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OF

## THE TWELFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY *of* THE CHURCHES OF GOD

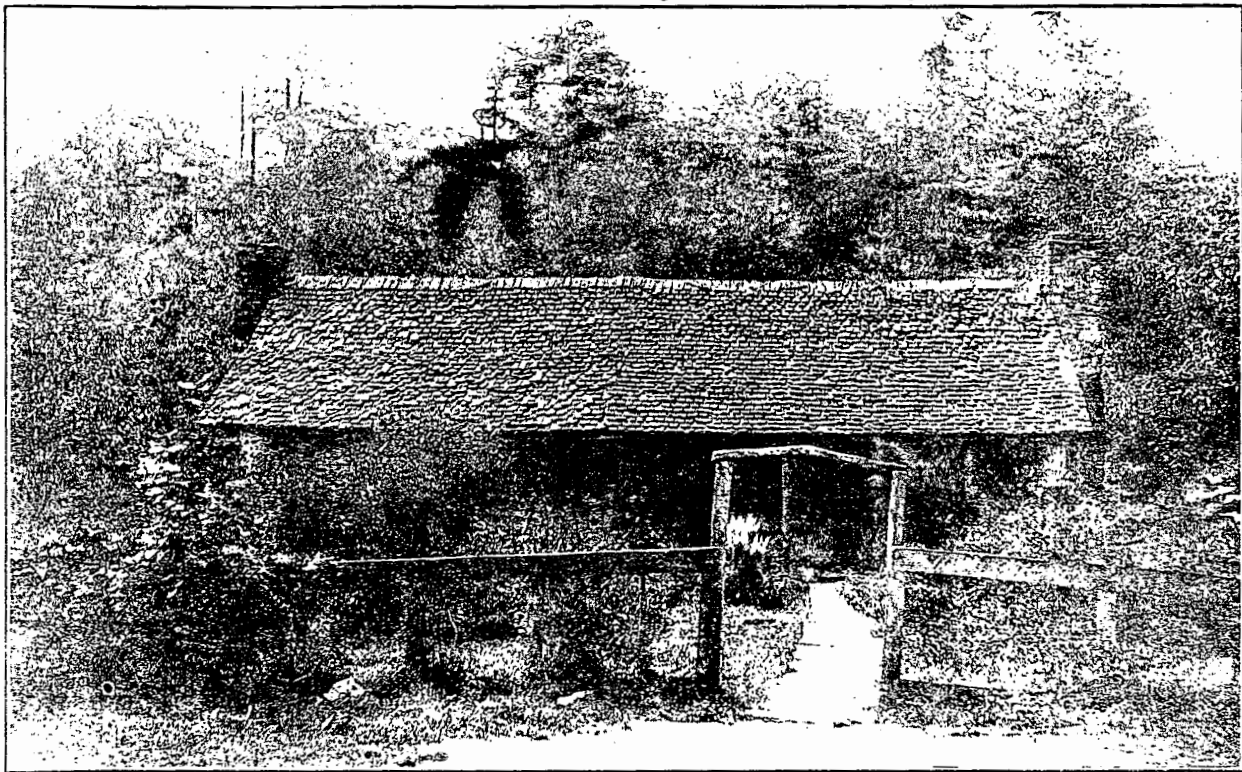


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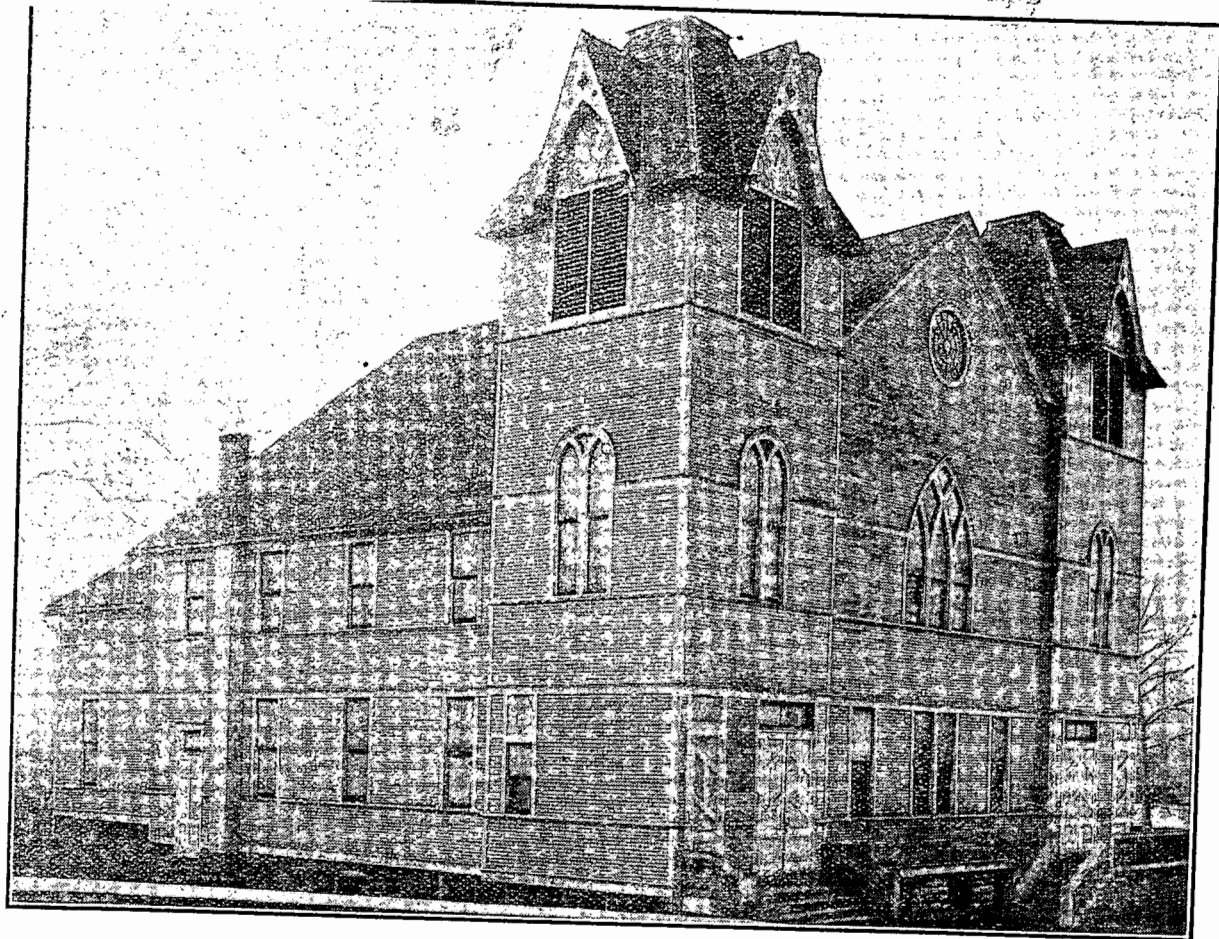
NOVEMBER 1-7, 1916

"Ye are come to the general Assembly and church of the first born."

