*1,400,851 92	*1,484,730 77
BOSTON AREA	107,536 13	110,140 05	119,908 25
Maine Conference	14,687 35	15,073 17	16,583 76
New England Conference	49,051 98	50,164 24	53,749 82
New England Southern Conference	34,045 32	33,455 43	37,811 56
New Hampshire Conference	9,751 48	11,447 21	11,763 11
NEW YORK AREA	280,505 72	268,761 84	279,813 16
Newark Conference	84,851 80	76,976 43	79,786 70
New York Conference	41,034 29	40,134 39	41,530 06
New York East Conference	95,683 29	100,994 88	102,677 11
Troy Conference	58,936 34	50,836 14	55,819 29
PHILADELPHIA AREA	271,879 00	262,058 41	290,379 64
New Jersey Conference	78,598 53	83,979 39	95,138 33
Philadelphia Conference	101,784 38	93,978 14	110,689 98
Puerto Rico Mission	1,370 00	1,545 00	1,390 00
Wyoming Conference	90,126 09	82,555 88	83,161 33
PITTSBURGH AREA	257,546 20	266,210 82	282,741 60
Erie Conference	81,328 65	81,288 28	89,403 56
Pittsburgh Conference	114,758 57	115,158 99	116,936 88
West Virginia Conference	61,458 98	69,763 55	76,401 16
SYRACUSE AREA	175,777 59	188,136 22	183,327 33
Central New York Conference	70,221 40	75,634 61	81,959 39
Genesee Conference	70,517 24	80,038 46	67,763 41
Northern New York Conference	28,331 95	29,463 15	33,604 53
WASHINGTON AREA	314,439 97	297,344 38	321,940 79
Baltimore Conference	168,550 44	150,882 99	165,722 18
Central Pennsylvania Conference	98,800 46	98,298 51	111,822 14
Peninsula Conference	47,089 07	48,162 88	44,396 47
SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION	762,650 00	824,918 95	947,327 07
ATLANTA AREA	170,288 96	191,236 28	215,585 13
Florida Conference	69,067 81	87,962 22	88,459 75
North Georgia Conference	52,323 67	53,308 55	65,748 67
South Georgia Conference	48,897 48	49,965 51	61,376 71
BIRMINGHAM AREA	122,415 37	137,934 46	163,181 14
Alabama Conference	22,179 22	25,068 10	32,659 50
Memphis Conference	39,158 13	40,996 30	46,079 87
Mississippi Conference	21,613 72	25,253 28	30,764 22
North Alabama Conference	39,464 30	46,616 78	53,677 55
CHARLOTTE AREA	133,357 97	133,389 63	149,820 16
North Carolina Conference	45,406 03	46,106 34	52,805 25
Western North Carolina Conference	87,951 94	87,283 29	97,014 91

* Include in these totals is the sum received for the East German Conference which has merged with the other conferences in this jurisdiction.

*Conference by Conference Report on World Service
Receipts for the First Three Years
of the Quadrennium*

June 1, 1940 to May 31, 1943

	June 1, 1940 to May 31, 1941	June 1, 1941 to May 31, 1942	June 1, 1942 to May 31, 1943
COLUMBIA AREA.....	\$ 55,069 03	\$ 59,349 30	\$ 67,981 22
South Carolina Conference.....	21,218 43	21,963 63	25,501 57
Upper South Carolina Conference.....	33,850 60	37,385 67	42,479 65
LOUISVILLE AREA.....	53,373 71	49,494 20	52,951 69
Kentucky Conference.....	24,824 58	23,304 20	25,989 26
Louisville Conference.....	28,549 13	26,190 00	26,962 43
NASHVILLE AREA.....	98,886 90	109,600 14	122,896 53
Cuba Conference.....	170 98	108 94	
Holston Conference.....	57,283 58	67,545 45	74,134 46
Tennessee Conference.....	41,432 34	41,945 75	48,762 07
RICHMOND AREA.....	129,258 06	143,914 94	174,911 20
North Mississippi Conference.....	16,810 33	24,405 55	26,614 88
Virginia Conference.....	112,447 73	119,509 39	148,296 32
CENTRAL JURISDICTION.....	83,520 79	91,569 27	112,782 77
ATLANTIC COAST AREA.....	21,251 47	23,620 96	31,201 15
Atlanta Conference.....	3,731 89	3,895 66	4,869 57
Central Alabama Conference.....	2,210 50	2,400 00	3,008 00
Florida Conference.....	2,620 30	2,726 30	3,227 00
Savannah Conference.....	2,441 00	2,441 00	3,306 50
South Carolina Conference.....	8,087 50	10,090 00	13,513 08
South Florida Conference.....	2,160 28	2,068 00	2,277 00
BALTIMORE AREA.....	27,129 71	30,308 05	37,689 87
Delaware Conference.....	10,506 27	9,707 00	14,722 20
East Tennessee Conference.....	2,071 69	2,939 89	3,252 00
North Carolina Conference.....	5,385 00	5,055 00	5,332 31
Tennessee Conference.....	1,134 02	1,255 58	1,456 00
Washington Conference.....	8,032 73	11,350 58	12,927 36
COLUMBIA AREA.....	11,476 94	13,708 78	16,287 25
Central West Conference.....	3,803 98	4,608 53	5,739 28
Lexington Conference.....	6,822 11	8,201 25	9,381 97
Southwest Conference.....	850 85	901 00	1,166 00
NEW ORLEANS AREA.....	23,662 67	23,931 48	28,604 50
Louisiana Conference.....	6,151 50	6,451 00	7,690 00
Mississippi Conference.....	5,605 72	4,799 48	5,906 00
Texas Conference.....	6,204 50	6,515 00	7,214 00
Upper Mississippi Conference.....	2,778 64	3,000 00	3,792 00
West Texas Conference.....	2,922 31	3,166 00	4,002 50
NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION.....	*1,162,987 02	*1,190,555 58	*1,384,813 09
CHICAGO AREA.....	234,358 04	231,658 67	273,866 93
Illinois Conference.....	105,499 09	102,270 89	116,859 10
Rock River Conference.....	96,006 00	89,381 57	104,342 20
Southern Illinois Conference.....	32,852 95	36,424 88	47,696 13

* Included in these totals is the sum received for the Central Northwest Conference and for the Norwegian Danish Conference which have merged with the other Conferences in this jurisdiction.

*Conference by Conference Report on World Service
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June 1, 1940 to May 31, 1943

	June 1, 1940 to May 31, 1941	June 1, 1941 to May 31, 1942	June 1, 1942 to May 31, 1943
NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION			
CINCINNATI AREA	\$ 341,218 12	\$ 346,703 18	\$ 384,822 02
North-East Ohio Conference	160,111 86	164,947 66	177,200 92
Ohio Conference	181,106 26	181,755 52	207,621 10
DES MOINES AREA	109,295 21	109,853 11	136,711 95
Dakota Conference	7,833 78	9,200 51	10,964 65
Iowa-Des Moines Conference	47,860 88	48,221 16	60,485 65
Northwest Iowa Conference	21,601 37	18,537 29	26,860 63
Upper Iowa Conference	31,999 18	33,894 15	38,401 02
DETROIT AREA	141,551 78	150,095 86	165,369 79
Detroit Conference	84,783 61	95,356 27	110,147 21
Michigan Conference	56,768 17	54,739 59	55,222 58
INDIANAPOLIS AREA	192,911 75	216,679 79	274,231 17
Indiana Conference	55,215 62	68,007 59	87,234 75
North Indiana Conference	102,521 88	103,944 49	128,950 34
Northwest Indiana Conference	35,174 25	44,727 71	58,046 08
SAINT PAUL AREA	129,062 15	124,829 97	147,379 23
Minnesota Conference	33,595 29	32,187 75	37,471 58
North Dakota Conference	12,191 61	8,454 60	11,561 94
Northern Minnesota Conference	29,495 22	33,924 69	37,402 97
West Wisconsin Conference	20,170 95	15,593 03	24,945 68
Wisconsin Conference	33,609 08	34,669 90	35,996 76
SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION			
DALLAS AREA	478,455 59	510,282 88	579,309 70
Dallas Area	109,381 96	118,815 02	133,057 53
Central Texas Conference	30,548 69	25,354 20	29,456 46
New Mexico Conference	12,367 04	13,600 48	19,045 81
North Texas Conference	32,126 18	38,580 05	39,502 15
Northwest Texas Conference	34,340 05	41,250 29	45,053 11
HOUSTON AREA	125,150 42	129,931 33	152,248 24
Indian Mission	12 96	17 23	77 26
Louisiana Conference	24,417 14	26,778 23	33,676 60
Southwest Mexican Conference	4,148 48	3,943 63	2,538 14
Southeast Texas Conference	39,861 29	39,589 76	50,320 90
Texas Conference	56,710 55	59,602 48	65,635 34
OKLAHOMA CITY AREA	95,632 75	94,234 33	105,526 70
East Oklahoma Conference	14,144 87	14,838 46	15,362 32
Little Rock Conference	28,299 48	27,256 72	32,889 45
North Arkansas Conference	29,429 69	28,273 83	32,501 17
West Oklahoma Conference	23,758 71	23,865 32	24,773 76
OMAHA AREA	104,430 62	116,687 89	132,845 74
Central Kansas Conference	49,419 01	52,572 60	56,020 18
Kansas Conference	26,784 61	29,498 00	33,478 27
Nebraska Conference	28,227 00	34,617 29	43,347 29
SAINT LOUIS AREA	43,859 84	50,614 31	55,631 49
Missouri Conference	9,688 22	10,113 09	11,476 61
Saint Louis Conference	26,094 99	26,259 22	28,413 44
Southwest Missouri Conference	8,076 63	14,242 00	15,738 44

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of the Quadrennium*

June 1, 1940 to May 31, 1943

	June 1, 1940 to May 31, 1941	June 1, 19 1 to May 31, 1942	June 1, 1942 to May 31, 1943
WESTERN JURISDICTION.....	\$ 256,754.38	\$ 282,013.31	\$ 326,317.57
CALIFORNIA AREA.....	148,267.96	166,641.40	172,899.99
California Conference.....	34,938.14	39,401.23	42,910.77
California Oriental Mission.....	519.85	518.50	693.33
Hawaii Mission.....	150.00	152.30	150.00
Latin-American Provisional Conference.....	1,106.92	1,065.54	1,153.08
Pacific Japanese Provisional Conference.....	2,170.13	1,043.25	234.76
Southern California-Arizona Conference.....	109,382.92	124,460.58	127,758.05
DENVER AREA.....	45,702.58	51,263.16	66,087.21
Colorado Conference.....	21,003.26	23,016.55	32,097.05
Montana Conference.....	16,095.89	17,157.18	21,150.48
Utah Mission.....	2,803.98	4,064.00	4,773.00
Wyoming State Conference.....	5,799.45	7,025.43	8,066.68
PORTLAND AREA.....	62,783.84	64,108.75	87,330.37
Alaska Mission.....	408.70	315.58	917.37
Idaho Conference.....	5,748.79	5,911.29	7,961.25
Oregon Conference.....	27,730.35	24,855.93	30,221.29
Pacific Northwest Conference.....	28,896.00	33,025.95	48,230.46
MISCELLANEOUS CONFERENCE.....	14,209.62	23,958.12	3,405.74
WHOLE CHURCH.....	\$ 4,166,262.01	\$ 4,324,150.03	\$ 4,838,686.71

Comparative Statement of Distribution of World Service Funds to Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church for the First Three Years of the Quadrennium

June 1, 1940 to May 31, 1943

	June 1, 1940 to May 31, 1941	June 1, 1941 to May 31, 1942	June 1, 1942 to May 31, 1943			
Distributed on Ratio.....	\$4,083,070 42	90.6%	\$4,167,767.16	93.8%	\$4,659,830 66	92.9%
Additional Authorized Income World Comradeship or Hospitals.....	48,844 89	1.1%	46,590 91	1.0%	59,780 51	1.2%
Special Gifts.....	373,691.34	8.3%	229,669.65	5.2%	298,559.74	5.9%
Total.....	\$4,505,606 65		\$4,444,027.72		\$5,018,170 91	
BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION						
Distributed on Ratio.....	\$2,829,567 81		\$2,288,262 65		\$3,229,378 43	
Special Gifts.....	283,310.86		153,028.50		225,326.84	
Total.....	\$3,112,878 67	69.1%	\$3,041,291 15	68.4%	\$3,454,665 27	68.8%
BOARD OF EDUCATION						
Distributed on Ratio.....	\$ 594,086.74		\$ 606,410.14		\$ 678,021.27	
World Comradeship Funds..	34,838.60		40,277.84		55,149.42	
Special Gifts.....	30,811.72		23,108.15		18,876.88	
Total.....	\$ 659,737.06	14.6%	\$ 669,796 13	15.1%	\$ 752,047.57	15.0%
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS						
Distributed on Ratio.....	\$ 163,322.82		\$ 166,710.70		\$ 186,397 61	
Special Gifts.....	574 00		1,909.50		1,355 90	
Total.....	\$ 163,896 82	3.6%	\$ 168,620 20	3.8%	\$ 187,753 51	3.8%
COMMISSION ON COURSES OF STUDY						
Distributed on Ratio.....	\$ 40,830 70	.9%	\$ 41,677.66	1.0%	\$ 46,599 39	.9%
BOARD OF TEMPERANCE						
Distributed on Ratio.....	\$ 87,786 01		\$ 89,607.99		\$ 100,188 71	
Special Gifts.....	35,885 60		37,181 47		37,544 68	
Total.....	\$ 123,671.61	2.8%	\$ 126,788 46	2.9%	\$ 137,733.39	2.8%
BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES						
Distributed on Ratio.....	\$ 85,744 49		\$ 87,523 10		\$ 97,858 72	
For Hospitals.....	14,006 29		6,313 07		4,631 09	
Special Gifts.....	18,040.00		670 48		1,093 29	
Total.....	\$ 117,790 78	2.6%	\$ 94,506.65	2.1%	103,583 10	2.1%
BOARD PENSIONS (ILLINOIS)						
Distributed on Ratio.....	\$ 53,079 91	1.2%	\$ 54,180 97	1.2%	\$ 60,579 22	1.2%
BOARD OF PENSIONS (MISSOURI)						
Distributed on Ratio.....	\$ 44,913 79	1.0%	\$ 45,845 45	1.0%	\$ 51,150 00	1.0%
BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES						
Distributed on Ratio.....	\$ 65,329 14	1.5%	\$ 66,684 27	1.5%	\$ 74,559.04	1.5%
COMMISSION ON WORLD PEACE						
Distributed on Ratio.....	\$ 32,664 55		\$ 33,342 14		\$ 37,279 53	
Special Gifts.....	260 40		5,619 51		9,011 29	
Total.....	\$ 32,924 95	.7%	\$ 38,961 65	.9%	\$ 46,290 82	.9%
COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM						
Distributed on Ratio.....	\$ 36,747.63		\$ 37,509 89		\$ 41,939 46	
Special Gifts.....					110 00	
Total.....	\$ 36,747 63	.8%	\$ 37,509 89	.8%	\$ 42,049 46	.8%
AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY						
Distributed on Ratio.....	\$ 48,996.83		\$ 50,013 20		\$ 55,919 28	
Special Gifts.....	4,808.76		8,152 04		5,240 86	
Total.....	\$ 53,805 59	1.2%	\$ 58,165 24	1.3%	\$ 61,160 14	1.2%

*On Apportionment Benevolence Giving
of the Methodist Church*

World Service and Conference Benevolences

	World Service	Apportioned Conference		Total	
		Per Cent	Benevolences		Per Cent
1940-1941	\$ 4,066,549	65.12%	\$ 2,178,295	34.88%	\$ 6,244,844
1941-1942	4,297,822	64.75%	2,339,537	35.25%	6,637,359
1942-1943	4,585,943	64.98%	2,471,482	35.02%	7,057,425

From the tables presented above some interesting observations may be drawn.

It will be noted that the on apportionment benevolence income for the Church increased from \$6,244,844 in the first year of the quadrennium to \$7,057,425 in the third year of the quadrennium, an increase of \$812,581 during the three years.

In this same period World Service increased \$519,394, and the Conference Benevolences increased \$293,187.

The ratio distribution of the benevolences to World Service and the Conference Benevolences remained practically the same throughout the three years.

The per capita giving for World Service and the Conference Benevolences combined rose from 85c in the first year of the quadrennium to 90c in the third year. The per capita giving for World Service was 59c and the per capita giving for the on apportionment Annual Conference Benevolences was 31c. If all of the Annual Conference Benevolences reported in the Conference Minutes and the World Service Specials are included the per capita giving for all benevolences, not including the Woman's Society of Christian Service, was \$1.44.

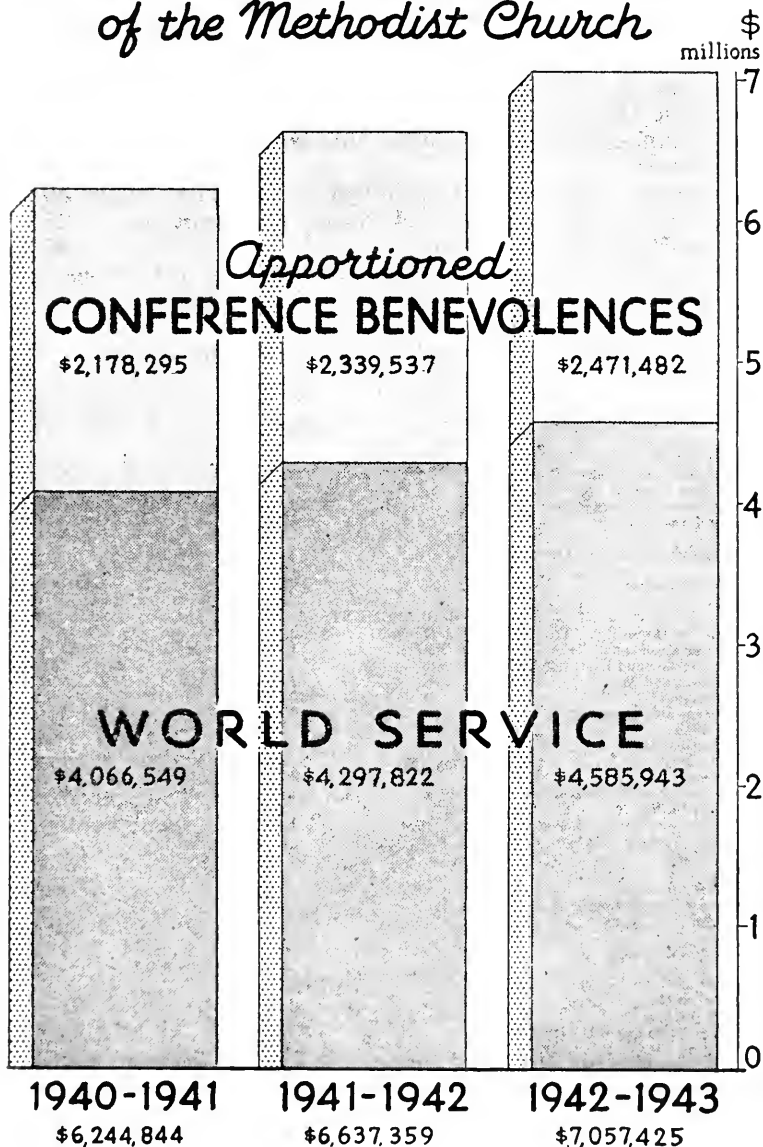
Because of the methods used in reporting membership in the three denominations prior to unification, the total full membership of The Methodist Church is used in the above per capita calculations.

COMMENTS

The changes in the operation of the benevolence and financial systems from the authorized and traditional methods prevailing in the three denominations meant the facing and adjustment of many difficulties. The results, however, have been most gratifying. By the end of the second year of the quadrennium the new system was working satisfactorily throughout the Church.

A restatement of the paragraphs in the *Discipline* pertaining to the financial plan and a few minor changes will be suggested by the Commission in Part III of this report.

On Apportionment
BENEVOLENCE GIVING
of the Methodist Church



SPECIAL APPEALS
THE DAY OF COMPASSION

On the joint authority of the Council of Bishops and the Commission on World Service and Finance a special appeal was made to the Church on March 2, 1941. This appeal was known as the Day of Compassion and resulted in a total collection of \$959,320.32. By order of the joint meeting of the Council of Bishops and the Commission on World Service and Finance the receipts from this collection were divided as follows:

The General Conference Committee on Overseas Relief 50%
The Commission on Camp Activities and Chaplains . . . 25%
Aid for British Methodism 25%

The accounting for the receipts for the Day of Compassion offering was concluded as of February 28, 1942.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Day of Compassion Offering

as of February 28, 1942

RECEIPTS

Proceeds from Loan at Harris Trust	\$ 15,000.00
Received from Churches and Conferences	
Committee on Overseas Relief	\$ 33,904.24
Central Treasury	925,416.08
	959,320.32
Total from Churches and Conferences	959,320.32
Total Receipts	\$ 974,320.32

DISBURSEMENTS

800. Salaries, House Rent, Travel (Executive Officers)	\$ 2,688.26
803. Stenographers and Clerks (Washington Office)	1,028.40
804. Commission and Executive Committee	60.05
805. Printing and Art Work	7,197.87
806. Envelopes	10,020.65
807. Postage and Cartage	9,679.94
808. Supplies	351.40
809. Advertising	8.60
810. Dupligraph	107.50
811. Mailing	2,751.46
812. Committee on Overseas Relief	1,423.35
813. World Outlook	696.28
814. Typists and Clerks (Chicago)	1,816.68
814. Mimeographing (Chicago)	21.30
815. Exchange	191.74
816. Rental—Extra Machines	13.00
817. Interest on Loan	59.37
819. Secular Press Publicity	175.79
820. Audit	90.00
	38,381.64
Total Expenses	\$ 38,381.64
Payment of Loan	15,000.00
Committee on Overseas Relief	\$ 460,469.34
Committee on Overseas Relief	
English Methodism	230,234.67
Methodist Commission on Camp Activities	230,234.67
	920,938.68
Total Payments on Distribution	920,938.68
Total Disbursements	\$ 974,320.32

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SUFFERING AND SERVICE

The Council of Bishops at its meeting in the spring of 1942 authorized an additional appeal for the support of war emergency causes. The Bishops suggested that the churches take an offering at each Communion Service and forward at least two thirds of each offering for a fund to be known as the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. The accounting for this fund was begun with March 1, 1942. From that date until and including February 29, 1944, the total amount received was \$832,147.83.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Fellowship of Suffering and Service

March 1, 1942 to February 29, 1944

RECEIPTS

From Churches and Conferences through Commission for Overseas Relief.....	\$ 12,313 38	
From Churches and Conferences Direct.....	819,834 45	
Total Receipts.....		\$ 832,147 83

DISBURSEMENTS

EXPENSES:		
701. Travel.....	\$ 90 37	
702. Advertising in <i>Advocate</i>	1,079 84	
704. Coin Collection Cards.....	1,679 23	
705. Printing and Art Work.....	5,089 41	
706. Envelopes.....	3,868 66	
707. Postage and Cartage.....	7,083 75	
708. Supplies.....	56 02	
710. Dupligrating.....	603 32	
711. Mailing.....	2,601 52	
712. Audits (1942-1943).....	100 00	
713. Telephone and Telegraph.....	90 01	
714. Exchange.....	25 10	
Total Expenses.....		\$ 22,367 23
PAID ON DISTRIBUTION:		
Committee for Overseas Relief.....	\$ 392,936 59	
Methodist Camp Activities and Chaplains.....	37,522 47	
Methodist Commission on Camp Activities.....	177,707 06	
Methodist Commission on Chaplains.....	177,707 06	785 873 18
Total Disbursements.....		808,240 41
Balance for Distribution.....		\$ 23,907 42

DUE ON DISTRIBUTION

Committee for Overseas Relief.....	\$ 11,953 72	
Methodist Commission on Camp Activities.....	5,976 85	
Methodist Commission on Chaplains.....	5,976 85	23,907 42
NOTE: In addition to the above receipts the Commission has received the following special gifts which are not subject to ratio distribution.		
Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.....		\$ 372,908 13
Methodist Committee on Camp Activities and Chaplains.....		5,827 67
Bishops Committee on Camp Activities.....		1,235 50
Methodist Commission on Chaplains.....		3,097 63
Total.....		\$ 383,068 93

THE WEEK OF DEDICATION

On July 9, 1942, at the joint meeting of the Council of Bishops and the Commission on World Service and Finance a third appeal for war relief, known as the Week of Dedication, was authorized and organized. The offering was taken in the churches on March 7, 1943. The accounting for this offering was closed on December 31, 1943. On that date a total of \$908,076.40 had been received in response to this appeal.

The receipts from this Week of Dedication offering were distributed to the following causes as authorized by the joint meeting of the Bishops and the Commission:

- (a) For overseas work the ratios for the distribution of the receipts were as follows:
- | | |
|--|------|
| 1. Division of Foreign Missions: | |
| Evacuation Costs and Latin America | 60% |
| 2. Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief | 40% |
| | 100% |
- (b) For work on the home field the ratios follow:
- | | |
|---|------|
| 3. Division of Home Missions: | |
| (a) Industrial Defense Projects | 30% |
| (b) Emergency Church Extension Projects | 30% |
| 4. Commission on Camp Activities | 10% |
| 5. Commission on Chaplains | 10% |
| 6. Board of Education for emergency needs 20% of the one-half as follows: | |
| (a) Division of Educational Institutions | 10% |
| (b) Division of the Local Church | 10% |
| | 100% |

Statements of Receipts and Disbursements
1943 Week of Dedication Offering

February 28, 1943 to December 31, 1943

Receipts from Churches..... \$ 908,076.40

EXPENSES

900.	Salaries—Stenographic	\$	794.54
901.	Travel		2,721.07
902.	Printing and Art Work		12,412.90
903.	Envelopes		4,604.76
904.	Supplies		344.47
905.	Equipment		366.21
906.	Postage		11,245.90
907.	Mailing		4,641.98
908.	Advertising		228.85
909.	Rent		291.60
911.	Telephone and Telegraph		163.33
912.	Exchange		48.94
913.	Audit		100.00

Total Expenses..... \$ 37,964.55

PAID ON DISTRIBUTION

Division of Foreign Missions		\$	261,033.56
Division of Home Missions			261,033.56
Board of Education			87,011.18
Methodist Commission for Overseas Relief			174,022.37
Methodist Commission for Camp Activities			43,505.59
Methodist Commission on Chaplains			43,505.59

Total Paid on Distribution..... \$70,111.85

Total Disbursements..... \$ 908,076.40

THE EPISCOPAL FUND

As will be seen by the attached statement of receipts and disbursements there has been a gratifying increase in the income for this fund during the quadrennium. Part of this increase is due to the rise in pastors' salaries and a part is presumably due to increased ability of the local churches to meet their apportionments. This increase is also indicative of the favor with which the Church regards its Chief Pastors.

The statement of the receipts and disbursements for the Episcopal Fund for three years and nine months of the quadrennium follows.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Episcopal Fund

June 1, 1940 to February 29, 1944

	RECEIPTS			
	June 1, 1940 to May 31, 1941	June 1, 1941 to May 31, 1942	June 1, 1942 to May 31, 1943	June 1, 1943 to Feb. 29, 1944
Received May 31, 1940				
From The Methodist Episcopal Church	\$ 244,637 27			
From The Methodist Episcopal Church, South	19,114 42			
Prepaid Interest on Bonds (Debit)		\$ 442 71		
Interest on Bonds			\$ 3,234 55	\$ 7,530 24
From Conferences	631,650 16	658,963 20	720,588 17	479,751 59
Totals	\$ 895,401 85	\$ 658,520 49	\$ 723,822 72	\$ 487,281 83
	DISBURSEMENTS			
SUPPORT OF BISHOPS:				
Salaries, Retirement Allowances and Widows' Support	\$ 298,901 29	\$ 293,675 00	\$ 290,400 00	\$ 210,333 16
House Rent and Expenses on Episcopal Residences	45,458 56	44,785 00	45,495 00	34,099 94
Travel Expense, Postage and Telegrams	40,215 44	39,577 36	41,506 08	32,559 94
Allowances for Maintenance of Bishops' Offices	52,597 54	51,375 00	50,800 00	38,025 00
Grant-in-Aid to Central Conferences	30,657 59	43,357 82	44,937 54	36,021 94
Moving Expenses	4,982 44	1,152 44	143 33	
Totals	\$ 472,812 86	\$ 473,922 62	\$ 473,281 95	\$ 351,039 98
COUNCIL OF BISHOPS:				
Secretarial Expense	\$ 421 55	\$ 142 88	\$ 784 64	\$ 313 47
Official Forms and Supplies	58 95	1,013 12	765 35	367 88
Transportation Bureau	3,634 88	4,747 76	3,129 30	2,756 46
Collective Travel and Committee			99 00	200 92
Totals	\$ 4,115 38	\$ 5,903 76	\$ 4,778 29	\$ 3,638 73
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:				
Printing and Supplies	\$ 367 90	\$ 194 32	\$ 192 01	\$ 118 45
Postage	179 21	63 16	51 95	42 49
Share—Central Treasury Expense	5,205 14	4,886 91	4,456 25	3,603 14
Audit		100 00	110 00	125 00
Totals	\$ 5,752 25	\$ 5,244 39	\$ 4,810 21	\$ 3,889 08
Total Disbursements	\$ 482,680 49	\$ 485,070 77	\$ 482,870 45	\$ 358,567 79
Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements	\$ 412,721 36	\$ 173,449 72	\$ 240,952 27	\$ 128,714 04
Balance Carried Forward		412,721 36	586,171 08	827,123 35
Balance in Treasury	\$ 412,721 36	\$ 586,171 08	\$ 827,123 35	\$ 955,837 39
Cash in Bank				\$ 205,837 39
Government Bonds				750,000 00

THE ADMINISTRATION FUND

As will be seen by the attached statement the receipts for the Administration Fund in the first fiscal year of the quadrennium ended May 31, 1941, were \$85,357.43; in the second year the receipts were \$140,175.38; and in the third year \$160,220.11. There was received for this fund in the first nine months of the fourth year of the quadrennium \$117,200.77.

Besides the expenses for the General Conference and its committees and commissions and the maintenance of the Statistical Bureau and the publication of the General Minutes, there are three other beneficiaries of this fund: the Commission on Public Information, the Federal Council of Churches, and the World Council of Churches. To these agencies there was paid in the three years and nine months \$193,181.92. There was paid on General Conference expenses, including the \$40,000 borrowed to pay the final costs of the 1940 General Conference, \$164,692.93. There remained in the fund as of February 29, 1944, to the credit of the General Conference expense account \$175,592.85.

Before billing the Administration Fund for the account of General Minutes and Statistics, the Publishing House has credited the account with the total amount received from the sales of the General Minutes. These credits for each of the years of the quadrennium are as follows:

June 1, 1940 to May 31, 1941.....	None
June 1, 1941 to May 31, 1942.....	\$ 183.00
June 1, 1942 to May 31, 1943.....	773.40
June 1, 1943 to February 29, 1944.....	<u>1,176.40</u>
Total	\$2,332.80

The statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Administration Fund for three years and nine months follows.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Administration Fund

June 1, 1940 to February 29, 1944

	RECEIPTS			
	June 1, 1940 to May 31, 1941	June 1, 1941 to May 31, 1942	June 1, 1942 to May 31, 1943	June 1, 1943 to Feb. 29, 1944
Received May 31, 1940				
From The Methodist Episcopal Church . . .	\$ 37,873 79			
From The Methodist Episcopal Church, South	2,768 15			
From Conferences	55,357 43	\$ 140,175 38	\$ 160,220 11	\$ 117,200 77
Totals	\$ 125,999 37	\$ 140,175 38	\$ 160,220 11	\$ 117,200 77
	DISBURSEMENTS			
GENERAL EXPENSES:				
Stationery and Supplies	\$ 5 41			
Printing	243 43	\$ 332 02	\$ 63 00	\$ 76 99
Postage	17 39	15 33	36 78	52 26
Telephone and Telegraph	2 17	97	1 40	28 20
Share—Central Treasury Expense	704 49	1,041 22	990 28	873 83
Audit	150 00	60 00	75 00	75 00
Refund of Bond Premium (Whitmore & Smith) (Credit)	20 89			
Office Expense (Board of Trustees M. E. S.)	450 00	150 00		
Totals	\$ 1,552 00	\$ 1,599 54	\$ 1,166 46	\$ 1,106 28
GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE:				
General Conference Secretary's Office				
Stenographic	\$ 375 00	\$ 55 00	\$ 55 00	\$ 510 00
Travel			26 58	50 50
Printing			26 11	264 26
Postage and Supplies	207 12	56 72	53 36	231 52
Equipment	207 82			
Miscellaneous		27 79		85 43
Transportation Bureau	260 34	116 48	27 93	38 33
Litigation Expense	7,774 84	10,694 10	749 48	13,885 10
General Minutes and Statistics	13,121 86	21,751 22	16,473 10	14,473 77
Printing Forms, Etc.	147 00			
Daily Christian Advocate	187 12			
General Conference Journal	95 00	2,078 21		
Sale—Gull Lake Property (Credit)			336 11	
Interest and Transfer of Funds	479 38			
1940 General Conference Note	40,000 00			
Delegates—Travel	3,397 62	25 00		
Delegates—Per Diem Allowance				
Delegates—Fraternal		32 41		
Commissions and Committees				
Judicial Council	558 92		82 21	758 18
Records, Forms, Etc.	350 61			1,548 95
Ritual and Orders of Worship	1,050 43	2,751 84	1,607 18	1,558 10
Central Conferences		1,383 33	768 75	785 36
Charter, Co-operation and Council	123 91			
Interdenominational Relations		331 39	735 57	171 71
Pensions Legislation			1,274 02	57 72
Rules				122 59
General Conference Entertainment			535 14	447 71
Miscellaneous Expenses				
1944 General Conference				4 92
Totals	\$ 68,366 97	\$ 39,303 49	\$ 22,078 32	\$ 34,944 15
PAID ON RATIO:				
Federal Council of Churches	\$ 15,756 64	\$ 29,154 32	\$ 33,324 69	\$ 28,994 66
Department of Publicity	12,000 00	18,000 00	26,038 75	20,726 53
World Council of Churches	1,349 65	2,341 12	2,611 78	2,883 75
Totals	\$ 29,106 32	\$ 49,495 44	\$ 61,975 22	\$ 52,604 94
Total Disbursements	\$ 99,025 29	\$ 90,398 47	\$ 85,220 00	\$ 88,655 37
Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements	\$ 26,974 08	\$ 49,776 91	\$ 75,000 11	\$ 28,545 40
Balance Carried Forward	26,974 08	76,750 99	76,750 99	151,751 10
Balance in Treasury	\$ 26,974 08	\$ 76,750 99	\$ 151,751 10	\$ 180,296 50

A SURVEY OF THE BENEVOLENCES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

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PART II—A SURVEY OF THE BENEVOLENCES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

General Commission on World Service and Finance
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AUTHORIZATION

The General Conference of 1940 ordered that a survey of the Benevolences of The Methodist Church be undertaken by the Commission on World Service and Finance and that a report of the findings of such survey be made to the General Conference of 1944. The resolution passed by the General Conference is as follows:

“In view of the confusion and uncertainty arising from the different methods of securing and allocating Benevolence Funds which have prevailed in the three uniting Churches, and in order to have an intelligent basis for determining a practical and equitable plan for the future, I move that the General Commission on World Service and Finance be authorized and instructed to arrange for a scientific, factual study of the Benevolence giving of the Church for General, Annual Conference and other Benevolences; the causes, agencies, and institutions receiving support from such funds and the amounts given to each; and all other data necessary for formulating a practical Benevolence Program for the Church and a plan for equitable distribution of Benevolence Funds.

“The results of this study shall be presented to the next General Conference by the General Commission on World Service and Finance together with its recommendations for a Benevolence Program for the whole Church.”

PLAN OF PROCEDURE

As the Commission on World Service and Finance approached the task of making a survey of the Benevolences, it gave consideration to several different methods that might be adopted to carry on this work and get the results desired.

Consideration was given to the possibility of employing the services of some professional survey organization which has had experience in commercial or financial fields. Because of the failure of such organizations to sense the spirit and purpose of the work within the Church and because

of unsatisfactory and unprofitable experiments with such professional surveys by other agencies of the Church in the past, it was agreed that little value would come to the Church from a survey conducted by such commercial organization.

Inquiry as to the advisability of the employment of organizations within the Church including a proposed survey of the field by joint co-operation of the World Service Agencies resulted in the conclusion that such proposed surveys would for many reasons be unsatisfactory.

Therefore the Commission decided to conduct the survey through its own facilities drawing upon the records of the three uniting denominations as well as those of the newly formed Methodist Church, this to be supplemented by a survey of opinion throughout the Church and other information which might be derived from other sources.

The Committee on Legislation and Survey was appointed by the Commission to give supervision to the survey. This committee was composed of the following persons:

BISHOP CLARE PURCELL, *Chairman*
 BISHOP ERNEST LYNN WALDORF*
 W. F. BRYAN
 COSTEN J. HARRELL
 O. W. AUMAN
 HARRY S. DEVORE
 JAMES A. JAMES
 CHARLES A. JONES
 J. E. SKILLINGTON
 H. R. SNAVELY
 L. W. WELLS

*Deceased.

Four sub-committees were raised by the Committee on Legislation and Survey. These committees were to cover the following fields:

- I. *Survey of the Benevolences of The Methodist Church.*
- II. *A study of the current relation between World Service and the Annual Conference Benevolences.*
- III. *The World Service apportionments to the Annual Conferences to be suggested to the General Conference for the next quadrennium.*
- IV. *New and amended legislation to be presented by the General Commission on World Service and Finance to the General Conference.*

The work of the survey was begun under the immediate direction of Mr. Hubert R. Celley, Assistant to the Treasurer. Several years of research have been conducted by Mr.

Celley and his assistants as time could be spared for this purpose from the regular work of the office. We are indebted to Dr. Curtis B. Haley of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Mr. W. J. Cummings of the former Methodist Protestant Church for valuable and extended research in the records of their respective denominations.

PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY

The following lines of research were decided upon by the Committee:

- (1) The Benevolence giving of the Church. What is the total giving of the Church for Benevolences over a period of years? What is the proportionate giving and what is the per capita giving of the Church for its Benevolences?
- (2) To what causes or fields of service does the Church apply its Benevolence giving?
- (3) How effective is our Benevolence system? How does it operate and what are the results observed?
- (4) A survey of opinion within the Church regarding the Benevolences and the Benevolence system.

I. THE BENEVOLENCE GIVING

It is extremely important that the Church should know what it is giving for the support of its Missionary and Benevolence enterprises. Especially is this true at the beginning of the life and work of The Methodist Church as a new denomination.

A careful study has, therefore, been made of the total giving of the Church for the support of its Benevolence enterprises. This study includes the giving to World Service, World Service Specials, Conference Benevolences (on apportionment) and other Conference Benevolences. The work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service has not been included in this Survey except in those instances where it is specifically mentioned.

The research includes an examination of the total Benevolence giving of the Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church for the ten years preceding unification plus the first three years of the first quadrennium of The Methodist Church. The statistics and the observations regarding the Benevolence structure relate solely to operations within the United States and its territories.

We present on the following page a table showing the giving for all purposes and the combined totals of the Benevolence giving of the three denominations and the per capita giving for each of the ten years preceding unification.

*Giving for All Purposes and the Giving for
Benevolences Compared*

	Giving for All Purposes	Per Capita	Total Bene- volence Giving	Per Capita
1930-1931	\$112,668,037	\$15.48	\$ 14,796,295	\$ 2.05
1931-1932	88,114,809	12.09	10,189,530	1.40
1932-1933	73,546,324	10.30	7,515,896	1.05
1933-1934	74,528,536	9.88	7,545,192	1.00
1934-1935	75,470,436	10.33	7,376,617	1.01
1935-1936	80,430,828	10.95	7,579,563	1.03
1936-1937	87,770,840	11.87	7,964,152	1.08
1937-1938	89,555,655	11.93	8,257,196	1.10
1938-1939	88,137,804	11.63	7,894,832	1.04
1939-1940	89,517,562	12.20	8,304,637	1.13
1940-1941	89,052,523	11.63	10,018,632	1.31
1941-1942	92,798,310	11.88	10,375,602	1.33
1942-1943	94,210,531	11.97	11,238,937	1.43

World Service and Conference Benevolences Compared

	General Benevolences		Total Conference Benevolences	
	Amount	Per Capita	Amount	Per Capita
1930-1931	\$ 7,857,420	\$ 1.09	\$ 6,938,875	\$ 0.96
1931-1932	5,728,328	.79	4,461,202	.61
1932-1933	4,488,243	.63	3,027,653	.42
1933-1934	4,241,282	.56	3,303,910	.44
1934-1935	4,396,758	.60	2,979,859	.41
1935-1936	4,245,887	.58	3,333,676	.45
1936-1937	4,639,681	.63	3,324,471	.45
1937-1938	4,847,174	.65	3,410,022	.45
1938-1939	4,597,269	.61	3,297,563	.44
1939-1940	4,722,505	.64	3,582,132	.49
1940-1941	5,333,264	.70	4,685,368	.61
1941-1942	4,991,091	.64	5,384,511	.69
1942-1943	5,734,002	.73	5,504,935	.70

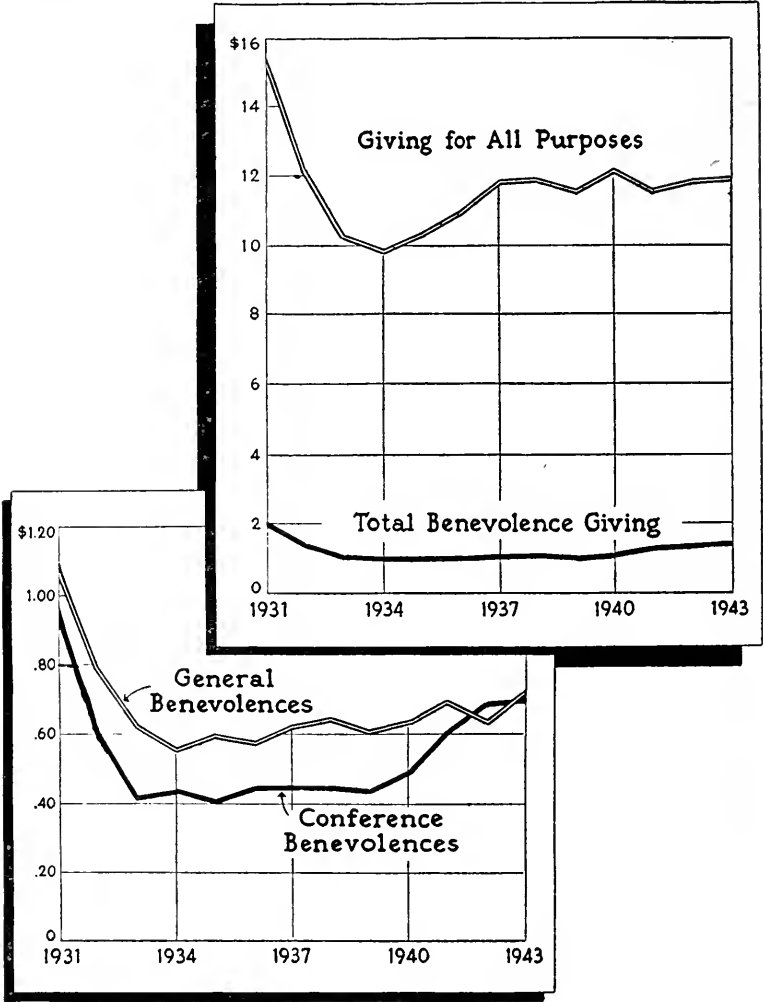
The per capita giving to General Benevolences by the three uniting denominations in 1930-1931 was \$1.09 while the giving to the same causes by The Methodist Church in 1942-1943 was \$0.73. This represents a decline of 33.03% during the period. A low point of \$0.56 was recorded in 1933-1934.