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WHERE, THE TWELFTH ASSEMBLY WAS HELD, NOV. 2-7, 1916, AT HARRIMAN TENN.

## Prefatory Notes

We now have the pleasure of placing before the public the proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Assembly of the Churches of God.

It is hardly expected that every item will be noted, nor all the speeches and discussions given, but we have done our best to note all the business transacted in the order that it came, and give the necessary explanation and wording to make it clear. If we have made any mistakes, it has not been intentional.

The clerks, E. J. Boehmer, A. H. Bryans, Nora Chambers, Mrs. C. E. Lockard and Mary Howell, did excellent service; and made it possible to prepare this extensive report.

As some of the reports were not complete we had some difficulty in preparing the statistical reports, but we feel that they are very nearly correct. We have made special effort to get the names of every minister and officer in their proper places, and if any are omitted it is because we were unable to obtain the full information.

The great love of God dominated in every service, and the fellowship of saints was extremely pleasant and all seemed to enjoy one another.

The evangelistic services at night were honored with the presence of the Lord, and many souls were blest and some filled with the Holy Ghost.

The brass band from Cleveland, Tenn., was much appreciated by all. Their music was appropriate and highly commendable. At times hundreds of people were shouting, praising God, dancing and rejoicing while the beautiful strains of music echoed through the great auditorium.

Long live the memory in the minds of the precious brothers and sisters of the Twelfth Annual Assembly.

The time for the next General Assembly will be November 1-6, 1917.

A. J. TOMLINSON, General Overseer.  
Cleveland, Tennessee.

# Twelfth Annual Assembly

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## Churches of God

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### Introductory

People arrived on nearly every train all day November 1, and the committees were constantly busy in making provisions for their comfort. The brass band from Cleveland, Tenn., arrived about noon and this added much interest to the occasion as they marched to the Temple and gave several selections while the people rejoiced and praised God.

The introductory service on Wednesday night was well attended—the Temple was well packed with eager listeners, while quite often the shouts of joy broke forth like a mighty cataract under the tense strain of a tremendous storm.

The order for nearly an hour was songs, prayers and mighty praises to our loving King.

Pastor J. S. Llewellyn delivered the introductory address, which made all the incomers feel they were really at home in their new quarters. The response was delivered by J. A. Davis, of Hayesville, N. C. This was both interesting and impressive.

### DEDICATION

During a song which followed the address of brother Davis, preparations were made for the dedication ceremonies. The building committee appointed a year ago were seated in a row on one side of the platform. The Trustees were seated in a row on the other side of the platform.

At a certain moment the chairman of the building committee arose and walked forward to the stand at the front of the platform. In a few moments the other members of the committee arose and stepped forward and remained standing while the chairman, J. S. Llewellyn delivered a few appropriate remarks and presented the deed for the property and the keys of the building to the General Overseer as chief representative of the Assembly for dedication.

A song was then sung after which the General Overseer delivered a special discourse, at the close of which all were called to bow down before the Lord to show special gratitude to God for the great building. In a few moments all were called to stand upright with bowed heads and in silence, while the General Overseer offered the dedicatory prayer. At 9:45 p.m. the last word of the prayer was spoken and all of a sudden the power of the Holy Ghost fell upon the mass of human beings, the brass band struck up the wonderful music, and to describe what followed for thirty minutes would be impossible. The shouts, dancing, talking in tongues, music, weeping, and many manifestations of the Spirit of God convinced everybody present that God had accepted the building and filled it with His glory and power.

When quiet was restored and all were in place again, the General Overseer stood at the pulpit while the Trustees, one by one, took their places in silence at his left and formed a semi circle. In a few brief and appropriate remarks he delivered the deeds and keys to them to hold for the Assembly. After this was done, the Trustees quietly took their seats, and after some final remarks and announcements the large audience was dismissed for the night.

TUESDAY, NOV. 2, 1916.

The service opened at 9:30 with songs and prayers and weeping and shouting. Special concert prayer for the sick.

The Assembly proper opened at 10:00 o'clock a. m. by the reading of a Scripture lesson from Rom. 12, by the General Overseer.

Remarks—Dearly beloved, we all know these instructions just fit us here. Let love be without dissimulation. Let us be sure that we have the real love, one toward another, or as Peter says, love with a pure heart fervently.

Prayer—The stress and burden of his prayer was that the directing, guiding and protecting hand of God might overrule during the entire Assembly, and that the love of God might predominate in all the deliberations.

Song—Deeper Yet.

Call of the states, and their response:

## ALABAMA

W. S. Gentry, Overseer.

Representatives, 40.

Song—We are Looking for His Coming.

Number of churches reported last year	24
Number of churches set in order this year	4
Total number of churches now	27
Number of members reported last year	763
Total membership now	896
Amount of tithes received from the churches	\$208.63
Total amount of your expenses this year	\$380.43
Total number of miles traveled this year	4,000
Give number of counties in your state	66
Number of counties in which there are churches	16
Number of counties yet untouched	50

## BAHAMA ISLANDS

Milton Padgett, Overseer.

Representatives, 2.

Song—To the Fields.

Number of churches reported last year	9
Number of churches set in order this year	5
Total number of churches now	14
Number of members reported last year	344
Total membership now	369
Amount of tithes received from the churches	\$47.20
Number of islands	29 large; 661 small
Number of islands in which there are churches	6
Number of islands yet untouched	23 large ones

## CALIFORNIA

No response.

## FLORIDA

W. S. Caruthers, Overseer.

Representatives, 2.

Song—I Am So Glad.

Number of churches reported last year	37
Number of churches set in order this year	3
Total number of churches now	38
Number of members reported last year	979
Total membership now	1,125
Amount of tithes received from the churches	\$458.06
Total amount of your expenses this year	\$116.23
Total number of miles traveled this year	4,500
Number of counties in your state	47
Number of counties in which there are churches	17
Number of counties yet untouched	30

## GEORGIA

J. S. Llewellyn, Overseer.

Representatives, 55.

Song—The Half Has Never Been Told.

Number of churches reported last year.....	21
Number of churches reported now.....	30
Number of members reported last year.....	664
Total membership now.....	890

## ILLINOIS

Representatives, 1.

Song—If You Knew My Savior.

## INDIANA

Representatives, 1.

Remarks.

## KENTUCKY

W. F. Bryant, Overseer.

Representatives, 14.

Song—Christ Said to His Disciples.

Number of churches reported last year.....	4
Number of churches set in order this year.....	2
Total number of churches now.....	5
Number of members reported last year.....	108
Total membership now.....	166
Total amount of your expenses this year.....	\$90.45
Total number of miles traveled this year.....	4,292
Give number of counties in your state.....	119
Number of counties in which there are churches.....	4
Number of counties yet untouched.....	115

## LOUISIANA

Representatives, 2.