The most significant increase is to be noted in the rise in the Conference Benevolences. We have come to the point where the Church is now dividing its Benevolence giving almost equally between the General Conference causes and the Annual Conference causes. Until 1942 the uniting denominations and The Methodist Church had made a division of Benevolence funds favorable to the General Benevolences.

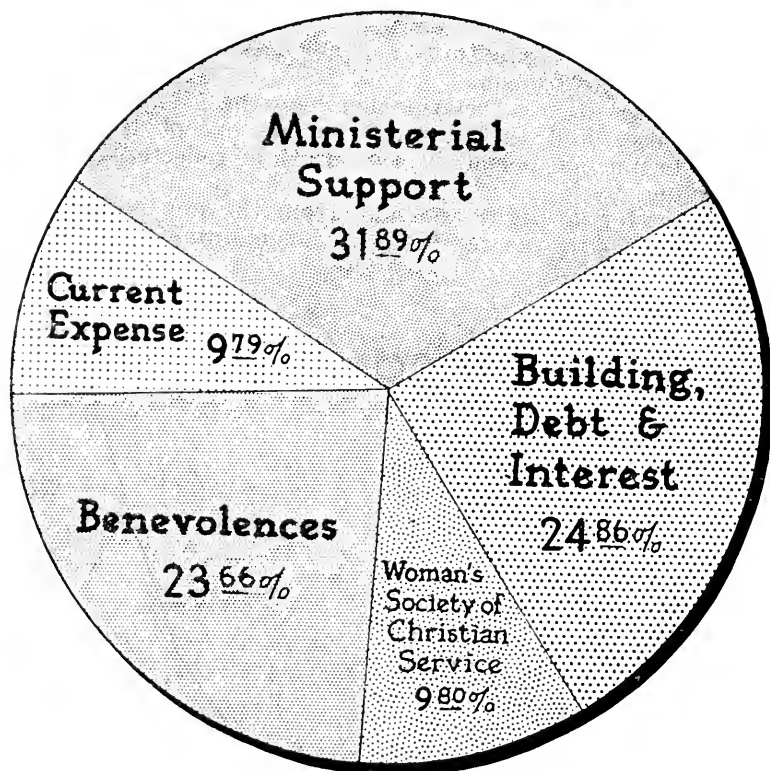
The trend in the giving for all purposes and for the Benevolences is slightly upward. Since unification there has been an increase in the giving for all purposes of \$5,158,008.

The following chart indicates how this increase has been allocated by the donors.

Per Capita GIVING COMPARISONS



**WHERE the INCREASE in
METHODIST GIVING OCCURRED**



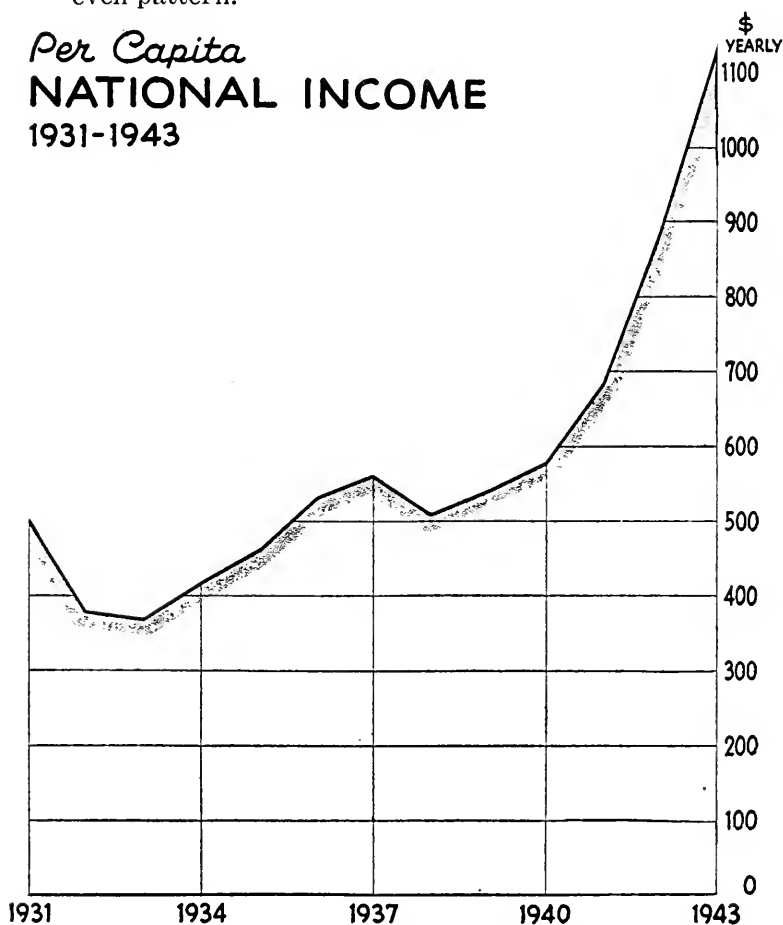
*Per Capita National Income and
Per Capita Methodist Giving for All Purposes*

	National Income	Methodist Giving	Per Cent * of Income
1931	\$ 500.00	\$15.48	3.1
1932	379.00	12.09	3.2
1933	368.00	10.30	2.8
1934	418.00	9.88	2.4
1935	460.00	10.33	2.3
1936	531.00	10.95	2.1
1937	561.00	11.87	2.1
1938	509.00	11.93	2.3
1939	541.00	11.63	2.1
1940	579.00	12.20	2.1
1941	684.00	11.63	1.7
1942	889.00	11.88	1.3
1943	\$1/139.00	11.97	1.0

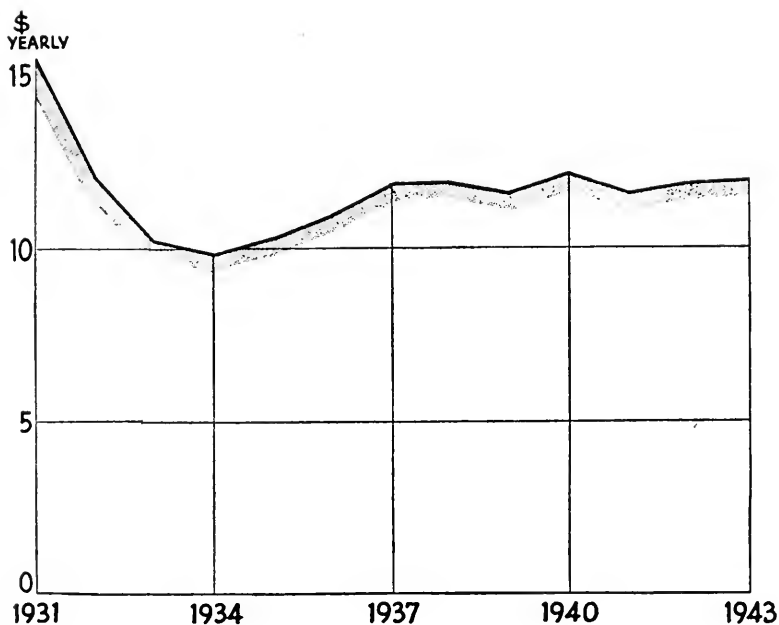
This table and the charts on the next two pages show that Methodist giving followed the decline in the national income figures during the depression but has failed to respond to the rise in national income during the past three years. Several deductions may be made:

1. Methodist contributions are not based upon a fixed percentage of income.
2. There is little correlation between the giving for all purposes and the national income except that the lower income period in 1933-1934 is reflected in the giving.
3. Following a slight recovery from the low period in 1933-1934 the per capita giving has maintained a fairly even pattern.

Per Capita
NATIONAL INCOME
1931-1943



Per Capita
METHODIST GIVING
for All Purposes
 1931-1943



II. DISTRIBUTION OF BENEVOLENCE GIVING

The distribution of the Benevolence income of the Church affords an interesting study. The tables and graphs submitted herein present an exhibit of the proportions of the Benevolence funds applied to each one of the major fields in which the Church as shown on the following page.

There are four channels through which the Church is operating:

1. World Service (or the General Benevolences) on apportionment.

2. Annual Conference Benevolences on apportionment.
3. World Service Specials.
4. Other Annual Conference Benevolences.

Under the present law numbers 1 and 2 are combined and are known as "World Service and Conference Benevolences." These are apportioned jointly. The collections from the churches are forwarded to the Conference Treasurers and divided by them on the ratios fixed by their respective Annual Conferences. In addition to these on apportionment Benevolences, there is a constant flow of Benevolence support which finds its way into the total resources of the Church through channels 3 and 4, "World Service Specials" and "Other Annual Conference Benevolences." The church-wide special emergency appeals are included under World Service Specials. When the totals for the whole Church are assembled for all Benevolence income, excepting that of the W.S.C.S., we find the proportions applied to the several Benevolence fields of work as shown on the following page.

*Distribution of Benevolence Giving of The Methodist
Church for 1942-1943*

(Not including the W.S.C.S.)

Home Missions	25.56%
Education	22.09%
Hospitals and Homes	15.65%
Foreign Missions	18.10%
Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief	4.05%
Pensions	1.16%
Other Benevolences	13.39%

From the percentages presented above it will be observed that in the distribution of the total Benevolence income of the Church, 77.85% goes to the support of causes within the United States and its dependencies. The percentage for foreign work includes the amount appropriated by the Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and the Committee for Overseas Relief.

In order to show the changes that have taken place in the transition due to unification, the proportionate distribution of the Benevolence incomes of the three uniting denominations in the last year of their separate activities, 1939-1940, are presented below.

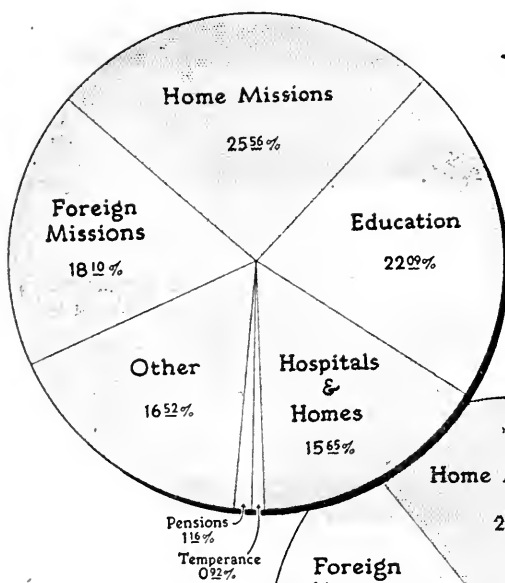
Distribution of Benevolence Giving in the Three Uniting Denominations Before Unification, 1939-1940

(Not including the W.S.C.S.)

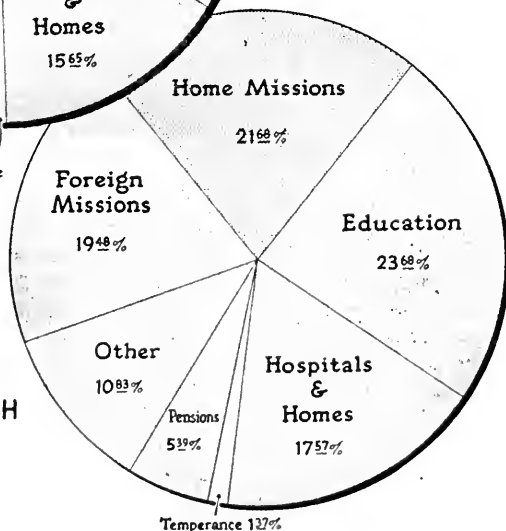
Home Missions	21.68%
Education	23.68%
Hospitals and Homes	17.57%
Foreign Missions	19.48%
Pensions	5.39%
Other	12.20%

BENEVOLENCE GIVING

Percentage Distribution

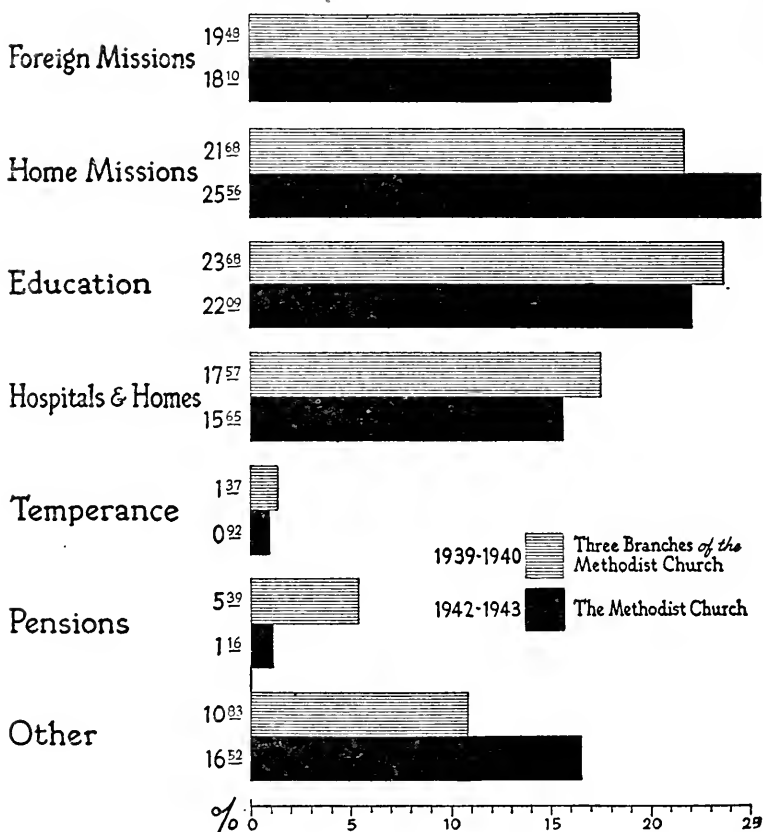


**THREE BRANCHES
of the
METHODIST CHURCH
1939-1940**



BENEVOLENCE GIVING

Percentage Distribution



The changes that appear in the plan of distribution of Benevolence income before and after unification may or may not indicate a positive trend. It is more likely that these changes have been due to the necessary changes in plan or emphasis following the reorganization due to unification. The above chart is presented in order to make apparent any changes that have taken place in the distribution of Benevolence income before and after unification.

If we include the contributions of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the proportions of giving to the several fields from the total Benevolence income of the Church would be as follows :

*Distribution of Benevolence Giving of The Methodist Church
for 1942-1943*

(Including the W.S.C.S.)

Home Missions	30.58%
Education	16.92%
Hospitals and Homes	11.98%
Foreign Missions	26.27%
Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief	3.10%
Other Benevolences	11.15%

Distribution for All Purposes

In order that a satisfactory perspective might be obtained as to the place of the Benevolences in the giving of The Methodist Church for all purposes we submit the following table of totals and percentages. It will be seen by this table that the amount paid by The Methodist Church last year for its total Missionary and Benevolence work including the Women's Societies amounted to 15.58% of the amount given for all purposes.

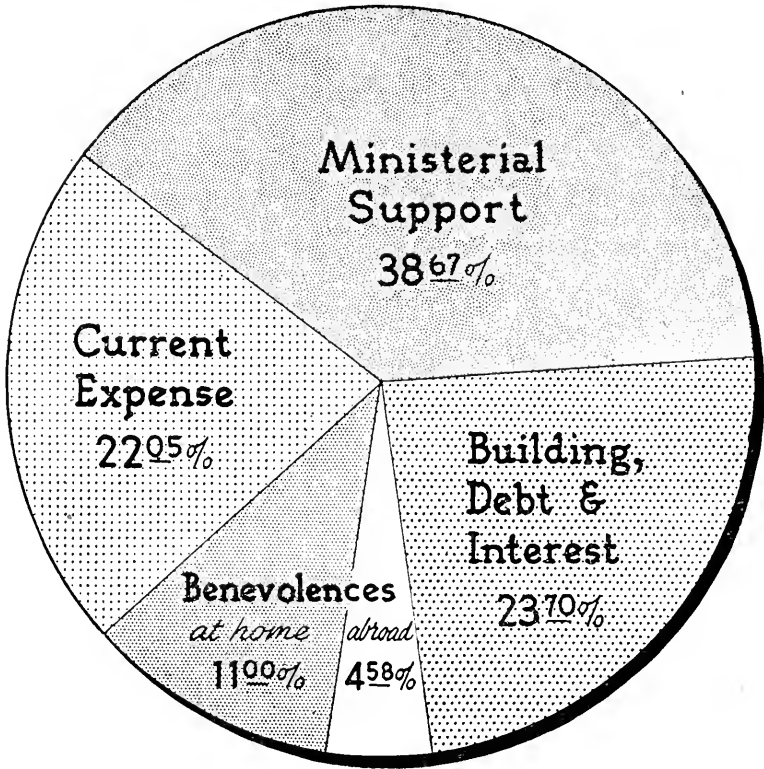
*Relative Distribution of Amounts Paid for All Purposes by
The Methodist Church, 1942 to 1943*

	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Per Cent</i>
Paid Pastor and Assistant Pastor	\$30,451,613	32.32
Paid Other Ministerial Support	5,982,478	6.35
Buildings, Debt and Interest	22,328,461	23.70
Current Expense	20,771,316	22.05
Woman's Society of Christian Service	3,437,726	3.65
Home Missions	2,872,268	3.05
Education	2,483,105	2.63
Hospitals and Homes	1,759,088	1.87
Foreign Missions	2,033,639	2.16
Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief	455,044	.48
Other Benevolences	1,635,793	1.74
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	\$94,210,531	100.00

The following table and chart show the Giving for All Purposes (including the Woman's Society of Christian Service) in five general categories illustrating the use of all recorded gifts.

	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Per Cent</i>
Ministerial Support	\$36,434,091	38.67
Building, Debt and Interest	22,328,461	23.70
Current Expense	20,771,316	22.05
Benevolences at Home	10,365,985	11.00
Benevolences Abroad	4,310,678	4.58
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	\$94,210,531	100.00

FIVE CLASSIFICATIONS OF THE GIVING FOR ALL PURPOSES



METHOD OF DETERMINING DISTRIBUTION

It is apparent from a study of the distribution of the Benevolence income of the whole Church that there does not exist in The Methodist Church any consistent plan for the making of a Benevolence policy applicable to the Church as a whole. Many organizations within the Church have the power to inaugurate and maintain Benevolence institutions and organizations. Such institutions or organizations, when authorized by the various authorities within the Church, appeal to the membership and constituency of our churches for support. Such authorization and support is usually given without consideration of the necessary Benevolence program of the Church as a whole.

Of course, due consideration must be given for maintenance of the local philanthropic, educational and missionary needs. But these ought to be correlated into the framework of the Benevolence program of the whole Church.

It would seem advisable that the General Conference should authorize a study of the General Benevolence program of The Methodist Church into which might be fitted various Benevolence enterprises of the Church in such a way as to make for a co-operative consistent Benevolence program. This could no doubt be accomplished without depriving any group or organization of its autonomy or of its democratic initiative.

III. THE BENEVOLENCE SYSTEM

Development and Operation

The present Benevolence system of The Methodist Church was fashioned by the United Conference from the then prevailing Benevolence systems of the three uniting denominations as set forth in the *Disciplines* of those denominations. The needed adjustments were made by the Uniting Conference so as to make of it a consistent and workable plan. The General Conference of 1940 made but few changes and passed the necessary mandates to put the new system into operation.

The plan unites the World Service and the Annual Conference Benevolences into a single Benevolence budget in each Annual Conference. The total amount for the conference budget is apportioned by the conference to the districts and churches, a single appeal being made for all Benevolences included in the conference budget. Contributions are forwarded by the local churches to the Conference Treasurer who distributes the Benevolence income to World Service and to the various conference causes on the ratios established by the conference.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Present System

During the course of the development of this survey certain advantages and disadvantages of this Benevolence system were observed.

It reduces the number of appeals for the Benevolences in the local church. It tends to eliminate competition between World Service and the Conference Benevolences for the Benevolence giving. Combining Conference Askings with World Service Askings affords an appeal for a diversified, all inclusive Benevolence program. By providing for so many

askings in one apportionment a simplified budget may be used in the local church.

However, this system does not afford a sufficient opportunity for the education of the membership concerning the Benevolences, particularly the missionary work. It substitutes an appeal for gifts for a benevolence budget instead of an approach to the contributors in behalf of the causes represented. The askings for certain causes having a definite, limited field of operation are combined with the askings for other causes having unlimited, world-wide opportunity. The ratio of division operates to divide the receipts for this combined asking so that causes with unequal opportunity and responsibility participate equally in any increase in the Benevolence receipts. Thus the local churches are induced to place a ceiling upon their total Benevolence giving.

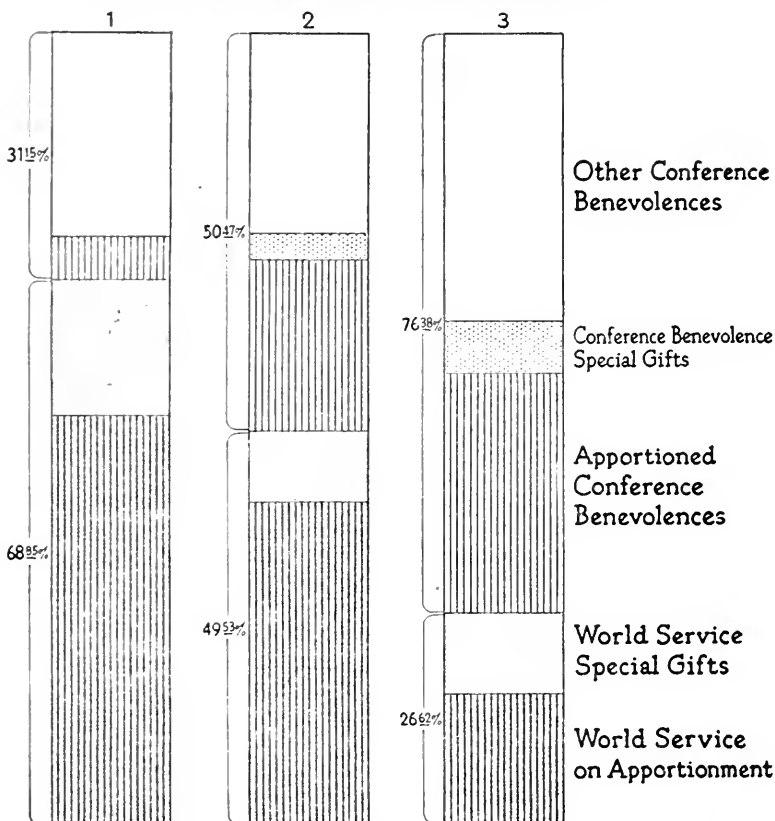
Promotion

Some Conferences have thoroughly organized their Benevolence program including both the World Service causes and the Conference Benevolences in such a way as to make a compelling appeal for support. Many Conferences have issued attractive and informing publicity materials which provide complete information for the local churches about all projects in the Benevolence program. These methods have served to greatly stimulate the interest and giving of the membership of the churches.

Ratios of Division Between World Service and Conference Benevolences

Much variation has prevailed in the respective Conferences in establishing the ratios of division of the Benevolence funds. We present on the opposite page three charts showing on the left a typical Conference where the larger part of the Benevolence giving of the Conference goes to World Service. On the right is illustrated a typical Conference where the larger part of the Benevolence giving of the Conference goes to Conference Causes. In the center, the average division for all Conferences in the Church resulting in 49.53% for World Service and 50.47% for the Conference Causes. It would seem advisable that a more uniform system of support for the General Benevolences be achieved in the various Conferences of the Church.

RATIOS OF DIVISION BETWEEN WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES



1. This Conference divides its apportioned Benevolences on the basis of 90% for World Service and 10% for the Conference Benevolences.

2. This is the average for the whole Church.

3. This Conference divides its apportioned Benevolences on the basis of 35% for World Service and 65% for Conference Benevolences.

Uniform Classes of Benevolences

Because of the differences prevailing in the various Conferences concerning what may or should be included in the Benevolence budget of a Conference in the Church as a whole, there has arisen much divergence of opinion and practice on this matter. Many Conferences have included various

Conference expenses in their Benevolence budgets while others have limited the items included in the Conference Benevolence budget to strictly missionary or Benevolence causes. From the Conference Minutes we have gathered the following list of Benevolence items which appear in the budgets of the various Conferences of the Church.

Classes of Items or Projects Appearing in the Benevolence Budgets of Various Conferences

Number of Conferences

83	.....	{ Christian Education
		{ Educational Institutions
79	.....	Conference Missions and Church Extension
69	.....	Conference Board of Lay Activities
64	.....	Conference Treasurer's Salary and Expenses
55	.....	Hospitals, Homes and Orphanages
39	.....	Conference Journal
38	.....	Area Office Expense
33	.....	Conference Evangelism
19	.....	Conference Entertainment
18	.....	Conference Secretary's Expense
16	.....	State Council of Churches
16	.....	General Administration Fund
16	.....	Jurisdictional Conference Expense
13	.....	Conference Christian Advocate
11	.....	Emergency Fund
11	.....	Expense of the Conference World Service Commission
9	.....	Conference Board of Temperance
9	.....	Statistical Expense
8	.....	Conference Audit
7	.....	Group Insurance
6	.....	Superannuates Homes
5	.....	Conference Historical Society
4	.....	Conference World Peace Commission
3	.....	Headquarters Fund
3	.....	Theological Schools
1	.....	District Parsonage
1	.....	Tract Society
1	.....	Annuity Fund

*Co-ordination of Work of the General Boards
with the Annual Conferences*

The relative responsibility of the Annual Conferences and the General Boards for missionary, educational, and philanthropic work within the bounds of the Annual Conferences should be more clearly determined than it now is. Plans and policies governing the co-ordination of such work should be adopted by the General Conference after thorough experimentation and study. An additional report on this subject will be presented to the General Conference in another part of the report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

Needs of the Field

A comprehensive survey of the needs of the field and of the benevolence obligations of The Methodist Church may be obtained from a review of the Statements of Needs for the coming quadrennium which have been prepared by the World Service Boards and Agencies and which have been presented to the General Commission on World Service and Finance. These Statements of Needs together with the statements of postwar obligations by the various Boards will make a complete and comprehensive review of the Benevolence obligations of our Church as they now appear.

IV. SURVEY OF OPINION WITHIN THE CHURCH

In April, 1942, 1,500 questionnaires were sent to leading ministers and laymen with a view to securing an opinion regarding the operation of the Benevolence system in the local church. Five hundred and forty-nine replies were received. The results of this survey may be briefly summarized as follows:

1. The majority agreed that we contribute too little for the Benevolence work of the Church. Approximately half of one per cent indicated that The Methodist Church was giving too much for its Benevolences and fourteen per cent thought that the giving for Benevolences was adequate.
2. The per member giving for all Benevolences is \$1.50. This compares favorably with the statistical reports.
3. About sixty per cent of the membership of the Church contributes to the budget. In those cases where a separate pledge is received for the Benevolences, thirty per cent of the membership pledges support for the Benevolences. These facts indicate that a large portion of the membership makes no contribution to the church budget.
4. The principal motive for contributing to the Benevolence work of the Church is recorded as, "A desire to meet your quota." Other motives were: "A desire to help others," "A desire to establish the Kingdom of God or the law of Love among all men," "Loyalty to pastor and church," and "Local church pride." A majority indicated

that the motives for contributing to the Benevolence work of the Church were combination of those listed above. There apparently is no outstanding motive.

5. The respondents were asked to indicate any changes that should be made in the division of the World Service funds by checking a list of World Service Boards and Agencies showing the ratios approved by the General Conference. A majority registered satisfaction with the division of World Service funds.
6. Approval of the present ratio of division between World Service and Conference Benevolences was registered by most respondents. A total of 333 approved the present ratio of distribution in their respective Conferences. Of those registering dissatisfaction, 94 thought that World Service should be increased and 55 thought that the Annual Conference Benevolences should be increased.
7. A majority of those replying indicated satisfaction with the operation of the present Benevolence system. It was the consensus of opinion that the system should not be changed at this time because we have not had ample opportunity to test it. If any change is to be made steps should be taken to simplify the system.

A similar questionnaire was sent to 1,325 persons including Bishops, District Superintendents, members of General Conference Boards, Chairmen of Conference Commissions on World Service, and Finance and Conference Treasurers. A total of 641 replies was received. The results of this survey may be summarized as follows:

1. It was agreed that there should be no expansion or enlargement of the Benevolence program at this time. A majority was unwilling to discontinue, reduce or curtail any current Benevolence activity.
2. A majority favored the enlarging of some phase of World Service. These respondents indicated that the war had so changed conditions at home and abroad that the Church should prepare to participate in the program of rehabilitation and reconstruction. This work should be carried out by the existing agencies of the General Conference.
3. Most respondents indicated satisfaction with the present Benevolence system. Many approved a change only if a simplification of the present Benevolence system could be effected. Major changes should be postponed until more time had been given to testing the present Benevolence system in all parts of the Church.

In November, 1943, a letter was sent to the Chairmen of the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance and the Annual Conference Treasurers requesting their opinions regarding the Benevolence system and asking for suggestions for changes desired. A total of eighty-one responses was received. Forty-six expressed satisfaction with the operation of the present Benevolence system. That changes should be made only for the purpose of simplifying the legislation was the opinion of ten respondents. The remaining thirty-five suggested changes which dealt largely with the simplification of some phase of the Benevolence system.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMISSION ON WORLD
SERVICE AND FINANCE

TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH,
1944

PART III. REVISION OF THE LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO THE
FINANCIAL PLAN

Adopted April 28. See pages 250, 484.

A STATEMENT

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the General Conference of 1940 (Journal p. 344), instructing the General Commission on World Service and Finance to make a careful study of the financial plan of The Methodist Church and make its report with recommendations to the 1944 session of the General Conference, your Commission submits for your consideration the following revised legislation relating to the financial system of the Church. In the proposed revisions there are no major changes. We have sought principally to codify and simplify our financial legislation, beginning with the general causes and ending with the local church, to the end that the same may be easily comprehended and efficiently administered. In a number of instances we have written into the legislation what has hitherto been our practice and procedure, as, for instance, the handling of the General Administration Fund and the Episcopal Fund. It is the judgment of the Commission that these regulations and methods should be written into legislation rather than left to a general understanding or to the decision of an auxiliary church body. A few amendments to our existing law are proposed, none of them altering our basic structure.

The paragraph references in this report are of three kinds: (1) Plain figures in parentheses (804) at the end of a paragraph indicate the paragraph in the 1940 *Discipline* underlying the paragraph as rewritten; (2) Plain figures in parentheses preceded by "P" (P-104) indicate a paragraph in the report of the Commission to which cross reference is made; (3) Plain figures in parentheses preceded by "Par." (Par. 917) indicate a paragraph in the 1940 *Discipline* to which cross reference is made; (4) "None" indicates that no corresponding legislation appears in the 1940 *Discipline*. The paragraph references as above detailed are for this report only, and will be properly edited before any of the legislation herein proposed is included in the *Discipline*.

CHAPTER II—CHURCH FINANCE

100. The work of the Church requires the support of our people, and participation therein through service and gifts is a Christian duty and a means of grace. In order that all members of The Methodist Church may share in its manifold ministries at home and abroad and that the work committed to us may prosper, the financial plan which follows has been duly approved and adopted. (804)

101. The various Causes, Funds, and Budgets of The Methodist Church shall be known and designated as follows: (1) *World Service*, the General Benevolences of The Methodist Church, approved by the General Conference and included in the World Service Budget; (2) *Conference Benevolences*, the Annual Conference Benevolences and Causes, approved by the Conference and included in the Conference Benevolence Budget; (3) *The World Service Budget, The General Administration Budget, The Episcopal Budget*, the amounts approved or estimated by the General Conference for these Causes respectively; (4) *Conference Benevolence Budget*, the amounts approved for Annual Conference Causes respectively, and included in one Budget; (5) *World Service and Conference Benevolence Budget*, the World Service apportionment to any Annual Conference plus its Conference Benevolence Budget, included in one sum and distributed among the charges of the Conference; (6) *The World Service Fund, The General Administration Fund, The Episcopal Fund*, funds received into the Central Treasury for these Causes respectively.

SECTION I—THE GENERAL COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

102. The General Conference at each quadrennial session shall elect a General Commission on World Service and Finance, which Commission shall through its Central Office receive and disburse in accordance with the directions hereinafter set forth all funds raised throughout the Church for (1) the World Service Fund, (2) the General Administration Fund, (3) the Episcopal Fund, and (4) any other fund or funds so directed by the proper authority. (820)

103. The General Commission on World Service and Finance shall be constituted as follows: From each jurisdiction two Ministers and two Lay Members, nominated by the Bishops thereof and elected by the General Conference; seven Members at Large, chosen without reference to jurisdictional lines, two of whom shall be Bishops, nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Confer-

ence. Members of the Commission shall serve until the adjournment of the next succeeding quadrennial session of the General Conference. Vacancies occurring in the membership of the Commission in the interim of the quadrennial sessions of the General Conference shall be filled by the Commission, the nomination for any such vacancy being made by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction concerned, or, in the event of a vacancy among the members at large, by the Council of Bishops. Should a Jurisdictional representative on the Commission move either his legal residence or his Church membership to a place outside the bounds of the Jurisdiction he represents, his membership on the Commission shall cease, and the president shall declare a vacancy. (820)

104. No member of any General Board or Agency or employee of the same shall be eligible to membership in the General Commission on World Service and Finance. This rule shall not apply to the Bishops who are elected to membership in the Commission and who are members of those General Boards or Agencies of which the law of the Church requires that all effective Bishops shall be members. (Pars. 917, 1050) The Bishops serving on the Commission, however, shall not be present in the sessions of the Commission when the salaries of the Bishops or their expense or rental allowances are under consideration. (820)

105. The officers of the Commission shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by the Commission. They shall serve until the adjournment of the next succeeding quadrennial session of the General Conference and until their successors are duly elected and qualify. The President, Vice-President and Secretary shall be elected from the membership of the Commission. The Treasurer, who is an employee of the Commission (P-104), shall not be a member of the same. He shall, however, sit with the Commission and its Executive Committee at all sessions of the same, and shall have right to the floor without the privilege of voting. The officers shall perform the duties usually associated with their respective offices. The Commission shall be duly incorporated. (822, 830)

106. The Commission shall meet annually, and on call of the President or of a majority of the membership thereof. Sixteen members shall constitute a quorum. The Commission shall submit to each quadrennial session of the General Conference for its action and determination a budget of annual expense for the ensuing quadrennium. The expenses of the Commission, including the expense of the Central

Office, shall be a first claim against the World Service Fund, the General Administration Fund and the Episcopal Fund, and the total expense shall be prorated annually to each in proportion to the amount received on the account of each during the fiscal year. Out of funds thus provided the Treasurer shall pay the expenses of the Commission, including the expense of the Central Office, and shall keep a true and accurate account thereof. (820, 822)

107. The Treasurer shall, not less than thirty days prior to the session of each Annual Conference, transmit to the presiding Bishop thereof, to the Chairman of the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, and to the Conference Treasurer, a statement of the apportionments to the Conference for the World Service Fund, the General Administration Fund, and the Episcopal Fund. (P-117, 127, 131) (None) He shall keep an account of all funds remitted to him by Annual Conference Treasurers and from other sources intended (1) for the World Service Fund, (2) for the General Administration Fund, (3) for the Episcopal Fund, and (4) for any other fund so directed by the proper authority, and shall disburse the same as authorized by the General Conference and directed by the General Commission on World Service and Finance. A separate account shall be kept of each such fund, and none of them shall be drawn on for the benefit of another. The fiscal year for the Commission and for the several Funds, Boards, and Agencies related to it, shall be from June 1 to May 31, inclusive. (822, 831)

108. The Treasurer shall report annually to the General Commission on World Service and Finance and to the respective Annual Conference Commissions as to all amounts received and disbursed during the year. He shall also make to each quadrennial session of the General Conference a full report of the financial transactions of the Commission for the preceding quadrennium. The Treasurer shall be bonded for such an amount as may be determined by the Commission. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually by an accountant approved by the Executive Committee. (822,831)

109. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Commission to consist of the officers of the Commission and six members to be elected annually by the Commission. The Executive Committee shall meet on call of the President or of a majority of the membership thereof, and shall act for the Commission and exercise its powers in the interim of the meetings of the Commission, but it shall not take any action contrary to or in conflict with any action or policy of the

Commission. A copy of the Minutes of each meeting of the Executive Committee shall be sent from the Central Office to each member of the Commission as soon thereafter as practicable. (821)

SECTION II—THE WORLD SERVICE FUND

110. Prior to each quadrennial session of the General Conference the General Commission on World Service and Finance shall make a diligent and detailed study of the needs of all the general causes of the Church asking to be included in the World Service Budget. (824)

111. The Executive Secretary or other duly authorized representative of each Board and Agency of The Methodist Church requesting support out of the World Service Fund, and the authorized representative of any other Agency for which askings are authorized by the General Conference, shall appear before the Commission at a designated time and place to represent the cause for which each is responsible. (824)

112. The Commission, after making diligent effort to secure full information regarding the general causes of the Church, in order that none may be neglected, jeopardized, or excluded, shall recommend to the General Conference for its action and determination the amount to be apportioned in the annual World Service Budget for each Board and authorized agency of the Church. The total amount thus designated for the several Boards and Agencies, when approved by the General Conference, shall be the annual World Service Budget for the ensuing quadrennium. The Commission shall recommend also to the General Conference for its action and determination a plan and schedule for the distribution of the receipts on the World Service Budget among the several Boards and Agencies. (823, 824)

113. To encourage the wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures throughout the world, and to provide for the translation, printing, and distribution essential thereto, the American Bible Society shall be recognized as one of the general missionary agencies of The Methodist Church and the Commission shall make appropriate provision for participating in its support. (827)

114. Any General Board or Agency requesting the privilege of a special Church-wide financial appeal during the quadrennium, in the interest of its work, shall present such request to the Commission on World Service and Finance when the askings of the Board or Agency for the ensuing quadrennium are presented, and the Commission shall make

recommendation to the General Conference relating thereto for its action and determination. (824)

115. The Commission shall also recommend to the General Conference the days in connection with the Church-wide observance of which the taking of special offerings shall be authorized, and in the case of each shall recommend whether or not the receipts derived therefrom shall be credited to the contributing church as a part of its World Service apportionment, and charged against the claims of the Board or Agency receiving the same. All such recommendations are subject to the approval of the General Conference. (824)

116. The General Conference having determined the budgeted amounts and the plan and schedule of distribution to the participating Boards and Agencies as provided in P-112, thereafter no benevolence interest shall be allowed to have a prior or preferred claim or increased ratio participation in the World Service Budget during the quadrennium except to meet an emergency, and then only by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting at a regular or called meeting of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, the Council of Bishops concurring in this action by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting; nor shall the total World Service Budget be changed in the interim between the quadrennial sessions of the General Conference except as required by unforeseen conditions, and then only by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting at a regular or called meeting of the Commission, the Council of Bishops concurring in this action by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting. No General Board, or institution (such as a School, College, University or Hospital), or other cause or interest of the Church shall make a special Church-wide appeal for funds without the approval of the General Conference, or in the interim between General Conferences, without the approval by majority vote of the Council of Bishops and of the General Commission on World Service and Finance respectively. (825, 854)

117. The General Commission on World Service and Finance shall after careful study prepare an equitable schedule of apportionments by which the total World Service Budget (P-112) shall be distributed to the several Annual Conferences and shall present the same to the General Conference for its action and determination. (828)

SECTION III—PROMOTION

118. To the Bishops in their Areas, the District Superintendents in their Districts, the Pastors in their Charges, and the Official Laymen, with the co-operation of the various

General, Jurisdictional, and Annual Conference Boards and Agencies, shall be committed the responsibility to make diligent effort to raise the full amount of the apportionments accepted by the Charges. (842)

119. The General Boards and Agencies participating in the World Service Fund shall, severally and co-operatively, promote throughout the Church the World Service program and the causes represented therein. To the end that duplication, overlapping, and competition may be eliminated, the work of promotion is especially committed to the Executive Secretaries of the said participating General Boards and Agencies, organized as a Council of Secretaries. The Council shall co-ordinate the promotion of the causes represented in the total World Service program of the Church, shall prepare and publish such materials as will inform our people concerning the same, and shall use such means as they judge to be most effective to enlist their full and hearty support. The expense of the promotion committed to the Council of Secretaries shall be a first claim on the World Service Fund, and shall be payable before distribution is made to the respective Boards and Agencies. (842-844)

120. The Council of Secretaries and the participating Boards and Agencies shall in their program of promotion and education co-operate with the Bishops, District Superintendents, Pastors, Church Officials, Jurisdictional and Annual Conference and local church Boards and Agencies; and, as the need and opportunity may appear, especially with the General Board of Lay Activities, that its Church-wide lay organization may be effectively used in the total program of promotion and education. (842-844)

121. The Council of Secretaries shall make an annual report to the General Commission on World Service and Finance. This report shall include a statement of its activities and expenditures for the year preceding and a statement of its plans and estimated Budget for the year ensuing. (None)

122. The fourth Sunday in each month shall be observed as World Service Sunday in the Church School of each local church. An offering shall be taken for the causes included in the World Service and Conference Benevolence Budget and the same shall be remitted to the Conference Treasurer (P-159) for proper division between the Conference Benevolences and World Service according to the ratio of division adopted by that Annual Conference. Each church may receive credit on its World Service and Conference Benevolence Apportionment for all such remittances to the Conference Treasurer. Each Annual Conference shall receive

credit on its World Service Apportionment for all such remittances to the Central Treasury. (846)

123. In order that the fourth Sunday programs may be co-ordinated with the other missionary programs of the Church, the Inter-Board Committees on Missionary Education, in consultation with the General Boards and Agencies, shall be responsible for providing study units, special programs, and source materials to aid in bringing about an effective observance of World Service Sunday throughout the Church. All materials thus provided shall be subject to the approval of the Curriculum Committee. (846)

124. As far as practicable, on the fourth Sunday in each month the World Service causes shall be recognized in the congregational worship services of the Local Churches, by occasional sermons, three-minute addresses, and the distribution of literature. The program and cultivation material for this day shall be provided by the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education. (For procedure, see Appendix, 1732.) (846)

SECTION IV—THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND

125. The General Administration Fund shall provide for the expenses of the sessions of the General Conference, of the Judicial Council, of such General Conference Commissions and Committees as may be constituted by the General Conference, and for such interchurch causes and other activities as may be authorized by the General Conference. (848)

126. The General Commission on World Service and Finance shall submit to each quadrennial session of the General Conference an annual General Administration Budget, including such items as in the judgment of the Commission should be provided for out of this fund for the ensuing quadrennium. The Commission shall likewise recommend to the General Conference what prior or preferred claims shall be allowed in the General Administration Budget, and by what plan or ratios the causes included in the Budget shall share in the funds collected. The General Administration Budget thus submitted, including all recommendations, shall be subject to the action and determination of the General Conference. (None)

127. The Commission shall apportion among the several Annual Conferences of the Church the total General Administration Budget, as approved by the General Conference, by the same ratio and percentage that each Conference shares in the total World Service Budget. The apportionments for the General Administration Budget shall not be subject to

change or revision either by the Annual Conference or by the Charge or Local Church. (828)

128. The Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance shall disburse the funds received by him for the General Administration Fund as authorized by the General Conference and as directed by the Commission. (None)

SECTION V—THE EPISCOPAL FUND

129. The Episcopal Fund, raised separately from all other funds, shall provide for the salary and expenses of effective Bishops, and for a dwelling to be furnished to each of them; for the support of retired Bishops, and of the widows and minor children of deceased Bishops. Subject to the approval of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, the Treasurer shall have authority to borrow for the benefit of the Episcopal Fund such amounts as may be necessary for the proper execution of the orders of the General Conference. (849)

130. The General Commission on World Service and Finance shall recommend to each quadrennial session of the General Conference for its action and determination: (1) the amounts to be fixed as salaries of the effective Bishops; (2) a schedule of such amounts as may be judged adequate to provide a dwelling for each of them, or for the maintenance of Episcopal Residences in areas having such; (3) a schedule of such amounts as may be judged adequate for their office and provision for their travel expenses; (4) the amounts to be fixed as annual pensions for the support of retired Bishops; and, (5) a schedule of allowance for the widows and for the support of minor children of deceased Bishops. From the facts in hand the Commission shall estimate the approximate total amount required annually during the ensuing quadrennium to provide for the items of episcopal support above mentioned, and shall report the same to the General Conference. This amount as finally determined shall be the estimated Episcopal Budget. (826)

131. The Episcopal Budget shall be apportioned to the several Charges of the whole Church in proportion to the pastor's current cash salary paid annually by each. The Commission shall estimate what percentage of the total pastors' salaries paid by the entire Church will yield an amount equal to the estimated Episcopal Budget, and shall make recommendations to the General Conference concerning the same for its action and determination. When such percentage has been approved by the General Conference, it shall be the basis of the annual apportionment against each

and every Charge of the Church for the Episcopal Fund. The apportionment against each and every Charge shall be an amount equal to the approved percentage of the pastor's current annual cash salary paid. (P-107, 154) (None)

132. The Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance shall remit monthly to each effective Bishop one-twelfth of his annual salary and office expenses as approved by the Commission. Each month he shall remit to the person, firm or organization designated in writing by each Bishop the proportionate share, based upon the annual amount fixed, of the amount allowed for the providing of a dwelling for such Bishop. In areas in which there is an Episcopal Residence the allowance for a dwelling shall be disbursed as the General Commission on World Service and Finance shall determine and direct. The allowances for retired Bishops and for the widows and minor children of deceased Bishops shall be paid to them severally in equal monthly installments. (850)

133. The Treasurer shall pay monthly the claim for the official travel of each Bishop or Missionary Bishop, upon presentation of an itemized voucher. "Official travel" of an effective Bishop shall be interpreted to include all visitations to local churches within his Area, and to institutions or enterprises of The Methodist Church where he is called in the performance of his official duties, and such journeys outside his Area as are within the meaning of "travel through the Connection at large." (Par. 331, item 6) No part of the expense and no honoraria for any such visitations shall be accepted from local Methodist Churches or enterprises or institutions of The Methodist Church, such expense being a proper claim against the Episcopal Fund. *Provided*, when a Bishop who is a member of a Board or Agency of the Church is called to a meeting of the same or to a meeting of a committee thereof, the expense incident to such journey shall be paid by the said Board or Agency as the case may be.

Nothing in this interpretation is intended to preclude special or non-official engagements of a Bishop, other than the oversight of the temporal and spiritual affairs of the Church (Par. 331, item 7), such as series of lectures in educational institutions, baccalaureate addresses, and preaching missions of several days' duration, when such engagements do not interfere with his official duties, nor does it preclude the acceptance of honoraria for such services. (851)

134. Should any effective Bishop in the interim of the quadrennial sessions of his Jurisdictional Conference be relieved by the College of Bishops of his Jurisdiction from the performance of regular episcopal duties (Par. 331), on

account of ill health or for any other reason, the Chairman of the said College of Bishops shall so notify the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund. Beginning thirty days after such retirement, he shall receive the regular pension allowance of a retired Bishop, and such pension allowance shall continue until he resumes the regular duties of an effective Bishop or until his status shall have been determined by his Jurisdictional Conference. (None)

135. Should any retired Bishop, in the interim of the quadrennial sessions of his Jurisdictional Conference, be called into active service by the Council of Bishops and assigned to active episcopal duty (Par. 336, item 4) he shall be entitled to remuneration for such service out of the Episcopal Fund. In the event of such assignment of a retired Bishop to active episcopal duty, the Chairman of the Council of Bishops shall notify the Chairman of the General Commission on World Service and Finance of the same, giving full information as to the nature and scope of the work assigned him. On the basis of this information the said Commission or its Executive Committee shall determine what salary remuneration and what expense allowance shall be allowed the Bishop concerned during the period of his active service. The Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund shall make remittance to him accordingly. (None)

136. In determining the schedule of allowances for the widows of deceased Bishops the following rule shall apply: Each beneficiary who prior to the death of her husband had been his wife for not less than fifteen years while he was engaged in the effective ministry of The Methodist Church, whether Bishop or Traveling Preacher, shall receive the full allowance for the widow of a deceased Bishop, as ordered by the General Conference. The allowance of the widow of a deceased Bishop who prior to the death of her husband had been his wife for less than fifteen years, while he was an effective minister of The Methodist Church, shall be determined on the basis of that fraction of fifteen years during which she was his wife, while he was an effective minister of The Methodist Church, whether Bishop or Traveling Preacher; *Provided*, the General Commission on World Service and Finance may at its discretion increase the said allowance if special need exists, but in no instance shall the allowance of the widow of a deceased Bishop exceed the full allowance as hereinbefore set forth. (None)

SECTION VI—MISCELLANEOUS

137. All Boards and Agencies receiving financial support from the World Service Fund, The General Administration

Fund, or from any authorized Church-wide appeal shall make to the General Commission on World Service and Finance audited reports of all receipts and disbursements in such detail and at such times as the Commission may direct. (None)

138. The General Commission on World Service and Finance shall aid in standardizing Annuity rates and formulating policies for the writing of Annuities by institutions and agencies operating under the auspices of The Methodist Church. (829)

139. The Commission may receive, take title to, sell dispose of, or hold absolutely or in trust, property, real and personal, for the benefit of the World Service Fund, The General Administration Fund, or The Episcopal Fund of The Methodist Church and for proper distribution among the causes supported by these funds. (830)

140. In the event of any Inter-Board disagreement on financial matters, the Commission shall act as arbiter. It shall also consider any complaints from contributors, whether they be individuals or organizations. (825)

141. The salaries and all expense items paid to the several officers of the General Boards and Agencies of the Church and to their chief assistants shall be published in the report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance to each quadrennial session of the General Conference. (855)

142. Individual donors or local churches may make special gifts to the support of any cause or project which is a part of the work of any one of the World Service Boards or Agencies. Such gifts shall not apply on the benevolence apportionment of any local church. They may, however, be acknowledged by "Special Gift" World Service Vouchers. Such Special Gift Vouchers shall be credited in the Special Gift World Service Column in the Conference Minutes. Special Gifts shall not be charged against the Board or Boards receiving them in the ratio distribution of the on-apportionment Benevolences. Special Gifts may be sent directly to the Board or Agency concerned, or to the Office of the Central Treasury of the General Commission on World Service and Finance. The Board or Office issuing a Special Gift Voucher shall send at the same time a duplicate voucher to the Office of the Central Treasury for forwarding to the Conference Treasurer. Bequests, gifts on the annuity plan, gifts to permanent funds, and gifts for property shall be classified as Special Gifts. (852)

143. Pastoral Charges, individuals, or groups may designate their gifts to the work of any General or Conference Board or Agency or to one or more projects or types of work

under its direction; *provided*, that said gifts shall be designated for projects or types of work which have been included in the approved program of the Boards or Agencies. Before making remittance the donor is requested to ascertain from the Board or Agency concerned whether the proposed gift applies to a project included in the approved program. Such gifts shall be credited upon the benevolence apportionment of the local church and shall be applied upon the ratio share of the receiving Boards or Agencies in the apportioned benevolence funds. (853)

144. The authorized World Service Boards and Agencies may solicit additional or "special" gifts from individual donors or special groups. The World Service Commission shall have power to limit the total amounts that may be thus solicited by any Board or Agency during any one year, if in the judgment of the Commission such action is necessary. (None)

145. The word "Methodist" is not by our approval or consent to be used as, or as a part of, a trade name or trademark or as, or as a part of, the name of any public firm or organization except by corporations or other public units created for the administration of work undertaken directly by The Methodist Church. (None)

SECTION VII—THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

146. Each Annual Conference shall elect, at the session of the Conference next succeeding the adjournment of the quadrennial session of the General Conference, a Commission on World Service and Finance, nominated by the District Superintendents or a nominating committee, as the Conference may determine, and composed of five Ministers and six Lay Members; *Provided*, that in the smaller conferences the number may be reduced to not less than two Ministers and three Lay Members. Their term of service shall begin with the adjournment of the said session of the Annual Conference, and they shall serve for the quadrennium and until their successors shall have been chosen. No member or employee of any Annual Conference Board and no employee, trustee, or director of any agency or institution participating in the funds of the Annual Conference Benevolence Budget shall be eligible for membership on the Commission. (832)

147. The Commission shall elect a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary. The Treasurer of the Annual Conference shall be the Treasurer of the Commission (P-158). The Treasurer, who is an employee of the Commission,

shall not be a member of the same. The Treasurer shall be bonded in a surety company approved by the Commission, and for an amount which the Commission judges to be adequate. (833)

148. The Chairman of each Conference Board or Agency, or other duly authorized representative, shall have opportunity to represent the claims of each Board or Agency before the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance. The Commission shall make diligent effort to secure full information regarding all Conference Causes, that none may be neglected, jeopardized, or excluded, and shall recommend to the Annual Conference for its action and determination the total amount to be apportioned for Conference Causes, and included in the Conference Benevolence Budget. (834)

149. The Commission shall also recommend to the Annual Conference for its action and determination the amount or the percentage of the total sum of the Conference Benevolence Budget which shall be apportioned to each cause included in the said budget. (835)

150. The Commission, upon receiving from the Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance a statement of the amount apportioned that Annual Conference for World Service, shall combine the World Service apportionment and the approved Conference Benevolence Budget (P-148) in one total sum to be known as World Service and Conference Benevolences. The total World Service and Conference Benevolence Budget thus established shall be distributed annually among the Districts or Charges, by the method determined by the Conference (P-151), and by such divisions and ratios as the Conference may approve. A like distribution shall be made of Jurisdictional Conference apportionments and any other apportionments that have been properly made to the Annual Conference. The distribution of all apportionments mentioned in this paragraph shall be subject to the approval of the Annual Conference. (837)

151. The Commission shall recommend to the Annual Conference for its action and determination whether the apportionments referred to in P-150 shall be made by the Commission to the Districts only, or to the Charges of the Conference. If the apportionments are made by the Commission to the Districts only, then the distribution to the Charges of each District shall be made by the District Stewards. The Conference may order that the entire distribution to all the Charges of the Conference be made by the District Superintendents. (837)

152. Should the Annual Conference direct that the distribution to the Charges of each District shall be made by the District Stewards, it shall be the duty of each District Superintendent thereof to call a meeting of the District Stewards of his District as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the Annual Conference, and they shall make the distribution to the Charges of the District, using such methods as they may determine, unless the Annual Conference shall have determined the method of distribution to the charges. The District Superintendent shall be chairman of all District Stewards' meetings. (None)

153. The Commission shall include in its recommendations to the Annual Conference the amounts computed by the Board of Conference Claimants (Par. 1314) as necessary to meet the needs for annuity payments and relief. (Par. 166) (None)

154. The Commission shall at each session of the Annual Conference report to the Conference the standard percentage, based on pastor's current annual cash salary paid, approved by the General Conference and apportioned to each charge in the Conference for the Episcopal Fund, as set forth in P-131. (None)

155. The Commission upon receiving from the General Commission on World Service and Finance a statement of the amount apportioned to the Annual Conference for the General Administration Fund (P-107), shall apportion the same to the several Districts or Charges of the Conference, using the same method and percentages adopted for distributing the World Service and Conference Benevolence Budget. (P-151) (None)

156. It shall be the duty of the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, unless otherwise provided (P-157), to estimate the total amount necessary to furnish a sufficient and equitable support for the District Superintendents of the Conference, including salary and suitable provision for dwelling, travel and office expense. The Commission shall recommend to the Conference for its action and determination the amount estimated, including the salary and other allowances specified above, for each of the several District Superintendents. The Commission shall also recommend to the Annual Conference for its action and determination the basis and method by which the total amount shall be apportioned to the Districts or Charges in harmony with P-166. The Conference Treasurer shall, as far as practicable, remit monthly to the several District Superintendents the amounts due them, respectively, and with the approval of the Conference the Commission on

World Service and Finance, or the Treasurer, as the Conference may determine, may borrow the funds necessary to make this possible. (840)

157. Annual Conferences which elect to do so may provide for the support of District Superintendents through the Board of District Stewards in each of the several Districts. In that case, the District Stewards under the chairmanship of the District Superintendent (P-151) shall estimate the salary and expenses of the District Superintendent and shall apportion the same among the several Charges of the District, by the plan adopted by the District Stewards. The amount apportioned for the support of the District Superintendent shall be included in the items of Ministerial Support. (P-165) The District Stewards may elect a Treasurer, to whom the Treasurer of each Pastoral Charge shall make remittances, and who shall in turn make payment to the District Superintendent. In the event that no such treasurer is elected, remittances shall be made directly to the District Superintendent. There shall be a settlement at least once a quarter when proportional payments for the various items of Ministerial Support shall be made. (P-166, 167) (841)

158. Each Annual Conference, on nomination of its Commission on World Service and Finance, shall, at the first session of the Conference after the adjournment of each quadrennial session of the General Conference, elect a Conference Treasurer. He shall serve for the quadrennium or until his successor shall be elected and qualify. The Conference Commission on World Service and Finance shall have authority and supervision over the Treasurer. After consultation with the Bishop in charge, it may remove him from office for cause, and fill the vacancy until the next session of the Conference. The Commission shall have the accounts of the Conference Treasurer for the Conference year preceding audited within forty days after the close of each session of the Annual Conference. (838)

159. All amounts contributed in Local Churches for World Service and Conference Benevolences shall be remitted monthly by the Local Church Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference. The Conference Treasurer shall each month divide the total amount thus received, setting aside the proper amount for World Service and the proper amount for Conference Benevolences, according to the proportionate share of each in the total World Service and Conference Benevolence Budget. He shall make monthly remittances of the share received by him for Conference Benevolences to the Treasurers of the several Boards and Agencies for Conference work according to the rightful

share and proportion of each. He shall remit monthly to the Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance the share received by him for World Service and the total received by him for the General Administration Fund, the Episcopal Fund, and other general causes. The Treasurer of each Annual Conference shall make a full report covering all general funds handled by him to the Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance each month. These reports shall be made on forms authorized by the General Commission. The Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance shall provide a suitable bond for the Annual Conference Treasurer and shall designate a depository or depositories for Annual Conference Funds. It shall require the Treasurers of all Conference Boards and Agencies to be properly bonded in companies approved by the Commission, and shall require that their books be properly audited at least annually. (839, 801)

The Commission shall recommend to the Annual Conference the amount in which the Treasurers of all unincorporated Boards or Commissions shall be protected by fidelity insurance, and the application for such fidelity bonds shall be made by the corporate body of the Annual Conference, and the costs shall be provided for out of the funds held by the unincorporated Board or Commission so insured. And Institutions and organizations that are incorporated by the laws of the State shall secure fidelity bonds for the Treasurers of their funds and shall pay the cost of the premium required.

160. For the sake of economy and efficiency the Annual Conference may constitute the Conference Treasury as a depository for funds designated for any or all Conference Boards and Agencies participating in the Conference Benevolences, eliminating as far as possible the necessity of a treasurer for each. In this event the Conference Treasurer shall keep a separate account for each such Conference Board of Agency, enter the proper credits in each at the end of each month's business, and disburse the same on proper order from each Board or Agency, respectively. None of the above designated accounts shall be drawn on for the benefit of another. (None)

161. The Conference Commission on World Service and Finance shall co-operate with the General Commission on World Service and Finance and with the General Board of Lay Activities in promoting and standardizing the financial system in the local Churches of the Conference. (836)

162. No Annual Conference Board or interest such as a

School, College, University, or Hospital shall make a special Conference-wide appeal to the Churches for funds without the approval of the Annual Conference, except in case of an extreme emergency, when such approval may be given by a two-thirds vote of the District Superintendents and of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, acting jointly. (854)

163. When application is made to the Conference for the privilege of a special Conference-wide financial appeal, whether by special collections, campaigns, or otherwise, the application shall be referred to the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance before final action is taken thereon. The Commission shall investigate the application and its possible relation to other obligations of the Conference, and in the light of the facts make recommendations to the Conference for its action and determination. Such application for privilege of a special appeal may be made directly to the Commission for recommendation to the Annual Conference. (None)

164. The various Annual Conference Boards and Agencies shall report each year to their respective Annual Conferences the salaries and other expenses allowed each secretary in their employ, and the same shall be published in the Conference Journal. (855)

SECTION VIII—MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

165. Assumption of the obligations of the itinerancy required to be made at the time of admission into the Traveling Connection puts upon the Church the counter-obligation of providing support for the entire Ministry of the Church. In view of this, the claim for Ministerial Support in each Pastoral Charge shall include provision for the support of Pastors, District Superintendents, Bishops and Conference Claimants. (805, 551)

166. Each Annual Conference shall determine what plan and method shall be used in distributing the apportionments for District Superintendents and Conference Claimants to its several Districts and Charges, whether by percentages based on the pastor's current salary paid or by some other method. (P-153, 157) (806, 552)

167. When the apportionments for Bishops, District Superintendents, and Conference Claimants for the several Districts and Charges have been determined, payments made to the same in each pastoral Charge shall be exactly proportional to the amount paid on the pastor's salary. The Treasurer or Treasurers of each pastoral Charge shall accordingly

make proportional distribution of the funds raised in that Charge for the support of the Ministry, and remit monthly, if practicable, and quarterly at the latest (P-157), the items for Bishops, District Superintendents, and Conference Claimants to the proper Treasurer or Treasurers. (806, 807, 553)

168. It shall be the duty of the Quarterly Conference of each Pastoral Charge or of the Stewards of the Charge, as the Quarterly Conference may elect, at the session immediately preceding the Annual Conference, and, after consultation with the Pastor, to agree upon the minimum salary of the Pastor of the Charge for the ensuing year. In Charges of more than one organized congregation, the amount apportioned to each Church shall be recorded in the minutes of the Quarterly Conference. The Pastor's salary, thus agreed upon, shall not include the traveling and moving expenses of a new appointee to the Charge. Where traveling and moving expenses of a new appointee to a Charge are paid by the Charge, this amount shall be a separate and additional item. (808, 554)

169. No pastor shall be entitled to any claim for unpaid salary against any Church or Charge he has served after his pastoral connection with the Church or Charge has ceased. (809, 555)

170. Each Annual Conference, after careful study of its needs and its sources of income for Ministerial Support, may adopt a schedule of Minimum Support for its Pastors, including full-time Accepted Supply Pastors. The schedule may allow for differences in living conditions, number of dependents in the family, or any other variants, as directed by the Annual Conference. (810, 556)

171. When adopted by vote of the Annual Conference, this schedule of Minimum Support shall be observed by the Bishops and District Superintendents in arranging Charges and making the appointments. (811 and 557)

172. If necessary in order to maintain a satisfactory schedule of Minimum Support or to assist the Pastors of a Conference in special need, a Sustentation Fund may be established. The method to be employed for making the apportionments therefor to the Pastoral Charges and for collecting and disbursing the same shall be determined by the Annual Conference. (812)

173. Should the Annual Conference judge that additional funds are needed to supplement the funds provided for in P-172, apportionments may be made for the same to the Ministerial Members and the Accepted Supplies in the form of a percentage of that part of the salary of each over and

above the amount which the Conference has designated as the minimum salary level. (812, 558)

174. Every Ministerial Member of an Annual Conference appointed to any other field than the Pastorate or District Superintendency shall furnish annually to the Secretary of his Conference, at the time of the Conference Session, a statement of his remuneration, and the salaries or remuneration of all men in special service shall be published in the Journal of the Annual Conference. (814)

SECTION IX—THE LOCAL CHURCH

175. As soon as practicable after the session of the Annual Conference each District Superintendent shall notify each Charge in his District what amounts have been apportioned to it for World Service and Conference Benevolences. (P-150, 151) It shall be the joint responsibility of the Pastor, the District Steward for the Charge, and the Church Lay Leader to present to a meeting of each congregation in the Charge a statement of the apportionments for World Service and Conference Benevolences to each Church respectively, explaining the causes supported by each of these funds, and their place in the total program of the Church. Such presentation to each local congregation shall be made before the Quarterly Conference of that Charge shall set the amount of its acceptances. The First or Second Quarterly Conference may accept, increase, or decrease the amount apportioned for World Service and Conference Benevolences. The amount voted by the Quarterly Conference shall be the amount assumed by the Charge for this cause. The District Superintendent shall also notify each Charge of all other amounts properly apportioned to it.

The apportionments to the Charge for the General Administration Fund and the Episcopal Fund, for District Superintendents and Conference Claimants are not subject to change or alteration by the Quarterly Conference or by the Local Church. (845)

176. The District Superintendent shall report as soon as practicable to the resident Bishop and to the Chairman and Treasurer of the Annual Conference Commission the amounts that have been accepted for World Service and Conference Benevolences for the year in his District, Charge by Charge. The Conference Treasurer, as soon as he has received this information, shall make a full report to the Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance of all acceptances in his Conference. (847)

177. The strength of the Church is in the local congregation. The Church's financial support springs from the hearts

and habits of our people. Constant care must therefore be taken to cultivate in each Local Church a conscience concerning the Christian Stewardship of possessions, in order that each may become a supporting unit in the world-wide ministry of The Methodist Church. Certain *principles* and *procedures* are applicable to all Local Churches, the large and the small alike:

1. The appeal for the financial support of the Church must be rooted in the principles of Christian Stewardship. Training the individual to regard his possessions as a sacred trust to be administered as in the sight of God is the perennial task of the Church, requiring the united effort of the pastor, the lay leader, the Local Church organizations, and other agencies and methods as set forth by the General Board of Lay Activities (Par. 223, item 17, 1247-1249);

2. The membership of the Local Church must be informed concerning the Church's local needs and concerning her manifold ministries at home and abroad. In the work of the Kingdom information is inspiration, and an informed Church is a vigorous and generous Church;

3. The obligation of each individual member—the poor and the prosperous, child and adult—to contribute of his means to the work of the Church must be insistently laid on the consciences of all, and each must be urged to contribute in proportion to his ability and in accord with the vows he made when he became a member of the Church (Par. 1585, 1586);

4. Our people must be trained to contribute to the Church regularly and systematically. The work of The Methodist Church never ceases. Constant labors require constant support. We who constantly receive from God are obligated constantly to give. We therefore recommend and urge that our people contribute to the Church weekly, or, in the case of rural Churches, monthly at the most. (815)

178. To the Official Board (Par. 541) is committed the responsibility of setting up a budget in each Local Church and making provision for meeting the same. (Par. 542) The Board shall appoint annually a Finance Committee of not less than three members whose duty, prior to the close of each fiscal year, shall be:

1. In collaboration with the Financial Secretary or Treasurer, and with the Pastor and other proper officials prepare a budget for the ensuing year, in the following form or some adaptation thereof as the Committee may determine.

A. *Ministerial Support and Local Expense*, which shall include Pastor's Salary and suitable provisions for a dwelling; apportionments for District Superintendents, Bishops,

and Conference Claimants, respectively; and all current expense items such as employed helpers, supplies of all kinds, repairs, and other items that properly belong to local current expense;

B. *Benevolence Apportionments and Other Askings*, which shall include the World Service and Conference Benevolence acceptance of the charge (P-175), district benevolences, city missions, the General Administration Fund, Jurisdictional Conference apportionment, and other special or benevolence askings approved by the Annual Conference or by the Official Board;

2. To present the Local Church Budget, as thus estimated by the Finance Committee, to the Official Board for revision and for tentative approval;

3. To proceed immediately to inform the congregation of the financial needs of the Church as set forth in the proposed budget, and by personal canvass of the entire membership of the Church and other supporters to secure pledges, which with any other expected income will cover the same;

4. Should the Official Board elect to do so, pledge cards for a permanent and continuing subscription shall be prepared, and individuals shall be asked to subscribe a certain amount per week or per month without limitation as to the length of time the said subscription shall continue effective. In this event the subscriber shall have the right to alter his subscription at any time on written notice, and the subscription shall terminate when his membership in the Local Church is terminated. This method eliminates the laborious necessity of soliciting each year the faithful contributors to the Church;

5. If the probable income appears insufficient to meet the estimated budget, the Official Board shall take steps to provide for the deficit. When the expected income appears sufficient to cover the fiscal budget, the same may be finally ratified and approved;

6. The total for Ministerial Support and Local Expense and for Benevolence and Other Askings may be combined in a single unified budget, if the Official Board so elects, in which event subscribers shall be asked to make a single subscription to the whole; or the two budgets may be kept and administered separately and subscribers asked to subscribe to each and to make duplex offerings. Single offering envelopes or duplex envelopes, as the case may require, should be made available to all subscribers. (816)

179. All funds, except such funds as are committed to the responsibility of the Board of Trustees (776-776), received

into the treasury of the Local Church shall be administered by the Official Board. The following rules shall apply :

1. As far as practicable, the income shall be prorated each month among the respective items and causes represented in the budget ;

2. Contributions made to specific causes and objects shall be promptly forwarded according to the intent of the donor, and shall not be used, even temporarily, for any other purpose ;

3. When the budget of the Local Church has been approved, additional appropriations or items shall not be added thereto without the consent of the Official Board and after sufficient income has been provided to cover the same ; any payments to no cause or item in the budget shall exceed the budget allowance except by order of the Board. (815)

180. The Local Church Treasurer, elected by the Quarterly Conference (or if the Quarterly Conference fails to do so, by the Official Board) shall receive and disburse funds paid into the Church Treasury under the supervision of the Official Board :

1. He, or the Financial Secretary, shall keep a proper account of each subscriber and contributor to the Church Budget ;

2. He shall properly record all receipts into the Church Treasury and all disbursements therefrom ;

3. He shall deposit promptly all funds received by him in a Bank approved by the Official Board and deposit in that bank in the name of the church ;

4. He shall report all receipts and disbursements and all unpaid obligations each month to the Official Board, and to the Quarterly Conference as may be required ;

5. He shall assist the Finance Committee in estimating the Annual Budget. (818)

6. These regulations shall also apply to the Treasurer of Benevolences, where there is such a Treasurer.

181. A Church may, if it so determines, elect a Local Treasurer who shall receive and disburse all money contributed for Ministerial Support and Local Expense, and a Benevolence Treasurer who shall receive and disburse all contributions to Benevolence Apportionments and similar causes. (815-819)

W. F. BRYAN, *Vice Chairman* ;
COSTEN J. HARRELL, *Secretary*.

REPORTS OF GENERAL COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE TO THE 1944 GENERAL CONFERENCE

PART IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORT NO. 1. WORLD SERVICE RATIOS

Adopted April 29. See Journal, Page 259.

The General Commission on World Service and Finance recommends the following schedule for the distribution of World Service Funds for the quadrennium beginning June 1, 1944.

I. Fixed sums shall be paid annually from the World Service receipts as follows:

To the Board of Pensions, Ill. Corp.....	\$ 66,500
To the Board of Pensions, Mo. Corp.	50,000
To the Board of Pensions, Ill. Corp., for the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions and Church Extension to aid in providing pensions for Deaconesses	30,000
Total	\$146,500

The treasurer shall pay one twelfth of the foregoing amounts each month to the boards indicated.

II. The balance of the receipts for the World Service program shall be distributed according to the following ratios:

*Board of Missions and Church Extension	71.5 %
Board of Education	15.2 %
**Theological Schools	4.08 %
Commission on Courses of Study	1.05 %
Board of Temperance	2.2 %
Board of Hospitals and Homes .....	.97 %
Board of Lay Activities	1.65 %
Commission on World Peace9 %
Commission on Evangelism	1.2 %
American Bible Society	1.25 %

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* From the receipts of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, Junaluska and Sequoyah Assemblies are to receive in equal shares $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% annually, not to exceed \$4,000 each annually.

** Two per cent of the total realized from this ratio shall be paid each year to Scarritt College for Christian Workers, not to exceed \$4,000 annually.

REPORT NO. 2. THE EPISCOPAL FUND BUDGET

(See *Discipline* Paragraphs 826 and 806)

Adopted April 29. See Journal, Pages 262, 307.

The General Commission on World Service and Finance

presents to the General Conference the following recommendations concerning the Episcopal Fund Budget for the quadrennium beginning June 1, 1944.

I. Salaries of effective bishops, allowances for support of retired bishops and widows and minor children of deceased bishops, and grants-in-aid to Central Conferences.

1. The salary of an effective bishop shall be \$7,500 per year.

2. The salary of an effective missionary bishop (*Discipline*, Paragraph 341) shall be \$6,000 per year. In providing the same the General Commission on World Service and Finance shall give full consideration to rates of exchange.

3. The allowance for a retired bishop or missionary bishop shall be \$3,000.00 per year.

4. The allowance for the widow of a deceased bishop or missionary bishop shall be \$1,800 per year, provided that prior to the death of her husband she had been his wife for a period of at least fifteen years while he was engaged in the effective ministry of The Methodist Church, whether as a bishop or a traveling preacher. The allowance for the widow of a deceased bishop or missionary bishop, who prior to the death of her husband has been his wife for a shorter period than fifteen years while he was an effective minister of The Methodist Church, shall be determined on the basis of that fraction of the said fifteen years, during which she was his wife.

5. The amounts to be allowed for the support of minor children of deceased bishops or missionary bishops shall be determined in each case by the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

6. The General Commission on World Service and Finance shall determine what sum shall be paid from the Episcopal Fund for the support of the several retired Central Conference Bishops, and the widows of Central Conference Bishops after due consideration of the facts in each case.

7. The grants-in-aid to the several Central Conferences shall be made as heretofore in such amounts as the General Commission on World Service and Finance shall determine after due consideration of the representations concerning the need for the same, as made by the respective Central Conferences, or their authorized representatives.

II. Episcopal residence, travel, secretarial and office expenses.

1. *For effective Bishops:*

a. For an Episcopal residence furnished, a maximum of \$1,200.00 shall be allowed annually to each effective Mis-

sionary Bishop, the same to be determined by actual rent paid, *provided* that in the event that a Missionary Bishop is temporarily located in the United States, the General Commission on World Service and Finance, shall after due consideration of the facts in the case be authorized to increase such allowance for dwelling on the basis of rent actually paid to the sum not to exceed \$1,800.00.

b. For secretarial and office expense there shall be allowed annually to each effective Bishop a sum not to exceed \$1,800 per year.

c. Cost of "official travel" of each effective Bishop shall be paid as provided in the *Discipline*.

2. *For effective missionary Bishops:*

a. For house rent a maximum of \$1,200 shall be allowed annually to each effective missionary bishop, the same to be determined by actual rent paid.

b. For secretarial and office expense there shall be allowed to each effective missionary Bishop a sum not to exceed \$1,200 annually.

c. Cost of necessary "official travel" of each effective missionary Bishop shall be paid as provided in the *Discipline*.

d. In computing the above allowance due consideration shall be given to the prevailing rates of exchange.

3. *For retired Bishops:*

Traveling expenses incurred by each retired Bishop and missionary Bishop in attending the meetings of the General and Jurisdictional Conferences and of the Council of Bishops shall be paid.

4. *For Central Conference Bishops:*

Travel expenses incurred by each Central Conference Bishop in attending sessions of the General Conference, and the meeting of the Council of Bishops held in connection therewith, and one other meeting of the Council of Bishops during the ensuing quadrennium shall be paid.

Travel expense of the wife of each Central Conference Bishop whose home is in the United States shall also be paid as incurred in attending the General Conference, or instead thereof, one trip to the United States at any time during the ensuing quadrennium.

5. *Travel expense vouchers required:*

Travel expense of Bishops, missionary Bishops, and Central Conference Bishops shall in every case be paid only upon the presentation of itemized vouchers covering the same.

III. The apportionment for the Episcopal Fund.

For the ensuing quadrennium the apportionment for the Episcopal Fund shall be a sum equal to one and three-quarters per cent of the amount paid to the pastors' current cash salaries, exclusive of house rent, throughout the entire Church; the same to become effective in each Annual Conference at its first session after the 1944 General Conference; and, if the receipts in the Fund admit, to reduce the apportionment below 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ % as much as possible, so as to avoid an unreasonable surplus. It is to be noted that this apportionment represents a reduction of the rate from two and one-quarter to one and three-quarters per cent. Accordingly the General Commission on World Service and Finance shall be authorized to change the rate of apportionment during the quadrennium, if necessary, to a figure not exceeding two and one-quarter per cent.

The estimated annual requirement for this Fund during the ensuing quadrennium is \$560,137.11. The estimated return from the foregoing proposed apportionment is \$553,468. The balance now in hand will provide for the difference in these two sums.

IV. Determination of the Validity of claims.

The executive committee of the General Commission on World Service and Finance shall act for the Commission, within the authority conferred upon it by the Commission, in determining the validity of any claims upon the Episcopal Fund which may be presented during the ensuing quadrennium.

W. F. BRYAN, *Vice-Chairman*;
COSTEN J. HARRELL, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND

Adopted April 29. See Journal, Page 262.

The General Commission on World Service and Finance recommends the following annual budget for the General Administration Fund for the quadrennium beginning June 1, 1944.

General Conference Expenses (Including General Conference Commissions, Committees, etc.)	\$108,333
Federal Council of Churches	55,000
World Council of Churches	6,000
Commission on Public Information	26,500
	\$195,833

We recommend that the annual budget of \$195,833 be apportioned among the several Annual Conferences of the Church by the same ratio and percentage that each conference shares in the total World Service Budget. The apportionments for the General Administration Fund Budget shall not be subject to change or revision either by the Annual Conference or by the Charge or local church.

The several interests included in the annual budget of the General Administration Fund shall participate in the receipts for that Fund in proportion to the amount allotted to each.

All items in the budget of the General Administration Fund excepting the General Conference expenses shall be limited to the quadrennial total for each item, but the payments made in any one year may exceed the annual budget item.

It is understood that this budget and all recommendations pertaining to the General Administration Fund shall go into effect as of June 1, 1944.

W. F. BRYAN, *Vice-Chairman*;
COSTEN J. HARRELL, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

Adopted April 29. See Journal, Pages 262, 263.

1. *Recommendations on the Relation of World Service to Annual Conference Home Missions.*

(1) We recommend that the General Board of Missions be responsible for the maintenance and support of such home missionary projects that are clearly the responsibility of the whole Church. Let it be the duty of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension to develop the home missionary policy of the Church and establish demonstration projects throughout the Church. It should counsel with the Board of Missions and Church Extension of each Annual Conference by giving direction to the home missionary policy of the Conference.

(2) We recommend that the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension retain responsibility for purely missionary work within the Conference, such as work among racial and foreign groups and mountain work.

(3) We recommend that the Annual Conferences look toward the support of all missionary Charges within their Conferences and make adjustments as will make this become operative by the next quadrennium.

(4) We recommend that the Annual Conference Commis-

sion on World Service be requested to take every care to include in the Conference benevolence budget only such items as are clearly of benevolence and missionary character. If, in carrying out the readjustments with the above suggestions, the Annual Conferences find it necessary to make some minor changes in the ratio of division in the benevolences they be cautioned to use every effort to protect the general missionary and benevolence interests of the Church.

2. Recommendations on Payments to Theological Schools.

We recommend that the treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance be authorized to distribute the share of the Theological Schools in the World Service Funds according to the ratio approved by the Association of Methodist Theological Schools.

3. Recommendations on Budgets.

We recommend that the annual budget for the General Commission on World Service and Finance be \$5,500, and that the annual budget for the Treasurer's Office be \$39,750. In view of the uncertain conditions prevailing and in order to permit the Commission to care for emergencies arising during the next quadrennium, we recommend that the General Commission on World Service and Finance be authorized to increase the total of the foregoing budgets as the emergency or need may arise in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in any one year.

4. Recommendation on General Administration Fund.

The General Conference of 1940 placed an annual limitation upon the amount to be paid to the agencies receiving allotments from the General Administration Fund. During the first three years of the quadrennium no agency received through its regular ratio distribution the maximum allowed by the General Conference. It is now apparent, however, that in the last year of the quadrennium closing May 31, 1944, that the share in the General Administration Fund receipts of one or more of these agencies will exceed the annual amount fixed by the General Conference. Inasmuch as no agency receiving allotments from the General Administration Fund has received or will likely receive an amount equal to its quadrennial share, we recommend that the General Conference remove the maximum stipulation for these agencies for the last year of the current quadrennium.

5. Matter of Reference.

At a meeting of the General Commission on World Service and Finance held in Chicago on February 21 and 22, 1944,

the following motion was passed: It was "moved that in connection with other matters which are referred to the General Conference that we ask the General Conference to clarify the relationship of The Methodist Church to the Federal Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches and that we ask that the realm of responsibility which falls to the Administration Fund be particularly indicated." This request is hereby presented to the General Conference for consideration.

W. F. BRYAN, *Vice-Chairman*;
COSTEN J. HARRELL, *Secretary*.

COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENTS

Adopted April 29. See Journal, Page 263.

The Commission on World Service and Finance herewith submits to the 1944 session of the General Conference, in harmony with Paragraphs 824 and 828 of the 1940 *Discipline*, the proposed World Service budget for the ensuing quadrennium and the proposed schedule of annual apportionments to the respective Annual Conferences.

Your Commission, with the assistance of the expert advice of the Central Treasury, has labored diligently during this quadrennium to discover or devise an arrangement of available facts and figures which would serve as the basis for a just and equitable distribution of the World Service budget among the Annual Conferences. The size of our Church and the consequent variety of prevailing situations and conditions affecting this matter have rendered this undertaking a failure to date. It is therefore recommended that the annual World Service budget for the ensuing quadrennium shall be a sum ten per cent in excess of the total amount which the records shall show that the Annual Conferences have contributed to World Service during the fiscal year, June 1, 1943, to May 31, 1944. We also recommend that during the ensuing quadrennium the annual apportionment to each Annual Conference shall be a sum ten per cent in excess of its contributions to the World Service fund during the fiscal year, June 1, 1943, to May 31, 1944; *provided*, that the apportionments of those Annual Conferences that paid a sum in excess of the amount apportioned to them during the year 1943-1944 shall be apportioned for the ensuing quadrennium on the basis of 10% in excess of the 1943-1944 apportionment. We request that the treasurer of the Commission be authorized to insert in the proper place in

the records of this Conference the total World Service budget as soon as these figures are available. We recommend that the Conference instruct the treasurer of the Commission that, in cases of Conferences meeting before the 1943-1944 figures are available, the apportionments to such Conferences severally shall be a sum ten per cent in excess of the contributions of each such Conference to the World Service fund during the fiscal year 1942-1943. Thereafter the apportionments shall be according to the schedule first above mentioned.

It will be observed that the total annual World Service apportionments, as herein recommended, are approximately thirty per cent less than the annual apportionments of the last quadrennium. In combining these apportionments with the Conference Benevolence budgets of the respective Annual Conferences, thereby creating the World Service and Conference Benevolence budget, a situation arises that requires careful thought and planning. Unless each Annual Conference reduces its Conference Benevolence Budget by the same percentage by which the World Service apportionment to that Conference has been reduced or unless it makes an adjustment in its ratio of division, it is apparent that the general causes of the Church will suffer in the division of the funds received for World Service and Conference Benevolences. We therefore appeal to all Annual Conference Commissions on World Service and Finance and to our Bishops and District Superintendents to exercise every care and all diligence that the Conference Benevolence budget in each Conference shall be so adjusted that the ratio by which World Service participates in the combined World Service and Conference Benevolence Budget shall yield a proportionate share in the total not less than it received during the past quadrennium. It is the conviction of your Commission that the World Service and Conference benevolence apportionment to every Charge should be related to its previous benevolence giving, and should be in such a sum as might be reasonably expected from that Charge. We recommend to all Annual Conference Commissions on World Service and Finance a careful study of the question of apportionments to Charges and churches in the light of the revised World Service apportionments, that nothing be lost either to the General Conference or Annual Conference causes.

The Commission emphasizes to the utmost the fact that the World Service budget recommended in this report does not approximate the amount that would be required to meet the needs of your World Service agencies if they dared to undertake the work that confronts them now—tasks that

Christ has committed to his Church, some of which will not be undertaken at all unless by these Agencies. This discouraging fact has been made clear and emphatic to the Commission as it has heard and considered the reports and representatives of the Boards and Agencies of the Church throughout this quadrennium. Neither, in the judgment of the Commission, does this budget approximate the ability of our people to contribute to the great causes of The Methodist Church. This budget is, in the judgment of the Commission, the largest budget which will provide both a challenge to the Church and a goal that is attainable at the present stage of our Church's development and vision. As our people learn and practice the principles of Christian stewardship and give heed to the commission of Jesus Christ to his Church, we shall be able to undertake new tasks in a needy world. This World Service budget is a milepost along the way of our Methodist advance, and may it soon be behind us!

W. F. BRYAN, *Vice-Chairman*;
COSTEN J. HARRELL, *Secretary*.

*World Service Apportionments for the Quadrennium,
1944-1948*

	Receipts for Fiscal Year Ended 5/31/44	10%	Apportionment 1944-1948
NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION.....	\$ 1,665,009.06	\$ 166,500.90	\$ 1,831,510.00
BOSTON AREA.....	136,848.04	13,684.80	150,533.00
Maine Conference.....	17,455.13	1,745.51	19,201.00
New England Conference.....	62,482.04	6,248.20	68,730.00
New England Southern Conference.....	43,834.70	4,383.47	48,218.00
New Hampshire Conference.....	13,076.17	1,307.62	14,384.00
NEW YORK AREA.....	318,586.96	31,858.70	350,446.00
Newark Conference.....	97,911.84	9,791.18	107,703.00
New York Conference.....	44,710.34	4,471.04	49,181.00
New York East Conference.....	109,299.80	10,929.98	120,230.00
Troy Conference.....	66,664.98	6,666.50	73,332.00
PHILADELPHIA AREA.....	316,041.71	31,604.17	347,646.00
New Jersey Conference.....	103,505.54	10,350.55	113,856.00
Philadelphia Conference.....	115,563.32	11,556.33	127,120.00
Puerto Rico Mission.....	1,627.00	162.70	1,790.00
Wyoming Conference.....	95,345.85	9,534.59	104,880.00
PITTSBURGH AREA.....	325,113.66	32,511.37	357,625.00
Erie Conference.....	101,985.61	10,198.56	112,184.00
Pittsburgh Conference.....	133,791.46	13,379.15	147,171.00
West Virginia Conference.....	89,336.59	8,933.66	98,270.00
SYRACUSE AREA.....	211,009.34	21,100.93	232,110.00
Central New York Conference.....	87,054.26	8,705.43	95,760.00
Genesee Conference.....	90,089.49	9,008.95	99,098.00
Northern New York Conference.....	33,865.59	3,386.55	37,252.00
WASHINGTON AREA.....	357,409.35	35,740.93	393,150.00
Baltimore Conference.....	182,115.11	18,211.51	200,327.00
Central Pennsylvania Conference.....	123,084.82	12,308.48	135,393.00
Peninsula Conference.....	52,209.42	5,220.94	57,430.00

	Receipts for Fiscal Year Ended 5/31/44	10%	Apportionment 1944-1948
	\$	\$	\$
SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION	988,376 74	98,837 65	1,076,049 00
ATLANTA AREA	229,890 41	22,989 04	241,715 00
Florida Conference	90,165 58	9,016 56	88,018 00
North Georgia Conference	71,413 20	7,141 32	78,555 00
South Georgia Conference	68,311 63	6,831 16	75,142 00
BIRMINGHAM AREA	160,468 07	16,046 80	176,515 00
Alabama Conference	30,892 61	3,089 26	33,982 00
Memphis Conference	51,133 67	5,113 37	56,247 00
Mississippi Conference	30,621 09	3,062 10	33,683 00
North Alabama Conference	47,820 70	4,782 07	52,603 00
CHARLOTTE AREA	154,917 24	15,491 72	170,409 00
North Carolina Conference	53,625 09	5,362 51	58,988 00
Western North Carolina Conference	101,292 15	10,129 21	111,421 00
COLUMBIA AREA	77,278 10	7,727 81	85,006 00
South Carolina Conference	27,748 03	2,774 80	30,523 00
Upper South Carolina Conference	49,530 07	4,953 01	54,483 00
LOUISVILLE AREA	58,620 83	5,862 08	64,483 00
Kentucky Conference	30,012 43	3,001 24	33,014 00
Louisville Conference	28,808 40	2,860 84	31,469 00
NASHVILLE AREA	130,220 55	13,022 05	143,242 00
Cuba Conference			
Holston Conference	83,253 05	8,325 30	91,578 00
Tennessee Conference	46,967 50	4,696 75	51,664 00
RICHMOND AREA	176,981 54	17,698 15	194,679 00
North Mississippi Conference	27,741 27	2,774 13	30,515 00
Virginia Conference	149,240 27	14,924 02	164,164 00

* 10% in excess of apportionment for last quadrennium.