Remarks.

## MARYLAND

T. S. Payne, Overseer.

Representatives, 4.

Song—Praise the Lord.

Number of churches set in order this year.....	3
Total number of churches now.....	3
Total membership now.....	176
Total amount of your expenses this year.....	\$243.84
Total number of miles traveled this year.....	12,192
Number of counties in your state.....	24
Number of counties in which there are churches.....	2
Number of counties yet untouched.....	22

## MISSISSIPPI

M. S. Haynes, Overseer.

Representatives, 4.

Remarks.

Number of churches reported last year.....	6
Number of churches set in order this year.....	5
Total number of churches now.....	11
Number of members reported last year.....	406
Total membership now.....	441
Amount of tithes received from the churches.....	\$257.10
Total amount of your railroad expenses this year.....	\$148.00
For my family's expense.....	\$109.10
Total number of miles traveled this year.....	4,488
Number of counties in your state.....	75
Number of counties in which there are churches.....	6
Number of counties yet untouched.....	69

## NEW MEXICO

No response.

## NORTH CAROLINA

J. A. Davis, Overseer.

Representatives, 30.

Song—Press Along.

Number of churches reported last year	8
Number of churches set in order this year	3
Total number of churches now	9
Number of members reported last year	209
Total membership now	264
Amount of tithes received from the churches	\$50.00
Total amount of your expenses this year (walked 200 miles)	\$131.81
Total number of miles traveled this year	2,554
Number of counties in your state	97
Number of counties in which there are churches	7
Number of counties yet untouched	90

## OHIO

Representatives, 1.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

W. A. Capshaw, Overseer.

Representatives, 7.

Song—Holiness Unto the Lord.

Number of churches reported last year	3
Number of churches set in order this year	1
Total number of churches now	2
Number of members reported last year	77
Amount of tithes received	\$121.20
Total number of miles traveled this year	3,000
Number of counties in your state	40
Number of counties in which are churches	1
Number of counties yet untouched	39

## TENNESSEE

Geo. T. Brouayer, Overseer.

Representatives, 265.

Song—That morning.

Number of churches reported last year	30
Number of churches set in order this year	13
Total number of churches now	43
Number of members reported last year	1,922
Total membership now	2,232
Amount of tithes received from the churches	\$445.79
Total amount of your expenses this year	\$500.00
Total number of miles traveled this year, near	5,000
Give number of counties in your state	96
Number of counties in which there are churches	20
Number of counties yet untouched	76

## VIRGINIA

H. L. Trim, Overseer.

Representatives, 9.

Song—No Sorrow There.

Number of churches reported last year	12
Number of churches set in order this year	3
Total number of churches now	15
Number of members reported last year	302
Total membership now	371
Amount of tithes received	\$14.50
Total number of miles traveled this year	
Railroad	3,435
Walked	115



Wagon.....	1503,848
Give number of counties in your state.....	100
Number of counties in which are churches.....	5
Number of counties yet untouched.....	95

WEST VIRGINIA

W. M. Rumler, Overseer.

Representatives, 5.

Song—I Want to Go There.

Number of churches reported last year.....	2
Number of churches set in order this year.....	4
Total number of churches now.....	6
Number of members reported last year.....	62
Total membership now.....	117
Amount of tithes received from the churches.....	\$202.80
Total amount of your expenses this year.....	\$275.00
Total number of miles traveled this year.....	1,200
Number of counties in your state.....	55
Number of counties in which there are churches.....	5
Number of counties yet untouched.....	50

NOON

Song. Prayer.

Remarks by Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia Overseers.

Song and prayer.

General Overseer's Annual Address.

GENERAL OVERSEER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

After the passing of another twelve months, November 2nd 1915 seems but yesterday. As we cast our minds backward and recall the events of twelve years as they have past by one by one we feel almost dazed because they have glided by so rapidly. Indeed it seems only a few days since R. G. Spurling, W. F. Bryant, M. S. Lemons and your humble servant, and seventeen others, sat in council at the home of brother and sister Murphey in Cherokee county North Carolina in the first of these annual conventions.

At that time we were so intensely interested in the cause for which we were assembled that we gave but little attention to the blinding snow that was falling and drifting on the outside. Brother Murphey kept his big fire-place filled up with wood and the room was made comfortable, although the weather was disagreeable and cold.

At that time there were many beautiful and commodious structures prepared and well equipped for public gatherings, but there was no room for us in any of them. By the kind hand of providence this humble cottage home was the one chosen where a few humble followers of the lowly Nazarene could gather together to ask and answer questions concerning the doctrine of the Christ of the Scriptures. Although the house was small and not arranged for a public gathering, it is evident that the Christ whom we served was present to shed forth light upon His wonderful Truth.

When the Christ, who is become the great Head of the Church, was born into this world, his mother was not surrounded with the luxuries of a mansion or a palace of ivory and gold, but she was in a lonely stable among the cattle and probably other animals. There was no room in the Inn for the mother of our Lord where the Bethlehem Babe could be born. He who became great was of lowly birth. He to whom all things were to be committed was born in a stable and laid in a manger. He that is now sitting at the right hand of the Father, ruling His great and wonderful church, was once a helpless babe lying in Bethlehem's manger. Ever since the days of the prophet Zechariah, God has taught His people that they should not despise "the day of small things."

Little did the occupants of that lowly room, as they convened on January 26th, and 27th, 1906, even think of growing from year to year until

their number would be increased to such vast proportions as is seen here this day. If a prophet had stood in our midst at that time and told us that the Twelfth Annual Assembly would be held in Harriman, Tennessee, in such a commodious building as this, probably we would not have believed him. If he had told us that there would be representatives from so many states as we see here this day, we probably would have been so shocked and paralyzed that we would have been rendered unfit for our humble duties.

But God, who knoweth the end from the beginning, evidently had His guiding hand upon us more than we realized. Since we have watched the growth and progress of the great Church of God from that time till now, we have only to exclaim, "This is God's work! This is God's Church, and we are only instruments in His great and powerful hands."

As we glance still farther back and remember our father Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob who was later named Israel, and the twelve patriarchs, and then remember of their bondage in Egypt for 400 years, and their wonderful deliverance by the mighty hand of God, and stretched out arm, and then think of them being organized a little later into the "Church in the Wilderness" by the giving to them "the lively oracles" we are led to exclaim, "Behold what hath God wrought!" But let us reflect again that the apostle Paul declares that this law "was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made." And this seed was Christ, our law giver.

The promise was made to Abraham and his seed. And in referring to the connection between the Abrahamic line when Melchisedec was priest, and the gospel dispensation when Jesus is priest, the writer of the book of Hebrews shows that the connection is the same as if the Law of Moses had never been given. Christ, he declares, is not a priest after the order of Aaron, but after the order of Melchisedec. The law then was only an arch or bridge, we might say, over which the wheels of time could pass, added because of transgressions. But where were the transgressions? Did Abraham do wrong? Did Isaac make some mistakes? It is easy to see that Jacob transgressed. No trouble at all to note the transgressions of Jacob's sons, excepting Joseph and Benjamin. But in spite of all their transgressions their descendants were delivered from slavery by the all powerful hand of God, and organized into the Church in the wilderness, six hundred thousand strong.

But when Jesus came, the original order was resumed the same as if the law had never been given—as if there had never been another priest from the time of Melchisedec. As proof of this analogy we only need to refer to the expression used by the writer of Hebrews not less than five times, "Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec." But in none of the epistles do the writers seem to condemn the law, and say that God made a mistake in giving it. No, it was added because of transgressions, and necessary for that time; and all the things that happened during that time are examples for us and written for our admonition and learning, "upon whom the ends of the world are come."

A glance at the comparison now might be of some interest here. Call attention to seven men sitting in council one evening all down and out, because their hopes seemed to be blasted, and no doubt they were advising with each other about what course to pursue. They had witnessed the performance of many miracles, and had been followers of Him who wore the seamless coat, but their Captain had been betrayed by one who had been numbered with them, and put to death by a cruel mob. "Now what shall we do?" All seemed to be in quiet meditation, when, suddenly, one of the number broke the silence by saying, "I go a-fishing." The other six in a chorus of voices said, "We also go with thee." No matter if their Leader was gone they would stick together. That little council was held and closed with perfect harmony and unity, although they only decided one question, and that was to "Go a-fishing." But by the morning light Jesus met them, and He, having a feast of fish and bread prepared for them, said, "Come and dine."

Call attention to another Assembly. This time "the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty." A little larger assembly than the other one referred to. There is no use to describe this one for all are more or less familiar with the happenings there. Suffice it to say, they, too, were of one accord, and unity prevailed unmolested. Peter did not say this time, "I go a fishing," but when he suggested the selection of a man to take the place of Judas to be numbered with the eleven; there was perfect agreement and the strictest harmony as they made the choice. This unity and harmony of minds and their deliberations evidently claimed the attention of Jesus, who was now at the right hand of the Father, and He must have remembered how He had told them that He would ask the Father to send the Holy Ghost to them. I fancy I see Jesus look into the face of His Father in the most imploring manner, and say, "Now Father, send Him." I need not say that He came, for you all know that He came one Sunday morning about nine o'clock, and they all began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Well, this unity and harmony prevailed among the multitudes so it was said of them that they "were of one heart and one soul." It was only a short time, however, till trouble came. There were strong persecutions, and trouble from the outside, but it was the trouble within the church that caused the most anxiety. But it did not cease to be the Church simply because they had some trouble among themselves. It was not long until false teachings and heresies sprang up and threatened to wreck the whole institution. It was such as this that called for the Assembly at Jerusalem in the year 46. It was such as this that called forth from the pens of the apostles so many warnings and admonitions.

The clouds grew thicker, and more dense all the time, as the days hurried by. At last the apostles were all slain but one, and he died of old age. By the time Polycarp, who was a disciple of John, grew to old age, the gloom had settled down upon the once pure and harmonious Church so heavy, until at times the heart of this dear old man would almost break with anguish and sorrow. Leaders sprang up and many of them established what they termed, "Jerusalem's," that they might become rulers similar to James who ruled all the churches everywhere established until the day of his martyrdom. But the final culmination came at the Nicean Council in the year 325, when they made the creed that put the knife to the throat of the body of Christ, and disconnected it from its Head.

As Paul says, the law was added because of transgressions, so we can just as truly say that Creeds were added because of transgressions. When Jesus came, He took His place after the order of Melchisedec just as though there had been no law given by Moses. Now it is our privilege and duty as the body of Christ to take our place after the order of the original church as if there had never been any creeds. This is our object. This was the object of the twenty-one that assembled at the home of J. C. Murphy about eleven years ago. This has been the desire of the honest and humble followers of Jesus Christ as we have assembled from year to year ever since that time. We have not come together merely to settle disputes concerning doctrine, but it has been our purpose largely to sit together as a school of learners, to search out and put in practice the very plan and working order of the early church.

The law served as a school master to bring people to Christ, and it is evident that the creeds, or denominational churches, have served their purpose in bringing us to the Church of God. Had it not been for the creeds that were so diverse one from another that caused us to stop and wonder, we might not have found the original land marks that marked out the way of the early fathers. I will ever adore the work of the Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and Quakers as well as the many others, besides the many independent missionary and holiness movements. As the law had its place until Christ came, and was a school master to bring them to

Christ, so these different churches and movements have been as a school master preparing us for the great Church of God.

But there came a time when the law was dead. Christ had come and the law had served its purpose. It was dead. Hear the mournful wailing of the apostle Paul as he rehearses his experience when he found himself bound up in the cold clammy arms of a dead body: "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Then he suddenly remembered that it was Christ that came to deliver him and he promptly returned his thanks to God for that wonderful deliverance. How many under the sound of my voice to-day have been bound up in the pales of the different churches and movements, and you cried out for deliverance? Then how many can render thanksgiving and praise to God for sending the Great Church of God to make a way for your deliverance? And now we are free, and real live members of the body of Christ. Lively stones bulled together, rising higher and higher as the cycles of years roll on.

And now we are following in the wake of the apostles and the early Church as if the many different churches and movements had never had an existence. And God is now just as truly confirming the Word with signs following as at the beginning. Devils are cast out, we have the new tongues, the serpents are taken up, hands are laid on the sick and they recover. The gifts are being bestowed. Some are receiving wisdom, knowledge is increasing with each passing year, as well as a manifestation of all the other gifts.

No doubt we have acquired much knowledge by constantly studying and searching, but it is really astonishing how much our people know who have had but little opportunity to develop the mind. But with all that we know, we are frank to acknowledge that we do not know everything yet. In fact, we are here to learn, and wherein we are short we fully expect God to make it up, so we may know all that we ought to know, so that we may, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, conduct the affairs of the great Church of God in a manner that will cause the multitudes of watchers to express astonishment, as the most perplexing problems are handled and dispensed with, in the most diplomatic manner. But we are not the people to take honor upon ourselves, and boast of our ability. We always rely on God. We have such confidence in Him that nothing daunts or discourages or frightens us.

Take it as a whole this has been a year of wonderful prosperity. Evangelists and pastors have had great meetings. The exact number of converts is not known. No one knows the number that have been sanctified, or baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. It is almost impossible to keep an accurate account of the accessions to the Church. It would be interesting to know but our present system does not fully meet this need so that a total estimate can be made each year with accuracy. It might be well to have our system revised at this assembly so that an accurate account can be kept. This is surely not contrary to the practices of the apostles and early Church.