	Receipts for Fiscal Year Ended 5/31/44	10%	Apportionment 1944-1948
	\$	\$	\$
CENTRAL JURISDICTION	115,471 75	11,547 18	126,917 00
ATLANTIC COAST AREA	27,939 57	2,793 96	30,632 00
Atlanta Conference	4,869 57	486 96	5,357 00
Central Alabama Conference	4,000 00	400 00	4,400 00
Florida Conference	3,046 00	304 60	*3,274 00
Savannah Conference	3,503 00	350 30	*3,828 00
South Carolina Conference	10,421 00	1,042 10	11,463 00
South Florida Conference	2,100 00	210 00	2,310 00
BALTIMORE AREA	40,991 10	4,099 11	45,090 00
Delaware Conference	16,507 00	1,650 70	18,158 00
East Tennessee Conference	2,805 00	280 50	3,085 00
North Carolina Conference	5,878 70	587 67	6,464 00
Tennessee Conference	1,568 00	156 80	1,725 00
Washington Conference	14,234 40	1,423 44	15,658 00
COLUMBUS AREA	17,935 28	1,793 53	19,729 00
Central West Conference	6,434 92	643 49	7,078 00
Lexington Conference	10,262 36	1,026 24	11,289 00
Southwest Conference	1,238 00	123 80	1,362 00
NEW ORLEANS AREA	28,605 80	2,860 58	31,466 00
Louisiana Conference	7,690 00	769 00	8,459 00
Mississippi Conference	5,904 00	590 40	6,494 00
Texas Conference	7,240 50	724 05	7,964 00
Upper Mississippi Conference	3,755 30	375 53	4,131 00
West Texas Conference	4,016 00	401 60	4,418 00

* 10% in excess of apportionment for last quadrennium.

	Receipts for Fiscal Year Ended 5/31/44	10%	Apportionment 1944-1948
NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION.....	\$ 1,637,240.33	\$ 163,724.03	\$ 1,788,247.00
CHICAGO AREA.....	307,535.81	30,753.58	338,289.00
Illinois Conference.....	127,441.67	12,744.17	140,186.00
Rock River Conference.....	120,043.50	12,004.35	132,048.00
Southern Illinois Conference.....	60,050.64	6,005.06	66,055.00
CINCINNATI AREA.....	432,480.83	43,248.09	475,729.00
Northeast Ohio Conference.....	213,791.38	21,379.14	235,171.00
Ohio Conference.....	218,689.45	21,868.95	240,558.00
DES MOINES AREA.....	155,569.93	15,556.99	171,127.00
Dakota Conference.....	14,908.60	1,490.86	16,400.00
Iowa-Des Moines Conference.....	68,938.42	6,893.84	75,832.00
Northwest Iowa Conference.....	29,378.27	2,937.83	32,316.00
Upper Iowa Conference.....	42,344.64	4,234.46	46,579.00
DETROIT AREA.....	218,470.43	21,847.04	240,318.00
Detroit Conference.....	136,830.99	13,683.10	150,514.00
Michigan Conference.....	81,639.44	8,163.94	89,804.00
INDIANAPOLIS AREA.....	334,400.36	33,440.03	355,123.00
Indiana Conference.....	113,486.72	11,348.67	124,835.00
North Indiana Conference.....	155,377.04	15,537.70	*158,198.00
Northwest Indiana Conference.....	65,536.60	6,553.66	72,090.00
SAINT PAUL AREA.....	188,782.97	18,878.30	207,661.00
Minnesota Conference.....	48,964.30	4,896.43	53,861.00
North Dakota Conference.....	16,008.10	1,600.81	17,609.00
Northern Minnesota Conference.....	44,811.19	4,481.12	49,072.00
West Wisconsin Conference.....	28,152.51	2,815.25	30,968.00
Wisconsin Conference.....	51,046.87	5,104.69	56,151.00

* 10% in excess of apportionment for last quadrennium.

	Receipts for Fiscal Year Ended 5/31/44	10%	Apportionment 1944-1948
SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION.....	\$ 626,434.15	\$ 62,643.42	\$ 688,009.00
DALLAS AREA.....	121,353.85	12,135.39	133,489.00
Central Texas Conference.....	29,652.85	2,965.29	32,618.00
New Mexico Conference.....	20,807.33	2,080.73	22,888.00
North Texas Conference.....	24,245.37	2,424.54	26,670.00
Northwest Texas Conference.....	46,648.30	4,664.83	51,313.00
HOUSTON AREA.....	163,721.37	16,372.14	179,025.00
Indian Mission.....	51.29	5.13	56.00
Louisiana Conference.....	35,318.26	3,531.83	38,850.00
Southwest Mexican Conference.....	3,577.86	357.79	*3,758.00
Southwest Texas Conference.....	53,363.36	5,336.33	*57,809.00
Texas Conference.....	71,410.60	7,141.06	78,552.00
OKLAHOMA CITY AREA.....	122,027.07	12,202.71	134,230.00
East Oklahoma Conference.....	16,773.88	1,677.39	18,451.00
Little Rock Conference.....	38,332.22	3,833.22	42,166.00
North Arkansas Conference.....	36,928.40	3,692.84	40,621.00
West Oklahoma Conference.....	29,992.57	2,999.26	32,992.00
OMAHA AREA.....	159,172.94	15,917.29	175,090.00
Central Kansas Conference.....	61,916.71	6,191.67	68,108.00
Kansas Conference.....	41,876.09	4,187.61	46,064.00
Nebraska Conference.....	55,380.14	5,538.01	60,918.00
SAINT LOUIS AREA.....	60,158.92	6,015.89	66,175.00
Missouri Conference.....	13,592.28	1,359.23	14,952.00
Saint Louis Conference.....	28,770.35	2,877.03	31,647.00
Southwest Missouri Conference.....	17,796.29	1,779.63	19,576.00

* 10% in excess of apportionment for last quadrennium.

	Receipts for Fiscal Year Ended 5/31/44	10%	Apportionment 1944-1948
WESTERN JURISDICTION	\$ 381,427.69	\$ 38,142.78	\$ 416,802.00
CALIFORNIA AREA	194,419.55	19,441.96	213,763.00
California Conference	51,088.95	5,108.90	56,198.00
California Oriental Mission	558.12	55.81	*515.00
Hawaii Mission	216.42	21.64	238.00
Latin American Provisional Conference	1,023.16	102.32	1,126.00
Pacific Japanese Provisional Conference	603.08	60.31	663.00
Southern California-Arizona Conference	149,929.82	14,092.98	155,023.00
DENVER AREA	75,873.00	7,587.30	80,791.00
Colorado Conference	38,443.88	3,844.39	42,288.00
Montana Conference	23,327.29	2,332.73	25,660.00
Utah Mission	5,738.00	573.80	*3,643.00
Wyoming State Conference	8,363.83	836.38	9,200.00
PORTLAND AREA	111,135.14	11,113.52	122,248.00
Alaska Mission	570.00	57.00	627.00
Idaho Conference	11,846.52	1,184.65	13,031.00
Oregon Conference	42,974.06	4,297.41	47,271.00
Pacific Northwest Conference	55,744.56	5,574.46	61,319.00

* 10% in excess of apportionment for last quadrennium.

RECAPITULATION

Northeastern Jurisdiction	\$ 1,665,009.06	\$ 166,500.90	\$ 1,831,510.00
Southeastern Jurisdiction	988,376.74	98,837.65	1,076,049.00
Central Jurisdiction	115,471.75	11,547.18	126,917.00
North Central Jurisdiction	1,637,240.33	163,724.03	1,788,247.00
South Central Jurisdiction	626,434.15	62,643.42	688,009.00
Western Jurisdiction	381,427.69	38,142.78	416,802.00
Total	\$ 5,413,959.72	\$ 541,395.96	\$ 5,927,534.00

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH,
1944

PART V. REPORT ON SALARIES

Received April 29, and ordered to record. See page 259.

(See pages 854, 855, 856, 857.)

The following instruction appears in Paragraph 855 of the 1940 *Discipline*:

“The salaries and any expense items paid to all Connectional officers and their chief assistants shall be published in the report of the General Commission on World Service and Finance to the General Conference.”

In accord with this provision of the *Discipline* we submit herewith the salary lists which in response to our request have been returned to us by the several Boards and Agencies of the Church.

Board of Education of The Methodist Church

Division of Educational Institutions	
Executive Secretary	\$6,000
Secretary, Dept. of Institutions, General	5,400
Secretary, Dept. of Ints. for Negroes	5,000
Secretary, Dept. of Ints. for Negroes	5,000
Secretary, Dept. of Student Work	4,500
Associate Sec'y, Dept. of Student Work	4,500
Editorial Sec'y, Dept. of Student Work	4,000
Secretary, Dept. of Public Relations	4,500

Division of the Local Church	
Executive Secretary	6,000
Associate Secretary	5,400
Staff Asst. in General Administration	2,580
Staff Asst. in General Administration	2,580
Director Children's Department	4,000
Staff Assistant, Children's Dept.	2,400
Staff Assistant, Children's Dept.	2,100
Staff Assistant, Children's Dept.	2,020
Director, Youth Department	4,500
Associate Director, Youth Dept.	4,200
Staff Asst., Youth Dept.	3,600
Staff Asst., Youth Dept.	3,000
Staff Asst., Youth Dept.	3,000
Staff Asst., Youth Dept.	2,580

Staff Asst., Youth Dept.	\$2,580
Staff Asst., Youth Dept.	2,400
Director, Adult Department	4,500
Staff Assistant, Adult Dept.	3,600
Staff Assistant, Adult Dept.	2,580
Staff Assistant, Adult Dept.	2,000
Director, Dept. of Leadership Education	4,500
Staff Asst., Dept. of Leadership Education	3,600
Staff Asst., Dept. of Leadership Education	2,580
Staff Asst., Dept. of Leadership Education	2,100
Executive Secretary, Interboard Committee on Missionary Education	1,666.66*
Associate Secretary	1,333.33*
Staff Assistant	800.00*
Staff Assistant	800.00*
Treasurer	4,500
Associate Treasurer	4,200

*The Board of Missions pays two-thirds of the salaries in this Inter-board Committee.

Board of Pensions, Incorporated in Illinois

Executive Secretary	Salary	\$5,220	
	House Rent Allowance	780	\$6,000
Assistant Secretary	Salary	4,220	
	House Rent Allowance	780	5,000
Treasurer	Salary	4,220	
	House Rent Allowance	780	5,000

Board of Pensions, Missouri Corporation

Executive Secretary	\$6,000
Assistant Secretary	5,000

Board of Hospitals and Homes

General Board of Lay Activities

Executive Secretary	Salary	\$5,000	
	Rent	1,200	\$6,200
Associate Sec'y, Men's Work	Salary	4,000	
	Rent	1,000	5,000
Associate Sec'y, Stewardship	Salary	4,500	
	Rent	1,200	5,700
Associate Sec'y, Office & Research	Salary	3,000	
	Rent	1,200	4,200
Associate Sec'y, Central Jurisdiction	Salary	3,000	
	Rent	800	3,800

General Conference Commission on Courses of Study

Educational Director	\$5,400
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General Commission on Evangelism

Executive Secretary	\$5,000		
Associate Secretary	Salary	\$5,000	
	Annual Rent Allowance	1,200	6,200
Associate Secretary	Salary	5,000	
	Annual Rent Allowance	740	5,740
Associate Secretary	Salary	4,000	
	Annual Rent Allowance	1,000	5,000
Associate Secretary	Salary	3,000	
	Annual Rent Allowance	1,000	4,000

Commission on World Peace of The Methodist Church

Executive Secretary—

Average for Quadrennium (Including allowance for house rent)	\$5,015.63
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Paid in 1943-44 (Including allowance for house rent) ..	5,500
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Present Salary (Including \$750 allowance for house rent)	6,000
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Associate Secretary—

Paid in 1943-44 (Including house rent)	4,728
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Present Salary (Including \$948 house rent)	4,908
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Secretary of Young People's Work—

Paid in 1943-44	1,850
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Present Salary	1,980
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The General Commission on World Service and Finance

Treasurer	\$6,000
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Assistant to the Treasurer	3,400
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Accountant	3,400
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Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church

<i>Division of Foreign Missions</i>	<i>Salary</i>	<i>House Rent</i>
Executive Secretary	\$4,800	\$1,200
Associate Secretary	4,000	1,000
Associate Secretary	4,000	1,000
Associate Secretary	4,000	1,000
Acting Associate Secretary	3,200	800
Treasurer	4,800	1,200
Associate Treasurer	3,600	900
Assistant Treasurer	2,800	800
Associate Secretary for Religious Education ..	4,000	1,000

Division of Home Missions and Church Extension

Section of Home Missions—

Executive Secretary	4,800	1,200
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Superintendent, Department of City Work ..	4,000	1,000
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Supt., Dept. of Town and Country Work ..	4,000	1,000
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Associate Supt., Dept. of Town and Country Work	3,600	900
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Supt., Dept. of Goodwill Industries	4,000	1,000
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Supt., Dept. of Negro Work	4,000	1,000
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Section of Church Extension—

Executive Secretary	4,800	1,200
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Executive Secretary	4,800	1,200
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Associate Secretary	4,000	1,000
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Assistant Secretary	3,600	900
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Treasurer	4,800	1,200
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Attorney and Assistant Treasurer	3,600	900
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Assistant Treasurer	3,200	800
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Assistant Treasurer	1,950	...
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Woman's Division of Christian Service

Department of Work in Foreign Fields—

Executive Secretary	3,000
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Executive Secretary	3,000
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Executive Secretary	3,000
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Executive Secretary	3,000
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Department of Work in the United States—	
Executive Secretary	\$3,000
Executive Secretary	3,000
Executive Secretary	3,000
Executive Secretary	3,000
Executive Secretary	3,000
Executive Secretary	3,000
Editors and Publishers—	
Editor	3,000
Assistant Editor	2,400
Publication Manager	3,000
Treasurer	3,000
Associate Treasurer	2,800
Assistant Treasurer	2,400
Assistant Treasurer	2,400
Accountant	2,400

Joint Division of Education and Cultivation

General Section—		
Executive Secretary	4,800	\$1,200
Assistant Executive Secretary	3,200	800
Associate Secretary	4,000	1,000
Associate Secretary	4,000	1,000
Associate Secretary	4,000	1,000
Editorial Secretary	4,000	1,000
Director of Publicity	3,700	900
Assistant Director of Publicity	2,200	
Assistant Secretary	3,700	900
Assistant Secretary	3,500	900
Assistant Secretary	2,800	800
Woman's Section—		
Executive Secretary	3,000	
Educational Secretary	3,000	
Associate Secretary	2,400	
Associate Secretary	2,400	
Associate Secretary	2,400	
Associate Secretary	2,400	
Editor	3,000	
Assistant Editor	2,400	

Personnel Department

Secretary	3,600	900
Secretary	3,000	
Secretary	3,000	

Recording Secretary (of the Board and of the Foreign Division) 2,400

IV. MESSAGE OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK

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于茲領事即轉請文淵先生蒞衛理
 公會開會年暇廣播特致祝電如下
 世界基督教衛理公會舉行大會中
 正持以至誠祝賀大會之成功並祝
 我全作會員以堅忍奮鬥之精神共
 為人類福祉共昌明正義而努力荷
 中正等語 即希 澤達為盼 中正 馮 軍
 事委員 會



TRANSLATION OF MESSAGE OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK

The message was translated and delivered by Bishop W. Y. Chen.

I have learned that the world Conference of The Methodist Church is now in session. With utmost sincerity, I, Chung-

Cheng (the Generalissimo's personal name), bring to you greetings and congratulations praying that the Conference may be crowned with great success, that all the members of the Conference will, with the spirit of forbearance and fortitude, unite in the common effort of securing the happiness and blessing of all mankind and that His righteousness may prevail.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK,
President of the Republic of China.

The following message was sent in reply, as ordered by the General Conference:

April 29, 1944.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek,
President's Office,
Republic of China,
Chungking, China.

Your Excellency's esteemed message of greetings, conveyed to us through Bishop W. Y. Chen, was received with great enthusiasm by the seven hundred Delegates gathered in quadrennial session for the 1944 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, representing more than eight million Methodists in this country and throughout the world.

They deeply appreciated this expression of world-wide Christian fellowship.

The General Conference of The Methodist Church, in quadrennial session duly assembled, by unanimous standing vote, adopted a Resolution sending to you and Madame Chiang their respect and affection, assuring you both at the same time of their prayers and of their determination to stand by China, your native land, in her heroic struggle, and in our common effort to build a lasting and durable peace.

BISHOP H. LESTER SMITH,
*President of the Council of Bishops,
The Methodist Church.*

LUD H. ESTES,
*Secretary of The General Conference,
The Methodist Church.*

(See Journal, page 256.)

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These addresses were delivered Sunday afternoon, April 30, 1944, during the Methodist School and College Program, and were ordered printed in the *Journal* by action of the Conference on Monday, May 1, 1944.

(Journal, page 288.)

CHRISTIAN WITHOUT APOLOGY, METHODIST WITH PRIDE

By BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM

General Conference, Sunday Afternoon, April 30, 1944

There were two striking sentences in the Episcopal Address to which I desire to direct your attention. "The first Methodist institution was not a church, nor a chapel for preaching, but a school." And, "Not one of the early American circuit riders was a college graduate, but when they came up to their first General Conference, they already had cash in hand for the building of a college." It is with surprise that some Methodists learned that there are 125 Colleges, Universities, Theological Schools and other educational enterprises related to The Methodist Church. The teaching staff is 6,000, and the normal enrollment is 117,000 students. The annual budget is \$42,000,000. We have in-

vested \$300,000,000 in campus, buildings and equipment. This is a highly significant enterprise. Time does not permit calling the roll. I must mention our Universities. Beginning in New England with Boston University, continuing west to Syracuse University and on to Chicago and Evanston where Northwestern University is located, we can make our way to the mountain regions of the West with Denver University, on to the Pacific Coast with the University of Southern California at Los Angeles, then turning back to the East by way of the South, we stop at Dallas for Southern Methodist University, on to Atlanta where Emory University is located, north to Durham, North Carolina with its world-famous Duke University, and back to the capital of the nation where the American University is situated. What is done in our theological schools today, will determine in large measure what the Church will be tomorrow.

There are some who pay high tribute to the Church and recognize that it was the Church that pioneered in the realm of education and laid the foundation for the great enterprise we call American education. But these individuals inform us that, just as the Church has pioneered in the field of public health and other social services and the community has recognized the need of the service and has taken over, so, too, in the field of education, the community itself should now assume the burden and the Church gracefully withdraw. Methodists are proud of the great educational system of the nation, and see in it a bulwark of democracy. They believe, however, there is a distinct place for the Christian college. These institutions constitute the citadels of freedom across the nation, paralleling the great public system. The fundamental reason the Church must continue to render its educational services lies in two principles that were proposed by the Commission on Objectives appointed by the Board of Education May 7th, 1941. This Report was subsequently adopted by unanimous vote in the Board of Education itself. The principles follow:

“As a first principle, your Commission is of the opinion that it is desirable to develop a Methodist educational plan and purpose wherein the educational institutions shall be more definitely related to the Church, and the Church, in turn, assume greater obligation in financial support; wherein there may be a flow of students from the colleges of the Church to the graduate schools of the Church; wherein greater attention shall be paid to the selection of teaching personnel in the light of the objectives of the Church; wherein the administrative and teaching staff may find opportunity for advancement in the system as a whole; wherein religion may become such a force as to make the contribution of the Methodist colleges religiously unique.

“The second principle is definitely related to the first. Your Com-

mission believes that the actual contribution of the educational institutions related to the Church in terms of religion shall be of such a nature as to justify support. The Commission recognizes fully the superb contributions made by some of these institutions; but is of the opinion that in some situations the question of the religious life of the student is not faced with the same concern evidenced in planning the educational life of the student. If the Church is to be called upon for greater support of its institutions, the Church must be convinced that these institutions stand deliberately for something in the field of religion and the practices that religion demands. There is a Christian world view, a Christian way of life, a Christian commitment to the Christian Leader. The educational institutions related to the Church, in addition to their educational service, must be evangelistic, in the proper sense of that term. Without apology, the Methodist institution must seek to win its students to the Christ. Our Schools must be Christian without apology and Methodist with pride. Our faculties must be Christian in fact. Our efforts must be to make the students Christian just as truly as we try to teach them to think."

This means, of course, that the Church in education must render educational service of the highest quality, and be prepared to stand the scrutiny of those bodies qualified to pass judgment. No amount of bedside prayer in a Church-owned hospital will justify septic conditions in the operating room. Likewise, no amount of campus evangelism or chapel service will justify poor teaching, illy equipped laboratories and inadequate libraries. It is assumed by our leaders today that our institutions will represent education at its best. But they must be more than educational institutions. They must be Christian institutions. Unfortunately, there are some who hold that an institution is Christian if courses in English Bible are offered, if students are compelled to attend chapel, and if, from time to time, a Religious Emphasis Week is held. Of course, the Christian institution will have its Department of Religion, its chapel services and its Religious Emphasis Week, but these are insufficient in themselves. A student may learn to cheat in a course in English Bible, and thus learn something more than the ethics of Jesus. Some students march to compulsory chapels in the mood of men in prison lockstep. There are times when Religious Emphasis Week is merely an emphasis. Religion must permeate the entire institution, must reveal itself in the spirit and the practice of the campus. Boards of Trustees must be composed of Christian gentlemen who look upon the choice of a college President as an act of major religious importance. As a rule, a campus will be greatly influenced by the President. If it be he is solely a business man or solely an educator, both of which he must be, the campus is not likely to be Christian. He must be a Christian business man, a Christian educator. In the choice of the faculties, we must insist that our teach-

ing staff give more than formal assent to the religion of Jesus. Religion must be a vital experience in their own lives. It is in the classroom of the devoted Christian that the student comes to know the Christ indeed. Full many a professor of chemistry or physics or English literature has done as much for the Christian spirit of the campus as has the man who happens to be in the field of philosophy or of religion. This is a very difficult task. When a teacher is selected, he may be a Christian. It is possible for a man to lose his Christian experience; and some men have remained upon some of our campuses who have developed the attitude of the cynic and have ceased to be Christian leaders. The whole question of academic freedom and tenure arises, when a Board of Trustees or an executive takes the action necessary to remove from its faculty one who has ceased to be in harmony with the essential spirit of the school. I am of the opinion that we ought to write into our original contracts with professors a clear understanding of the fact that the institution is Christian, and when a professor ceases to be a Christian, he is done no harm if he is removed from the faculty and requested to seek work elsewhere. The American Civil Liberties Union is one of the most potent forces in the nation in the matter of preserving civil liberty. I am quite certain, however, that were an executive of the Civil Liberties Union to turn to the philosophy of fascism and to repudiate the whole idea of civil liberty, that organization would dismiss him immediately and secure someone who is in harmony with its essential purpose. The great and devoted teachers in our institutions across the nation deserve our highest commendation and our fullest support, and one way to support them is to see that their colleagues who cease to be Christian in philosophy and spirit find opportunity to work elsewhere and the Christian campus maintain a faculty that is Christian.

The imperative need of the Christian institution is now recognized. There is a Nazi world view. The Nazi has insisted that the State has the right to determine the philosophy to which every individual who lives within it must give assent. He argues that it is his duty to mobilize every impact upon the rising mind—school, press, church, radio—to the end that youth shall come to believe and give itself to this philosophy. This is done. Hitler has repudiated the whole concept of the worth of personality. Mussolini laughed to scorn the Christian conception of brotherhood. Democracy itself is based fundamentally upon the Christian world view. The Church is making a contribution of the highest order to the preservation of democracy when it maintains its Chris-

tian institutions and gives to the succeeding generations of students the Christian view of life and, more, summons the student to accept the Christian way and the Christian life. The Commission on Objectives was quite right when it declared that "our schools must be Christian without apology and Methodist with pride." A Report now before the Committee on Education is sound in its recommendation, namely, that upon our campuses there shall be maintained "a religious life and program of such quality that students shall be won for Christ, accept the Christian world view, and become committed to the Christian way of life, and religion thereby become such a force as to make the contribution of Methodist educational institutions religiously effective." When we seek to translate the idealism of Jesus into concrete proposals that mean justice and brotherhood, it will be necessary to have the trained leadership that the Christian college produces, if the means to this end are to be found.

We are, therefore, Christians without apology. I think we can be Methodist with pride. There is a pride that goes before a fall. It is not that kind of pride to which I refer. I am proud of the United States of America. Never before have its tradition and history meant so much to me. The white spires atop the hills of New England speak to my soul. This is the "land where my fathers died." Its liberties must be preserved. I have full right to be proud of my country. I am proud of my Church with its World Service that does indeed girdle the globe. I am proud, likewise, of our Colleges. It is not to be unduly sectarian to be thus proud. It is rather to make our institutions of such worth that when the glad day of Christian unity emerges, our contribution to the united Church will be the greater.

All of this means that we must support our institutions. It is not enough to pass Resolutions suggesting what they should be. We must give the support adequate to reach the ideals that the Boards of Trustees, the presidents, the faculties, as well as the students accept. We have been too far away from our schools. We must know the campus, must know the leadership, must know the student body. Someone said there is too much religion by proxy, too little by proximity. So, too, in the relation of the Church to its schools.

It is these schools that will answer the paralyzing philosophy enunciated by some today. There are those who insist that the Kingdom of God cannot be realized in history. They speak of Christianity as "perfectionist ethics." We must train a generation of men who believe that the Kingdom can be realized on earth and have discovered the means to its realization. The Communist really believes that the classless

society can be created, and thus the young Communist gives himself with enthusiasm to Communist endeavor. The young Nazi is determined to establish the New Order Hitler has proclaimed. He believes it can be done. We Christians, following our Lord who gave His life that the Kingdom might be built upon the earth, must likewise, with the same certainty, proclaim that the Kingdom can be realized. We must train our sons and daughters to the high task of its realization. In a word, our institutions will make their great contribution when they are Christian without apology and Methodist with pride.

THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AS A SOURCE OF LEADERSHIP

FRED G. HOLLOWAY

"The entire object of true education," said Ruskin, "is to make people not merely do the right things, but enjoy the right things; not merely industrious, but to love industry; not merely learned, but to love knowledge; not merely pure, but to love purity; not merely just, but to hunger and thirst after justice."

The end of education is not knowledge, but action. The guarantee of action is the enjoyment of it. "This do and thou shalt live" is a constant reminder to the Christian that "faith without works is dead"; that the purpose of Christianity, finally, is not only to bring persons into intellectual agreement with the Christian belief but to bring them into conformity with Christian ideals. I repeat, the end of education is not knowledge, but action. "If ye know these things," said Jesus, "happy are ye—if ye do them." Knowledge is the basis of action; action is the proof of Christian experience.

This is the primary contention of Christian education. Knowledge is not an end in itself; it is the means on which intelligent action is predicated. It is the assumption that, if we send our young men and our young women to Christian colleges, something will happen and will happen in the demonstrable area of human conduct. The difference between the graduate of a Church college and a non-church college is not so much the difference between the knowledge obtained as it is the use made of that knowledge. There is additional religious instruction in the one case, to be sure, but the most significant factor is the way in which the graduate uses the knowledge which he has gained.

Let it be granted now that the Christian colleges are not performing well enough their duty to produce leaders. (No persons are more conscious of this than educators themselves.) But that is only to say that perfection has not fallen on any of the Church's activities. To state that more can be asked of education is only to infer that more can be asked of missions and evangelism. One needs only to look at the world today to realize that Christianity in any area of activity has not done, is not doing, too good a job. The various areas of our effort are complementary, and our successes and failures are mutual. Our responsibilities are

specific in their assignment, but they hold a common importance for all of us.

So it is understood that what is said today concerning our colleges, and Christian leadership, fuses the ideal and the actual. Education does not claim to have all the answers; the Church college does not claim so. There is as yet no formula to perfection, particularly when we deal with human lives; there are too many unknowns, too many intangibles. We know that when we put two parts of hydrogen with one part of oxygen it produces water. It always produces water. Put a young man into a Christian college with a Christian environment, a Christian faculty, a Christian fellowship, and Christian teaching, and it should produce a Christian leader. Yet we admit that it does not always happen any more than a sinner and an evangelistic sermon always equal a convert. There are no laws in human relationships that guarantee success.

It should be made clear that Church colleges are neither reformatories nor asylums where youth may be guaranteed freedom from the temptations of the world. The parent who sends a son to a Church college to effect changes in him which the home and the Church failed to do may meet disappointment. We are fundamentally institutions of learning and assume that the students who come are, by and large, from Christian homes with a good foundation in the Christian life. We understand that our task is educational; that we receive young people at a given point in their development and seek to mold them in that formative period of adolescence when the direction which their lives take is finally determined.

Within the limits of the time imposed, it is possible to name four areas where we are making a contribution to Christian leadership.

1. The Methodist college is an important contributor to ministerial training. We know that the earliest American colleges were founded for the specific purpose of educating ministers. Indeed, eight out of nine pre-Revolutionary colleges boasted ministers as presidents. Harvard was founded in 1636. During the 17th century 543 men graduated of which number 265, or nearly 50%, became ministers. Most of the liberal arts colleges in America sprang out of denominational background and for the purpose of educating ministers, preserving traditional interpretations of theology, and providing a Christian atmosphere for youth pursuing higher education.

In the comprehensive study, "The Education of American Ministers," we learn that, out of the 1,479 Seminary gradu-

ates questioned, 77% received their undergraduate education in a denominational college. The Board of Education of The Methodist Church made a study in 1941 which shows that, of the 382 college graduates received on trial that year in 63 Annual Conferences, 268 or 76% came out of Church colleges. A recent study in the Baltimore Conference indicates that 75% of the ministers holding a baccalaureate degree graduated from a Methodist college.

It is an easy, but I fear ill-founded, assumption that our ministerial candidates would obtain their education elsewhere if the Church college did not exist. There is no indication that the men entering the ministry would exist in sufficient numbers without the influence of the Church college. It is certainly true that an education under the influence of a Christian faculty, and in a Christian environment, and with the objectives of ministerial training in view, is far more constructive than one where the opposite conditions prevail.

We must take note of this contribution by our colleges and suggest that our candidates for the ministry should be encouraged, if not required, to attend a Church college. There is no more important leadership in the Church than the ministerial. We shall not have an intelligent effective lay leadership without it. If the blind cannot lead the blind, they certainly cannot lead the intelligent.

2. The second area is the leadership found in our graduates who enter the professions: physician, dentist, lawyer, teacher. We cannot easily overestimate the influence which these professions have in American life. A large proportion of our graduates enter these fields. Take the physician, for example. The area of his influence far transcends that of his professional training. The weight of his opinion in any community is incalculable. It makes a vast difference whether or not his life is based on Christian ideals and his loyalties are centered in the Church. Take the lawyer. His influence on the judicial, legislative, and political world is tremendous. It does make a great deal of difference whether or not his professional life is founded on a Christian background. Take the teacher. It was once true that only our liberal arts colleges, most of which are Church schools, produced high school teachers. If time permitted, illustrations could be given of the effective preparation Christian colleges give to this profession. And who can estimate the leadership capacity of Christian school teachers as the influence of their lives is quietly moving on the lives of the pupils?

One of the most powerful addresses I have ever read is that by T. H. Lewis on "Every Man's Vocation a Call of

God." If we could direct every profession into the same divine objective as we do the ministry!

3. Lay leadership within the Church. The demand increases for a type of college education that will send the graduate back to the local church to assume responsibility there. The complaint that some college graduates do not even return to the local church, or some other church, is not without foundation. The reasons may be among the following: (a) They were not deeply attached to real religion before attending college, (b) College failed to deepen and solidify their Christian experience, (c) The local church (in some instances) has too elementary a conception of religion to the returning college graduate, who becomes (impetuously and inexcusably) disgusted with the local state of religion.

The Methodist college must rethink its responsibility in this sphere. It is to be recognized that we are in sharp competition with independent and state institutions. The academic requirements for the various areas of study are fairly standardized. We cannot afford to be less exacting in our academic demands than the non-church college. Yet in the whole matter of lay leadership for the local church we have perhaps been too objective, too detached. We cannot go beyond the tastes and desires of our students; but, assuming that they come to us with a rich religious background, we can, and ought, to find a way to strengthen their Christian experience and increase their leadership ability so that they may return to the local church for effective service.

4. Christian leadership is made possible by the raising up of a constituency that is willing to follow it. The effective administration of the affairs of man is not dependent upon the presence of able and benevolent leaders alone, but upon an intelligent citizenry, and one sympathetic to the Christian ideal. What makes good leadership possible is the ability of persons to recognize and to follow it. Tyrants can arise only where the educational opportunities are so limited and so controlled that a people is not produced enlightened enough to select good governors, and intelligent enough to turn deaf ears to demagogues. No more blatant illustration of this can be cited than Hitlerite Germany and that nation now figuratively, as well as geographically, "down in the heel."

We have been reminded of the fact that when the great artist Giotto finished a painting, his townsfolk used to declare a holiday to exhibit it and to rejoice over it! There was a close connection between the townsfolk who could appreciate and the Giotto who could create great art. Of what value is it to train a Christian leadership if they are not

supported by a Christian constituency interested in following it? The guidance of the affairs of mankind seems more and more to depend upon relatively few persons. That only increases our duty to produce a well-informed citizenry. I maintain that the Christian college is doing this; that though we can show a large percentage of our graduates to be of *Who's Who in America* caliber, our largest achievement is the education of youth in an environment where Christian ideals are stressed; where whatever the residuum of education may be as students receive the baccalaureate degree, that residuum is transfused with the Christian interpretation of life. Only thus is Christian leadership possible.

"The entire object of true education is to make people not merely do the right things but enjoy the right things; not merely industrious, but to love industry; not merely learned, but to love knowledge; not merely pure, but to love purity; not merely just, but to hunger and thirst after justice." It is this sense of purpose that makes it possible for us to mold Christian leadership; it is this purpose that will change the world; it is this cause for which we labor and to which the whole Church devotes herself, whenever we fail—to her loss—whenever we succeed, to her gain.

THE CHURCH COLLEGE IN A DEMOCRACY

W. AIKEN SMART

We are all committed to education, but we have reached no agreement as to its purpose. The President of one of our greatest universities is quoted in a contemporary magazine as saying that the purpose of his institution is: "A moral, intellectual, and spiritual revolution throughout the world." I have sat in more than one discussion which assumed that the sole function of education was to criticize the present world order and to establish a better one in its place.

Increasingly in our country it is being taken for granted that the purpose of education is the mastery of techniques and skills through which one's livelihood is earned.

But surely it is part of the function of education to perpetuate from generation to generation those values which society has discovered and created in past ages. Education makes a continuum of civilization, allowing each new generation to inherit all the values of the past and to pass them on, enriched it may be, to the future. Education should enable one to see the beauty in a Bach fugue, or a spire of Sir Christopher Wren, to throw a bridge across a river, or to follow the confused and uncertain footsteps of the philosophers.

If this be true, then the relation between religion and education is immediately seen to be deep and vital. For nothing has been a more integral part of our Western civilization than the Hebrew-Christian's religion. Imagination simply staggers at the idea of interpreting the culture of the past centuries without the moral and spiritual elements which it has derived from Christianity.

The ethics of our business worlds are based on the moral insights of Christianity. One need only compare modern business with the practices in parts of the world where Christianity has never been, to realize the extent to which a "Ten Commandments" morality underlies our whole business structure.

Similarly our ideal of home life rests on Christian foundations. The conception of marriage and the attitudes of parents to children found in civilizations untouched by Christian ideals are abhorrent to us.

The sacredness of persons, on which all true democracy is founded, is a peculiarly Christian discovery. When Chris-

tianity was born into the world nothing was so cheap as human life. Leckey lists as one of the chief causes for the moral collapse of the Middle Ages the cheapening of life resulting from the gladiatorial combats where men killed each other for the amusement of the crowd. And in parts of the world untouched by Christianity life is just as cheap today.

And from Christianity we derive not only our limited moral achievements, but the entire idealism in the light of which we bring to judgment our social failures in whatever realm. It is because of Christian assumptions that we recognize them as failures, and because of Christian ideals that we can envision a better way.

Of course I am not saying that these things are the peculiar possessions of Christian people. Unreligious people often enjoy a beautiful, idealistic home life. People who will have none of us and our Churches conduct business on the highest ethical levels. Such things are not the monopoly of Christians but they are in our society because Christianity has put them there, as a look at the non-Christian world will show.

And now, for the first time in recent centuries, we find those values definitely and powerfully challenged. There have been wars before, but they have not been wars to exterminate Christian values from civilization. And there have been un-Christian people before, but even un-Christian people have assumed the validity of the moral values which they have failed to realize in their lives.

But now we are fighting against a powerful and intelligent effort to remove the Christian foundations from civilization and substitute others. The point is not that Germany fails to be merciful or truthful or generous. Germany believes that these things are evil and seeks to destroy them. She believes that hardness and cruelty must be the basis of civilization, but treachery and contempt are creative, and that love and the spirit of Christ are enemies to society. Speakers and writers have said in many ways that this is a war between civilizations, between cultures. It is this that we mean when we say that we are fighting for "a way of life." Hitler saw this before we did. He wrote it very explicitly in his book, and he quite consistently repudiated the Christian religion as having no part in his new state. But it was harder for us to understand. We had assumed the Christian virtues as being virtuous for so long that we were slow to realize that it was they, and not merely armies, that were being attacked. The enormity of the wickedness which could call evil good and seek to crush out of the earth those

values on which we had unthinkingly relied, was too great for our imaginations easily to grasp.

And so we are fighting, at least in part, to preserve the contributions of Christianity to our civilization. But unfortunately many who are fighting to perpetuate the fruits of past moral ideals are unfamiliar with the spiritual insights from which such fruits have grown. We are trying to go forward on momentum borrowed from other years or from other people. We are trying to gather fruits without the nurturing roots. We are basing belief in what are the essentially spiritual values of freedom and democracy and personality upon the secular and materialistic philosophy which cannot permanently support them. Democracy is not merely a cure for social and political ills. In the hands of ignorant or immoral men it becomes a terrible curse. Democracy is rather a high value to be entrusted to those whose moral discipline and maturity make them worthy of it.

It is this which makes religion so essential to our present way of life. An unwise type of evangelism has individualized religion until we have forgotten its place in the social pattern. We have thought of it exclusively in its vertical relationships—the individual soul and God—that we have forgotten the influence of religion on our social pattern, and the influence of the social pattern on our religious life.

If modern civilization must rest on Christian morality and idealism in order to be safe, then it is the function of our education to acquaint each rising generation with religious values. Surely the religion of the past has as much to say to our age as the music of the past, or the literature of the past, or the philosophies of the past. Religion has been a more essential and more creative part of our culture than these, and we court disaster when we try to pass on to the next generation an education deprived of it.

This means, of course, that religion cannot be treated as extra-curricular activity in our educational process. It is not an accessory, an unessential fringe on the borders of education, but of the very heart of it. (If one may so mix metaphors.) And yet, in our secularized educational system we have so separated between the school of religion that it is possible for an American boy to start in the kindergarten and go through until the state returns him to society as a finished product with a college degree, and in the whole process he may never have heard a word about religion, about morals, about a philosophy of life, the nature of real success, or even the reason for living. He may never have heard a hint of what religion has done in the past or what it is doing in the present.

President Gates, of the University of Pennsylvania, a great state institution, in speaking to seven thousand public school teachers, said: "Religion is the mainspring of growth in character, and the lack of it tends too often to produce a clever, hard, self-seeking type of success which, if it becomes widespread enough, leads to the total eclipse of culture and humanity in the state, and even to the undermining of civilization."

This is not the place to discuss the methods by which religion can be integrated into the educational process. Many suggestions are being made. Bishop Oxnam has just made some suggestions in the preceding address, and our friends in England, in spite of the tensions of war under which they are living are incorporating some in the revising of their educational system.

But I may remind you that the personality of the teacher is as potent in creating a scale of values in the pupil's life as any book which he studies. It is a commonplace but as we look back on our school days we remember our instructors much more vividly than we remember our lessons.

I think now of a campus which I know on which the chief religious influence is a professor of Astronomy. On another it is a teacher of Music. On another a professor of Mathematics. A student recently told me that one of the great religious influences which had come into his life was a university course in Evolution.

This does not mean that religion is to be substituted for sound learning. The classroom is not a revival service, and degrees are not given on the basis of religious experience. But it does mean that the atmosphere in which the studying is done should be a confessedly religious atmosphere, that the interpretation of life underlying it all should be a religious interpretation. Young people are not only being instructed; they are being given direction for life, and that direction should be toward the things of the spirit. They are being fitted to carry on the civilization of tomorrow, and just insofar as we are leaving religious and moral values out of their equipment we are heading toward the chaos of a stark materialism.

FRATERNAL ADDRESSES

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

DR. BENJAMIN C. ROBESON

Bishops and Members of the Methodist General Conference: Your oldest daughter, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, has sent me to greet you:

“We are living, we are dwelling,
In a great and awful time;
In an age on ages telling,
To be living is sublime.”

Sublime, because civilization itself is being rocked to its foundations; sublime, because the democratic way of life that we love and cherish is about to leave us.

Dr. Ernest Fremont Tittle asks, “Can freedom live?” He then says, “Much of the world today is not free . . . we have further to recognize that once freedom is denied to a minority group, the freedom of all is imperiled.” Either we human creatures are all children of God or none of us is a child of God. “In the world of today, all men must be regarded as children of God if freedom is to be assured to any man.” The very fact that such a question can be seriously asked, brings to light the dangerous ground on which we walk. The Church of God must lead the way vigorously in such a fight. We talk about God whose love takes us all in; about His Son, Jesus Christ, who dared to die that we might live abundantly. We cannot then fail to see our duty. Dr. Tittle is right. “In the world of today, all men must be regarded as children of God if freedom is to be assured any man.”

Serville Davis, managing editor of the *Christian Science Monitor*, declares that the main task of the home front now and in the postwar period is the complete economic and social liberation of colored people. To me, that is very revealing. It means that through the years, we have deliberately ignored the burning aspirations and hopes of a minority group and wake up now to find the house falling apart. We must, however, be concerned with all fronts, China, India, Africa, all of them are calling upon us to stand up and dare to be on the Lord's side. I say with Dr. Willis J. King, “Let's go on dreaming of world brotherhood, for that is what the world is coming to.”

God must weep when looking at our divisions. If we dared

to face facts, all of us would return to the mourner's bench. It has been well said, "There is no satisfactory reason and practically no excuse for the existence of four groups of Negro Episcopal Methodists (African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Colored Methodist Episcopal and the Negro group of The Methodist Church)." There is no satisfactory reason and practically no excuse for the existence of a white Methodist Church. The Methodist Church, when it arrives, will include all. God, to my mind, will not be satisfied with this. He does not want a Presbyterian Church, Episcopal Church, Baptist Church, etc. He wants a Church large enough to embrace all. It will not be a White Church, a Black Church, or a Red Church. Once that day comes, the Sons of God will show again.

"I felt my heart strangely warmed." Methodism at that moment began its march. What a mighty march it was! Filled with courage, faith, endurance because of a God-touched heart. Until there is a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, this never happens. That is the fountain of enthusiasm, testimony and power.

Speaking of The Methodist Church, Rev. G. D. L. Parsons asks, "What of its spiritual power, measured by the tremendous need of a lost world? In these days, we need the power and enthusiasm of Pentecost." I vote with him. We have too many cold preachers to expect to have too many hot members. The world is waiting for a baptism. It is our duty as Christians to lead the way. Any man with a burning heart will rise above bigotry, prejudice and all their relations and be glad to help God to see that all men have justice.

"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless, I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

"Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made comfortable unto his death.

"If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect; but I follow after it that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

“I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

God bless you.

(See *Journal*, page 277.)