There were the twelve selected, then seventy others. There were 120 in the upper room and 3,000 converted at the first service, and 5,000 at the second. There were twelve at Ephesus, and an accurate count was made of all who were on board the vessel that carried Paul toward Rome and was wrecked on the island of Melita. The exact number as given was 276. All this shows that they kept records and counts. Then why not we make arrangements for a better system of keeping our records? The work we are doing is certainly as important as that of our predecessors, because we have taken it up where they left off, and are fighting our way back to the original, in its perfection and glory.

Each succeeding year brings added light, and an increase of responsibility. The increase of number calls for better system, and a stricter performance of duty. The twelve apostles managed the business fairly well at the start, but when there was that mighty increase of three and five thousand, and then of the multitudes both of men and women, it created a demand for more officers to attend to the business. This demand gave

rise to the selection of the seven men of faith, wisdom, and the Holy Ghost to serve as deacons.

It has been said, Necessity is the mother of invention. The same principle was true in the early Church. A demand for more officers was the cause for the installation of these seven men. Then it is only a little while till we find James, the Lord's brother, in his place, having part with the twelve. We used to think, as many others have thought that this James was one of the twelve, but since we have given the subject more careful study, it has been made very clear to us, that he was not one of the twelve, but as stated by Hegesippus, the historian that flourished nearest the apostles, "James, the brother of the Lord received the government of the Church WITH the apostles." And it is very clear to us now that he occupied a certain position, and had his part in the government of the Church. Then a glance down the line as we scan the pages of history, reveal the fact that some of the "other seventy" occupied certain positions, and assisted in the government of the church during their lifetime.

This Assembly is not a legislative body. It does not create offices, but it is rather a judicial body. One that searches out the law and offices that have been already made and created and applies and fills them. This is what we have been doing from year to year as necessity has created the demand. We are diligently searching for the original system of Church government. It is indeed wonderful what progress we have made.

This year certain problems have confronted us that we have never met before. This has caused some of us to look into the Word a little deeper. Whenever anything comes up that we do not know how to manage, we always consult that portion of our law Book bearing on that particular subject. And almost always we find more than we expect. In my address a year ago I made mention of a matter that seemed to make no impression on the minds of the brethren. If it appealed to them at all it was never mentioned to me. They may have studied the subject more during the past year. Whether they have or not, I feel I would hardly be doing my duty to let this opportunity pass without calling attention to it again. We are searching for the entire system of Church government; and it is somewhere in that Book, the blessed Bible, either in types and shadows, or precept and example.

I see no better language to use in introducing this subject than a repetition of that used a year ago, with probably some digressions and additions, because away down in the depths of my soul I feel the weight and importance of this special theme.

"There in that Book—That wonderful Book—that blessed Book, that Book we love so well—is written, although more or less in occult language, the plan, the system, the instruction for which we are searching. And as has been often stated before, we repeat, that, as we stand locked together, with one heart and one soul, and follow and obey the instructions already deciphered, the balance will open to our view." How much more are we able to see now than we saw a year ago? How much has our capacity for understanding increased? The answer to these questions may materialize as we engage in our deliberations from day to day.

The text that I wish to use as a starting point on this particular subject is in Acts 21:17, 18. "And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. And the day following Paul went in with us unto James: and all the elders were present." There are four points in these verses to which I wish to call attention. First: The brethren in Jerusalem; Second: the little word "in"; Third: James; and Fourth the Elders. It is plain to see that "the brethren" were the brethren or members of the Church. Luke and Paul were now in Jerusalem, but the next day they went "in" to another place. And on the inside of this particular place they met James, as a distinct and special person of prominence, and with him were "all" the elders present. We have studied James and his position until we pretty well know him and the position he occupied, but we may not be so familiar with the elders and their duties.

In referring to these elders a year ago, I said, "We raise the question as to who these elders were, and their office, and duty, or service. Tell us about them if you will. What were their names? And why were they mentioned by the writer in a body, and James by himself? We leave these questions for the present, awaiting a more convenient time for further consideration. Pass them by unheeded if you will, but as we are convened here to search for the apostolic order, I appeal to my brethren for aid in deciphering such passages that we may be better able to perform our service, and more fully follow in the foot-steps of those who operated the system of Church building and evangelization so perfectly that every creature under heaven heard the gospel in their day."

We may be better able to answer these questions now than we were a year ago. We may have given this matter some attention. If there should be a body of elders to associate closely with your "general overseer" similar to the president's cabinet of the United States, we will be that much dwarfed without it, and our growth will be hindered in proportion to the lameness of the government. If there should not be instituted this body of elders then we want to continue without it as we have been. But it is evident that before James sat a body of elders for deliberative purposes. And that they were shut in from, and were separate from the brethren, is evidenced by the statement in the text referred to above. And that they were a body having authority, is shown by the orders they gave Paul, and the promptness of his obedience to those orders.

It is hardly indicated that these elders were constantly in session, but it appears rather that they had certain times to convene, or were called together by James at his option, when questions arose that demanded special attention and consideration, or when he felt the need of assistance or counsel. This need has been felt so much during the past two years by your "general overseer" that he has wondered if this was a means to push us up to our duty in arranging for this body of elders. I have thought of the state overseers as constituting this body of elders. Then I have thought of those who are so located that it would be convenient to call them together at any time. However this may be, it does really seem necessary to arrange for this body of elders as a cabinet or body of counselors, before whom important matters can be brought for consideration and adjustment.

This is certainly in harmony with God's arrangement in the Church in the wilderness. Call attention to Moses and the "seventy elders." The "seventy elders" were called to help Moses bear the responsibilities that seemed to be too heavy for himself alone. When Jesus was here He called twelve men to be with Him, and when James, the Lord's brother was called and chosen to occupy the chief executive's chair it appears that at times at least there were elders present who sat before him in council and deliberation. That they were not always all present is indicated by the expression in the text. At this special time when Luke and Paul went in unto James, "all the elders were present." The inference here is, that, at some other times they may not have all been with James in the council. Then when we take into consideration the fact that Peter and John, who were both elders, and apostles as well, and remember that they did not all the time remain at Jerusalem, this is more proof that this body of elders either had certain times to meet, or were called together by the chief executive when he deemed it necessary on account of some important business pending.

All of these matters must have the most prayerful and careful consideration if this subject is thought worthy of notice by this venerable body. If this is only a fanciful notion of your general overseer, born out of a feeling of weakness on his part, and not to the best interest of the Church or according to the Bible, I hope the very thought of such a thing may be blown to atoms before it makes any impression on the minds of these honorable and wise counselors in this presence. For I would much rather bear the burdens alone, and still press my way to Him who knows all things,



for wisdom and counsel, than to substitute some illegal plan for the sake of relief, or to shift responsibility to others. But in the face of all this, it remains that on that certain occasion, Luke and Paul went in "unto James and all the elders were present."

I am to-day trembling before God, with a feeling that I am in a narrow path, because of a fear that I might recommend something that is unscriptural, and would prove a great detriment to the cause we love so well, if it were accepted and put into action. On the other hand, if I should fail to recommend something, that, if neglected, would cause the great Church of God to deteriorate instead of progress as it has been doing, it would be a source of sorrow and sadness to me the longest day that I live. We are truly resting on a pivotal point just now, and the least feather weight cast on the wrong side will break the balance, and might start us agoing in a direction that would result in disaster and defeat. But we do not expect this. That there must be some changes, and advanced steps taken, is a matter that is undebatable; but just what those steps are, and how they are to be taken, are the problems for this Assembly to solve.

We are assured of the fact that we have found the best form of government that was ever instituted, but it becomes us to search deeper into its principles in order that we may keep apace with the wonderful increase of members, which makes it necessary to draw from the great resourceful plan, the parts that God has provided for use, as the increase is realized. When Jesus fed the seven disciples on bread and fish there were so few in number that very little organization was needed, but when He fed the multitudes, He had His disciples to make the men sit down by fifties in a company. There was a time when we only had a general overseer, but as time moved on and the great increase was realized, there was created a demand for fuller organization, so this gave rise to the selection of what we commonly term, state overseers. This plan has been studied very carefully and considered in harmony with both the Church in the wilderness and the church of the gospel. In the Church in the wilderness they had rulers over thousands, rulers over hundreds, rulers over fifties, and rulers over tens. In the Church of the gospel it appears that they had something of the same order, as the number of the disciples were increased and created a demand for it. This may be explained more fully by brother Lee in his discourse. Suffice it to say here, that with the increase of members, there must be better and fuller organization to govern and take care of them, and give them the necessary instruction and protection.

The above reasoning has paved the way to mention two other points relative to good government, that should claim the attention of this assembly. The first is the propriety and advisability of dividing the states into sections or districts with a superintendent over each district, and still retain the state overseers, or divide the states and have two or more overseers. The second point is that of a better system about the location and arrangement of pastors.

Under the first head I wish to say that it is plainly seen by those who are constantly watching over this great institution, that the work of the state overseer has grown to such proportions, and the work is so much scattered, it is impossible in some states for him to give each church the proper attention. The expense of travel over his widely scattered territory is no little item. He may be in some remote part of the state, and a special demand for his assistance arises in the other extreme part of the state, and funds are short, and in some cases the work has suffered on account of unavoidable neglect. I believe this matter should claim its share of the attention of this honorable body, and some plan materialized that will meet the needs. Surely there is something in our Book that provides for a system that will preserve the work, and at the same time evangelize the unevangelized parts of each state more rapidly.

Under the second head I wish to call attention to the unsystematic arrangement of our pastoral work. Each church tries to get a pastor that suits

them, or some one they can get, and the states overseers have tried to supply the balance the best they could. As a result of this imperfect system some of the churches have had pastors sometimes a few months at a time while others have probably had none at all. Then sometimes a pastor would stay a little while at a place and then decide to go elsewhere and leave them shepherdless or they would have to get another. Thus changes have been made almost any time, and nearly any way, with no regularity about it. Then in some cases a pastor has been called to churches a hundred miles apart, more or less, and between those points are churches that may or may not have had pastors. But there has been no regularity, no economy, no economic system. This matter should have due attention. And if by a careful study of the Bible, it should be found Scriptural to do so, careful allotments should be made of the territory occupied, and the churches in close proximity with each other should be thrown together in a group and one pastor have the care of from one to four or more in proportion to the needs and best interest of the work. Where a church is isolated and cannot well be placed in a group with others, there should be placed over it a pastor evangelist who cannot only care for this one, but can evangelize the territory around besides, and possibly soon have other churches organized.

I feel safe in saying that the Scriptures will warrant a better system for pastoral work than the one already in vogue. In fact we have had no system or regulation concerning the placing of pastors. We have been following too closely, I fear, after the idea of each church being an independent government of its own, and bordering on to independent democracy instead of real Bible theocracy. But here is a company of men assembled who are determined to uncover the entire principles of God's government. Traditions, former practices and customs, ideas and opinions, must be dispensed with, and all such give place to the open Word of God. Israel, in her first glory, immediately following the giving of the law, and on up to the death of Joshua, furnishes a good picture from which to draw conclusions concerning the government and system of God's Church.

We are now ready to mention another matter that this Twelfth annual Assembly should not pass without giving it some consideration. The manner in which pastors are selected has never given perfect satisfaction. In fact, the plan as outlined by the assembly heretofore has not been strictly followed in every detail. And this plan when adopted three years ago, was not considered the perfect order to follow, but was accepted for the present needs awaiting added light and knowledge. We trust that God has been giving both light and knowledge and that the perfect order and plan for selecting pastors will be made so plain before this twelfth annual assembly that all can see and gladly accept it.

There is one thing about this subject that gives consolation. God has promised to give us pastors according to His own heart, which shall feed His people with knowledge and understanding. And if He gives such pastors He will certainly teach us just how and where to locate them. He surely has a plan by which to place each one in his proper place for a specified time. When the time comes for action on this subject, I believe God will remove the veil and mist, and let us see His perfect plan. That pastors are necessary, and according to Scripture in these last days, is shown by the apostle where he explains that they have a part in the perfecting of the saints, the work of the ministry, and the edifying of the body of Christ. And so careful and watchful is the Lord over the flock that He pronounces a "woe" upon the pastors that behave themselves in such a manner that they destroy and scatter the members. If this is the time for the revision of the plan now practiced in selecting pastors, this assembly should give it careful and prayerful attention. And God will lend His assistance in imparting wisdom, and revealing the Scriptures.

I am now going to mention another matter that has never been before us in any assembly. It may not seem good, or Scriptural either at first, to



this vast body of thoughtful men and women. It is a subject that has presented itself to my mind occasionally for several years, and thus it is not new. I have pondered over it much, but never until now have I had the courage to present it to the assembly for their consideration. I will name it the "watchers over tens."

In our teachings concerning the government of the Church we have often referred to the system adopted by Moses in caring for Israel. This has been one item of proof concerning the overseers. The plan suggested by the father-in-law of Moses and evidently accepted by the Lord, was that of having rulers over thousands, rulers over hundreds, rulers over fifties, and rulers over tens. We have never yet completed this system, although it has been mentioned very frequently heretofore in giving teaching on government and system. We may get nearer to it at this assembly, provided we can harmonize this order with New Testament teaching.

Please notice the form as already suggested and will probably come before the assembly for definite consideration. The state overseers compare to the rulers over thousands. The district overseers over hundreds, and the pastors over the fifties. But where are the "watchers over tens" to come in? I will say here, that it is hardly expected that each overseer has exactly a thousand, or a hundred, or fifty to watch over, but these numbers are given more as a proportional division. This idea of "watchers over tens" has gradually developed in my mind on account of the working of the same principle as referred to above, "necessity is the mother of invention." I have noticed that in churches of large membership, the pastors have not been able to keep in direct touch with all of their members. I dare say that some of you pastors here do not know all of your members. If you were to meet some of them directly you would have to have an introduction before you would know them. But even if you know their faces and names, you are not able to give sufficient attention to every one. Then sometimes they move away, either to some other part of the city or to another town. The result is, you lose them entirely sometimes.