THE COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BISHOP WILLIAM Y. BELL

Mr. Chairman, Fathers and Brethren:

I have been delegated by the College of Bishops of the C. M. E. Church to bring to you our Church's greetings and the reassurance of our sustained and abiding Christian good will and sense of spiritual fellowship with you in your devotion and loyalty to the enterprise and triumph of the kingdom of God in human society.

We live at a great moment in history. It is at one and the same time a moment of great peril and great promise. Two ways part before the American nation and the American Church—the way of life and the way of death. Comes now “the moment to decide,” and upon that decision turns the destiny of our favored nation as a moral leader in the society of nations in the world tomorrow.

The eyes of oppressed and suffering peoples and nations throughout the whole world turn—half-desperately, half-hopefully—to the United States of America today: to the United States of America first, and also to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Many distressed millions throughout Hitlerized Europe, some millions of Jews yet surviving the mass murders of three millions of their brethren, more than a billion people of color in Africa, Asia and the Isles of the Seas, these altogether stretch out their hands to us, and the plaintive cry of their hearts is, “Come over and help us.”

More than once or twice in the brief national life of the United States of America, she has demonstrated her capacity to arise to high and courageous moral decisions and actions. More than once or twice, seeing clearly her national duty, prizing dearly her national honor, and sensing accurately the indissoluble interrelationship between national duty, national honor and national destiny, she has committed herself to ethical positions that have won for her the respect, confidence and admiration of all men everywhere who cherish liberty, democracy, justice and equality.

It is devoutly to be hoped, earnestly to be prayed, and firmly to be demanded that we shall not now fail to meet the claims of the kingdom of God upon us. “We shudder to contemplate the certain woe that must, by the verdict of God and the logic of history, inevitably befall our elect nation if we by indifference, weakness or cowardice should fail these

peoples and races" who turn to us from the ends of the earth for succor and salvation.

It would seem appropriate to lift a paragraph out of what I have said elsewhere and insert it at this point. "North America cannot sanely hope to isolate herself from the rest of tomorrow's world. It is becoming progressively too small geographically for that. Neither can North America and Western Europe sanely hope to dominate the rest of tomorrow's world. It is becoming progressively and too alert ethnologically for that. Following this war—even as during it—we shall stand before the bar of public world opinion to defend our claim to world faith and confidence as a truly democratic commonwealth. It may even be that within the next quarter of a century we shall have to contend at arms again for our very existence as a potential democratic state, if the awakening hundreds of millions of the East grow in distrust of us as they bid fair to grow in political, economic and military power. It is difficult for us to conceive of a more disastrous and tragic world misfortune that for our divinely favored nation to forfeit its claim to moral world leadership at this strategic and critical moment in human history; yet we are convinced and certain that no less appalling an incident threatens us." (Manifesto of Negro Churchmen to the Nation.)

There was never a moment in history when the prophetic message and ministry were more poignantly indicated than now. Neither Amos nor the Babylonian Isaiah, neither John, the Baptist, nor John, the Apostle, neither Martin Luther nor John Wesley ever faced a more acute challenge or embraced a more glorious opportunity than do we of the Christian Church in America today.

"For approximately two and a half years we have been engaged in a war to the death against Fascism, Nazism and Tojoism abroad. We must now take up the gauntlet against anti-Semitism, anti-labor-unionism, and anti-Negroism at home. We must see—with unerring insight—that the latter front is even more formidable and deadly than the former. We are in process of defeating master-racism abroad, but master-racism is in process of defeating us at home. We must arise—in decision born of prophetic vision and in courage born of prophetic faith—to set our own house in true democratic order, or the world about us will arise shortly in revolutionary disorder and set our house in flames of destruction." (Manifesto of Negro Churchmen to the nation.)

"I speak to you, I believe, with the voice of sobriety. I speak to you, I hope, with the voice of wisdom. I speak to you, I

know, with the voice of love. I speak to you in a deep and trembling sense of common interest and common destiny. I am an American Negro and I know that in the past it has usually been as an American Negro that I have spoken, but I do not so speak now. I am a Negro American and I know that in the past I have occasionally spoken as a Negro American, but I do not merely so speak now. I am an American and I speak, at least this once, only as an American: as an American and, in the sense of persuasion and aspiration, as a Christian.

To whom shall China and India—all Asia, indeed—and Africa, and Jewry, and the struggling masses of Europe and South America turn in the coming years for moral and spiritual direction and support? Who is to serve as “big brother” to the long-burdened peoples of the earth—to the meek who are destined ultimately, perhaps shortly, to possess the earth? What else but this is the destiny of America? What else, in the providence of the God of history, provided also we have the vision and the will and the courage to work with Him to this end?

Does it not lie well within the power of the Christian Church in America to determine the answer to these all-important questions? Is it altogether too much to say that it may lie well within the power and province of this Methodist General Conference, convened as it is at this strategic historical moment, to contribute effectively to the determination of that answer?

“The lion has roared, who will not fear? The Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?” Amos 3:8.

“Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear nor be afraid. Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself: and let him by your fear, and let him be your dread.” Isaiah 8:12.

“Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God unto the land of Israel; An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land. Now is the end come upon thee and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations. And mine eyes shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am the Lord. Thus saith the Lord, An evil, an only evil, behold, is come . . . Behold the day, behold, it is come.” Ezekiel 7:2ff.

“The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.” Matthew 21:43.

“Or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of its place, except thou repent.” Revelation 2:5.

May God grant unto our nation and the Christian Church in America today grace sufficient to the demands of this hour: grace unto repentance and fruits answerable thereto: grace unto the achievement of true democracy and Christian fraternity, in principle and in practice, at home and abroad. And may Methodism and Colored Methodism and all Christian churches in America spearhead the movement of America and all the nations of the earth to that achievement.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF BRAZIL

DR. JAMES E. ELLIS

Bishops and Fellow Methodists. It is a real privilege you are generously giving me to bring you Christian greetings from one of the daughters of this great Methodist family, the Methodist Church of Brazil, one of your affiliated autonomous Churches, and also to bring you the personal greetings of Bishop Cesar Dacorso Filho, our consecrated and tireless General Superintendent, who ought to be here but who was detained for health reasons.

In that great, growing and rapidly developing nation to the South, you have a fine, growing and rapidly developing Church which is grateful for what you have done and are doing to make possible a larger growth and more adequate expansion of the influence of Methodism in Brazil, and to make it possible to enter some of the doors opening to us.

Brazilians speak of you affectionately as the Mother Church, and you may be sure that the manner in which your daughter Church is addressing herself to the task of bringing to Christ more and more of the people of Brazil and of building up a strong church to continue this in the future would gladden your heart if you could see it first hand. Come to see us.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF MEXICO

ELIAS HERNANDEZ

Mr. Chairman, Members of the General Conference: I am the bearer of sincere fraternal greetings from the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Mexico. It is a great honor for me as a layman to represent the laymen of our Church. It is also a high honor and privilege to occupy a seat in this Conference in the capacity of Fraternal Delegate of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Mexico.

I also take advantage of this opportunity as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, to bring fraternal greetings.

The Methodist Church of Mexico has set a splendid example in one respect for the Mother Church. The two Methodisms in Mexico united and formed a single Methodist Church in 1930, eight years before the union of the Churches in the United States. This does not mean that the younger Churches loved one another more than the parent Churches but simply that we came to an understanding sooner.

The Methodist Church of Mexico, although autonomous, never forgets the wise and loving counsels of the Mother Church but goes forward striving with faith, effort and sacrifice, raising proudly the banner of Methodism with honor and gratitude to the missionaries who have given their energy, knowledge and experience and their lives for the good of Christian work and of the Mexican people. The Bishops, the District Superintendents and the preachers are making every effort to organize the laymen and to make them the main pillar of the Church. The laymen of the Methodist Church in Mexico have entered into a period of fervent activity. The churches are now being organized. These organizations of laymen have been carried out in the stronger Churches. There are thirty-six brotherhoods and the remaining churches are in process of organization. We have just appointed two traveling Secretaries who will go from church to church organizing the laymen.

The laymen brotherhoods have set as a goal the raising of 300,000 pesos, Mexican currency, in four years of 75,000 pesos each year. This amount is in addition to their regular contributions to the local churches. The purpose:

- (1) To develop the spiritual life;
- (2) To increase their contributions to the Church as much as possible;
- (3) To visit lukewarm and cold members and incorporate them anew into the Church as active members;
- (4) To get lukewarm members who have large resources to make gifts of importance to the Church;
- (5) To visit friends and sympathizers and obtain gifts for special or educational or social causes in Christian work;
- (6) Publishing the great daily newspapers and magazines on a business basis and secular in character and that these publications open their columns to the Christian Church of any denomination in Mexico. This undertaking is important and difficult but of urgent necessity since there is not one important newspaper in Mexico which offers its columns to evangelical Churches for publicity purposes.

How the 300,000 pesos will be distributed: In the first place, the Bishop and the Conference Cabinets will recommend the objectives; second, with the approval and consent of the Bishops and the Cabinets, the following plans will preferably be followed:

Pensions for Retired Preachers

Increase in Pastors' Salaries

Scholarships for Ministerial Students

Building and Repairing Churches and Parsonages

Brethren, Members of this Conference and Friends: Our effort has already begun. We will follow after the mark. Nothing shall hinder us. With the help of our God and Saviour, we look forward to the triumph of our high ideals and purposes.

One thing we do wish to ask of you, your spiritual help, your prayers, your moral and financial assistance. We have faith in God, faith in our cause and faith that you will help us in this moment of trial.

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INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

ADDRESS OF BISHOP J. WASKOM PICKETT OF INDIA

Mr. Chairman, Brothers and Sisters: Perhaps there is a special fitness on this International Night in our beginning with one of the distant lands. India is so far away from these United States that when we get there we discover that if we desire to get any further away and make the effort, we simply start back home by another route.

But India is not as far away from the United States today as it has been in the past. It is nearer to us tonight than it was a year ago. There are forces at work that are drawing these United States and India closer together. The fact is that isolation having broken down, the nations are influencing each other with increasing power and are becoming more alike with every passing day and no nation is today penetrating India with its influences at more points or more powerfully than the United States of America.

India is one of America's allies in this global war. And while the heart and mind of India have been very much confused about this war, with some of India's leaders urging India's people to take no part in the war, to even urge the United Nations' representatives out of India, and to offer no resistance to the totalitarian powers poised upon India's borders, yet no fewer than two and a half million of the sons of India and tens of thousands of the daughters of India have entered the armed forces, every one of them a volunteer, every one of them in this war because of a conviction that this war must be won; that the interests of India and the interests of the whole human family demand the winning of this war. And if the whole of India were in this war to the same extent as the Christians of India, I am told on high military authority that the total army in that land would be not 2,500,000, but 18,000,000, for the Christians of India have a profound conviction that the destiny of India can best be safeguarded and India's greatest interests can best be realized by assuring the overthrow of the despotisms that have attacked our democracies and so many causes that we hold dear.

But it is not my purpose in being here to talk to you of war. I want to talk to you of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And I want to take a scriptural basis for the rest of what I shall say. I am going to borrow the

words that St. Paul addressed to the Philippian Church and dare to address them to you. He said, "I am set for the defense of the Gospel" and he said again, "In the defense and confirmation of the Gospel, ye are all partakers of my grace"; not of the grace of Paul, but of the grace of which Paul partakes.

It may surprise some of you to have a representative of the Church of Christ in India speak of the need for defending the Gospel but that need is very real. There is determined, aggressive, militant opposition to the preaching of the Gospel in today's India and the Church will be foolish indeed if it fails to recognize the fact and to set itself for the defense of the Gospel.

It is surprising that we should be surprised that defense is necessary, that opposition to the Gospel should exist. Opposition to the Gospel existed in our Lord's time. St. Paul confronted it and I say to you with a deep solemnity that the Church in India faces today an opposition, very powerful, that requires on the part of the whole Church of Christ a very solemn rededication of itself to the defense of the truth of which it has been made guardian.

To present the Gospel to a people with a Hindu background is by no means easy. That Gospel seems to the average Hindu incredible. That too should not surprise us. The Jews found the Gospel incredible when our Lord proclaimed it and our Lord had to confirm the message that he preached. He confirmed it in miracles. He proclaimed that God is not against men for their sins but God is for men against their sins. He proclaimed that all men will find tender love as they approach God in prayer. And he proved this by invoking the power and the love of God to heal the sick, to cleanse the lepers. The people of his day interpreted sickness and misfortune of every kind as a sign of sin, sin that had brought upon men the wrath of God. But Jesus proclaimed that men of every class, however afflicted, are the objects of God's love and he confirmed that message. Now, the Gospel has to be defended and it has to be confirmed in India today.

Let me say another word about its defense. A great many Americans are shocked when they learn that Mr. Gandhi, a man who owes much to Christ, whom American Christians very widely have revered, has set himself in determined opposition to the Gospel. But it is a fact that Mr. Gandhi has sought to interrupt the progress of the Gospel and has made that interruption one of his chief concerns.

It is true that a militant, awakened Hinduism has declared in the name of political unification of India's people that it

is and will be intolerant of further conversions to Christian faith, particularly among the underprivileged.

As an example of what can be done, let me tell you how a Brahman Prime Minister of an important Hindu State outside of British India proper recently drew up decrees which he induced his Maharajah to sign, giving to the decrees legal status within the State. These decrees provided that if any man or woman within the State wished to change his religion he must sign an application on a stamped paper which would cost him the equivalent of seventy cents; I mean the cash equivalent, not the equivalent in labor, for these people, many of them, who wish to change their faith to become known as Christians, disciples of Jesus, earn in a day at most eight to ten cents and are compelled to sign an application with a stamped paper covering many days of wages. And then they are not sure when the application is signed that permission will be given. On the contrary, they must meet the judge who is instructed to inquire as to their motives and if he finds that any undue influence has been brought to bear upon the person desiring to change his faith, he is authorized to prosecute the person exercising that influence. Then he may adjourn the investigation and order a police inquiry and if any of you know aught of what a non-Christian police force can do, in such circumstances, you can imagine the ordeal of the poor man who desires to confess his faith in Jesus Christ.

That is not the whole of it. That is but barely the beginning of his ordeal.

He has to sign another application to get his case called for the rehearing, and then, if the police have not disposed of him, or the judge has not decided against him, and if he can convince the judge to grant him permission to change his religion, then his family are taken from him. If he and his wife both go through this process in order to become Christians, recognized as such, their children are taken from them and are given to some male relative, and if no male relative is found willing to take them, they are made the wards of the State. The law provides that in that circumstance these children of one, or of a couple permitted to change their religion will not be permitted to follow the example of the parents until they reach the age of twenty-one.

And let me say to you that the act which puts these nefarious provisions into legislation is inscribed with Brahman-Hindu cunning as an act for the protection of religious liberty.

Yes, the Gospel is opposed and the Church requires to set itself afresh in the defense of the Gospel, but I am even more

concerned that the Church may exercise itself for the confirmation of the Gospel.

Let me repeat that when we tell a Hindu that God is love, that God is the devoted Father of all men and women and children of every race, the Hindu, if he really believes the central teachings of Hinduism, says in reply, "How utterly absurd. Do we not see that the hand of God is against many? They are born to oppression, they are born in social degradation and in poverty. They are diseased."

The Hindu accounts for it by assuming that these men have lived a long chain of lives, and that in this long chain of lives they have committed many sins which have determined their birth in poverty and misery, and God is carrying through the influence of the sins committed and is punishing the men for their sins.

But we say to the Brahman, we say to the Hindu, of every class, "This is not right. There is no ground for your assumption. These children are suffering because of the sins of men, more the sins of others than their own sins, and from no sins they have committed in any previous life." We say, "It doesn't take a Brahman, it doesn't take a man of great eloquence or great power or standing with his fellows to become a Christian and to test and prove the power of God. It simply takes a man who is willing to give himself utterly to this testing of God's power." I repeat, "It doesn't take much of a man to become a Christian, but it takes all of a man."

The Brahman in his opposition—and all this Hindu opposition is Brahman led—says, "If your Gospel were true, it would make its appeal to us, but those who are becoming Christians are not men of education or men of standing. They are not the important people of this land, but they are the despised, they are the oppressed."

And we reply in the spirit of our Lord that Christianity cannot be tested by the people whom it attracts. The glory of the Gospel never has been in the people it attracts, but in the people it produces, and the greatest confirmation our Christian faith has in India is in the taking of these despised outcastes, labeled by Hinduism as hopelessly degraded, as utterly vicious, as stupid and filthy by nature, and so changing them through the inflow of divine grace into them that they demonstrate the truth of this Gospel.

I want to tell you, Christian friends, that not since Pentecost has there been a more convincing confirmation of this Gospel than many high caste Hindus are seeing in this utter transformation of depressed classes.

Some time ago I was in a South Indian village. I was invited to preach. There were gathered before me, sitting on

the ground very close together, perhaps 1,800 people. Some 600 of these were avowed Christians. Some hundreds of others were interested deeply in the things of God. Others were there because of curiosity in large part.

When I was asked to preach, I arose but felt a strange reluctance, the sort of thing that many of you preachers have felt at times, I am sure. I bowed my head to ask for God's guidance, and there came at once to me the conviction that before I preached, I should give to some of the men before me an opportunity to tell what they knew about Jesus Christ.

So I said, "Before I speak, I want some of you men or women who have tested Christ Jesus to tell the result of your experience with him."

A man immediately arose and said, "Bishop, may I be the first to speak?"

On the inspiration of the moment I said, "I do not know, Brother; I do not know you. I do not know whether you are a right man to speak about Jesus Christ to this great audience. Who is your pastor?"

A man arose and said, "I am, Bishop."

I said, "Is this a fit man to talk about Jesus Christ to this audience?"

The pastor said, "He is."

Now, brothers, I had not thought of that in advance but I have rather appreciated that technique as I have thought about it later and I am prepared even to recommend it in America.

This brother came forward and facing the audience said, "Many of you know me, you know my record of crime. Three times I have been in jail, twice I was tried for murder. I could not be convicted because the evidence was not found but both times I was guilty." He said, "You know, many of you, that a great change has come into my life. I want to tell you about it. When I was in jail the last time I found as a fellow prisoner a man that ought not to have been there. I discovered quickly that he did not belong with us criminals. I found that everybody in the jail recognized that fact. So I asked him what brought him there. He told me that he had become a follower of Jesus Christ; that opposition to Christ existed in his village; that high-caste Hindus told him that he must renounce his Christian faith and return to Hinduism. He declared he could not do that. They said they would bring false charges against him and send him to jail. He replied that he could go to jail without much hesitation but he could never renounce Christ Jesus. He was tried, he was sent to jail. Then in the jail he prayed for his persecutors."

This man said, "I learned the facts and I swore that I would punish those men that had sent him there. I went to the man and said, 'Don't you worry. When I get out of jail I'll give a sound beating to every one of those men, and if you wish it, I'll kill one or two of them.' And the man said, 'Don't talk like that. I am not the enemy of those men, they are only my enemy, and it is because of their ignorance I am praying for them. If you see those men when you get out tell them I am their friend and not their enemy.'"

He said, "I was amazed and I said, 'What kind of a fool is this fellow? Does a man have to be a fool because he wants to be good?' I asked the pastor who came to see this man and told him how the man likes his enemies and the pastor said, 'That's fine! I'm glad to learn it because that is what Christ taught us.'"

He said, "That so profoundly impressed me that I asked that pastor to begin to teach me and I learned to read before I left the jail. When I went out of jail I went to another pastor near my home, confessed my faith in Christ, was taken under instruction and pastoral care, was baptized some months later and received into the Church. Seven years have passed since then. I have not abused anybody, I have not stolen, I have not gotten drunk, I have not eaten opium as I used to do. I am a friend now of all men, whereas I was the enemy of most."

I was a little disturbed before he finished. I was afraid there was an element of boasting there, but I was reassured a moment later for another man arose and said, "Bishop, may I speak?"

I said, "No, you may not," for across his forehead I saw the marks that identified him as a follower of Vishnu, the Hindu god. I said, "You misunderstood. We have only asked for people to talk about what Jesus has done for them."

He said, "Bishop, I can say nothing about what Jesus has done for me, I am not a Christian; but I want to tell you what Jesus has done for that man who just spoke."

I said, "That's another matter. Come forward."

He came to the front and said, "I am the Brahman priest in charge of the Vishnu Temple in the town where that man lives. There are nine of us Brahmans here tonight from his village, there are thirty high-caste Hindus here. We want to hear about the gospel that has so changed that man. He was formerly the worst man in our village; now he is the best man. Everybody was afraid of him of old; now for fifteen miles around people in trouble come to him for help. We want to understand what changed that man."

Well, you can imagine that after that testimony I felt no more restraint about preaching.

Just after that I was in another village and I asked a group of high-caste Hindus what they knew about the working of the grace of Christ in the outcastes of their village who had become Christians. I chose two men that were thought to have been uninfluenced by Christianity in order to pick their minds and learn what they knew about the transforming grace of Christ in the untouchable. The first man, when I asked him if he had known these Christian people since the days when they were Hindus, said "Yes, I have lived all my life in this village. I have known them and I have watched them carefully day by day."

"Well," I said, "has any change taken place in them because of their Christian faith?"

He said, "Bishop, the change between what those people used to be and what they are now is the difference between the darkness of midnight and the brightness of midday." He said, "Again, it is the difference between the ground down here and the sky up there."

I said, "Have you ever known a change like that to take place except as men have come into touch with the living Christ?"

He looked at me and said, "Why, Bishop, that change cannot happen apart from Christ."

"But," I said, "my brother, I thought you were a Hindu in your religious convictions."

He said, "Oh, yes, I was brought up a Hindu but a man cannot hold to Hindu religious convictions when he sees the thing that I have seen in this village."

That man and many others of his group were baptized into the Christian Church by the hand of ministers recruited from the outcastes in less than a year after that interview.

I conclude with this word, Brothers and Sisters: We must defend the Gospel in our own hearts, in our own communities throughout our land and to the uttermost parts of the earth. We must demonstrate and confirm this Gospel as individuals, as families, as a Church. We must stand by India's ministers as they strive in a time of unprecedented difficulty to defend and confirm this Gospel. Many of our preachers knew dire hunger in last year's tragic famine. I went to one of those preachers and asked him how he managed to stay at his work in view of the undernourishment that I saw registered on the faces and in the bodies of the whole family.

He said, "Bishop, I did plan to leave and go into work where I was offered four times the salary that I have been paid at my highest and best in this church, but when I was

about to leave we held a family council. I asked my wife, my son of eighteen and my daughter of sixteen whether they wanted me to leave. They said, 'Father, do not leave. If you leave and get that good salary we will have plenty of food, we will have new clothes again, but the people you have been serving will have a harder time because you have gone.' That pastor said his family told him, "If you resign now we will have plenty but all the rest of our lives we will feel that in the crisis father failed the Church and its Lord. If you stay now we will suffer, we will be hungry at times, but God will see us through and all the rest of our lives we will live in the glory of the memory that father stood the test."

He said, "That, Bishop, is why I am here now."

I say to you it is in that spirit that Indian ministers are defending and confirming the Gospel and they are kept at their task because many in the American Church share with them that purpose.

Thank you.

(See Journal, page 270.)

ADDRESS OF BISHOP W. Y. CHEN OF CHINA

Greetings from China! The subject of my talk tonight is "The March of Methodism in China Today and Tomorrow." I should like to read to you the last portion of the twentieth verse of the third chapter of Job: "Your old men should dream dreams; your young men should see visions."

At the age of six I was in a little village school in my home town in Foochow. The teacher was an old Chinese Confucian scholar. There was no timepiece in the school. The boys were kept there all the day until dusk. Our teacher wore a pair of spectacles. One day after his noon meal he fell sound asleep in his armchair dreaming dreams.

One of the boys suddenly saw a vision. Taking the Chinese brush in the ink, he stiffly and lightly smeared the spectacles of the teacher with ink. All of us then read aloud in unison so as to awaken the old man from his dreamland. When he did wake up and looked through the spectacles he said, "Children, it is now dark. All of you are free and can go home."

So all of us walked together out into the bright daylight and enjoyed our freedom. Whenever I read this passage, "Your old men shall dream dreams and your young men shall see visions," this childhood experience of mine always comes back to me.

Our old men did dream dreams. Forty years after Robert Morrison's arrival in China, the first two Methodist missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church landed in the teeming port of Foochow in 1847 and the following year, 1848, the first missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, landed in Shanghai. It took them one hundred and forty days to cross the Pacific and twenty years to gain one convert. In the midst of fierce opposition, disease, death and internal uprisings, these missionaries and Chinese pioneers were dreaming great dreams.

But before the end of the first century millions have been won to the Kingdom of Christ. One Conference after another has been founded throughout the country. From our forefathers we have received the priceless heritage, the unshaken faith in God and man. Methodism is marching on today in China. In fact, the whole Chinese nation is on the march. More than seventeen million people have been driven out of their homes, millions and millions have been on the road; many of them, like Abraham, know not where they

will go. The movement of the cultural institutions, the trek of the Chinese teachers and students from occupied areas to free China, the mass transportation and transplantation of machinery from coast cities to the interior, are the most dramatic and heroic movements in the great migration of China, unparalleled anywhere in the world. Even our domestic animals sometimes join in the march.

The Methodist Church in China has followed refugees on the road, soldiers in the trenches, students in the schools, the child in the home. Even in the occupied areas of China the Church remains as a beacon light during the darkest hour of our nation's history.

On the top of the tower of our Church, Moore Memorial, which formerly belonged to our Church, South—the finest and the largest Church in the country—on the top of the tower there is a revolving redlighted cross, against a dark and black sky in the night, serving as a symbol of guidance, salvation and sacrifice.

Upon the entry of the Japanese forces following Pearl Harbor, the Church was taken over by the Japanese Marines. Immediately the cross was covered by the flag of the Rising Sun. For a while it looked as if all the light of faith, hope and love had gone out in darkness and despair. But through the protest of the Chinese and Japanese Christians, the flag of the Rising Sun finally went down and the cross emerged again, revolving around and casting its rays on the dark corners of Shanghai.

Brute force may triumph for a while but God will bring hope out of despair, light out of darkness. This is what the Methodists are witnessing today in occupied areas in China. Chungking, the wartime capital of free China, has been subject to persistent air raids. In the year 1939 two thirds of the city was bombed and burned to the ground. More than twenty thousand people were wounded and killed. In the midst of the ruins there stands the old Methodist Church in the heart of the city, defying all bombs and fire. At one time it was the only Church standing in the whole city. During the past seven years, through all the horrors, even through the most hectic air raids, this old Methodist Church in Chungking can boast that not one single Sunday morning service has been suspended. Guns and bombs shook the cities into ashes, they shook forests, fields and orchards into wreckage. They shook the finest school buildings from their foundations but the throne of God cannot be shaken. When the thrones of the earth totter and tumble, the throne of God endures forever. This is what the Methodists are witnessing today in free China.

Your young men shall see visions. Where there is no vision people perish. Our young men have seen visions. They have stood and watched their beloved city being burned down to the ground, their temple destroyed, their people carried away. They have lifted up their tear-stained eyes to heaven in protest. But there will be a new city, a new temple and new people. Methodism has found a place in the life of the Chinese nation, fulfilling great human needs in the hour of travail.

At least three nation-wide movements have been started by the lay members of The Methodist Church, namely, the New Life Movement, the Society of the Friends of the Wounded, and the National Christian Gold Offering Movement.

First, the New Life Movement: It has been said by historians that John Wesley saved England from revolution. It may be said that the Methodists in China, through the New Life Movement, are helping to complete the revolution which will make China a republic.

The New Life Movement has a Methodist origin and its founder, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is a Methodist. The General Secretary of the New Life Movement Headquarters, Colonel J. L. Hwang, and practically all of the other members of the staff are Methodists.

The New Life Movement in China started with the correction of people's habits and emphasized such virtues as honor, justice, integrity, and conscientiousness.

A new life, according to the Generalissimo, is also an inward change. "This new life," he said, "can only be obtained through embracing Christ's spirit of love and readiness to sacrifice."

There is no greater need in my country today, friends, than the spiritual awakening of the nation, which can be brought about only by the power from above. Methodism meets the moral wants in China.

Everywhere there is a feeling of powerlessness in the face of vast evil forces. Everywhere there is a recognition of the fact that material forces alone are not adequate, that spiritual regeneration must precede material progress, that new people are necessary before we can build the New World, that better men are needed before we can have better politics, that without spiritual mobilization, material and military mobilization cannot succeed.

China is now engaged in a life and death struggle, and the New Life Movement is to give to the nation new blood and to bury the past.

Five years ago I was traveling with the Secretary of the

New Life Movement on behalf of the War Area Service. We came to a village through which the Japanese troops had just passed. We had walked the whole day. It was already dusk, dark. We could not find a place, a house, an inn, because it was a deserted village, a No Man's Land. Finally, we found a temple and we went in. But for occasional flashes of lightning, we could see nothing. We spread our blankets and lay down. Very soon we both fell into a sound sleep and did not wake up until the next morning. It was a clear and bright morning.

When I opened my eyes, I saw my friend on one side, and on the other side another man. I was a little bit surprised. I got up quickly and found the man was dead—a Chinese soldier. My friend got up, too, and I said to my friend, "Look here, I know we are in a life and death struggle, but I never realized that last night I slept between the living and the dead."

We quickly went out of the temple, but before we got to the gate, we heard a groan. It wasn't possible. Could it be that the soldier wasn't dead, or that he came back to life? So we went back and found the soldier was dead, and the groan had come from the back of the temple. My friend said, "Listen, it is not a groan, it is singing." He was singing a song of the military march composed by the New Life Movement Headquarters. He was singing the last verse of the song, something like this:

"Blood shed on the battle ground
Reflects a precious hue
Luminous and bright it shines
On the road to life anew."

So we went around to the back of the temple: We saw underneath the temple a young soldier, who was lying in a pool of blood. This is the story he told us.

The Japanese Army went through the village the day before. Forty-nine young students, who belonged to the local guerrilla force, were captured. They were searched, and a copy of the New Testament was found in the pocket of this young soldier, this young student. When the Japanese soldier took the New Testament, he asked him if he was a Christian, and he answered, "Yes."

And he stared at him but he did not say a word. The next morning forty-nine husky young men, stripped down to the waist with their hands bound behind their backs, were lined up before a dugout. A Japanese soldier stooped by the captives ready to commence mass beheading when the com-

mander shouted the order. The heads and bodies fell one by one into the hole.

Finally, it came to the turn of this young man. The Japanese soldier who had taken away his New Testament stepped out and asked the commander to permit him to kill the last captive by shooting instead of beheading. So he fired at him and this young man fell into the hole, and the Japanese soldiers left.

Then this boy said to me, "This Japanese soldier must be a Christian and a Methodist."

I said, "How do you know? What makes you think so?"

"Well," he said, "first I looked in his eyes and saw him a different man from the whole crowd. He took away my New Testament, and he looked at me and I looked at him, and in that look we found something in common. I knew he was going to save me, and that shot was a Christian shot. He deliberately planned methodically to fire on me with such an accurate shot that the bullet went from this side of my shoulder out the other side. So when the Japanese soldiers left, I came back to life again."

Then he said, "I owe him my life. I not only owe him my life, I really owe Jesus Christ my life. In Jesus Christ we have found something in common."

Second, the Friends of the Wounded: Inspired by the need and distress of the sick and wounded soldiers, despite all that the government and relief agencies could do for the soldiers, Mr. William Hsu started the Society of the Friends for the Wounded, which has now become a nation-wide movement. Young Christians are recruited to serve the sick and wounded in the base hospitals behind the Chinese lines, but they must be able to endure hardships.

Some time ago, there was a Chinese dentist whose sign would run something like this in English: "Insertion of false teeth. The latest Methodist." The latest Methodist in China does not insert false teeth but gives to the people good and strong teeth so that they can endure hardship or eat the bitterness, as we say in China.

When the war first started, in Shanghai one morning there came to my office a young man with tears in his eyes, who said, "Mr. Chen, my mother last night was captured by the Japanese." He asked whether I could use my good office and the office of my Japanese friends to rescue his mother from a fate worse than death.

Later he came to my home and said, "Mr. Chen, my mother was sent back, but she was assaulted and tortured, she died this morning."

Four years later, in Chungking, I met this same lad in

the hospital for the wounded soldiers, among whom there were about five or six wounded Japanese prisoners. This boy was there. He had joined the Society of the Friends of the Wounded, serving the wounded Japanese as well as Chinese.

I asked him, "How can you do it?"

He said, "We are more than conquerors, through Him that loveth us. Who shall separate us from the love of God? Nobody can separate us from the love of God."

It is this spirit that the Church in China is trying to impart to our young people.

Now, third, the National Christian Gold Offering Movement is a patriotic act on the part of Chinese Christians to give to the Chinese Government one tenth of their income until the end of the war. This movement was started by a lay member of the Methodist Church, General Fen-Yu-hsiang, known as the Christian General. He was inspired by the Methodist spirit of giving. But the Generalissimo, also a member of this movement, has set a very good example, not only giving money to the government but he gave his youngest son to the country.

The Generalissimo's youngest son, who was educated in America and Germany, when the war broke out went back home and wanted to join the army, and the Generalissimo sent him to the northwest where the fighting was the fiercest and there he demonstrated his valor and courage, so he was promoted to be Captain of the Army.

When Madame Chiang was in this country, the Generalissimo asked him to keep him company. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek got up about four-thirty in the morning and his first hour was devotion and he asked his son to observe the devotional hours with him for two months. Then his son was converted and wanted to be baptized. I was called by the Generalissimo who asked, "Can you baptize him?"

I said, "Yes."

He said, "Can you baptize him tomorrow?"

I said, "No."

He said, "Why?"

I said, "I want to know more about him." I found he had been in our Methodist school of Foochow University nine years. I said, "What church do you want to join?"

He said, "Methodist." So I gave him a history of Methodism that he read and he came back and told me the story. Then two weeks later he was baptized in the presence of his friends and relatives.

One month after his conversion he came back to me and said, "I want to say good-by to you. I am going back to the

battlefield. My father this morning gave me three books: one *The Meaning of Faith*, by Fosdick in Chinese. My father said to me, 'You must know what faith means; you must have faith in God when you go out.' Another book was *The Meaning of Service*, also by Fosdick. He said, 'You are going to serve your people; you must know the meaning of service.' He said, 'Behind these two books is the Bible in which you will find the meaning of new life and new inspiration.'

"So," he said to me, "Mr. Chen, I really have found a new life. My father first thought he would give his son to the nation; now he has given his son to God, and I would like to give my life to God." This is the spirit of giving.

In conclusion, my friends, before I left the Generalissimo said to me: "The abrogation of the unequal treaties afforded greater opportunity and challenge to missionaries to serve all people and to come not as guests but as comrades to give our people a spiritual basis of life and our nation a spiritual foundation upon which a new China will be built out of the ashes and ruins. Ask The Methodist Church to send more missionaries when the war is over."

Now, friends, I have been asked whether Fascism will come to fruition in China or not; whether China will be absorbed by Communism or not. Imperialism, Fascism, Communism will come and go but Methodism with its one hundred years' history will go on forever in my country. China will never go red nor white nor blue; she will always remain as yellow as saffron and as solid as pure gold. Methodism is a world Church.

I am very sorry I could not give my whole speech but in conclusion I should like to say that here is a challenge. Come over to help us to build up a new China. The world cannot be free when China must be enslaved. The world cannot have peace when China must be at war. The world cannot be Christian when China is not Christian. Methodism is a world Church. Chung Wai-Lee said: "The world is my province; you cannot leave China out."

Here is the challenge and here is the vision to build a new China and a new world.

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ADDRESS OF BISHOP ELEAZAR GUERRA OF MEXICO

Mr. Chairman and members of this Conference: It is with profound reverence and gratitude toward the kind Heavenly Father that I come before you at this hour of great responsibility which falls upon me. No human being, however capable and well prepared for a task like this, could have come to this General Conference session with calmness, joy, expectancy, faith and enthusiasm had he depended on his own strength and his own talent.

It is with gratitude also to the Mother Church in general and to the Board of Missions and its Executive Secretaries in particular that I proclaim unto the whole world what a marvelous piece of work the pioneer missionaries did in Mexico and how those that followed them continued the task in a sacrificial way.

Now the young Methodist Church of Mexico through me sends her hearty greetings to this inspiring gathering and entrusted me to express to you her love and admiration and the hope that in the future The Methodist Church may march forward with redoubled effort and compassion to redeem the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

Inspired by the fundamental teachings of the Bible, by the missionary effort, strengthened by the educational, social and medical institutions of Methodism, after seventy-one years of continuous labor, the national Church is acquiring the strength of an oak. After the period of inception, of learning, of organization, national leaders are of age, the increase in membership creates a strong moral and spiritual force. All these are factors which help the Church in its onward march. It is worth while perhaps to mention briefly the precise and systematic order in which every missionary enterprise begins, grows and reaches its full development.

At the beginning of the evangelical work in Mexico, the missionary carried the entire responsibility, for he was the messenger who brought the Gospel to those who had never heard it. His support was assured by the organization which appointed him.

The second step in the normal development of the missionary enterprise was the co-operation which the missionary received from the new converts. Naturally, the missionary continued to be the leader, guide and teacher, but the national began to assume responsibilities in the measure of his capacity.

The third step in the missionary movement is that of the missionary sharing responsibilities on an equal basis with the native worker. After some years of training and preparation, the natives were ready to enter actively into the missionary program.

The fourth step is that of the native taking upon himself the prime responsibility for the work, while missionary effort naturally decreased.

At this stage, my dear brethren, we were to stop in our onward march in the development of the missionary enterprise.

In making the following statement, I do so with fear and trembling, but it is my deep conviction that when the National Autonomous Church was set up, it was not adequately prepared to assume a maximum of responsibility. Under the circumstances, however, it set in motion heroic and noble efforts and marched ahead unselfishly and earnestly.

Due to the effervescence of the revolutionary movement and the drastic laws enacted thereafter, The Methodist Church suffered such a drawback that it was on the point of facing a premature death. The majority of our missionary men had to leave the country in obedience to our laws; a large number of the missionary women had to re-orient their work and adapt themselves to new conditions, and although they were prepared primarily to do educational and evangelistic work, they had to direct their energies into the field of social service. Our schools were dismembered, many had to be closed and we lost, therefore, the important intellectual forces which had served as a reinforcement as far as our membership was concerned and had always been the source of a better prepared membership.

The Church had reached the state of development mentioned under point 5, but we did not have as yet the required number of trained leaders nor enough members prepared to take upon themselves the responsibility for complete self-support.

The missionary appropriations suffered a tremendous decrease, the missionary force dwindled to three men, the work sponsored by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and by the Woman's Missionary Council had to undergo reorganization. It was just at this time, in 1930, when a far-reaching event took place in Mexico City. Duly elected delegates from the Border and the Central Conferences, the Mission Board Secretaries of the parent Churches were authorized to draw up a document whereby the autonomous Methodist Church of Mexico was properly organized.

All our resources at hand, men, women, buildings, litera-

ture and money, were put together, after all an insufficient legacy for such an enormous task. It is true that among the national leaders there were men of high caliber; true that we could count on a group of educators and that we had splendid laymen; true we were blessed with a group of devoted women missionaries wholly consecrated to the Master's cause. And yet, my beloved brethren, when we take stock of all our moral, spiritual, economic and temporal assets, we have to reach the sad conclusion that our status as an autonomous Church was rather fragile.

Fourteen years have passed, fourteen years in which these men and women have carried on bravely, although with meager resources, eagerly seeking to proclaim the good news of salvation to the Mexican people, with their hope set on the Author and Finisher of our faith, Jesus Christ. They marched onward through arid and scorching deserts, through rough and stony places, through busy cities and lonely villages, stumbling at times, but always renewing the journey, though at times with almost unbearable hardships. They have faced all these years of heavy labor and, having exercised victorious faith, they now come to lay at the altar the fruits of these labors.

During the administration of our first Bishop, Juan N. Pascoe, he had to face difficult problems of adaptation, to clear misunderstandings, but he was successful, through earnest petition to God for guidance. All obstacles in the way of the Unification of both Methodisms were overcome during his period of service and he was able to develop other phases of the work, such as self-support, evangelism and the construction of churches and parsonages.

During the second quadrennium Rev. Sixto Avila was elected as General Superintendent and his administration was characterized by prudence and love; his broad and sincere spirit strengthened the fraternal bonds between the workers from the Border and the Central Conferences. Petty difficulties and sectarian interpretations were eliminated, the unification of the groups was accomplished and they all realized more fully that The Methodist Church of Mexico was one in essence and in spirit.

When we were called to this important task, tragedy loomed on the horizon and menacing clouds darkened the world; military tactics threatened to dominate, all efforts to maintain peace had failed completely and just as we took upon us the duties of our office, the most destructive war of all ages encircled the world.

It is easy to understand that the condition of the Church in the face of such a chaotic state of affairs was serious,

indeed, for the spirit of anxiety and agony which dominated the world entered the homes and was nerve shattering. And later, our country was also drawn into the conflict and all the social classes were ready and anxious to defend the national integrity. We expressed the opinion that although The Methodist Church has always been characterized by devotion to peace, it is not possible to allow such a state of affairs which menaces the most sacred doctrines of liberty to go unheeded. Recently I had the opportunity to speak personally with the President of the Republic and I expressed as my opinion that The Methodist Church is ready to cooperate with our Government, and offered as many Chaplains as the Army of Mexico may need.

In this hour of darkness we have sought light to illumine our path and to inspire us in the midst of our heavy responsibilities. We have carried the burden naturally inherent to the tasks assigned to us and added to it the burdens which result from a world inflamed with deadly hatred. But in spite of this, the God of all mercies and love has graciously kept His people and has given victories to offset defeats.

In all the matters pertaining to our National Church, the Council of Co-operation has always taken a very active and basic part. It is composed of representatives of both Conferences, as well as missionaries appointed by the Board of Missions of the parent Church. This Council has been alert to the needs and has done everything in its power to solve every problem which came before it. I cannot at the moment state the exact number of meetings held by Committee No. 1 and Committee No. 2, as well as by the Council as a whole, but I can affirm that they have always shown intense zeal and have sought the guidance of God for every problem confronting them. I guarantee you that we were always on the job, working fervently to solve all the problems that came our way.

On several occasions we had the privilege of the presence of Dr. A. W. Wasson, Secretary of the Latin-American area, as well as Miss Elizabeth Lee, Secretary of Latin America for the women's work and of Bishop Ivan Lee Holt. We are most grateful to these consecrated workers for their interest and devotion to the missionary task in Mexico. They gave their hearty support to every plan which was for the progress of our Church.

All the members of the Council of Co-operation, conscious of their responsibilities, faithfully did their duty, gave clear expression to their points of view, guided always by their earnest desire to serve their Church. The Council of Co-operation is the link which unites us with the parent Church.

Through this Council the Church here can make its needs known and it is sure to receive inspiration, strength and help. Because of the Council of Co-operation, The Methodist Church of Mexico is not an isolated movement, it is a part of a world-wide organization. And it is indeed a cause for rejoicing to be able to go forward hand-in-hand with the parent Church, aspiring as it does to the redemption of the world.

It is with deep satisfaction that we can say that our Church has established frank and fraternal relations with the other denominations which preach the Gospel side by side with us.

Upon a number of occasions we have had an opportunity to share with them problems which were of interdenominational character.

Some of our finest workers are co-operating through the National Council of Churches, at the head of which is Professor Gonzalo Báez-Camargo, well known in this country, and some other prominent men, members of our Conference. They have achieved brilliant results, and we should be proud indeed of their victories, for they have sought to unify all the evangelical forces.

The outstanding interdenominational event was the International Congress of Religious Education of the World's Sunday School Association.

It is our fervent prayer that the spirit of mutual understanding may grow in the Evangelical Churches. We publicly testify tonight that it is our earnest purpose to join hands and hearts with all who profess the religion of Jesus Christ, and united seek the salvation of souls.

We are working in Mexico at this very moment through an organization similar to the Board of Missions of your own Church. Of course, our organization is very small. At the beginning, this organization was only able to raise a small amount of money, 5,000 pesos in all. But after these years of continued work, we are happy to inform you that at our last Conference meeting we were able to raise 23,000 pesos through this Missionary Society that is working in Mexico to forward the movement of our Evangelical Churches.

Although the number of missionaries is not large, as it used to be in other years, we have had the excellent leadership of L. B. Newberry, Dr. J. P. Hauser, Dr. Milton C. Davis, and recently Dr. Claude Kellogg, the only members left of that splendid group who gave their whole time and interest to the development of our work. We are most grateful to them and we pray that God's blessings may always be

theirs. Needless to mention the numerous occasions when their wise counsel was most timely and inspired only by their desire to be of service.

In regard to the women missionaries, we have twenty-six who are faithfully carrying on their tasks. Some are reaching the end of their allotted period of service, and they look back with joy upon duty done. We have with us this splendid group of missionaries. We love them and respect them, and I am here to tell you that their efficient work has gone deep into our hearts, and that it is an example which has been of guidance to us. They are entitled to the profound gratitude of all our Methodist people who hold them in high esteem and who testify that their service has been a real blessing to our Church.

In spite of difficulties which have beset the educational work, we are happy to say that our teachers have faithfully complied with their duties and have conducted these institutions along the proper channels. They have all been endowed with keen vision, and thus a new era of opportunity opens up in our schools in Mexico through the national leadership.

The most encouraging phase of the work and one that causes us to rejoice is the fact that we have a most important group of young men who have decided to devote their lives in service to the Master. The hope of our Church lies in these young lives who are being given a solid preparation which will qualify them for success in their ministry.

In a recent visit of Dr. J. H. Goodlow, Professor of History in Southwestern University, he stated that there is not a single evangelical organization which is not losing some of its ministers, and they have not found the way to fill the vacancies caused by illness or death. We are happy to say that Mexico is an exception, for we have young ministers prepared to take the place of those who are departing. We have at present twenty-five young men who are being trained in the Union Seminary, and they will doubtless render a great service in the future.

Besides the regular Seminary students, we have a number of young men "pre-theological students" who are studying secondary courses and will later enter the ministry.

Already in active ministerial work we have a number of enthusiastic young men, such as Nelson Velasco, who has had great success; Luis Areyzega, Jose O. Velasco, Manuel Castaneda Flores, Josue L. Mora, Rolando Zapata, Ciro Barron, Francisco Avila, Fernando Acosta, Margarito Gonzalez, Raul Ruiz, Juan V. Sanchez, Ignacio Gonzalez, and many others who are now reaching their most useful years

of service and are carrying on the task of preaching the Gospel to our people.

I am thankful to God that I can give you these facts as a glimpse of what The Methodist Church in Mexico is doing at present.

In 1938 we raised for pastoral support in our Methodist Church the amount of 34,947 pesos and 71 cents. In 1943 we raised 69,023 pesos, an increase of 34,937 pesos, or an increase of eighty per cent in our ministerial support.

In 1938 we raised for all general expenses of the Church the amount of 110,531 pesos. In 1943 we raised for the same purpose 501,916, an increase of 285 per cent.

In 1938 we had on our books as registered members of our Church 14,812 members. In 1943 we had registered in the books of the Church 19,218 members, a net gain of 4,040 members in four years, or thirty-eight per cent increase.

I am happy to inform you that our Church is awakening to the responsibility of supporting her institutions. I firmly believe that a Church, if it is to be autonomous, must be able to support herself and must be able to conquer all the lands and go forth missionary-minded. Toward this effort we organized not long ago all our laymen. Heretofore, they were not organized. In an inspired service that we had in the city of Saltio, we were able to organize them into a strong movement. They are trying to raise the amount of 300,000 pesos to increase the forward movement of our Church, and they are helping in order that we may be able to double our membership.

We are at this very moment in the midst of our campaign. I come here before you to tell you that God Almighty has been with us and inspired us. We are willing to go and follow in your trail, in your example, and are willing to give our own life pursuing our aim; namely, to serve Jesus with all our hearts and with all our souls.

I am here tonight to express to you this very fact. It is true that Mexico is changing rapidly in her sentiment toward the United States as never before. It is true that our government is working in such a way that a great future is ahead for our country. I know that the people of the United States are beginning to look toward Latin America with kind eyes and with a spirit of understanding and with a spirit of love. I am here to tell you that none other than Christian love can do the work, because Christ, and only Christ, is the one that can join nations and peoples of the earth.

I come here to tell you at this hour that God Almighty put us together. I don't know why I am of a dark complexion,

and why I have brown eyes, and why I was born on the other side of the Rio Grande. I don't know why. I don't know why you were born here in this great and wonderful country of yours. But one thing I know, that you and I are neighbors, that we are going to live together. And if we are neighbors we have something in common, and if we have something in common we have to work together. And that something in common is Christ, our Lord and our Saviour.

Dear members of The Methodist Church of America, don't go to sleep. There is a powerful organization in my country working faster than you are working and making headway in your own country, and you do not suspect it. At this very moment there is a movement going on in Mexico saying that millions of dollars are being brought into Mexico by the Protestant Churches in America for a new campaign of Protestantism in Mexico. It is not true; I wish it were true. But I am telling you this: There are things happening, and unless our Mother Church awakens and takes her post of responsibility, we are going to be sitting by and looking at some other organization take the job. You are here this very hour to face the big problem. Perhaps it will come tomorrow, or after tomorrow, who knows. The day will come when thousands upon thousands and millions of your own sons and daughters will die and our sons and daughters will die on the battle fronts seeking liberty and peace for the future. There never will be peace in the world unless it is conquered by Christ and His love, and this Church of ours has the right to go forward with this wonderful message of winning the world for Christ through love.

Oh, if I could close my eyes at this very moment and die I would die happily because I would die with the idea that you that are members of The Methodist Church will carry on your task preaching the Gospel of Jesus to the uttermost parts of the world.

Receive, my dear brethren, the love of the Methodist Mexican Church. We are few in number, we are poor indeed; but we are part of you and we want to go with you wherever you go in mind, in soul, in the spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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DECISIONS OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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In Re: Appeal of Board of Missions and Church Extension on Question of Responsibility of Pension of D. W. Nichols, et al.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the June, 1943, session of the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, a report was submitted by the Board of Conference Claimants and adopted by the Annual Conference, reading as follows:

Board of Conference Claimants
of the
Southern California-Arizona Conference
The Methodist Church
125 East Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church be requested to exclude from its Clearinghouse procedure, beginning June 1, 1943, and charge to the Division of Foreign Missions of The

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Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church the following years spent in Foreign Missionary services:

D. W. Nichols from 1888 to 1904 inclusive, a total of 16 years.

Charles A. Kent from 1912 to 1915 inclusive, a total of 4 years.

Stacy A. Smith from 1890 to 1892 inclusive, a total of 3 years.

Thereafter, action was taken by the Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church, as follows:

REQUEST FOR RULING

APPEAL TO JUDICIAL COUNCIL BY BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

It was reported that the Southern California-Arizona Conference had recently refused to continue to pay pensions for certain years of service given by Rev. D. W. Nichols under the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Division of Foreign Missions is now asked to assume responsibility for those years.

It was VOTED that the Division of Foreign Missions refuse to accept responsibility for the pension of Rev. D. W. Nichols for the years he served the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church from December 26, 1887, to September 1, 1904, hitherto paid for by the Southern California-Arizona Conference, and that the Executive Secretary prepare an appeal to the Judicial Council on whether or not Paragraph 959 in the *Discipline* of 1936 is retroactive for those who had already retired and had been receiving pensions.

The Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church in session at Buck Hill Falls Inn, having adopted such appeal and made it an appeal of a General Conference Board, the matter is now properly before the Judicial Council for determination.

OPINION OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL

In the opinion of the Judicial Council, the law now in force relating to divided annuities is set forth in Paragraph 1330 of the 1940 *Discipline*, the first clause of which reads as follows:

1. The responsibility for annuity for the approved years of service of a Conference Claimant shall rest with the Annual Conference in which the service was performed, or its legal successor; etc.,

It is further the opinion of the Council that such law is retroactive, and does apply to those who had already retired and had been drawing pensions when same was enacted.

Since the service rendered by D. W. Nichols from 1888 to 1904 was in a Mission Conference and not in the Southern California-Arizona Conference or its predecessor Conference in the United States, no liability rests upon the Southern California-Arizona Conference for annuity payments to D. W. Nichols on such years of service in such Mission Conference.

Walter C. Buckner, a member of the Judicial Council, being also a member of the Southern California-Arizona Conference, did not participate in the decision herein set forth.

Dated December 8, 1943.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

H. R. VAN DEUSEN, (*) *Secretary*.

(2)

In Re: Constitutionality of Paragraph 231, "Discipline" of 1940

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the session of the Missouri Annual Conference held September, 1943, three members of the Conference, to-wit: W. C. Franasco, H. T. McGrew and E. J. Speer were retired by action of the Conference alleged to be under the provisions of Paragraph 231 of the *Discipline* of 1940, by reason of having attained the age of 72 years. Thereupon a request for a ruling was presented to the Presiding Bishop, John C. Broomfield, which is as follows:

REQUEST FOR RULING
QUESTION OF LAW

The following question of law was presented by Paul Barton for a ruling by the Bishop: The constitution of The Methodist Church *Discipline* 1940, Paragraph 22, reserves to the Annual Conference the right to determine all rights relative to the character and Conference relations of its ministerial members. Does the requirement of Paragraph 231 of the *Discipline* of 1940 that ministers having reached the age of 72 shall automatically be retired constitutional, and is it binding upon the Annual Conference? This request for ruling appears on page 27 of the Conference Journal of the said Missouri Annual Conference.

RULING OF THE BISHOP

The Presiding Bishop, John C. Broomfield, ruled as follows:
Paragraph 231 is not in conflict with the Constitution.

OPINION OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL

The foregoing ruling of Bishop Broomfield having been considered by the Judicial Council, it is held that the Judicial Council alone has the power to pass on the constitutionality of an act of the General Conference. See Paragraph 431, Article II of the Constitution.

The Judicial Council has already determined that Paragraph 231 of the *Discipline* of 1940 is constitutional. See Majority and Minority of Opinions, pages 808 to 811 of the 1940 General Conference Journal of The Methodist Church. Therefore the Judicial Council holds that, Bishop Broomfield in this case having properly applied the law in the light of such decision, his said ruling is hereby affirmed.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;
H. R. VAN DEUSEN, (*) *Secretary*.

CONCURRING OPINION

Dr. J. S. French asked leave to file a separate opinion in the above stated matter, which is as follows:

I agree with the above opinion under the ruling of the majority opinion of the Judicial Council, as recorded in the Journal of the General Conference of 1940, page 808, but I am still of the opinion that Paragraph 231 of the *Discipline* of 1940 is not constitutional for the reasons set forth in the dissenting opinion as appears in the Journal of the General Conference of 1940, at page 810.

(3)

In Re: Status of T. H. Osborne, North Texas Annual Conference

STATEMENT OF FACTS

T. H. Osborne, a member of the North Texas Annual Conference for more than twenty years, in 1940 withdrew from the ministry and the membership of The Methodist Church, surrendered his credentials, joined the Baptist Church, and was ordained a Baptist minister. Subsequently he sought re-admission in the North Texas Conference, under Paragraph 311 of the *Discipline*, coming as a minister from the Baptist Church. The Conference Committee on ministerial qualifications recommended his acceptance, but the Conference voted against the Committee's report. Thereupon there was presented to the Presiding Bishop, Ivan Lee Holt, at the session of the Conference on October 29, 1941, a request for a ruling, which appears on page 33 of the North Texas Annual Conference Journal.

REQUEST FOR RULING

H. D. Knickerbocker presented the following written question, involving an interpretation which Bishop Holt made concerning the application of T. H. Osborne: "Can a Methodist preacher who surrenders his credentials while under complaints, join the Baptist Church and come back presenting his Baptist credentials and be recognized as a Baptist preacher, ignoring his record as a Methodist preacher, and without clearing up the aforesaid complaints, made while he was a Methodist preacher?"

RULING OF THE BISHOP

Decision in the Case of Rev. T. H. Osborne

The Rev. T. H. Osborne served as a member of the North Texas Conference for more than twenty years. In the autumn of 1940 he withdrew from the ministry and membership of The Methodist Church, surrendered his credentials, joined the Baptist Church, and was ordained a Baptist minister. For some months there was illness in the family, and Brother Osborne's own illness made it necessary for him to ask and be granted relief from his charge six weeks before the Conference session. The doctor's certificate stated that he was in great pain, and that he was not in physical or mental condition to carry on the work of the pastorate.

At the Annual Conference Brother Osborne's District Superintendent made the announcement, presented his credentials to the Conference, and had for filing with the credentials a statement containing a report of rumor about financial difficulties and unpaid bills of Brother Osborne. No formal or signed complaint other than this was made.

In the fall of 1941 Brother Osborne sought reception into the North Texas Conference as a minister from the Baptist Church. The Committee on Ministerial Qualifications took the case under consideration, made due investigation, and recommended that Brother Osborne be admitted as coming from the ministry of the Baptist Church. The motion to accept and approve the Committee's recommendation was considered by the Conference for two hours. The Conference voted against the Committee's report and Brother Osborne was not admitted.

During the consideration of the case by the Conference I was asked

by Dr. H. D. Knickerbocker, a member of the Conference, to answer the following question submitted in writing: "Can a Methodist preacher who surrenders his credentials while under complaints join the Baptist Church, and come back presenting his Baptist Credentials and be recognized as a Baptist preacher, and without clearing up the aforesaid complaints made while he was a Methodist preacher?" My answer was: "The case of T. H. Osborne is legally before this Conference on recommendation of the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications." I have talked with several Bishops about my position and all agree that I was right, but I am required by law to submit the question and answer to the Judicial Council. In support of my position I call attention to paragraph 311, Article 3: "Ministers from other churches may apply directly to the Annual Conference, which may recognize their credentials and receive them into full membership in the Conference, provided that in all such cases the candidates for admission into full membership must answer satisfactorily the questions set forth in Paragraph 218." At the time of his application for admission, Brother Osborne was a fully ordained minister in good standing in the Baptist Church. Paragraph 466, Article 2, Section 3 gives the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications authority to report those to be received from other churches.

The law gives full protection to the Conference and the ministerial connection by investing it with power through its Committee on Ministerial Qualifications to get all the facts of the applicant, with the power to reject as well as accept the Committee's report, and with the further power to try him later. The "clearing up of aforesaid complaints" or any new complaints cannot be considered so long as the applicant is a member and a minister of another church. Brother Osborne as a Baptist preacher could not be tried by a Methodist Conference. If he had been admitted by a vote of the Conference then complaints could have been made, an investigation conducted, and a trial held if necessary.

If one wished to advance a moral as well as a legal argument he might plead the comity and fellowship among Christian denominations in recognition of the ministers of one, by another, and also our Methodist insistence on a man's right of confession and repentance in the hope of forgiveness. But the Judicial Council is concerned only with the legal arguments, and in my thinking the law is absolutely clear in sustaining me.

OPINION OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL

The Judicial Council having considered the foregoing ruling of Bishop Holt, and the paragraph of the *Discipline* applicable to the facts so presented, the Council adopts the written statement of the Bishop as its formal opinion; and the ruling of the Bishop is hereby affirmed.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;
H. R. VAN DEUSEN, (*) *Secretary*.

(4)

In Re: Appeal by the College of Bishops of the Northeastern Jurisdiction, for Review of the Refusal of the Commission on World Service and Finance to Reimburse the Treasurer of the Northeastern Jurisdiction for Expenses Incurred by the Church Through the Committee on Appeals of Said Jurisdiction.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A member of the Central Pennsylvania Conference was tried by said Conference according to charges and specifications duly submitted. The trial Court having found him guilty imposed a penalty, from which decree the defendant appealed to the Committee on Appeals of the Northwestern Jurisdiction, as provided for by paragraphs 694-697 of the *Discipline* of 1940.

In connection with the hearing of the appeal by said committee, certain expenses were incurred. No provision having been made for the payment of the same by the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, the Secretary of the latter Conference forwarded a bill for the complete amount of the expenses to the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

The General Commission on World Service and Finance, on the ground that paragraph 848 of the *Discipline* provides only that the General Administration Fund shall pay the expenses of the Judicial Council, the sessions of the General Conference, such General Conference Commissions and Committees as may be appointed, and authorized inter-church activities but made no provision for the payment of any expenses incurred by any Jurisdictional Conference, held that such payment could not be made from the General Administration Fund.

From this action of the General Commission on World Service and Finance the College of Bishops of the Northeastern Jurisdiction have appealed.

OPINION OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL

After carefully considering the briefs presented by, and hearing oral arguments of representatives both of the Northeastern Jurisdiction and the General Commission on World Service and Finance, the Judicial Council finds as follows:

1. There is no specific law of the Church governing this case.
2. The General Conference has made no provision for the payment of the costs of appeal of this character in the budget of the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

Therefore, there is no authority for the General Commission on World Service and Finance to pay such expense. The appeal is accordingly not sustained.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;
H. R. VAN DEUSEN, (*) *Secretary*.

(5)

In Re: Ruling of Bishop Decell of the North Alabama Conference on Restoration of Credentials of C. M. Tyndal.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Sometime prior to March 21, 1943, C. M. Tyndal, then a member of the North Alabama Conference, surrendered his credentials to the District Superintendent, who then forwarded the same to the Presiding Bishop, J. L. Decell. Subsequently, on March 2, 1943, at the Quarterly Conference of the Hamilton Charge of the Jasper District of the North Alabama Conference, a resolution was adopted recommending that the Annual Conference restore to C. M. Tyndal his surrendered credentials. The next session of the Annual Conference occurred in October, 1943, at which session on October 28, 1943, the following action was taken, as shown by the Journal of the Conference, page 40:

"B. F. Tingle, Superintendent of the Jasper District, announced that C. M. Tyndal had surrendered his credentials under complaint, and that his credentials had been placed in the hands of the Secretary. The Conference voted to receive these surrendered credentials."

There was then presented for the consideration of the Annual Conference the resolution of the Hamilton Church Quarterly Conference recommending restoration of these surrendered credentials, and the Presiding Bishop was requested to rule thereon.

RULING OF THE BISHOP

The main question here is: May an Annual Conference restore credentials to a person who has never been re-licensed to preach? An Annual Conference in the restoration of credentials can only restore whatever rights and privileges inhered in the credentials which were bestowed by its vote. Membership in the Church and license to preach are not within the powers of an Annual Conference, therefore, it cannot restore what it never possessed.

In view of supporting law and decisions, we hold that paragraph 707 in the 1940 *Discipline* assumes that a person receiving restoration of credentials has taken the necessary steps to qualify for reception of credentials. One who is not even a Local Preacher and holds only the relation of layman in the Church may not have his credentials restored. Therefore, "A preacher deposed and deprived of his credentials must be recommended, examined, and licensed in regular form in order to bring his case under the provision of the law for the restoration of credentials."

The petition or recommendation is estopped and the Annual Conference may not restore the credentials until the one for whom restoration is requested has begun his ministry DE NOVO.

OPINION OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL

The procedure for restoration of surrendered credentials, when surrendered under complaints, is provided by paragraph 707 of the *Discipline* of 1940 as follows:

"707. Should he later give satisfactory evidence to the Conference of his amendment or innocence, and procure a certificate of the Quarterly Conference of the Charge in which he resides, or of the Annual Conference that admitted him on trial, recommending their restoration by the Annual Conference to which he surrendered his credentials, the Conference may restore them.

The procedure must be strictly followed. In the instant case, from the record, it appears that the acceptance of surrender of the credentials was voted by the North Alabama Conference at its session on October 28, 1943. Therefore, the requisite steps specified by paragraph 707 could only properly take place after October 28, 1943, including (a) later giving satisfactory evidence to the Conference of amendment or innocence, and (b) the procurement of a certificate of the Quarterly Conference of the Charge in which the applicant resides, or of the Annual Conference that admitted him on trial, recommending restoration of credentials.

It follows, therefore, that the ruling of the Presiding Bishop, which in effect was that no action could then be taken by the Annual Conference on the restoration of credentials, was proper, and to that extent the ruling is affirmed.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;
H. R. VAN DEUSEN, (*) *Secretary*.

(6)

In Re: Decision of the Judicial Council on the Ruling of Bishop James C. Baker in the 1943 Session of the California Annual Conference Relating to Interpretation of Paragraph 1309 of the 1940 "Discipline" of The Methodist Church.

The the 1943 Session of the California Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, the following question was propounded in writing to Bishop James C. Baker:

REQUEST FOR RULING

"Are the following Conference Claimants of the California Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, who have retired since May 10, 1939, entitled, under Par. 1309 of the 1940 *Discipline*, to receive income from the Endowment Fund for the Superannuates held by the Missouri Corporation of the Board of Pensions, on the years of service which they rendered as members of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, prior to May 10, 1939?

		<i>Years of serv- ice prior to May 10, 1939</i>
G. C. Black	Retired 1942	43½
A. S. Cecil	Retired 1940	32½
S. M. Cheek	Retired 1940	33½
Jesse Crumpton	Retired 1940	34½
W. R. Haselden	Retired 1940	31½
John I. Huff	Retired 1940	16½
N. F. Johnson	Retired 1940	37
Wm. J. Lee	Retired 1940	38
C. W. Long	Retired 1940	29½
B. H. Mobley	Retired 1942	42½
U. G. Murphy	Retired 1942	*4
A. B. Pendleton	Retired 1942	33½
	Total	376½

*(Bal. relinquished)

To this question Bishop Baker answered in writing as follows:

RULING OF THE BISHOP

"They are entitled to receive the income from the Endowment Fund for Superannuates held by the Missouri Corporation of the Board of Pensions on exactly the same basis as any other member of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for any and all services rendered prior to May 10, 1939.

"The income from the Superannuate Endowment Fund of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was distributed prior to May 10, 1939, to all superannuated preachers on the basis of years of service. Every member of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, upon retirement had an equity in the income from this Fund, the amount of which was determined by the number of years of service he had rendered to his Church. The act of Unification on May 10, 1939, did not take away the right of any member of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, upon retirement to his share of the income from this fund, based upon the years of service rendered to his Church.

"The Uniting Conference decided that the Pension administration of The Methodist Church should be divided between the Illinois Corporation and the Missouri Corporation of the Board of Pensions and assigned the Northeastern, the North Central, the Western, and the Central Jurisdictional Conferences to the Illinois Corporation; and assigned the Southeastern and the South Central Jurisdictional Conferences to the Missouri Corporation.

"The Uniting Conference, by adopting Par. 1309, terminated the further accrual of service which could be counted as a basis of participation in the income from this Fund by any member of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, whose membership in The Methodist Church was assigned to an Annual Conference in the territory of the Illinois Corporation.

"Since the General Conference has not 'ordered otherwise' than is provided in Par. 1309 of the 1939 *Discipline* a Claimant of the California Annual Conference who has retired since May 10, 1939, and who rendered service as a member of an Annual Conference in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, prior to May 10, 1939, is entitled to share in the income from the Endowment held by the Missouri Corporation for such years of service."

OPINION OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL

This decision is now properly before the Judicial Council for review. After careful consideration of the question and answer, and of the briefs and arguments submitted in support of Bishop Baker's ruling and in opposition thereto, we approve such ruling in all respects except as hereinafter set out.

We find ourselves unable to agree with Bishop Baker in his statement that "every member of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, upon retirement had an equity in the income from this fund." Paragraph 1316 of the 1940 *Discipline* distinctly says:

"Assumption of the obligation of the Ministry required to be made at the time of his admission to membership in an Annual Conference puts upon the Church the inevitable counter-obligation of providing a comfortable support for the Minister during the period of his membership in an Annual Conference and for his widow and dependent children after his death; but such counter-obligation *with reference to an annuity* (emphasis ours) shall not be construed as contractual unless and until provision shall have been made therefor on an actuarial reserve basis."

No one has any vested right or equity in such General Fund or the income derived therefrom. This was judicially determined recently by the United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri, in the case of Rembert Gilman Smith, *et al. v. The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, Missouri Corporation*, in Cause Civil No. 936, Court No. 3. The Court said: (Vol.—, Federal Supplement, page—)

"By brief filed, plaintiff asserts that he and other pensioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who were receiving an income from the trust at the time of union have, not only a 'fixed, vested, property interest' in the fund, as 'fixed' by the original articles of agreement of defendant (the Missouri Corporation), but that such 'vested rights could not be affected or diverted in whole or part' without the consent of plaintiff and other pensioners. We search the pages of the original Articles of Association of the defendant in vain for language from which it could be concluded that 'a fixed, vested, property interest' was created in any pensioner. It is evident that the creators of this trust retained control of this trust at all times. They

determined who should be admitted to the pension rolls and could have removed pensioners from the rolls."

In this conclusion, so clearly stated by the court in this case, we fully concur.

However, this does not affect Bishop Baker's decision as a whole. His interpretation of Par. 1309 to the effect that the Uniting Conference in enacting Paragraph 1309 intended thereby to make former members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who have retired since Union (May 10, 1939) in Annual Conference outside the territorial limits of the Missouri Corporation, eligible for Annuities out of the income of the General Fund being administered by the Missouri Corporation for all their years of service rendered in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, prior to May 10, 1939, is correct. It is sustained by two well-settled principles of judicial interpretation, viz.:

First—The language of the Act itself.

Second—The interpretation given to the Act by the proponents thereof before the enacting body at the time the Act was passed.

It has been argued before the Council that Paragraph 1309 conflicts with other provisions of the regulations governing the Missouri Corporation. Be that as it may, the pertinent clause in Paragraph 1309 is not uncertain. It plainly reads as follows:

"Until the General Conference shall order otherwise, the income from the Endowment Fund for Superannuates held by the Missouri Corporation, shall be distributable as annuities on account of service of Conference Claimants formerly rendered in an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South . . ."

Up to this point in Paragraph 1309 there are no territorial limitations. It is only in the succeeding clause that a territorial limitation is imposed. For a traveling preacher to be eligible for a pension from this fund for service rendered in an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, such Annual Conference must be located within the territory of the Missouri Corporation. Thus Bishop Baker's interpretation is sustained by the language of the paragraph itself.

Furthermore, in interpreting the meaning of an act of a legislative body, it is a well-settled principle of civil law that the proceedings attendant upon the enactment of the act may be considered in determining the true legislative intent sought to be expressed by the act. When that rule is applied in this case, the correct interpretation of Paragraph 1309 becomes obvious. When the report of the Committee on Superannuate Support embodying Par. 1309 was before the Uniting Conference on Friday, May 5, 1939, as reflected on page 247 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* of Saturday, May 6, 1939, Dr. B. W. Meeks requested that Dr. Thomas S. Brock, Chairman of the Committee, make explanation of same. After some discussion between Dr. Meeks and Dr. Brock, the following dialogue took place between them:

B. W. MEEKS: ". . . The point I would like to have cleared up is this: Will the members of the Baltimore Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the Missouri Corporation, up until the adjournment of this Uniting Conference, receive their annuity rights under the law of the Missouri Corporation as operated up to the present time? In other words, will the rights established by reason of participation in the raising of the six million dollar fund of the Missouri Corporation—of which probably one-fourth belongs to the Annual Conferences, be maintained after the adoption of this legislation, or will they be discontinued and the Conference into which they come assume full liability for all the years?"

THOMAS S. BROCK: "The Missouri Corporation, at the present time, is paying \$2.13 per service year to all the annuitants for which

that Board is responsible. That money was raised for the benefit of these members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The responsibility of the Annual Conference under the jurisdiction of the Missouri Board will be for the moneys that came from the churches and from the Chartered Fund and the dividends or produce of the Book Concern and such other moneys that may come into these particular Annual Conferences. Then, *all those members who were originally members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South,* (emphasis ours) for which this six million dollar fund was raised, will, in addition, receive the \$2.13 for service years as long as they continue to be annuitants in The Methodist Church."

B. W. MEEKS: "Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. That is the thing I wanted to get into the record."

With that interpretation before the Uniting Conference, and within a very few minutes after it was given, the Uniting Conference adopted the report including Paragraph 1309.

The Uniting Conference having enacted this paragraph with that understanding no other interpretation could or should be given thereto.

Therefore, with the exception noted above, with reference to "vested rights and equities," the ruling of Bishop Baker is approved.

All eight members of the Judicial Council present concur in this decision.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

H. R. VAN DEUSEN, (*) *Secretary*.

Dated April 26, 1944.

(7)

Ruling of Bishop Charles W. Flint, in Central New York Conference, In Re: Membership of Bishops in Annual Conferences.

REQUEST FOR RULING

At the 1943 session of the Central New York Conference there was presented for ruling by the presiding Bishop the following question:

"Is a Bishop a member of the Annual Conference? Should he be counted in the statistics of the Conference, and exercise the rights of Annual Conference membership?"

Note: In this case the names of Frederick G. Keeney (retired) and Charles W. Flint appeared on the Roll of the Conference.

RULING OF THE BISHOP

"A Bishop effective or retired, is not a member of an Annual Conference. He should not be counted in reporting the total membership of the Conference for statistical purposes or in computing the number of Delegates.

"No provision should be made by the Annual Conference for him as a Conference Claimant; other provision has been made by the General Conference; nor is he subject to Annual Conference assessments.

"He is not eligible to election as a Delegate representing the Annual Conference in the General or Jurisdictional Conferences; nor is he entitled to vote in an Annual Conference for Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences."

"When elected a Bishop, if at the time a Delegate, his membership in the electing Conference as an Annual Conference Delegate termi-

nates and his place is immediately filled by an elected Alternate Delegate.

"If he resigns from the Episcopacy he is returned, by definitely prescribed procedure, to membership in the Annual Conference, of which he ceased to be member when elected Bishop."

DECISION OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

The Judicial Council hereby affirms the ruling of Bishop Flint, and adopts as its opinion the ruling of the Bishop as aforesaid.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

H. R. VAN DEUSEN, (*) *Secretary*.

May 2, 1944

(8)

Ruling of Bishop H. Lester Smith in North-East Ohio Conference, In Re: Pension Claim of Mrs. Albert Sidney Gregg.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Rev. Albert Sidney Gregg, a member in good standing in the North-East Ohio Conference, was permitted to locate at his own request at the session of the Conference in September, 1927. This was a voluntary location. The *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1932, repeated as Paragraph 505 of the *Discipline* of 1936, provided the manner whereby a minister *involuntarily* located might retain his right to an annuity claim on reaching the age of 65, as follows:

"Paragraph 505—*Involuntary Location*. Sec. 3. If such located person remains a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church until the age of sixty-five years, he shall thereby retain the right to make an annuity claim, based upon the years of his effective ministry and subject to the action of the Annual Conference."

A. S. Gregg died before reaching the age of sixty-five. Later his widow made application for a pension on the ground that the provision of the 1936 *Discipline* applied to voluntary as well as involuntary location, and that whatever rights he had passed on to her at his death.

REQUEST FOR RULING

"On page 629 of the Journal of the North-East Ohio Conference for 1943, the following motion appears:

"On motion of C. W. Cooper, the Conference voted to reaffirm the following action taken two years ago:

"The Conference voted to remove the name of Albert Sidney Gregg from the list of those located, place his name in the list of those granted the retired relation, and among the deceased members of the Conference, in order that Mrs. Gregg may receive the pension which is due her for the years served by Brother Gregg previous to his location; (see record, page 243, 1941 Journal) and to request the presiding Bishop to make a statement on the law in the case for inclusion in the Journal for presentation to the Judicial Council."'"

RULING OF THE BISHOP

The Bishop restated the question involved, and thereupon ruled on the same, which question and answer are as follows:

"Question: Since the Rev. Albert S. Gregg, of the North-East Ohio Conference, who was in good standing in the Conference and located

at his own request, September 11, 1927, died before he reached the age of 65, when he would have been entitled to ask for his pension for his effective years of service, does his widow have the right to ask for her pension as a preacher's widow when her husband would have been 65 had he lived?

"Answer: The widow of Albert S. Gregg has just claim for an annuity, and the Conference has the power to grant the same."

OPINION OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

In ruling as above the presiding Bishop in this case relied upon and followed a ruling by the Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church which was made in May, 1938, in another case in the North Dakota Conference wherein the facts were seemingly similar to those in the instant case. Under the procedure of the former Methodist Episcopal Church such a ruling of the Board of Bishops would have been submitted to the next succeeding General Conference of that Church for affirmation or reversal on the report of its Committee on the Judiciary. This ruling in the North Dakota case, however, was never so submitted as there was thereafter no General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and it therefore has no binding authority as a precedent even if the facts were similar.

It must be noted in the instant case, that even if the located minister had reached the age of 65, on the record as it stood without further action, he would not have been eligible for annuity claim, as the paragraph of the 1936 *Discipline* which has been invoked in behalf of his widow applied only to involuntary location.

It follows, therefore, that the widow could have no right which the deceased located minister did not have at the time of his death, and as he had no claim, she has none.

The ruling of the Bishop is accordingly reversed.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

H. R. VAN DEUSEN, (*) *Secretary*.

May 2, 1944

(9)

Constitutionality of the Election of Missionary Bishops by the General Conference.

On Monday, May 1, 1944, the General Conference passed the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That in order to provide adequate supervision for Central Conferences and Provisional Central Conferences, as need may arise, the General Conference shall elect one or more Missionary Bishops for administration in such areas."

An appeal was taken by more than the necessary number to the Judicial Council, on the question of constitutionality.

The Constitution, paragraph 35, Article II, reads as follows:

"The Bishops shall be elected by the respective Jurisdictional and Central Conferences, and ordained or consecrated in the historic manner of Episcopal Methodism, at such times and place as may be fixed by the General Conference."

There is no provision for the election of a Bishop by the General Conference.

Since the General Conference cannot go beyond the clear powers granted in the constitution, we must declare that it would be uncon-

stitutional for the General Conference to elect Missionary Bishops.

The Judicial Council is unanimous in this opinion.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

H. R. VAN DEUSEN, (*) *Secretary*.

May 1, 1944

(10)

In Re: General Pension Regulations.

In regard to the request for a Declaratory Decision regarding subparagraph (d) of paragraph, 1318, Art. V, Chapter IV, under the title of *General Pension Regulations*, as found on page 91, of the *Daily Christian Advocate* of Tuesday, May 2, 1944.

At the session of the General Conference on May 4, 1944, the following was adopted:

"Whereas, This General Conference has adopted the Pension Code, Paragraph 1318, Section 2, SSubdivision (d) of which provides that years served as a member of an Annual Conference left without appointment to attend school for a period not to exceed three Conference years may be counted for annuity claim,

"Whereas, The Western North Carolina Conference, in common with other Annual Conferences in the Territory of the Missouri Corporation, has in its membership many Conference Claimants to which such a provision has not been hitherto applicable,

"Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the General Conference ask the Judicial Council to render a declaratory decision as to whether or not the aforementioned enactment is retroactive within the Territory of the Missouri Corporation, in order that the claims of these Conference Claimants may be accurately determined."

The Judicial Council is ready at all times to render such service to the General Conference as it may within the limits of the jurisdiction conferred upon it, but we do not believe that the enactment of the legislation in regard to Declaratory Decisions was intended to put into our hands any *legislative* authority, but that, contra, the General Conference itself, outside of matters involving constitutional questions, is the sole judge and interpreter of the meaning of any legislation passed, so long as the Conference enacting such laws is *in session*.

While the General Conference is in session it would appear that if there is any lack of clarity in legislation it should be clarified by the General Conference and not be left to Judicial determination.

We therefore respectfully return this request with the suggestion that the General Conference itself clarify the enactment at issue.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

H. R. VAN DEUSEN, (*) *Secretary*.

(11)

Constitutionality of Paragraph 934.

At the evening session of May 1, 1944, the General Conference passed a motion made by L. O. Hartman that an appeal to the Judicial Council be made to determine whether Paragraph 934 of the *Discipline* 1940 is constitutional.

Paragraph 934 reads as follows, "In fields outside the United States the Annual Conference may seat regularly appointed lay missionaries of the Board of Missions and Church Extension in the Annual Conference session, and give them the privileges of the floor and the right to

vote on all questions not ministerial or constitutional and they shall be eligible for election to Mission or Conference Committees."

Paragraph 21, Article 1, of the Constitution defines the composition and qualifications of the members of the Annual Conference. "The Annual Conference shall be composed of all the Traveling Preachers in full connection with it, together with a Lay Member elected by each Pastoral Charge. The Lay Members shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and shall have been for the four years next preceding their election members of one of the constituent churches forming this union of The Methodist Church."

From this it is clear that *only* those laymen who have been elected by Pastoral Charges are eligible to membership in the Annual Conference and membership alone determines the right to vote on any matter before the Annual Conference.

We must decide, therefore, that the part of Paragraph 934 which reads as follows, "The right to vote on all questions not Ministerial or constitutional and they shall be eligible for election to Mission or Conference Committees" is *unconstitutional*.

The first part of Paragraph 934 which reads as follows, "In fields outside the United States the Annual Conference may seat regularly appointed lay missionaries of the Board of Missions and Church Extension in the Annual Conference session and give them the privileges of the floor" is constitutional; provided the phrase "may seat" used therein is not to be construed as extending to them membership in the Annual Conference.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

H. R. VAN DEUSEN, (*) *Secretary*.

(12)

In Re: Conscientious Objectors.

At the session of the General Conference, May 4, 1944, the following Resolution was adopted:

That there be immediately referred to the Judicial Council the question of whether members of our Church who are conscientious objectors are entitled to assert their claim to exemption under the Selective Service Act in spite of the adoption of the statement on "The Church and War" today adopted.

Paragraph 1716 of the 1940 *Discipline*, under the heading "Statement on Peace and War," and Paragraph 1712 of the 1940 *Discipline* under the heading "Our Social Creed," seemed to be of equal standing, each being under the division of the 1940 *Discipline* known as "Resolutions, etc."

The pertinent language in these Paragraphs in protection of the rights of conscientious objectors is identical. Note the following quotations from these respective Paragraphs:

Par. 1716 (page 778 of the 1940 *Discipline*): "We ask and claim exemption from all forms of military preparation or service for all conscientious objectors who may be members of The Methodist Church."

Par. 1712 (part of sub-section 16, page 769, 1940 *Discipline*): "We ask and claim exemption from all forms of military preparation or service for all conscientious objectors who may be members of The Methodist Church."

We have not been advised of any action of the General Conference altering, changing or deleting Par. 1712. Assuming that Par. 1712 has not been repealed or altered, it would appear obvious that conscientious

objectors still have the same protection under the *Discipline* that they had prior to the action of the General Conference today on the report on "The Church in Time of War."

Any action regarding Par. 1716 under the heading "Statement on Peace and War," could not be interpreted as affecting in anywise Paragraph 1712 under the subject "Our Social Creed."

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;
H. R. VAN DEUSEN, (*) *Secretary*.

(13)

Decision of the Judicial Council on question referred to it by the General Conference on the question of the meaning of the words "Church Members" in connection with the plan for the organization of The Board of Publication.

On May 2, 1944, the General Conference referred to the Judicial Council the following communication with request that the Judicial Council answer the inquiry therein set forth:

To the Members of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church

Brethren:

In behalf of the publishing interests of The Methodist Church, we desire to ask of the Judicial Council a "Declaratory Decision" on the following question:

Paragraph 871 of the *Discipline* of 1940 specifies:

"The Board of Publication shall be constituted by the respective Jurisdictional Conferences, with a representation of each in proportion to Church membership upon a basis of one member of the Board for each 150,000 Church members or major fraction thereof within the Jurisdictional Conference; . . ."

In order that there may be uniformity of action in each of the respective Jurisdictions, we desire a decision on this question: Does the 150,000 church members required as a basis for election include laymen and ministers or laymen only?

There will be in these next Jurisdictional Conference sessions some changes in the number of members elected to this Board predicated on the changes in membership and it is necessary that we be able to notify the Jurisdictions of their proper action and assure uniformity.

As the Board in charge of the Statistical Department of the Church, we desire to state that to the best of our knowledge and belief page 500 of the *Discipline* of 1940, which has on it a map of the various Jurisdictions and a statement of the membership of each Jurisdiction, was created to simply include the lay members of the Church. Therefore, if the membership of the several Jurisdictions are added to show the membership of the Church in the United States, it will not include the ministers.

Purely for the purpose of information for the Judicial Council we desire further to state that we have issued to the Statistical Department instruction that when preparing a like map for the publication in the *Discipline* of 1944 two sets of figures shall appear in each Jurisdiction, (1) the number of lay members; (2) the number of ministers.

With very great appreciation of the service being rendered to the Church by the Judicial Council, we are

Respectfully yours,
 T. W. APPLEBY (*)
Vice-Chairman, Board of Publication
 B. A. WHITMORE (*)
 FRED D. STONE
Publishing Agents

After careful examination of the *Discipline* of 1939 and the *Discipline* of 1940, and of the *JOURNAL* and *Daily Christian Advocate* of the Uniting Conference, and of the *JOURNAL* and *Daily Christian Advocate* of the General Conference of 1940, we can report only that we are unable to find any legislative interpretation of the meaning of the words "Church members" as used in connection with this subject.

The General Conference is thoroughly competent to define such term as it may desire. Since there appears no legislation on the subject, it is our opinion that any definition given to the term "Church member" in connection with this matter should be by action of the General Conference rather than by judicial interpretation.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;
 H. R. VAN DEUSEN, (*) *Secretary*.

(14)

In Re: Resolution of General Conference Asking for Declaratory Decision of Certain Provisions of 1944 Pension Case.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On May 4th, 1944 the General Conference of The Methodist Church in Session at Kansas City, Missouri, adopted the following Resolution (See Proceedings of 1944 General Conference, p. 190):

"Resolved, That the General Conference ask the Judicial Council to give a declaratory decision on the following case:

"A retired minister of the Mississippi Conference who was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church on May 10, 1939 (the date of Unification) originally entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, rendered service therein in the effective relation, was subsequently involuntarily located and thereafter he was received into the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church. Since Unification, and until the present time, his approved years of service counted for annuity claim in the Mississippi Conference have been those served as a minister in the Methodist Protestant Church.

"In this case, the adoption of a new Pension Code by this General Conference raises under Par. 1318, Sec. 2 and Par. 1319, last clause thereof, the question as to whether or not the years of said retired minister formerly rendered in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, should be included with the years for which annuity claim can be made."

OPINION OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL

This resolution having been duly considered it is the decision of the Judicial Council that the effective years of service by such minister in an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, prior to his involuntary location should, under the new Pension Code, be included in the number of years on which his claim for annuity is based.

Subsection 2, subdivision (c) of Par. 1319, of the 1940 *Discipline* reads as follows:

"The following years of service in the effective relation may not be approved as a basis of annuity claim; . . . (c) Years served prior to the United Conference in a Denomination other than the one in which membership was held on May 19, 1939."

This provision was repealed by the 1944 General Conference, and therefore is not included in the new Pension Code.

However, Par. 1320 of the 1940 *Discipline* was reenacted in 1941 as Par. 1619, Art. 7 of the 1944 *Discipline*. This article reads as follows:

"Art. 6. *Claims of a Retired Minister:*

"The annuity claim of a retired minister shall be for an amount equivalent to the total years of his approved service multiplied by the annuity rate as defined above, *irrespective of breaks in the sequence of such service.*"

(See Par. 1619 of the 1944 *Discipline*.)

Furthermore the 1944 General Conference, (Subdivision 8 of Art. 1618, 1940 *Discipline*) defined the meaning of the words "The Methodist Church" as used in connection with the years of effective service on which annuity claims may be based. Such definition reads as follows:

"8. *The Methodist Church* shall mean The Methodist Church after the Uniting Conference of 1939, also any of the Churches united in 1939, *as they were constituted prior to 1939.*"

In the light of these specific actions of the General Conference, it appears that there can be no doubt as to the legislative intent in the premises. The minister involved is entitled to have such years included in the number of years on which his annuity claim is based.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

H. R. VAN DEUSEN, (*) *Secretary*.

VII. MEMORIALS

MEMORIALS

The following memorials have been received by the Secretary of the General Conference and referred to the proper Committees. The order of the Secretary's report is number, subject with which the Memorial treats, and its source and the Committee to which referred.

Memorials 1 to 27 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.

1. Basic Support for Ministers of The Methodist Church, Southwest Texas Conference.

2. Annual Conferences and the General Administration Fund, Southwest Texas Conference.

3. A Commission on Christian Stewardship, Wisconsin Conference.

4. Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, R. Franklin Thompson, Pacific Northwest Conference.