I'm sure you all agree with me that there should be a better system inaugurated by which provision can be made to give better care and protection to the little lambs. In my judgment, the plan of having "watchers over tens" will work wonders in assisting to solve this problem. Let the membership be divided into groups of tens more or less according to convenience, and let one be appointed to watch over each group. These watchers are not to consider themselves as rigid rulers over their groups, but to love them, administer spiritual help to them when needed, and keep a careful record of their location and attendance of the regular services, so they can give the pastor needed information about each one at any time. Keep such a close watch over them that if they move away it will be known at once and where they locate; or if they are sick, or become in needy circumstances they can be assured of the proper care.

This plan is not without Scriptural foundation. The work of the deacons as described by our early historians may throw some light upon this subject. The deacons are to "be as eyes to the bishop (or pastor) carefully inquiring into the doings of each member of the church. \* \* \* \* Let them check the disorderly, that they may not desist from assembling to hear the discourses, so that they may be able to counteract, by the word of truth, those anxieties that fall upon the heart from every side, by means of worldly casualties and evil communications. \* \* \* \* And let them (the deacons) learn who are suffering under bodily diseases and let them bring them to the notice of the multitude who do not know of them. \* \* \* \* These things, then, and things like to these, let the deacons attend to." I have just given an abridged quotation from one of the early fathers. But all such work and care of the members may not fall on the deacons alone, for the Scriptures show duties imposed on older men, and also on the older women, which may harmonize with the above named plan.

But this is not for me to discuss now, more than to give some rea-

sons for presenting the plan. The matter rests with these noble hearted, wise headed brethren to consider and decide yea or nay.

There is another reason favoring this plan, however, that should not be omitted. You all know that work, and a feeling of responsibility are two of the main causes of spiritual growth. This plan offers some special work for more of the members, and drops upon them a feeling of more or less responsibility. They will have a feeling that they are, to some extent at least, their brother's keeper, which may work for their own good as well as the good of those over whom they are watching.

It would certainly be very unwise for us to allow five days of counsel to pass by without giving some attention to the revision of our financial system. We admit that we have never yet fathomed this gigantic problem, and got it in perfect working order according to the Scripture. But we are fully able to deal with this great question, just as well as the many other questions that have claimed our attention, and been so satisfactorily arranged. The Church can no more exist and progress without money than any other government. Then to arrange the money system on an economic bases in perfect harmony with the Scriptures is the duty of this assembly. Attention has been given to this subject at each assembly for several years. Much light and information have been gained. Surely we are almost ready to unveil the perfect system and put it in full operation, so it can be said of us now as well as at the beginning, "Neither was there any among them that lacked. \* \* \* \* and distribution was made to every man according as he had need."

Under the present system it can hardly be said that there is equality as recommended by the apostle Paul. Instead of equality, some churches have a bountiful supply, and pay their pastors and evangelists well, while others are in a severe strain and scarcely able to maintain an existence. There are some poor churches that scarcely ever have any preaching because they are not able to meet the expenses. They have either never been able to get started right, or have met with some peculiar difficulties or misfortunes. With the proper assistance, this class of churches may be helped up so they cannot only support themselves, but also lend assistance to others that are in need of help.

Since God loves one person as well as another, and one church as well as another, He has certainly instituted a plan to equalize the benefits derived from the preaching of the gospel, so there will be no need of one church starving for the bread of life, while another has so much good preaching that it is scarcely appreciated. If this is true, then there must be hid away within the folds of that Blessed Book a financial system that will make possible a just and equal distribution of the bread of life. For all must acknowledge that the preaching of the gospel depends largely upon financial support, although the preachers do not preach for money.

It has been clearly demonstrated that God provides a remedy for every ill. When people fall back into sin there is a remedy for it. When their bodies get sick there is a remedy. No matter what befalls the human race, God, in His infinite mercy and wisdom, has provided a way of deliverance. I fancy I hear the silvery voice of dear brother Paul as it rings out above the cries of distress from every quarter, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." This covers it all. But while the provisions have been made, there are certain instructions given which God requires us to follow in order to obtain the results. And if we do not follow these instructions He is under no obligations to force a deliverance. It is our desire and purpose to find these instructions in reference to the financial system, that will lead to the cure of the ills we have mentioned, so that all may be provided for on an equal bases.

Sufficient instructions have been received from the Word of God, so that most all of our people understand that it is their duty and blessed privilege to pay tithes and offerings into the local church treasuries, but the proper plan for distribution is what has been giving us the special concern. The

plan we have been following has given only partial satisfaction. It has worked fairly well, however, up to the present time, but as the great Church advances, and the number of members and churches multiply which calls for a change in governmental economy, this creates a demand for a change in the money distribution, so that all may be supplied according to their needs with no partiality. I call upon God and this assembly to unveil the true system to meet the needs of the present time, and pave the way for the more gigantic system of the future.

The twenty-seven books of the New Testament do not furnish sufficient instructions on this particular subject to enable us to institute the perfect system, but we have a description of the "Church in the Wilderness," from which to draw information, so that we believe the system can and will be materialized. If everything had been written that Jesus did, the world would be full of books, according to John's statement, but the Holy Ghost has been so marvelously leading in the past that it gives us great reason to believe He will guide us on into all the truth. It is not explained just how the distribution was made in the early church, but it was made so that all were supplied according to their need. And this is the corner stone or land-mark to which we are running our line of survey. The sands of time seem to have covered up the line marked out by the apostles, but the corner stones are still standing—the old land marks still remain. We have a place to start, and if we move in the right direction we will find these corner stones right on the line.

But all scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for instruction, so we will do no violence to the truth to fall back to the church in the wilderness for some assistance. There they had a money system complete. If by following some of the instructions there, we are enabled to run to what we know are corner stones in the New Testament, we are surely on safe footing. When we run our line out and find we have missed the land marks of the New Testament, then we can do no better than fall back again to the starting point and start over again. But there is one thing about the people of the Church of God that is worthy of notice, and that is, they will never give up until they find the perfect system. And we are very careful to have Scriptural instructions for everything we do. This carefulness has kept us from ship-wreck for twelve years, and we are sure it will still hold us in the clear channel between the buoys.

Under our present system there is a chance for some to think that the state overseers will get too much money. There is also a chance for people to say the general overseer is becoming wealthy. There should be some provision made to prevent this. It is not best to support a plan that makes an opportunity for wrong thoughts and wrong suppositions. If it was true that the overseers were getting the amount of money that it is sometimes surmised that they are getting, it would not be so bad but when it is only conjectured, and we know it is not true, it becomes somewhat serious, and no doubt is a means of preventing some from paying tithes that otherwise would. If it is thought best to continue the present system, then I suggest that arrangements be made for a state treasury, and a general treasury, so that these tithes will not come direct to the overseers. This plan would certainly remove the chance for false conjectures. If, however, this suggestion is considered contrary to Scripture, by these wise counselors, I will not insist on its acceptance.