5. Election of District and Associate District Lay Leaders, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

6. Amending Paragraphs 552, 808, 816 in 1940 *Discipline*, Relating to Minimum Salary, Southern Illinois Conference.

7. Representation on the General Commission on World Service and Finance, Central Conference of Southern Asia.

8. Election of District and Associate District Lay Leaders, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

9. Lay Leader, Lay Member of Annual Conference Added to Official Board, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

10. Nominating Committee for Annual Conference Board of Trustees, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

11. Nominating Committee for Members of Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance; also Provision for Filling Vacancies, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

12. Minimum Standard of Ministerial Support, Pacific Northwest Conference.

13. Changing Financial Plan of the Church, Elizabethtown District Conference, Kentucky Conference.

14. Reporting Church Membership, West Virginia Conference.

15. Vacancies in Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church, Board of Trustees.

16. Nominations for Boards, Commissions and Committees Within the Annual Conference, North Indiana Conference.

17. Sale and Purchase of Episcopal Residences, A. M. Wells, Illinois Conference.

18. Tenure of Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, A. M. Wells and Illinois Delegation, Illinois Conference.

19. The General Board of Lay Activities, Alfred C. Crawford, Trinity Methodist Church, Chicago.

20. Defining Conference and World Service Askings, Louisville Annual Conference.

21. Spiritual and Financial Goals to Be Separated in Future Special Movements Throughout The Methodist Church, Louisville Annual Conference.

22. The Status of Baptized Children, Rock River Delegation.
23. Defining Church Membership, Rock River Delegation.
24. Specific Tasks for the Lay Leader, Indianapolis Area Delegations.
25. Vacancies in Board of Trustees of Charges, Indianapolis Area Delegations.
26. Enlarging Authority on the General Commission on World Service and Finance, Indianapolis Area Delegations.
27. Vacancies on the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, Indianapolis Area Delegations.

Memorials 28 to 30 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Education.

28. World Service Credit for the World Comradeship Fund, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Florida.
29. Methodist Youth Fund, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Florida.
30. The Methodist Youth Fund, Upper Iowa Annual Conference.

Memorials 31 to 39 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.

31. Support of Missionaries Elected as Central Conference Bishops, Foochow Annual Conference.
32. Term Episcopacy and Retired Support, Foochow Annual Conference.
33. Support for Conscientious Objectors, Central New York Conference.
34. Prorating Ministerial Support, Central New York Conference.
35. Basic Salary Plan, Ohio Annual Conference.
36. Matters Relating to General Benevolences, Ohio Annual Conference.
37. Disposal of Property of a Discontinued Charge, New England Conference.
38. Expenses of a Jurisdictional Committee on Appeals, Peninsula Annual Conference.
39. Support of Central Conference Bishops, Foochow Annual Conference.

Memorials 40 to 70 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Ministry.

40. Committee on District Superintendent Relations, O. L. Williams, North-East Ohio.
41. Clergy Rights for Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, North Georgia Conference.
42. Amending Paragraphs 327, 386, 389, Concerning Central Conference Bishops, Central Conference of Southern Asia.
43. Concerning Accepted Supply Pastors, West Oklahoma Conference.
44. Provisions for Accepted Supply Pastors, Association of Supply Pastors.
45. Duties of Bishop, Appointing District Superintendents, Omaha District Conference of the Nebraska Conference.
46. Duties of All Ministerial Members of an Annual Conference, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.
47. Minimum Support for Pastors, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.
48. Requires District Superintendent to Consult with Pastors Before Final Announcements of Pastors, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

49. Consultation in Forming of District by a Bishop—Adds Lay Leaders, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

50. On Appointments of District Superintendents, Pacific Northwest Conference.

51. Clergy Rights for Women, Pacific Northwest Conference.

52. Missionary Bishop for Africa, Texas Conference.

53. Marriage of Divorced Persons, West Virginia Conference.

54. Clergy Rights for Women, Executive Committee of the Indiana Conference of Woman's Society of Christian Service.

55. Clergy Rights for Women, Rock River Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

56. Clergy Rights for Women, Southwest Missouri Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

57. Duties of Unordained Local Preachers, A. M. Wells, Illinois Conference.

58. Prorate—Supply Pastors, A. M. Wells, Illinois Conference.

59. Supply Pastors Admitted to an Annual Conference, West Wisconsin Conference.

60. Defining the Term "Pastors," Alfred C. Crawford, Trinity Methodist Church, Chicago.

61. Accepted Supply Pastors and Ministerial Support, Rock River Delegation.

62. Clarifying and Defining the Duties of a Pastor, Rock River Delegation.

63. Appointment of "Executive Secretaries of Preachers' Aid Societies, etc.," Indianapolis Area Delegations.

64. Membership in the Council of Bishops, Foochow Annual Conference.

65. Conference of Methodist Bishops, Foochow Annual Conference.

66. Women in the Annual Conference, Foochow Annual Conference.

67. Full Conference Privileges for Accepted Supply Pastors, Central Northwest Conference.

68. Appointment of District Superintendents, West Wisconsin Conference.

69. Duties of a Bishop Making Appointments, Ohio Annual Conference.

70. Retired Age, Board of Education of the Washington Conference.

Memorials 71 to 96 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Education.

71. Amending Chapter Three, *Discipline* 1940, Education, Board of Education.

72. Men's Work Covered Elsewhere—Board of Lay Activities—Deletion From Board of Education Adult Work, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

73. World Comradeship Giving, The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Holston Conference.

74. Methodist Youth Fund, The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Holston Conference.

75. Methodist Youth Fund, Western North Carolina.

76. The Methodist Youth Fund, Indianapolis Area Delegations.

77. "Church School Superintendent" and "General Superintendent," Rock River Delegation.

78. Volunteer Service by Methodist Youth, Rock River Delegation.

79. Religious Education for an Entire Church, Rock River Delegation.

80. Increasing Enrollment and Attendance of the Church School, Indianapolis Area Delegations.

81. District Boards of Education and Missions, Indianapolis Area Delegations.

82. Combining Boards of Education and Missions in Districts and Local Churches, Indianapolis Area Delegations.

83. Providing Kindergartens in Methodist Charges, North Carolina Conference.

84. Manuals for Training for Church Membership, General Commission on Evangelism.

85. Manuals for Training for Church Membership, Harry Denman *et al.*

86. Missionary Education and Giving, Des Moines Area Counselors of Christian Education.

87. Church School Literature, Committee on Church School and Church Literature, Elizabethtown District, Louisville Annual Conference.

88. Church School Attendance, Alfred C. Crawford, Trinity Methodist Church, Chicago.

89. Vacancies in the Annual Conference Board of Education, Indianapolis Area Delegations.

90. Student Loan Fund of the Board of Education, Black River District, Northern New York Conference.

91. Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary of Church School to Become Members of the Board of Education in Local Church, Board of Education and Workers' Council of First Methodist Church School of Madison, Wis.

92. Nominating Committee for Members Annual Conference Board of Education. Provision for Filling Vacancies in Offices of Board, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

93. Youth Age Range of Members of Boards and Commissions, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Florida Conference.

94. Youth Members of Boards and Commissions, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Florida Conference.

95. Staff of Board of Education, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Florida Conference.

96. Boy Scout Recognition of Church Activities of Youth, Ohio Annual Conference.

Memorials 97 to 107 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Missions and Church Extension.

97. Jurisdictional Board of Missions and Church Extension, Western North Carolina Conference.

98. Annual Conference Boards of Missions and Church Extension, Western North Carolina Conference.

99. Rehabilitation and Expansion of Mission Program, Virginia Annual Conference.

100. Nominating Committee for Members Annual Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

101. Amending Chapter II, Board of Missions and Church Extension, West Oklahoma Conference.

102. Deaconesses' Work, Deaconess Association of Woman's Society of Christian Service, Southeastern Jurisdiction.

103. Organization of the Board of Managers of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, Indianapolis Area Delegations.

104. Annual Conferences to Receive 25% of All Money Contributed to the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, Indianapolis Area Delegations.

105. Vacancies on the Annual Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension, Indianapolis Area Delegations.

106. New Missionaries for China, Foochow Annual Conference.

107. Organization of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Foochow Annual Conference.

Memorials 108 to 113 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

108. Digest for the Use of Ministers, Wisconsin Annual Conference.

109. Rearranging Sections 4 and 6 of the 1940 *Discipline*, M. T. Titus, North India.

110. Pastor's Salary and Name on Statistical Report, A. M. Wells, Illinois Conference.

111. Changes in the Statistical Tables, Rock River Delegation.

112. Co-ordination of the Production of Literature, Upper Iowa Conference.

113. Certificates of Baptism for Adults, West Wisconsin Conference.

Memorials 114 to 132 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Conference Claimants.

114. Pension Plan for Employed Lay Workers, Methodist Children's Home Society.

115. Net Years of Service, Western North Carolina Conference.

116. Present Pension Law as it Affects Southern Illinois Conference, Southern Illinois Conference.

117. Nominating Committee for Members Board of Conference Claimants, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

118. Annuities and Retired Ministers, Board of Managers of the Methodist Pension Fund.

119. Amending Paragraph 362 (5) Relating to Appropriating the Produce of the Publishing House, Central Conference of Southern Asia.

120. Conference Claimants, West Oklahoma Conference.

121. Net Service Years, Southern Illinois Conference.

122. Illinois Corporation, Pacific Northwest Conference.

123. Amending Paragraph 1319 (2) Concerning Annuity Claim, West Virginia Conference.

124. Proportional Payment—Paragraph 1324, Pacific Northwest Conference.

125. Retired Member of an Annual Conference Serving as Supply to Be Credited With His Service, General Association of Retired Methodist Ministers.

126. Net Years of Service, A. M. Wells and Illinois Delegation.

127. Pastor's Service Record, A. M. Wells, Illinois Conference.

128. Retired Member of an Annual Conference Serving as a Supply to Receive Credit for Such Service, Louisville Annual Conference.

129. Support of Conference Claimants, Foochow Annual Conference.

130. Maximum Ministerial Salary of Retired Members, Central New York Conference.

131. Regarding Annuity Liens, Central New York Conference.

132. Amending Pension Code to Provide for Needy Sick Minister, Ohio Annual Conference.

Memorials 133 to 155 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Conferences.

133. Conference Lay Leader a Member of the Annual Conference, Virginia Annual Conference.

134. Quorum for the Annual Conference, Alfred C. Crawford, Trinity Methodist Church, Chicago.

135. Affiliated Autonomous Churches, Central Conference of Southern Asia.

136. Amending Paragraph 363 (3) and Adding the Words "Or Central," Central Conference of Southern Asia.

137. Amending Paragraph 414 Relating to Central Conferences, Central Conference of Southern Asia.

138. Presidency of Jurisdictional Conference in Absence of Bishop—Any Delegate Eligible, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

139. Change of Place for Annual Conference—Add Lay Leaders, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

140. Presidency of Annual Conference in Absence of Bishop—Any Member Eligible, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

141. Lay Member of Place for Annual Conference Added to Quarterly Conference, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

142. Business of the Annual Conference, Pacific Northwest Conference.

143. The Examination of Records of a Quarterly Conference, West Virginia Conference.

144. The Licensing Committee of a District Conference, West Virginia Conference.

145. Angola, Southeast Africa, Central Congo Provisional Annual Conferences to become Annual Conferences, Africa Provisional Central Conference.

146. Dual Conference Membership, Africa Provisional Central Conference.

147. Election of Bishop by Africa Provisional Central Conference, Africa Provisional Central Conference.

148. On Bishop for Africa, Africa Provisional Central Conference.

149. The Africa Provisional Conference to become a Central Conference, Africa Provisional Central Conference.

150. Representations on General Boards, A. M. Wells, Illinois Conference.

151. Transfer of Conference Membership, A. M. Wells, Illinois Conference.

152. Defining Pastoral Charge, Alfred C. Crawford, Trinity Methodist Church, Chicago.

153. Time of Meeting of the Jurisdictional Conference, West Wisconsin Conference.

154. Uniform Rule, Election of General Boards, A. M. Wells, Illinois Conference.

155. Annual Conference Committees, Alfred C. Crawford, Trinity Methodist Church, Chicago.

Memorials 156 to 170 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Conferences.

156. Duties of a Quarterly Conference, Alfred C. Crawford, Trinity Methodist Church, Chicago.

157. Ministerial Members of an Annual Conference, Alfred C. Crawford, Trinity Methodist Church, Chicago.

158. Organization of the Pastoral Charge, Rock River Delegation.

159. Concerning Time of Jurisdictional Conference, Rock River Delegation.

160. Changing the Time of the Meeting of the Jurisdictional Conferences, Indianapolis Area Delegations.

161. Lay Members of the Annual Conference and the Church Lay Leader to be Members of the Official Boards, Indianapolis Area Delegations.

162. Lay Member of the Annual Conference to be a Member of the Quarterly Conference, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Florida Conference.

163. Duties of the Quarterly Conference, Grace Methodist Church, Newport, Kentucky.

164. Youth Membership in the Annual, Jurisdictional and General Conference, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Florida Conference.

165. Bishops for China, Foochow Annual Conference.

166. Voting Privileges for Conference and District Lay Leaders, Central New York Conferences.

167. Election of Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences, Ohio Annual Conference.

168. The Adjourned Quarterly Conference, Kentucky Conference.

169. Time of Holding the Jurisdictional Conference, Kentucky Conference.

170. Administration of Accepted Supply Preachers into the Annual Conference, Elizabethtown District Conference, Kentucky Annual Conference.

Memorials 171 to 174 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

171. Nominating Committee, Annual Conference, Board of Temperance, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

172. Nominating Committee for Members Annual Conference Committee on World Peace, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

173. Use of Tobacco, New York East Annual Conference Delegation.

174. Conference Board of Temperance, Alfred C. Crawford, Trinity Methodist Church, Chicago.

Memorial 175 has been referred to the Committee on Ministry.

175. The Use of Tobacco, North Carolina Conference.

Memorials 176 to 180 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

176. Support of Conscientious Objectors, Louisville Annual Conference.

177. A Commission on Social Action and Industrial Relations, Rock River Delegation.

178. The Task of the Church in the Post War World, Indianapolis Delegation.

179. Repeal of the Oriental Exclusion Act, Foochow Annual Conference.

180. Co-operation with Other Churches in Curbing Juvenile Delinquency, Central New York Conference.

Memorials 181 and 182 have been referred to the Committee on Evangelism.

181. Nominating Committee for Members Annual Conference Commission on Evangelism, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

182. The Observance of Pentecost, Ohio Annual Conference.

Memorial 183 has been referred to the Committee on Hospitals and Homes.

183. Nominating Committee Annual Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes, Roy R. Roudebush, General Conference.

Memorials 184 and 185 have been referred to the Committee on Ritual and Order of Worship.

184. The Apostles' Creed in the Baptismal Covenant, Quarterly Conference, Mt. Washington Charge, Elizabethtown District, Louisville Annual Conference.

185. Defining Infant and Adult Baptism, Rock River Delegation.

Memorials 186 and 187 have been referred to the Committee on Judicial Administration.

186. Trial of a Church Member, Peninsula Annual Conference.

187. Appeal of a Traveling Preacher, Peninsula Annual Conference.

Memorials 188 to 219 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.

188. Defining and Compiling Membership Statistics, New York East Conference.

189. The Trust Clause in Property of The Methodist Church, New York East Conference.

190. Changes in Statistical Tables, New York East Conference.

191. Church Property for Trustees, New York East Conference.

192. Schedule of Special Sundays and Causes, Louisville Methodist Preachers' Meeting.

193. Period of Instruction for Church Members, Michigan Conference.

194. Salaries of Those in Connectional Positions, Michigan Conference.

195. Commission on Christian Stewardship, Northern Minnesota Conference.

196. A Lay Corresponding Secretary, Alfred C. Crawford, Trinity Church, Chicago.

197. Division of World Service and Benevolence Askings, Northwest Iowa Conference.

198. Alternative Financial Plan for a Basic Salary, North Central Jurisdictional Methodist Town and Country Workers.

199. The Episcopal Fund, North Central Jurisdictional Methodist Town and Country Workers.

200. Endowment Fund for the John Street Methodist Church, Board of Trustees, John Street Methodist Church.

201. A Basic Salary Financial Plan, North-east Ohio Conference.

202. A Basic Salary Financial Plan, Troy Annual Conference.

203. Alternate Financial Plan for Support of the Ministry, Troy Annual Conference.

204. Minimum Support for Pastors, Troy Annual Conference.

205. A Pastor's cabinet, General Board of Lay Activities.

206. Amending Chapter in the 1940 *Discipline* on Lay Activities, General Board of Lay Activities.

207. Christian Stewardship, Stewardship Planning Conference, General Board of Lay Activities.

208. A Pension Plan for Lay Employees of The Methodist Church, General Board of Lay Activities.

209. A Program of Cultivation and Education in Christian Stewardship, General Board of Lay Activities.

210. Stewardship Education, Cultivation and Promotion, Stewardship Planning Conference, General Board of Lay Activities.

211. A Third Alternative Plan for Organization of the Official Board, The Methodist Rural Fellowship.

212. Age of Preparatory Members, Rock River Delegation.

213. Proportional Payment, Rock River Delegation.

214. The Episcopal Fund, Greencastle District Conference, North-west Indiana Conference.

215. Special Collections, Central Texas Conference.

216. Quotas and Apportionments to Annual Conferences and Charges, Central Texas Conference.

217. Christian Stewardship, Northern Minnesota Conference.

218. Defining Church Membership, Wyoming State Conference.

219. Nannie Findley Bean Bequest, Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church.

Memorials 220 to 248 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Ministry.

220. Use of Tobacco, New York East Conference.

221. Full Clergy Rights for Women, Southeast Jurisdictional Woman's Division of Christian Service.

222. Full Clergy Rights for Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Claires, Florida.

223. Financial Obligations of Ministers, W. L. Doss, Jr., Louisiana Conference.

224. Admission of Accepted Supplies into the Annual Conference, W. L. Doss, Jr., Louisiana Conference.

225. Tenure of a Pastor's Appointment, Seminar for Research in the Problems of the Urban Church.

226. Tenure of a Pastor's Appointment, Interdenominational School for Rural Leaders.

227. Requirements for Admission or for Ordination, A. W. Pugh, North Indiana Conference.

228. Appointment and Tenure of District Superintendents, North Central Jurisdictional Methodist Town and Country Workers.

229. Duration of Appointment to a Charge, North Central Jurisdictional Town and Country Workers.

230. A Better Status for Accepted Supply Pastors, North-East Ohio Conference.

231. Chaplains in Government Hospitals, North Alabama Conference.

232. Receiving Ministers from Other Churches, North Alabama Conference.

233. Specific Functions for District Superintendents, Troy Conference.

234. Duties of the District Superintendents, Wyoming Conference.

235. Full Clergy Rights for Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Louisville Conference.

236. Episcopal Residential Supervision, A. M. Wells, Illinois Conference.

237. Duties of District Superintendents, The Methodist Rural Fellowship.

238. Amending Item 16, Paragraph 223, Concerning Duties of a Pastor, Rock River Delegation.

239. Defining the Duties of a Pastor, Thomas H. West, Rock River Conference.

240. Amending Article 1138, Responsibility of the Pastor, Thomas H. West, Rock River Conference.

241. Appointment of an Accepted Supply Pastor, Accepted Supply Pastors of Erie Conference.

- 242. Privileges of Accepted Supply Pastors, Accepted Supply Pastors of Erie Conference.
- 243. Full Clergy Rights for Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, West Virginia Conference.
- 244. Full Clergy Rights for Women, Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Membership and Church Extension.
- 245. Ordination as Elder Required for Administering the Holy Communion, New York Conference.
- 246. A Missionary Bishop for Liberia, Liberia Conference.
- 247. Clergy Rights for Women, Northern Minnesota Conference.
- 248. Reports of Local Preachers, South Georgia Conference.

Memorials 249 to 266 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Education.

- 249. Children's Day, New York East Conference.
- 250. Specialized Training for Ministers, Seminar for Research in the Problems of the Urban Church.
- 251. Specialized Training for Ministers, Interdenominational School for Rural Leaders, Garrett Biblical Institute.
- 252. Specialized Training for Ministers, North Central Jurisdictional Methodist Town and Country Workers.
- 253. Commission on Religion and Fine Arts, Troy Conference.
- 254. An Earned Doctorate Degree, Troy Conference.
- 255. A Commission on Religion and the Fine Arts, Wyoming Conference.
- 256. Boy Scout Program of Work for Boys in the Local Church, Louisiana Conference.
- 257. The Duty of the Church Board of Education, Rock River Delegation.
- 258. Deleting Paragraph 1147; Amending Paragraphs 1140 and 1141, concerning Education, Rock River Delegation.
- 259. A Superintendent on Attendance, Rock River Delegation.
- 260. Composition of the Board of Education, Rock River Delegation.
- 261. Increasing Sunday School Attendance, Rock River Delegation.
- 262. Harmonizing Paragraphs 1139, 1141, 1143-10, and 1144 Regarding the Term "General Superintendent," Thomas H. West, Rock River Conference.
- 263. Amending Paragraph 1141, Relative to Election of Church School Superintendent, Thomas H. West, Rock River Conference.
- 264. Education, Course of Study, W. T. Daniel, North Alabama Conference.
- 265. Methodist Youth Fund, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Tennessee Conference.
- 266. Methodist Youth Fund, South Carolina Conference.

Memorials 267 to 272 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Missions and Church Extension.

- 267. Financial Support of Mission Conferences on Pacific Coast, Board of Missions and Church Extension, Southern California-Arizona Conference.
- 268. A Secretary of Town and Country Work, Troy Conference.
- 269. Personnel of Annual Conference Commission on Town and Country Work, Troy Conference.
- 270. Adding to membership of the Commission on Town and Country Work, The Methodist Rural Fellowship.
- 271. Amending the *Discipline* Relating to the Board of Missions and Church Extension Executive Committee—Moore.

272. Home Missions and Church Extension in Annual Conference, New Mexico Conference.

Memorials 273 to 277 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

273. A Digest for the Use of Ministers, Wisconsin Conference.

274. Department of Public Information of The Methodist Church, Methodist Commission on Public Information.

275. Editorial Revision and Codification of Methodist Law, Troy Conference.

276. A Single Monthly Periodical for Ministers, New York Conference.

277. Column in Statistical Blanks for House Rent, Northern Minnesota Conference.

Memorials 278 to 284 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Conference Claimants.

278. Pension for Lay Workers of the Church, Methodist Children's Home Society, Detroit.

279. Net Years of Service of Retired Ministers Serving as Supplies, Memphis Conference.

280. An Adequate Pension Plan, Memphis Conference.

281. A Pension Plan for Lay Employees of The Methodist Church, General Board of Lay Activities.

282. Accepted Supply Pastors' Pension Fund, Accepted Supply Pastors of the Erie Conference.

283. Pension System of The Methodist Church, South Georgia Conference.

284. Management of Superannuate Homes, New Mexico Conference.

Memorials 285 to 309 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Conferences.

285. Time of Holding the Jurisdictional and General Conferences, New York East Conference.

286. Place for Holding the General Conference, New York East Conference.

287. Co-ordination Between the Authorities Represented by the General and Jurisdictional Conferences, New York East Conference.

288. Liberia to Be Placed Under Episcopal Supervision of the Central Jurisdiction, Atlanta Conference.

289. Liberia, and other Fields, to Be Placed Under the Supervision of the Central Jurisdiction, Central Alabama Conference.

290. Simplified Form of Organization for Small Church, North Central Jurisdictional Methodist Town and Country Workers.

291. Quarterly and District Conference, North Alabama Conference.

292. A Secretary of Town and Country Work, Wyoming Conference.

293. Election of Delegates to the General Conference, Wyoming Conference.

294. A Pastor's Cabinet, Board of Lay Activities.

295. Jurisdictional Conference Powers and Duties, Central Texas Conference.

296. Disciplinary Questions Asked of Pastors, Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions and Church Extension, Mrs. Lamb.

297. Co-ordinating and Policy Committee for Each Church, S. A. Cohagen, Upper Iowa Conference.

298. Amending the Plan of Union Regarding the Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction, New York Conference.
299. Electing Delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences, Erie Conference.
300. Detaching Liberia from the Africa Provisional Central Conference, Liberia Conference.
301. Liberia Annual Conference to Be Related to the Central Jurisdiction, Liberia Conference.
302. New Washington Area, South Georgia Conference.
303. Love Feast at the Annual Conference, South Georgia Conference.
304. District Committee on License and Recommendation, South Carolina Conference.
305. Changing Time of Holding the Jurisdictional Conference, South Carolina Conference.
306. Continuation of the South Florida Annual Conference, South Florida Conference.
307. Liberia to Be Placed with the Central Jurisdiction, South Florida Conference.
308. Constitutional Duties of Jurisdictional Conferences, North Texas Conference.
309. Constitutional Rights of the Annual Conferences, North Texas Conference.

Memorials 310 to 324 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on State of the Church.

310. Christian Principles for World Peace, New York East Conference.
311. Collective Bargaining for The Methodist Church, New York East Conference.
312. Financial Support of Methodist Conscientious Objectors, Colorado Conference.
313. Overseas Relief, Methodist Commission for Overseas Relief, Miss Sally Lou MacKinnon.
314. Youth and the Use of Tobacco, A. W. Pugh, North Indiana Conference.
315. Financial Support of Methodist Conscientious Objectors, North-East Ohio Conference.
316. The Methodist Church and Racial Segregation, Troy Conference.
317. Financial Support for Methodist Conscientious Objectors, Troy Conference.
318. Relation of the Races Within The Methodist Church, Rock River Delegation.
319. Segregation and Church-wide Meetings and Programs, Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions and Church Extension, Mrs. Lamb.
320. Social Security for Lay Workers of The Methodist Church, Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions and Church Extension, Mrs. Lamb.
321. Personnel of the Board of Temperance, Chapin D. Foster, Pacific Northwest Conference.
322. World-wide Church Rehabilitation Program, South Georgia Conference.
323. Financial Support of Methodist Conscientious Objectors, Baltimore Conference Peace Commission.
324. Use of the Term "Methodist," W. H. Forse, First Methodist Church, Anderson, Ind.

- To Committee on Hospitals and Homes:
 325. Amending Constitution and By-Laws of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, Board of Hospitals and Homes.
- To Committee on Interdenominational Relations:
 326. Interdenominational Relations, New York East Conference.
- To Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship:
 327. A Brief Ritual for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Fred J. Jordan, West Wisconsin Conference.
- To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:
 328. Amending Paragraph 777 Relating to "Trust Clause," Baltimore Conference.
- To Committee on Conference Claimants:
 329. Amending Paragraph 1319, Article 2 and (C) Relating to Net Service Years, Baltimore Conference.
- To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:
 330. Charters for Local Charges, Baltimore Conference.
- To Committee on Conferences:
 331. Business of the Quarterly Conference, Baltimore Conference.
- To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:
 332. Election of Boards of Trustees, Baltimore Conference.
- To Committee on Ministry:
 333. The Committee on Pastoral Relations, Baltimore Conference.
- To Committee on Conferences:
 334. Local Church Elections, Baltimore Conference.
- To Committee on Publishing Interests:
 335. Annual Conference Records, Baltimore Conference.
- To Committee on Ministry:
 336. Regulations for Licensing Persons to Preach, North Georgia Conference.
- To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:
 337. Church and Parsonage Insurance, North Georgia Conference.
- To Committee on Conferences:
 338. The Jurisdictional Conference to Discharge Its Constitutional Duties, North Georgia Conference.
- To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:
 339. Financial Provisions for the Operations of the Jurisdictional Boards and Program, North Georgia Conference.
- To Committee on Conference Claimants:
 340. Provisions for Retired Ministers, North Georgia Conference.
- To Committee on Missions and Church Extension:
 341. Church Extension Loan Policy, North Georgia Conference.
- To Committee on Conferences:
 342. Youth Representation at the Jurisdictional and General Conference, Young People's Leadership Conference of the South Central Jurisdiction.
343. Youth Representation at the Jurisdictional and General Conference, Young People's Leadership Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.
- To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:
 344. Recommendations Concerning the World Service and Conference, Oklahoma City District Conference.
- To Committee on State of the Church:

345. International Economic Co-operation, National Conference of Methodist Youth Fellowship.

346. Negro Segregation, National Conference of Methodist Youth Fellowship.

347. Christian Policies in the Field of World Peace, National Conference of Methodist Youth Fellowship.

To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

348. Central Treasurer for Pastor's Salaries, Northwest Iowa Conference.

To Committee on Conference Claimants:

349. Annuity Years of a Retired Ministers, Northwest Iowa Conference.

To Committee on Ministry:

350. Full Conference Rights for Accepted Supply Pastors, Wyoming Conference.

To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

351. Basic Salary Financial Plan, Iowa-Des Moines Conference.

To Committee on State of the Church:

352. Support of Conscientious Objectors, Indiana Conference.

353. Lay Employees of Methodist Institutions and Social Security, Indiana Conference.

To Committee on Missions and Church Extension:

354. Deaconess Work, North Central Jurisdictional Deaconess Association.

To Committee on Ministry:

355. Clergy Rights for Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service Executive Committee, Detroit Conference.

To Committee on Education:

356. Simplified Course of Study for Accepted Supply Pastors, Tennessee Conference.

To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

357. Apportionment of Benevolences, Tennessee Conference.

To Committee on Ministry:

358. Conference Benefits for Accepted Supply Pastors, Tennessee Conference.

To Committee on Publishing Interests:

359. Provisions of Duplication in Literature, Tennessee Conference.

To Committee on Ministry:

360. Episcopal Age Limit, Tennessee Conference.

To Committee on Conferences:

361. Provisions for the Africa Central Conference, Bishop Springer.

To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

362. Amending Paragraph 800, Relating Trustees of Schools and Other Institutions, Montana Conference.

To Committee on State of the Church:

363. Religious Liberty and the Future Peace Conference, Fourteenth Biennial Conference on Italian Evangelization, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

364. E. Stanley Jones and the World Peace Table, Kansas City (Mo.) District Conference.

365. Religious Liberty and the Future Peace Conference, National Conference on Religious Liberty.

To Committee on Conferences:

366. Boundaries Within the Central China Conference, Central China Conference.

To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

367. A Connectional Basic Salary Plan, Hinghwa Annual Conference.

To Committee on State of the Church:

368. Support of Methodist Conscientious Objectors, National Conference of Methodist Youth Fellowship.

To Committee on Conferences:

369. Mission Representation in the General and Jurisdictional Conferences, Utah Mission.

To Committee on Education:

370. Race Relations Sunday, Official Board, First Methodist Church, Corning, Calif.

To Committee on State of the Church:

371. Lay Employees of Church Institutions and Social Security, The Chelsea Methodist Home.

To Committee on Ministry:

372. Lay Delegates to Be Informed of Appointments, Upper South Carolina Conference.

373. An Interim Licensing Committee, Upper South Carolina Conference.

To Committee on State of the Church:

374. The Social Order and the National Economy, The Methodist Federation for Social Service.

To Committee on Missions and Church Extension:

375. Annual Conference Secretary of Town and Country, The Methodist Rural Fellowship.

376. Town and Country Research Department, The Methodist Rural Fellowship.

377. Organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Smaller Churches, The Methodist Rural Fellowship.

To Committee on Conferences:

378. Election of Delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conference, The Methodist Rural Fellowship.

To Committee on Ministry:

379. Privileges of Accepted Supply Ministers, The Methodist Rural Fellowship.

To Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship:

380. Amending the Social Creed, The Methodist Rural Fellowship.

To Committee on Ministry:

381. A Functional District Superintendency, The Methodist Rural Fellowship.

To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

382. The Appointment of Pastors, The Methodist Rural Fellowship.

383. A Basic Salary Plan for the Ministry, The Methodist Rural Fellowship.

384. Amending Schedule of Minimum Support for Pastors, The Methodist Rural Fellowship.

To Committee on Education:

385. Student Loan Funds, The Methodist Rural Fellowship.

To Committee on Conference Claimants:

386. Amending Paragraph 1330, Section 1, Touching the Illinois Corporation, California Conference.

To Committee on Conferences:

387. Provisions Relating to Central Conferences to Remain Unchanged, Yenping Conference.
To Committee on Missions and Church Extension:
388. Adequate Support for Medical Work, Yenping Conference.
To Committee on State of the Church:
389. Basic Principles of World Peace, Yenping Conference.
To Committee on Missions and Church Extension:
390. Increase in the Number of Missionaries in China, Yenping Conference.
To Committee on Ministry:
391. Full Clergy Rights for Women, Yenping Conference.
To Committee on Conference Claimants:
392. Divided Annuity Responsibility, Southern California-Arizona Conference.
To Committee on Missions and Church Extension:
393. Pensions for Officers of Missions and Provisional Annual Conferences, Southern California-Arizona Conference.
To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:
394. Apportioning All Benevolences in a Single Sum, Southern California-Arizona Conference.
395. Benevolence Acceptance by Annual Conference, Southern California-Arizona Conference.
To Committee on Conference Claimants:
396. Distribution of Income from General Endowment Fund for Superannuates Held by Missouri Corporation of Board of Pensions, Southern California-Arizona Conference.
To Committee on State of the Church:
397. The Oriental Exclusion Act, Southern California-Arizona Conference.
398. Detached Service for Conscientious Objectors, Southern California-Arizona Conference.
To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:
399. To Permit a "Basic Salary" Financial Plan to Be the Responsibility of a Conference as a Whole, Southern California-Arizona Conference.
To Committee on Missions and Church Extension:
400. The Deaconess Board, Southern California-Arizona Conference.
To Committee on Conferences:
401. Permanent Officers of an Annual Conference, Iowa-Des Moines Conference.
402. The Jurisdictional Conference to Discharge Its Constitutional Duties, Little Rock Conference.
To Committee on Ministry:
403. Committee on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications, Little Rock Conference.
To Committee on Missions and Church Extension:
404. Missionary Bishop for Liberia, Liberia Conference.
To Committee on Conferences:
405. Liberia Annual Conference and the Africa Provisional Central Conference, Liberia Conference.
To Committee on State of the Church:
406. The Post War World, Second Miler's Bible Class, The First Methodist Church, Media, Pa.
To Committee on Conferences:
407. Laymen in the Annual Conference, China Central Conference.

408. Lay Members of the Annual Conference, Paragraph 406, China Central Conference.

To Committee on Judicial Administration:

409. Appeal of a Traveling Preacher, Paragraphs 694, 695, 696, 697, China Central Conference.

To Committee on Interdenominational Relations:

410. Trustees of an Annual Conference, District Superintendents, Syracuse Area.

To Committee on Publishing Interests:

411. Reducing the Amount of Literature Sent to the Various Churches, Black River District, Northern New York Conference.

To Committee on Missions and Church Extension:

412. Pension for Officers of Missions and Provisional Annual Conferences, California Conference.

To Committee on Conference Claimants:

413. Distribution of Income From General Endowment Fund for Superannuates Held by Missouri Corporation of the Board of Pensions, California Conference.

To Committee on Missions and Church Extension:

414. Amending Paragraph 987 (5) by Eliminating Interest Charges, California Conference.

To Committee on Judicial Administration:

415. Amending Paragraph 606 Touching the Duties of the Judicial Council, California Conference.

To Committee on Missions and Church Extension:

416. Duties of the Local Church Board of Missions and Church Extension, California Conference.

To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

417. The Annual Conference to Determine the Amount It Will Accept of the General Benevolence Apportionment, California Conference.

418. Apportioning All Benevolences in a Single Sum, California Conference.

To Committee on State of the Church:

419. Financial Support of Methodist Conscientious Objectors, California Conference.

To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

420. Restoring the Inactive List, California Conference.

To Committee on Ministry:

421. The Appointment of Preachers, California Conference.

To Committee on Conferences:

422. Liberia Annual Conference to Be Placed with the Central Jurisdiction, Liberia Annual Conference.

To Committee on Education:

423. Combining the Functions of the Board of Missions and the Board of Education in the Local Church, Tennessee.

To Committee on Publishing Interests:

424. Ritual Services in Hymnal, Board of Publication.

425. Amend Paragraph 903, Board of Publication.

426. Committee on Manuals for Training for Church Membership, Board of Publication.

427. Amend Paragraph 871, Board of Publication.

428. Amend Paragraph 881, Section 5, Board of Publication.

429. Amend Paragraph 876, Board of Publication.

430. Publication of a Glossary of Terms in the *Discipline*, Board of Education.

431. Rearrangement of Materials in *Discipline* Dealing with the Local Church, Board of Publication.
432. Makers of Methodist History, Donald H. Yoder.
To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:
433. Amend Paragraph 987, Bessemer District Conference.
To Committee on Ministry:
434. Clarify Paragraph 257, Commission on Courses of Study.
435. Admission of Preachers into Field Connection, Commission on Courses of Study.
To Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship:
436. Order of Service for Rural Church, Ralph L. Williams.
To Committee on Conference Claimants:
437. Veteran's Day, George E. Heath.
To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:
438. Specific Duties of Lay Leaders, William J. Kurth, New England Conference.
To Committee on Conferences:
439. Oriental Provisional Annual Conference, California Oriental Mission.
To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:
440. Rotation of Stewards, Houston District Conference.
To Committee on Conferences:
441. Study of Local Church, Board of Lay Activities.
To Committee on Ministry:
442. The Church and Its Ministry, Board of Lay Activities.
To Committee on Missions and Church Extension:
443. Church and World Program, Board of Lay Activities.
To Committee on Education:
444. Church to Adapt Program to World Conditions, Board of Lay Activities.
To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:
445. Conference, District, Charge Lay Leaders, Board of Lay Activities.
To Committee on Conferences:
446. Organization of Annual Conference, Frederick L. Pederson, Pacific Northwest.
To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:
447. World Condition of Churches, Board of Lay Activities.
To Committee on Conferences:
448. Amend Paragraph 470, Commission on Records, Forms and Statistical Blanks.
To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:
449. Expenses of Jurisdictional Committee, Committee on Appeals, New England Jurisdiction.
450. Expenses of Jurisdictional Committee, Northern New York Conference.
451. Amend Paragraph 43, New England Jurisdiction.
452. Jurisdictional Representatives, Albert G. Judd.
453. Amend Paragraph 783, New England Jurisdiction.
To Committee on Judicial Administration:
454. The Judicial Council, Members of General Conference.

To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

455. Definition of Pastoral Charge, Albert G. Judd.

To Committee on Central Conferences:

456. Status Central Conference Bishops, Methodist Church Southern Asia.

457. Affiliated Autonomous Churches Methodist Church Southern Asia.

To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

458. Transfer of Church Membership, D. C. Bryan.

To Committee on Conferences:

459. Ecumenical Methodist Conference, Paul N. Garber.

To Committee on Missions and Church Extension:

460. Amend World Service Provisions, S. C. Jurisdiction.

To Committee on Central Conferences:

461. Amend Paragraph 414, Methodist Church, Southern Asia.

462. Representation in World Service, Methodist Church, Southern Asia.

To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

463. Amend Paragraph 488, New Orleans Preachers.

To Committee on Ministry:

464. Full Clergy Rights to Women, Official Board, Roseau, Minn.

To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

465. Following Up Membership, Muncie District, Indiana.

To Committee on Ministry:

466. Clergy Rights for Women, Official Board, Annadale Church, Minnesota.

To Committee on Publishing Interests:

467. Approving Publication Pamphlets, New Orleans Preachers.

To Committee on State of the Church:

468. Chaplain and Secular Activity, Guy O. Carpenter.

To Committee on Ministry:

469. Accepted Supply Pastors, Guy O. Carpenter.

To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

470. Amend Paragraph 832, Franklin Duncombe.

471. How Many Bishops, Birmingham Preachers' Meeting.

To Committee on Publishing Interests:

472. Reduction in size of *Discipline*, Birmingham Methodist Preachers.

To Committee on Ministry:

473. Conference Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors, Birmingham Preachers.

To Committee on State of the Church:

474. Better Race Relations, Ralph W. Sockman.

To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

475. Organizing the Local Church, John W. Hawley.

To Committee on Conferences:

476. Powers of Jurisdictional Conference, Texas Conference.

To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

477. Time of Meeting of Jurisdictional Conference, Texas Conference.

To Committee on Conference Claimants:

- 478. Ministerial Supply Service, Texas Conference.
- 479. An Effective Ministry, Texas Conference.
- 480. Ministerial Retirement Plan, Quarterly Conference, Fayetteville, Arkansas.
 - To Committee on State of the Church:
 - 481. The Methodist Radio Hour, Methodist Radio Society of Philadelphia.
 - To Committee on Publishing Interests:
 - 482. Report by Chairman Board of Stewards, New Orleans Methodist Preachers.
 - To Committee on Conferences:
 - 483. District Secretary of the Golden Cross, New Orleans Preachers.
 - To Committee on Interdenominational Relations:
 - 484. Relationship Interdenominational Relations, Federal Council of Churches.
 - To Committee on State of the Church:
 - 485. Reaffirm Position on War, Social Action Fellowship, Detroit Conference.
 - To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:
 - 486. Repay Pezce Churches, Social Action Fellowship, Detroit Conference.
 - To Committee on Judicial Administration:
 - 487. Declaratory Decisions, Members of General Conference. Memorials 488 to 516 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Ministry.
 - 488. Order of Lay Preachers, Chester A. Smith.
 - 489. Office of Deaconess, T. F. Carroll.
 - 490. Administering Holy Communion, John M. Pearson.
 - 491. Accepted Supply Pastors, West Oklahoma Conference.
 - 492. Amend Paragraph 332, Ohio Annual Conference.
 - 493. Automatic Retirement of Ministers, St. Joseph District Conference, Missouri Annual Conference.
 - 494. Women in Conference, Foochow Annual Conference.
 - 495. Appointing Preachers to Pastoral Charges, Troy Annual Conference.
 - 496. Reports from Local Preachers, South Georgia Annual Conference.
 - 497. Change of Name, Commission on Courses of Study.
 - 498. Preacher's License, Member of Genesee Conference.
 - 499. Admission of Preachers on Trial, Commission on Courses of Study.
 - 500. Clergy Rights for Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Omaha District.
 - 501. Full Ministerial Rights for Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Orlando District, Florida.
 - 502. Full Ministerial Rights for Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Canal Point Church, Florida.
 - 503. Recognition of Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, St. Augustine, Fla.
 - 504. Women Full Ministerial Rights, Brooksville Church, Florida.
 - 505. Full Ministerial Right for Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Clearview Church, Florida.
 - 506. Membership for Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Evinston, Fla.
 - 507. Equal Rights for Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Daytona Beach, Florida.

508. Ministerial Rights for Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Live Oak, Florida.

509. Clergy Rights for Women, Wesleyan Service Guild, St. Augustine, Fla.

510. Rights for Women, Methodist Church, Live Oak, Fla.

511. Full Rights for Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Live Oak, Fla.

512. Clergy Rights for Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Detroit Conference.

513. Recognize Call for Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, St. Louis Conference.

514. Women Able for Ministry, Woman's Society of Christian Service, South Georgia Conference.

515. God's Call for Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Montgomery, Ala.

516. Call of Women to Preach, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Kentucky Conference.

Memorials 517 to 534 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.

517. Statistical Conference Report, Indiana Conference.

518. Effective Functioning Jurisdiction, South Central Jurisdiction.

519. The Official Board, George W. Henson, *et al.*

520. Election of Delegates to Conferences, Ohio Annual Conference.

521. Paragraph 779, Knoxville District.

522. Rotation Plan for Stewards, St. Luke's Methodist Church.

523. Auditing Books of Treasurer, R. H. Wallin (California).

524. Status of Jurisdictional Conference, Alabama Annual Conference.

525. Nonresidents, Methodist Church, McKees Rocks, Pa.

526. Inactive and Nonresident Members, J. W. Walker, *et al.*

527. Board of Trustees, Local Church, Thomas Holgate.

528. Amend Paragraphs 800 and 801, Missouri Annual Conference.

529. Pension for Lay Workers, Board of Child Care, Baltimore Annual Conference.

530. Adjustment of Property Rights, Kirksville District.

531. Support of Conscientious Objectors, Bishops' Crusade, Montana Annual Conference.

532. St. George's Church, Francis H. Tees.

533. Remove Restrictions on Laymen, Chester A. Smith.

534. Amend Paragraph 582, Pacific Northwest Conference.

Memorials 535 to 548 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on State of the Church.

535. Wartime Prohibition Act, Chester A. Smith.

536. Services of Prayer for Allied Armies, Chester A. Smith.

537. Capitalistic System Not Christian, Chester A. Smith.

538. Establish Department of Social Service, Frederick J. Poole.

539. Statement of War and Peace, Social Action Committee, Detroit Conference.

540. General Board of Social Action, Social Projects Committee, Baltimore Annual Conference.

541. General Benevolences, Ohio Annual Conference.

542. Segregation and Discrimination, L. S. Moore, *et al.*

543. Emphasize Pentecost, Ohio Annual Conference.

544. The Soul of the Church, James A. Perry.

- 545. Just and Durable Peace, Methodist Church, McKees Rocks, Pa.
- 546. Boy Scout Recognition, Ohio Annual Conference.
- 547. Love Feast, Georgia Annual Conference.
- 548. Rehabilitation of the Church, South Georgia Annual Conference.

Memorials 549 to 561 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Education.

- 549. Teaching Ministry of Church, Michigan Annual Conference.
- 550. Children's Literature, Children's Commission, Rock River Annual Conference.
- 551. Youth in Armed Service, Methodist Social Service Breakfast Club, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 552. Commission on Radio for Methodist Church, Detroit Annual Conference.
- 553. Ministry of Radio, Detroit Annual Conference.
- 554. Commission on Youth Publication, Herman Will, Jr.
- 555. Teaching the Youth, John G. Herman, Baltimore.
- 556. Boy Scout Merit, Mitchell (S. Dak.) Methodist Church.
- 557. Questions for Youth, Consulting Committee of the Joint Program of Public Relations.
- 558. Ministerial Education, Commission on Courses of Study.
- 559. Memorizing Ritual, Chester A. Smith.
- 560. Amend Paragraph 482, Board of Education.
- 561. Social Security for Lay Workers, Board of Education.

Memorials 562 to 567 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Conferences.

- 562. Changes in Jurisdictional Boundaries, Brooklyn and Long Island Society.
- 563. Amend Paragraph 488, Cushing District Conference.
- 564. Charge Conferences, R. Z. Tyler, Florida Annual Conference.
- 565. Change Section VIII, Plan of Union, Ralph W. Sockman.
- 566. New Washington Area, South Georgia Annual Conference.
- 567. Central Jurisdiction Membership, Chester A. Smith.

Memorials 568 to 570 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

- 568. Pastoral Journal, R. Z. Tyler, Florida Annual Conference.
- 569. Monthly Periodical for Pastors, J. Gordon Chamberlin.
- 570. Methodist History, Faculty, Garrett Biblical Institute.

Memorials 571 to 574 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Judicial Administration.

- 571. Amend Paragraphs 694-697, Peninsula Annual Conference.
- 572. Amend Paragraph 678, Peninsula Annual Conference.
- 573. Amend Paragraph 382, Peninsula Annual Conference.
- 574. Restudy on Judicial Procedure, Council of Bishops.

Memorials 575 and 576 have been referred to the Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship.

- 575. Use the Word Cup in Sacrament, Chester A. Smith.
- 576. Substitute "Cup" for "Wine," Earl W. G. Hiller.

Memorials 577 to 579 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Missions and Church Extension.

- 577. Amend Paragraph 958, Commission on World Service and Finance.

578. Juvenile Delinquency, Elwood F. Melson.

579. Missionary Cultivation, Earl Quimby.

To Committee on Central Conferences:

580. Restoration of Name, Joseph Bartak.

Memorials 581 and 582 have been referred to the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms.

581. Continuing Conference Below Standard, Savannah Annual Conference.

582. Boundaries of Delaware Annual Conference, New York City Society.

Memorials 583 and 584 have been referred to the Committee on Interdenominational Relations.

583. Federal Union Plan of Churches, Chester A. Smith.

584. National Council of Churches, Memphis District, Memphis Annual Conference.

Memorials 585 and 586 have been referred to the Committee on Evangelism.

585. Church-wide Evangelism Movement, Committee on Evangelism.

586. Aim of Evangelism, Committee on Evangelism.

Memorials 587 to 592 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Conference Claimants.

587. Pensions for Missouri Corporation, L. E. Wratten.

588. Pensions for Retired Bishops, R. C. Wilson.

589. Paragraph 1339 of *Discipline*, West Oklahoma Annual Conference.

590. Amend Pension Code, Ohio Annual Conference.

591. Pension Study System, South Georgia Annual Conference.

592. Support for Parsonage Help, Chester A. Smith.

Memorials 593 and 594 have been referred to the Committee on State of the Church.

593. Resolutions on the Adequate Voluntary Support for Methodist Conscientious Objectors in Civilian Public Service, World Peace Commission.

594. Resolutions on the Bishops' Crusade for a New World Order and for a Just and Lasting Peace, World Peace Commission.

To Committee on Interdenominational Relations:

595. Election of Members for the World Council of Churches, Council of Bishops.

Memorials 596 to 608 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Conference Claimants.

596. Quadrennial Reports, General Conference.

597. Annuity Responsibility, California Annual Conference.

598. Relations to Supply Pastors, Rock River Annual Conference.

599. Endowment Fund for Superannuates, California Annual Conference.

600. An Annuity—A Denominational Responsibility, California Annual Conference.

601. Distribution of Income From General Endowment Fund, Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.

602. Dividend Annuity Responsibility, Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.

603. Pension System at a Universal Rate, Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.

604. Pensions for Officers of Missions and Provisional Annual Conferences, Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.

605. Lien on Annuitants, Central New York Annual Conference.

606. Care of Accepted Supply Pastors, Ohio Conference (South Webster Charge).

607. Accepted Supply Pastor, Southwest Texas (McAllen District Conference).

608. Salary of Retired Minister, Central New York Annual Conference.

Memorials 609 to 623 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on State of the Church.

609. Quadrennial Reports, General Conference.

610. Bishops' Address, General Conference.

611. Conscientious Objectors, Rock River Annual Conference.

612. Exemption of Conscientious Objectors, California Annual Conference.

613. Concerning Central Jurisdiction, New York District, New York Annual Conference.

614. Oriental Exclusion Act, Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.

615. Detached Service for Conscientious Objectors, Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.

616. Better Race Relations, Merritt B. Queen, *et al.*

617. Juvenile Delinquency, Central New York Annual Conference.

618. Racial Christian Status, W. Scott Chinn.

619. Reaffirming Sovereignty of God, Rev. Gross W. Alexander.

620. Support for Conscientious Objectors, Central New York Annual Conference.

621. Stand of the Church on War, Bessemer District Preachers.

622. Profanity in Publications, Methodist Ministers' Association, Delaware County.

623. Narcotic Education, Florida Annual Conference.

Memorials 624 to 649 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.

624. Quadrennial Reports, General Conference.

625. Commission on Religion and Fine Arts, Camden District, New Jersey Annual Conference.

626. Amend Paragraph 228, Edmund Heinsohn, *et al.*

627. Restore Inactive List, California Annual Conference.

628. Conference to Vote on Acceptance of Apportionments, California Annual Conference.

629. Plan of Single Apportionment, California Annual Conference.

630. Title of Property, Edward A. Smith.

631. Substitute Word "Clerical," Detroit Annual Conference.

632. Amend Paragraph 350, Alabama Annual Conference.

633. Repeal Section 3, Paragraph 351, Alabama Annual Conference.

634. Rotation in Stewards, Houston District, Texas.

635. Apportioning All Benevolences in a Single Sum, Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.

636. Benevolence Acceptance by Annual Conferences, Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.

637. Use Name "Church Conference," Detroit Annual Conference.

638. Limit on Interest Rates, Security Exchange Commission.

- 639. Over-Organization Threatens Church, Gospel Searchlight.
- 640. Voting Privileges for Lay Leaders, Central New York Annual Conference.
- 641. Pension for Lay Members, Virginia Conference Orphanage.
- 642. Non-Resident Active and Inactive Members, Ralph Mason Dreger.
- 643. Pension Plan for Lay Activities, *Michigan Christian Advocate*.
- 644. Non-Resident Member, Harry R. Hummer.
- 645. Reduction of Budget, Harry R. Hummer.
- 646. Question in Statistical Forms Regarding World Service Giving of Church Schools, Interboard Committee on Missionary Education.
- 647. J. Wesley Robinson Estate, Upper South Carolina Annual Conference.
- 648. Trustees Not Liable, Fred B. Noble.
- 649. Clarify Paragraph 779, Philippi Quarterly Conference.

Memorials 650 to 652 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Education.

- 650. Bishops' Address, General Conference.
- 651. Quadrennial Reports, General Conference.
- 652. Doctorate Degree Program, Detroit Annual Conference.

Memorials 653 and 654 have been referred to the Committee on Conferences (Void).

- 653. Return of Bishop Wade Requested, Big Rapids District Conference.
- 654. Relating to Bishop Oxnam, William Gunter.

Memorials 655 to 658 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

- 655. Quarterly Journal Devoted to Methodist History, Faculty of Westminster Theological Seminary.
- 656. Abbreviated Church Discipline, George Mecklenberg.
- 657. Quadrennial Reports, General Conference.
- 658. Bishops' Address, General Conference.

Memorials 659 and 660 have been referred to the Committee on Evangelism.

- 659. Quadrennial Reports, General Conference.
- 660. Bishop's Address, General Conference.

Memorials 661 to 670 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Missions.

- 661. Bishops' Address, General Conference.
- 662. Quadrennial Reports, General Conference.
- 663. Quadrennial Reports, General Conference.
- 664. Quadrennial Reports, General Conference.
- 665. Quadrennial Reports, General Conference.
- 666. Quadrennial Reports, General Conference.
- 667. Service to Bilingual and Minority Groups, California Annual Conference.
- 668. Properties Available for Pension Responsibilities, California Annual Conference.
- 669. Legislation Concerning the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education, Interboard Committee on Missionary Education.
- 670. Methodist Youth Fund, Interboard Committee on Missionary Education.

To Committee on American Bible Society:

671. Quadrennial Reports, General Conference.

Memorials 672 to 682 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Education.

672. "Guide to Understanding the Bible," W. T. Daniel.

673. Annual Observance of Children's Day, Quarterly Conference, Havre de Grace Methodist Church, Baltimore Annual Conference.

674. Use of the Radio, First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Ark.

675. Recognition of Young Adult Fellowship, Albert L. Branscomb, D. S.

676. Legislation Concerning the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education, Interboard Committee on Missionary Education.

677. Youth as Students, Boyd M. McKeown.

678. Methodist Youth Fund, Pittsburgh Annual Conference.

679. Methodist Youth Fellowship, Lloyd Scherer.

680. Methodist Youth Fund, Interboard Committee on Missionary Education.

681. Credit in Conference Course of Study, Louisville District.

682. Church Membership Manual, Rocky Mountain District Conference.

Memorials 683 to 708 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Ministry.

683. Bishops' Address, General Conference.

684. Appointment of Preachers, California Annual Conference.

685. "Basic Salary" Financial Plan, Ohio Annual Conference.

686. Basic Salary, Financial Plan, Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.

687. Deaconess Standard, Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.

688. Confidence in Pastor, Sweden Annual Conference.

689. Right to Administer Sacrament, Sweden Annual Conference.

690. Relation to Annual Conference, Fred D. Mumby, *et al.*

691. Accepted Supply Pastors, Central New York Annual Conference.

692. Accepted Supply Pastors' Voting Privilege, Rev. Arthur Sellers.

693. Women Included for Ministry, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Central Kansas Annual Conference.

694. Office of Deaconess, North Central Jurisdiction.

695. Women Called to Preach, Woman's society of Christian Service, Louisville, Ky.

696. Admission on Trial, South West Texas Annual Conference.

697. Decline in Ministerial Supply, Elmer L. Brooks.

698. Prorate Ministerial Support, Central New York Annual Conference.

699. Ministerial Delegates to General Conference, Philadelphia Annual Conference.

700. Women Preachers' Membership in Annual Conference, Lois E. McKeown.

701. Annuity of Conference Members During Years They Serve as Local Preachers, West Virginia Annual Conference.

702. Women Called to Preach, Mrs. R. H. Pinkston, *et al.*

703. Full Clergy Rights for Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Florida Annual Conference.

704. God's Will for Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, South Georgia Conference.

705. Status of Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Florida Church.

706. Use of Tobacco, New York East Delegation.

707. Amend Paragraph 443, H. J. Gernhardt.

708. Women and the Traveling Ministry, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Kansas Annual Conference.

To Committee on Conferences:

709. Quadrennial Reports, General Conference.

To Committee on Hospitals and Homes:

710. Quadrennial Reports, General Conference.

Memorials 711 to 718 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Conferences.

711. Bishops' Address, General Conference.

712. Change Name of Conference, Alabama Annual Conference.

713. Quarterly Conference, Frank Leonard Hicks.

714. Ecumenical Methodist Conference, Paul N. Garber.

715. Preacher Member of Official Board, Sweden Annual Conference.

716. Reports to First Quarterly Conference, Sweden Annual Conference.

717. Quarterly Conference, Florida Conference.

718. Powers of Quarterly Conferences, James D. Brummey, *et al.*

Memorials 719 to 739 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Central Conferences.

719. Support of Missionaries Elect, Foochow Annual Conference.

720. Organization Woman's Division of Christian Service, Foochow Conference.

721. Women in the Annual Conference, Foochow Annual Conference.

722. New Missionaries for China, Foochow Annual Conference.

723. Term Episcopacy and Retired Support, Foochow Annual Conference.

724. Administrative Responsibility for Southeast Asia, Representatives of Malaya and Philippine Conferences.

725. Authorization for Conferences, Sweden Annual Conference.

726. Continuing Enabling Act for Provisional Conferences, African Provisional Central Conference.

727. Relation to Liberia, Liberia Annual Conference.

728. Relations With Liberia, African Provisional Central Conference.

729. Representation in Conference, China Central Conference.

730. Central Annual Conferences, African Provisional Central Conference.

731. Relating to Legislation, Yenping Annual Conference.

732. Quadrennial Reports, General Conference.

733. Conference of Methodist Bishops, Foochow Annual Conference.

734. Support of Conference Claimants, Foochow Annual Conference.

735. Repeal of Chinese Exclusions Act, Foochow Annual Conference.

736. Bishops for China, Foochow Annual Conference.

737. Support of Central Conference Bishops, Foochow Annual Conference.

738. Authorization to Elect Bishop, African Provisional Central Conference.

739. On Dual Conference Membership, African Provisional Central Conference.

To Committee on Conference Claimants:

740. Amend Paragraph 1330, Board of Conference Claimants, New Hampshire Annual Conference.

Memorials 741 to 743 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.

741. Inactive Membership, Fourth Quarterly Conference, Havre de Grace Methodist Church, Baltimore Annual Conference.

742. Social Security for Lay Workers, Washington Preachers' Meeting.

743. Apportionment of World Service, George Horne, Crosby, Texas. To Committee on Judicial Administration:

744. Amend Paragraph 606, California Annual Conference.

To Committee on Enabling Acts:

745. Quadrennial Reports, General Conference.

Memorials 746 to 748 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Interdenominational Relations.

746. Quadrennial Reports, General Conference.

747. Bishops' Address, General Conference.

748. National Council of Bishops, Federal Council.

Memorials 749 and 750 have been referred to the Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship.

749. Harmonization of Hymn Tunes, Nolan B. Harmon.

750. Bishops' Address, General Conference.

Memorials 751 and 752 have been referred to the Committee on Hospitals and Homes.

751. Liquidation of Methodist Home, North-East Ohio Conference.

752. Amend Paragraph 800, A. C. Caton, *et al.*

Memorials 753 to 756 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on State of the Church.

753. Conditions Among Labor, Eugene Boughton.

754. Support for Conscientious Objectors, New Haven Methodist Ministers.

755. No Memorial.

756. Offerings for Civilian Public Service, Kansas Annual Conference.

To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

757. Clarify Paragraph 783, Roland Riddick, *et al.*

To Committee on Education:

758. Goodwill Industries Train Ministers, Goodwill Industries.

To Committee on Conferences:

759. Committee on Traveling Elders, Commission on Course of Study.

To Committee on Central Conferences:

760. Liberia Conference, J. C. Wengatz.

To Committee on Missions:

761. Jurisdictional Board of Missions, Kansas Annual Conference.

To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

762. World Service Distribution, Kansas Conference.

To Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship:

763. The Lord's Supper, Northwest Iowa Annual Conference.

To Committee on Conferences:

764. Licensing Persons to Preach, John L. Wolfe.

To Committee on Publishing Interests:

765. Campaign for *Advocate* Subscriptions, Committee on *Advocate*.

To Committee on Ministry:

766. The Ministry, E. H. Nease, *et al.*

To Committee on State of the Church:

767. Honor the Sabbath Day, Waverly Place Methodist Sunday School, Kansas Annual Conference.

To Committee on Conferences:

768. Unified Budget, Kansas Annual Conference.

To Committee on Interdenominational Relations:

769. Plan for Church Unity, California Annual Conference.

To Committee on Central Conferences:

770. Membership in Council of Bishops, Henry V. Lang.

To Committee on Conferences:

771. Co-operation of Boards and Jurisdictional Conferences, Roland P. Riddick.

Memorials 772 and 773 have been referred to the Committee on Central Conferences.

772. Petition to Become Central Conference, African Provisional Conference.

773. Request for Bishop Moore, African Provisional Annual Conference.

Memorials 774 and 775 have been referred to the Committee on State of the Church.

774. Conscription of Civilians, Including Labor, Commission on World Peace.

775. Postwar Conscription, Commission on World Peace.

Memorials 776 to 778 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Ministry.

776. Alternative Financial Plan, Ohio Annual Conference.

777. Authority to Administer Sacraments, Harry Lambdice.

778. Location of a Minister, Charles E. Schofield.

Memorials 779 to 785 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on State of the Church.

779. Sabbath Observance, W. C. Brewer.

780. "Stand on This Ground," Westminster Theological Seminary.

781. A Service of Prayer, Chester A. Smith.

782. Peace Parley of Warring Nations, Noah W. Cooper.

783. Traffic in Alcoholic Beverages, Miss Ida Kast.

784. Prohibiting Spiritual Liquors, James Cannon, Jr.

785. Amend Par. 105, William Muncy.

Memorials 786 to 788 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Education.

786. Youth Service Committee, Earl Quimby.

787. Questionable Editorials and Articles, James Cannon, Jr.

788. Change Name of Board of Education, Wilmer Fell Davis.

Memorials 789 and 790 have been referred to the Committee on Interdenominational Relations.

789. Union of British and American Methodism, Thomas H. West.

790. Union with Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, Edgar A. Love.

Memorials 791 and 792 have been referred to the Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship.

791. "The Fruit of the Vine," F. H. Trotter, *et al.*

792. Belief in Apostles' Creed, C. C. Bell, *et al.*

To Committee on Conference Claimants:

793. Uniform Pension System for Employees of the General Boards, Texas Annual Conference.

Memorials 794 to 796 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Judicial Administration.

794. Right of Appeal from Decision of Bishops, Chester A. Smith.

795. Status of the Wyoming State Conference, J. W. Walker, *et al.*

796. Responsibility Missionary Bishop, Philippines and Malay.

Memorials 797 to 801 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Missions and Church Extension.

797. Centennial of Methodism in China, Members East China Annual Conference.

798. Annual Conference Boards, Newark Annual Conference.

799. Methodist Service Committee, Lynn A. Wood, Pacific-Northwest Annual Conference.

800. Rehabilitation of Mission Work, Greenville District.

801. Conference Board of Missions, Newark Annual Conference.

Memorials 802 to 821 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.

802. Deputation Teams of Churches, Newark Annual Conference.

803. Commission on Religion and Fine Arts, Newark Annual Conference.

804. Commission on Social Education and Action, Newark Annual Conference.

805. Membership Record of Youth, Newark Annual Conference.

806. Study of Church Organization, Newark Annual Conference.

807. Tolerance Toward Americans of Japanese Descent, Earl Quimby.

808. Organization of Local Church, Newark Annual Conference.

809. Active and Nonresident Membership, Newark Annual Conference.

810. Ratification of Treaties, Chester A. Smith.

811. Independence of India, Chester A. Smith.

812. Board of Trustees Receive and Expend Funds, R. V. Bennett, *et al.*

813. Organization Structure of the Church, Newark Annual Conference.

814. Duties of the Official Board, John Baxter Hawes.

815. United Church Canvass, Newark Annual Conference.

816. Anniversary First Methodist Church, Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference.

817. Commission on Religion and Fine Arts, Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference.

818. World Constitutional Convention, Chester A. Smith.

819. Simplified Form of Official Board, Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference.

820. Pastor's Salary, Charles E. Schofield.

821. Pension Plan for Lay Workers, Board of Education, California Annual Conference.

Memorials 822 to 835 inclusive have been referred to the Committee on Conferences.

822. Amend Par. 443, New Hampshire Annual Conference.

823. Racial Discrimination, Newark Annual Conference.

824. Numbering Sessions of Annual Conference, Newark Annual Conference.

825. Organizing a Local Church, Newark Annual Conference.

826. Change in Name of Eastern South American Conference, Cristobal G. Coates.

827. Relief for Starving Millions, Tom V. Ellzey.

828. Committee of Traveling Elders, George W. Henson.

829. Repeal Paragraph 23, J. E. Skillington.

830. Lay Privileges in Annual Conference, Edward A. Smith, *et al.*

831. "Orphanage," O. V. Woosley.

832. Qualifications for Admission to Provisional Annual Conference, Vernon M. McCombs.

833. Provisional Annual Conferences, Vernon M. McCombs.

834. Training for the Christian Ministry, Frank L. Shaffer.

835. Amend Paragraph 791, Raymond H. Huse.

To Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship:

836. Special Attention Arts and Crafts, Albert L. Baner.

To Committee on Central Conferences:

837. Central Conferences of Latin America, Provisional Annual Conference of Central America.

To Committee on Publishing Interests:

838. Chairman of Board of Stewards, New Orleans Preachers' Meeting.

To Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

839. Alternative Plan for O. B., Central, Pennsylvania.

VIII. COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, ETC.

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 Southeastern Jurisdiction: Walter A. Stanbury (Western North Carolina), Elias C. Watson (*) (North Alabama)
 Central Jurisdiction: R. Gammon Morris (Lexington), Lee W. Lynn (*) (Central Alabama)
 North Central Jurisdiction: Aubrey S. Moore (Rock River), T. Morton McDonald (*) (Indiana)
 South Central Jurisdiction: Walter W. Ward (Central Texas), Leslie J. Lyons (Southwest Missouri)
 Western Jurisdiction: Carl K. Mahoney (Pacific Northwest), J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona)

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- North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop J. Ralph Magee, Guy O. Carpenter (Indiana), Mrs. Conrad C. Long (*) (Ohio), Jacob Kindleberger (*)
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- Southeastern Jurisdiction: Robert A. Clark (Memphis), Elias C. Watson (*) (North Alabama)
- Central Jurisdiction: David W. Henry (Delaware), Theodore L. Miller (*) (Louisiana)
- North Central Jurisdiction: Arthur M. Wells (Illinois), Paul G. James (*) (Iowa-Des Moines)

South Central Jurisdiction: Sidney H. Babcock (West Oklahoma), C. A. Tolin (*) (St. Louis)
Western Jurisdiction: Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona), Edgar L. Oakes (*) (Idaho)

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THE METHODIST CHURCH**

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Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, Frederick B. Newell (New York East), F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore)
Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Clare Purcell, Marvin A. Franklin (North Alabama), Mrs. S. Homer Tatum (*) (Memphis)
Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Robert N. Brooks, M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington), James P. Brawley (*) (Atlanta)
North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Schuyler E. Garth, E. Burns Martin (Northwest Indiana), Frank D. Slutz (*) (Ohio)
South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop W. Angie Smith, Alfredo Nanez (Southwest Mexican), Mrs. Wiltz M. Ledbetter (*) (Louisiana)
Western Jurisdiction: Bishop James C. Baker, Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona), Ezra C. Harrah (*) (Colorado)
Foreign Fields: Y. C. Yang (China), Bishop Shot K. Mondol (India), George P. Howard (South America)
Women: Mrs. Wilbur H. Ale (*) (Detroit), Mrs. J. D. Bragg (*) (St. Louis), Mrs. Evelyn R. Nicholson (*) (Upper Iowa), Mrs. Roscoe M. White (*) (Virginia)

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Albert L. Baner (New Jersey) for J. S. Ladd Thomas (Philadelphia)
Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore) for C. E. Forlines (North Carolina)
Amos Thornberg (New England Southern) for Fred W. Adams (New England)
Oscar P. Bennett for William J. Williams (North Arkansas)
Roy H. McVicker (Colorado) for Lindsay B. Longacre (Colorado)

COMMISSION ON REVISION STUDY OF DISCIPLINE

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Bishop Raymond J. Wade

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Frank C. Probert (*) (New Jersey)

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Gideon I. Humphreys (Western North Carolina)

Central Jurisdiction: Edgar A. Love (Washington)

North Central Jurisdiction: Charles O. Loucks (*) (Rock River)

South Central Jurisdiction: Dawson C. Bryan (Texas)

Western Jurisdiction: Robert B. Spencer (*) (Colorado)

**COMMITTEE ON PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF
ORDER FOR 1948 GENERAL CONFERENCE**

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President of Council of Bishops

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania)

James E. Underwood (Memphis)

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois)

Eugene B. Hawk (Central Texas)

Rufus Baker (Colorado)

Lud H. Estes (Memphis) *ex officio*

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Southeastern Jurisdiction: Jesse M. Ormond (North Carolina), Walter K. Greene (*) (Upper South Carolina)

Central Jurisdiction: Karl E. Downs (West Texas), E. B. Dodson (*) (Washington)

South Central Jurisdiction: Gerald H. Kennedy (Nebraska), Carl Greenhaw (*) (North Arkansas)

North Central Jurisdiction: John M. Versteeg (Ohio), Paul G. James (*) (Iowa-Des Moines)

Western Jurisdiction: Andrew C. Caton (Montana), A. E. Eberhardt (*) (Utah Mission)

**COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECURITY FOR FULL-TIME LAY
EMPLOYEES IN RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS**

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Bishop Charles W. Flint

Northeastern Jurisdiction: William P. Tolley (Central New York)

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia)

Central Jurisdiction: E. C. McLeod (Texas)

North Central Jurisdiction: Edward A. Smith (*) (Detroit)

South Central Jurisdiction: Charles M. Hay (*) (St. Louis)

Western Jurisdiction: Donald A. Odell (*) (Southern California-Arizona)

**GENERAL CONFERENCE NOMINATIONS FOR
UNIVERSITY SENATE**

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Fred P. Corson (Central Pennsylvania), Charles N. Pace (Northern Minnesota), G. Herbert Smith (*), Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore),

Umphrey Lee (North Texas), Hubert Searcy (*) (Alabama), James L. Robb, E. E. Voight (Iowa-Des Moines), William P. Tolley (Central New York), Goodrich C. White (*).

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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Bishops Ivan Lee Holt, James C. Baker
Ralph E. Diffendorfer (Rock River), Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon (*) (North Carolina)
Alternates: The Resident Bishop of New York (Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam), Alfred W. Wasson (North Arkansas), Halley P. Johnson, William P. Tolley (Central New York)

GENERAL COMMISSION ON WORLD PEACE

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Bishops Charles Wesley Flint, William C. Martin
Henry N. Holmes (*) (New York East), Ralph W. Sockman (New York), G. Ray Jordan (Western North Carolina), Paul Worley (Holston), George W. Carter (Louisiana-C), Ernest Freemont Tittle (Rock River), Miss Georgia Harkness (*), Frank D. Slutz (*) (Ohio), Edmund Heinsohn (Southwest Texas)

GENERAL COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

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Bishops Clare Purcell, Titus Lowe
Northeastern Jurisdiction: C. W. Kitto (Philadelphia), Le Roy W. Stringfellow (New Hampshire), W. Clyde Sykes (*) (Northern New York), Henry Gilligan (*) (Baltimore).
Southeastern Jurisdiction: Henry W. Blackburn (Florida), Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee), elected Bishop by Jurisdictional Conference, Foye G. Gibson (Holston), elected to Commission for Costen J. Harrell, Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), William F. McMurry (*) (Memphis)
Central Jurisdiction: Gradison M. Phelps (North Carolina), Amos L. Holland (Mississippi), Samuel J. McDonald (*) (South Carolina), J. E. Wilkins (*) (Lexington)
North Central Jurisdiction: Charles W. Brashares (Detroit) (elected Bishop by the Jurisdictional Conference, and William E. Harrison (Detroit), elected in his place, Richard C. Raines (Northern Minnesota), Hershel R. Snavely (*) (Illinois), George R. Klein (*) (North-East Ohio)
South Central Jurisdiction: Albert E. Kirk (Kansas), R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas), J. T. Thompson (Little Rock), Frank L. McNeny (*) (North Texas)
Western Jurisdiction: H. Guy Goodsell (Oregon), W. P. Rankin (California), J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona), A. R. Reeves (*) (Montana)
Members-at-Large: Charles A. Jones (*) (Ohio), Harry S. Devore (North Texas), Frank G. H. Stevens (Southern California-Arizona), J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Edwin L. Jones (*) (Western North Carolina)

TRUSTEES FOR DREW UNIVERSITY

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Class of 1956: Nolan B. Harmon, Jr., Chester C. Marshall, Albert H. Marion, Eric M. North, John M. Pearson, Harold Paul Sloan, J. Edgar Washabaugh, Luther Haggerty (*), William MacRossie (*), Oscar H. Merz (*), C. C. Moore (*), Charles C. Parlin (*), William S. Pilling (*), Paul Sturtevant (*)

To fill vacancies *Class of 1948:* Ralph W. Sockman for Allen MacRossie, Deceased; Ross Allen Baker (*) for Frank A. Horne (*), Deceased

TRUSTEES JOHN STREET CHURCH

(See page 433)

Resident Bishop of New York (Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam), Arlo A. Brown, Edward R. Carman, John C. Hegeman, James R. Joy, Annie M. Pfeiffer, Millard L. Robinson, Clayton Snyder, Wilson P. Tanner

TRUSTEES LAKE JUNALUSKA, INCORPORATED

(See page 288)

For eight years: Elmer T. Clark, Edwin L. Jones, Benjamin H. Littleton, G. L. Morelock, C. C. Norton, Clare Purcell, W. F. Quillian, Guy E. Snively

For four years: H. A. Dunham, R. L. Flowers, Paul B. Kern, W. A. Lambeth, W. W. Peele, W. S. F. Tatum, L. W. Wells

TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

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Term expires 1948: Bishop H. Lester Smith, Harry Shaw (*) (West Virginia), Troy W. Appleby (*) (Ohio), Howard W. Whitaker (Louisville), Arnold A. Johnson (*) (Kentucky)

Terms expire 1952: Samuel W. Marble (Colorado), Henry Zimmerman (*), Reber Boulton (*) (Tennessee), J. F. Caskey (St. Louis), W. H. Williams (Detroit), Fred M. Bailey (St. Louis)

TRUSTEES METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

(See page 446)

Class of 1950: J. T. Leggett (Mississippi), M. A. Stevenson (Holston), John Q. Schisler (North Arkansas), George H. Armstead, Jr. (*) (Tennessee), Reber Boulton (*) (Tennessee)

Class of 1954: John L. Ferguson (Tennessee), B. B. Pennington (Tennessee), B. A. Whitmore (*) (Tennessee), C. F. Lovell (*) (Tennessee), W. H. Wiseman (*) (Tennessee)

TRUSTEES METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(See page 446)

Terms expire 1948: Bishop H. Lester Smith, M. C. Slutes (*) (Ohio), Carroll H. Lewis (*) (Ohio), H. F. Dornette (*) (Ohio), Anson C. Fry (*) (Ohio), Charles M. Coulter (Ohio)

Terms expire 1952: Isaac E. Miller (Ohio), Fremont E. Fribley (North Indiana), Albert G. Schatzman (Ohio), Leonard Garver, Jr. (*) (Ohio), Troy W. Appleby (*) (Ohio), J. B. Doan (*) (Ohio)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

(See page 447)

Bishop James H. Straughn, Roby F. Day (New York East), Henry O. DeWeese (North Indiana), Harry Shaw (*) (West Virginia), Cuthbert W. Bates (Western North Carolina), W. C. Scott (Baltimore), B. M. Mitchell (*) (West Virginia), Ely D. Miller (*) (Ohio)

TRUSTEES METHODIST HOME, WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO

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D. L. Curtis, H. W. Peterson, Roy I. Farmer, F. Hull, C. L. Yoder, F. E. Stottlemire, T. L. Montgomery

TRUSTEES WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

(See page 318)

Bishop James H. Straughn, L. E. Bee, John H. Baker, F. Murray Benson, George W. Culberson, Charles E. Forlines, Thomas S. Holt, George K. Mather, Benjamin W. Meeks, Reginald G. Mowbray, Reuben Y. Nicholson, William C. Scott

IX. GENERAL CONFERENCES OR GENERAL CONVENTIONS OF THE THREE CONSTITUENT CHURCHES FORMING THE METHODIST CHURCH

GENERAL CONFERENCES OR CONVENTIONS OF THE THREE CONSTITUENT CHURCHES FORMING THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Declaration of Union, Item III.

“The Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church had their common origin in the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America in 1784, A.D., and have ever held, adhered to and preserved a common belief, spirit and purpose, as expressed in their common Articles of Religion.”

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

1784 (Dec. '24)	Baltimore, Md.	The Christmas Conference
1792	Baltimore, Md.	
1796	Baltimore, Md.	

Secretary

1800	Baltimore, Md.	Nicholas Snethen
1804	Baltimore, Md.	John Wilson
1808	Baltimore, Md.	William Penn Chandler

Delegated General Conferences Began

1812	New York, N. Y.	Daniel Hitt
1816	Baltimore, Md.	Lewis R. Fechtig
1820	Baltimore, Md.	Alexander McCaine
1824	Baltimore, Md.	John Emory
1818	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Martin Ruter

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH 1928-1936

	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
1827 Convention	Baltimore, Md.	Nicholas Snethen
1828 Convention	Baltimore, Md.	Henry Willis
1830 Conference	Baltimore, Md.	Wm. S. Stockton
1834	Baltimore, Md.	Francis Waters
1838	Georgetown, D. C.	Gideon Davis
1834	Georgetown, D. C.	Nicholas Snethen
1838	Pittsburgh, Pa.	W. C. Lipscomb
1842	Baltimore, Md.	Asa Shinn
		T. W. Pearson
		John J. Reed

1846	Cincinnati, Ohio	Francis Waters	J. E. Wilson
1850	Baltimore, Md.	Levi R. Reese	A. H. Bassett
1854	Steubenville, Ohio	John Burns	W. H. Wills
1858	Lynchburg, Va.	W. C. Lipscomb	W. H. Wills
1862	Georgetown, D. C.	Francis Waters	D. Evans Reese
	(Adjourned to 1865)		
1865	Georgetown, D. C.	Francis Waters	D. Evans Reese
	(Adjourned session)		
1866	Georgetown, D. C.	W. H. Wills	J. K. Nichols
1867	Convention	Montgomery, Ala.	J. J. Murray
			C. W. Button
1870	Baltimore, Md.	J. G. Whitfield	J. G. Cherry
1874	Lynchburg, Va.	L. W. Bates	A. C. Harris
1877	Baltimore, Md.	L. W. Bates	G. B. McElroy
	General Convention		
1880	Pittsburgh, Pa.	G. B. McElroy	Wm. S. Hammond
1884	Baltimore, Md.	Wm. S. Hammon	S. K. Spahr
1888	Adrian, Mich.	David Jones	U. S. Fleming
1892	Westminster, Md.	J. W. Hering	John F. Cowan
1896	Kansas City, Mo.	J. W. Hering	T. M. Johnson
1900	Atlantic City, N. J.	D. S. Stephens	H. L. Elderdice
1904	Washington, D. C.	F. T. Tagg	F. C. Chambers
1908	Pittsburgh, Pa.	T. H. Lewis	Charles H. Beck
1912	Baltimore, Md.	Lyman E. Davis	Charles H. Beck
1914	Columbus, Ohio	Lyman E. Davis	Charles H. Beck
	Special Session		
1916	Zanesville, Ohio	Lyman E. Davis	Charles H. Beck
1920	Greensboro, N. C.	T. H. Lewis	Charles H. Beck
1924	Tiffin, Ohio	T. H. Lewis	Charles H. Beck
1928	Baltimore, Md.	J. C. Broomfield	C. W. Bates
1932	Columbus, Ohio	J. C. Broomfield	C. W. Bates
1936	High Point, N. C.	James H. Straughn	C. W. Bates

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

Secretary

1832	Philadelphia, Pa.	Thomas L. Douglass
1836	Cincinnati, Ohio	Thomas L. Douglass
1840	Baltimore, Md.	John A. Collins
1844	New York, N. Y.	Thomas B. Sargent

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1844-1936

1848	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Joseph M. Trimble
1852	Boston, Mass.	Joseph M. Trimble
1856	Indianapolis, Ind.	William L. Harris
1860	Buffalo, N. Y.	William L. Harris
1864	Philadelphia, Pa.	William L. Harris
1868	Chicago, Ill.	William L. Harris

Lay Delegates First Seated

1872	Brooklyn, N. Y.	William L. Harris
		(Elected Bishop, May 23, 1872)
		George W. Woodruff
1876	Baltimore, Md.	George W. Woodruff
1880	Cincinnati, Ohio	George W. Woodruff
1884	Philadelphia, Pa.	David S. Monroe
1888	New York, N. Y.	David S. Monroe
1892	Omaha, Neb.	David S. Monroe
1896	Cleveland, Ohio	David S. Monroe

Ministerial and Lay Delegates Now in Equal Number

1900..... Chicago, Ill..... David S. Monroe

Women Admitted to Membership

1904..... Los Angeles, Calif..... Joseph B. Hingeley
 1908..... Baltimore, Md..... Joseph B. Hingeley
 1912..... Minneapolis, Minn..... Joseph B. Hingeley
 1916..... Saratoga Springs, N. Y..... Edwin Locke
 1920..... Des Moines, Iowa..... Edmund M. Mills
 1924..... Springfield, Mass..... Raymond J. Wade
 1928..... Kansas City, Mo..... Raymond J. Wade

(Elected Bishop, May 23, 1928)

1932..... Atlantic City, N. J..... John M. Arters
 1936..... Columbus, Ohio..... John M. Arters

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, 1844-1938

1846..... Petersburg, Va..... T. N. Ralston
 1850..... St. Louis, Mo..... T. O. Summers
 1854..... Columbus, Ga..... T. O. Summers
 1858..... Nashville, Tenn..... T. O. Summers
 1862..... No session on account of the war.
 1866..... New Orleans, La..... T. O. Summers
 1870..... Memphis, Tenn..... T. O. Summers
 1874..... Louisville, Ky..... T. O. Summers
 1878..... Atlanta, Ga..... T. O. Summers
 1882..... Nashville, Tenn..... T. O. Summers
 (Died during session)
 John S. Martin
 1886..... Richmond, Va..... John S. Martin
 1890..... St. Louis, Mo..... W. P. Harrison
 1894..... Memphis, Tenn..... W. P. Harrison
 1898..... Baltimore, Md..... John J. Tigert
 1902..... Dallas, Texas..... John J. Tigert
 1906..... Birmingham, Ala..... John J. Tigert
 (Elected Bishop, May 17, 1906)
 A. F. Watkins
 1910..... Asheville, N. C..... A. F. Watkins
 1914..... Oklahoma City, Okla..... A. F. Watkins
 1918..... Atlanta, Ga..... A. F. Watkins

Women Delegates Seated for First Time

1922..... Hot Springs, Ark..... A. F. Watkins
 1926..... Chattanooga, Tenn..... A. F. Watkins

Special Session

1926..... Memphis, Tenn..... A. F. Watkins
 1930..... Dallas, Texas..... Lud H. Estes
 1934..... Jackson, Miss..... Lud H. Estes
 1938..... Birmingham, Ala..... Lud H. Estes

**THE UNITING CONFERENCE
 THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH
 THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH**

1939..... Kansas City, Mo..... Lud H. Estes

THE METHODIST CHURCH

1940..... Atlantic City, N. J..... Lud H. Estes
 1944..... Kansas City, Mo..... Lud H. Estes

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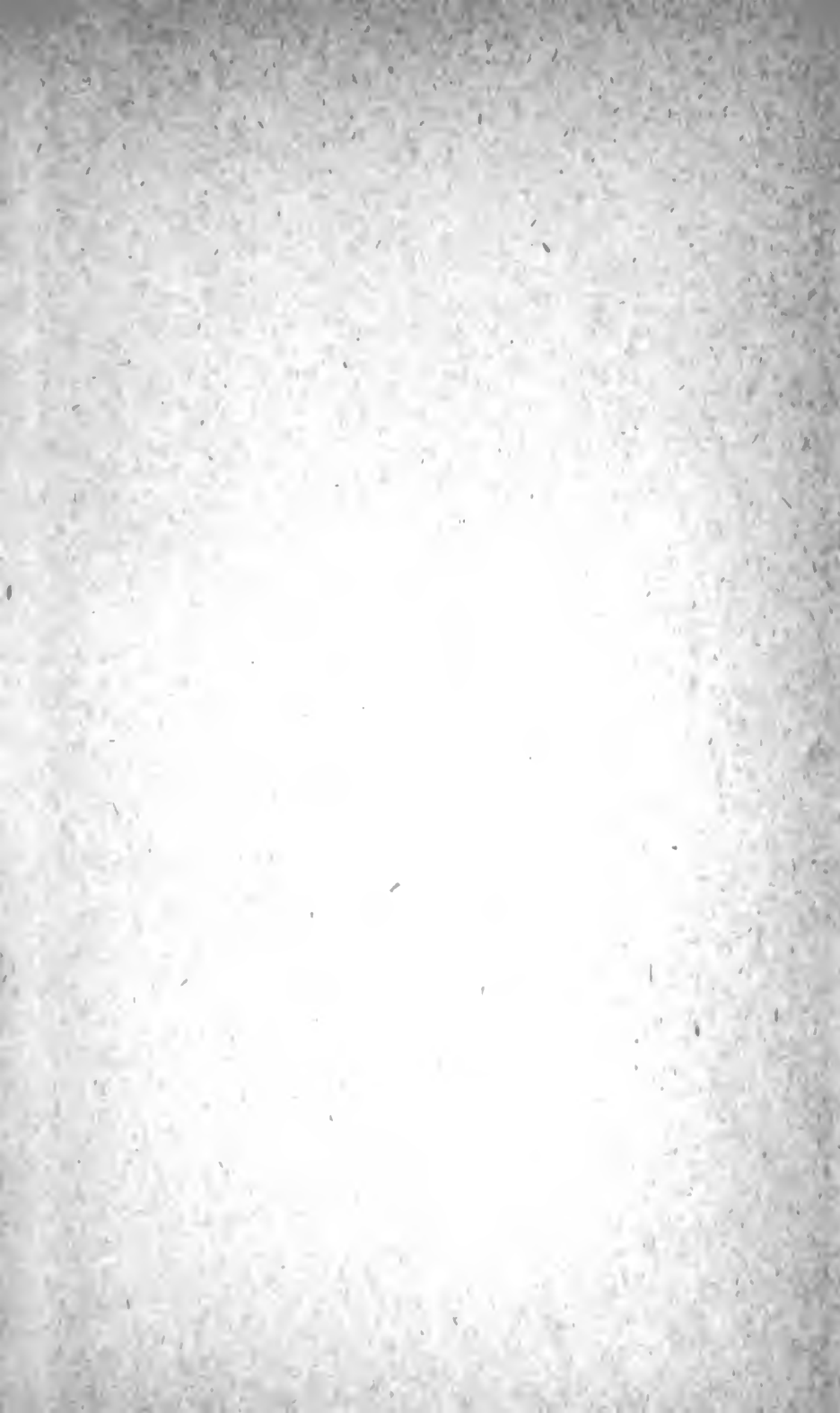
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