But I am inclined to the opinion that there should be some important changes made. Yonder beneath the shadow, as you follow the trail of six hundred thousand Israelites is seen a gleam of light that faintly reveals a beginning point from which can be measured a line that falls over into the full light of the gospel day. I will not say what I see, but I fully believe that the Holy Ghost will use some one or more of these wise counselors to point out to the balance of us the very beautiful blazing system for which we have been searching and praying. What could be more beautiful—what could be more grand and glorious than to discover a money system that

surpasses all the wisdom of men! We are destined to find it. The prophecy has gone forth and cannot fail. It will take this beautiful system to so attract the people that they will bring their silver and gold with them as they come, and cast it into the treasury of the Lord.

I make my appeal loud and long, and in the fear of God. I humbly and earnestly plead with my dear brethren to give due attention to these subjects, and probably others, in order that we may be able to bring the greatest honor upon the greatest institution that has ever been placed upon this beautiful earth. Upon us is conferred the great honor of lifting up the standard for the people for the last days. Will we, or will we not straighten up and quit ourselves like men? I am sure a heroic courage is heaving in almost every breast until you are almost ready to burst forth with a united shout of victory. In order to accomplish the greatest good, and save the greatest number of souls from an endless hell, we must work in perfect harmony and work hard. We must find the Bible plan and all bravely fall in line and press into it, no matter how much it may cross our former opinions and habits. We must bend ourselves to the Word of God rather than bend the Word to suit our opinions.

There is one thing we can all do if nothing else. We can be men and women for God, instead of a crowd of spoiled babies, crying around and whining because we cannot have our pettish ways. When Israel won the victory at Jericho, they all marched together, then they all shouted together then they all went up into the city every man straight before him, and they took the city. In giving a brief description of this wonderful event many years later the writer of Hebrews says, "By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days." But this faith did not materialize until all Israel marched, marched, marched, in perfect silence as far as conversation was concerned, for seven days, in perfect obedience to their commander.

We are now on the march, march, march! The Jericho walls of opposition to our advancement must fall, fall, fall! And they will fall down flat before us in proportion to our faith, and our faith will materialize in proportion to our obedience and unity of action. Perfect organization and concerted action will save souls, and house them in the great Church of God by the thousands. No unity, no organization, no system, no obedience, no concerted action, will damn souls in the abyss of everlasting punishment by the millions.

Our work here in this convention must be harmonious, flavored with the essence of love. Then when we go to our different fields of labor we must retain the same relation toward each other that we manifest here. We must always act in such a manner as will preserve the honor and prestige of the greatest institution that ever marked this earth—The Church of God. Upon us is conferred the honor of being her worthy representatives. We must rally to the standard and place it in every hamlet, village, town and city of this lost world, to shine forth the beautiful light, and show forth the signs and wonders in excess of all other institutions. Although they may do great things, we must do greater. We must surpass them all in righteousness, order, power and glory. Will we do it? Yea, we must do it! There must be no retreat! No surrender! But by steadily marching forward we will reach the goal! By the help of the Lord we will hoist the standard to the very top of the mast, and by faith in God smite every opposing force, and cast all the mountains of difficulties into the sea, and still march on and on and on. The Church of God shall win! Hallelujah! The Church of God Shall Win!

"Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners? The Church of God! Who is she that has been called to: 'Return, return, O, Shulamite, return, return, that we may look upon thee?' The Church of God! Who is it that is described by the prophet as being 'As it were the company of two armies?' The beautiful and glorious Church of God, and we are to-day be-

holding her beautiful appearance as we exclaim The Church of God! The Church of God!

At the close of the address the brass band gave several selections and the large audience spent several minutes in shouting, talking in tongues, weeping, dancing, and praising God. The manifestations of the Spirit were indescribable.

### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

- To Receive Questions: J. B. Ellis, J. A. Davis, W. A. Walker, P. F. Fritz, F. J. Crowder, Herschel Scoggins, A. C. Brawner.
- Grievance: Sam C. Perry, W. F. Bryant, W. R. Anderson, Milton Padgett, C. C. Walker, Jesse Clark, J. W. Culpepper.
- Watchmen: W. A. Capshaw, John Burk, J. C. Underwood, W. S. Gearty, F. L. Ryder, Charlie Grissam, Johnnie Cagle.
- Bible Order: F. J. Lee, M. S. Lemons, Geo. T. Brouayer, J. S. Blewett, W. S. Caruthers, S. W. Latimer, Z. D. Simpson.
- Financial: T. S. Payne, T. L. McLain, M. S. Haynes, A. J. Lawson, J. W. Pitcher, W. H. Cross, W. M. Rümber.
- Foreign Missions: Howard Jullerat, J. A. Self, H. L. Trim, J. L. Scott, W. H. Rogers, E. D. Hopkins, E. B. Culpepper.

Music by the band.

Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

6:30 p. m. Songs, Prayers, Testimonies and a general good time, Z. D. Simpson in charge

Collection, \$128.89.

Sermon by W. R. Anderson, followed by an altar service.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1916.

9:15 a.m. Songs and prayers.

### OVERSEER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts of Tithes		Disbursements	
Alabama	20.45	Postage	58.10
Bahamas	12.62	Stationery and printing	114.75
Florida	45.80	Phone and Telegraph	5.65
Florida, Col.	10.69	Car fare	37.77
Georgia	29.07	Photos and engraving	17.75
Illinois	10.40	Bal. Ex. last Assembly	19.87
Kentucky	—	Transfer and drayage	7.95
Louisiana	29.24	Miscellaneous expenses	21.64
Mississippi	26.56		
North Carolina	15.09	Total	\$283.48
South Carolina	9.64	Rec'd. from state overseers	822.04
Tennessee	52.80	Total disbursements	283.48
Virginia	11.42		
West Virginia	48.95	Balance	\$ 39.16
		Rec'd. from other sources	161.42
Total	\$322.64	Total net receipts	\$200.58
Other sources	161.42	Total receipts	\$484.06
Grand total	\$484.06	Total disbursements	283.48
		Total net receipts	200.58

NOTE—The Assembly refused to accept the report because they said the general overseer had paid \$19.87 on the expenses of the Assembly year. After remarks from several, a collection was taken and \$25.89 was laid on the table to make up for the \$19.87. The Overseer accepted the amount and appreciated the courtesy of the Assembly, although he stated

that he was satisfied without this reimbursement. When this is counted in the final report is as follows:

Total Receipts	\$ 509.95
Total Disbursements	283.48

Final Total Net Receipts	226.47
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The report was then accepted.

### REPORT OF PUBLISHING COMMITTEE

At the close of another year of publishing the Church of God Evangel we herewith submit our annual report:

At the last assembly the report showed that we were issuing 5,300 copies every week. The workers on the field went to work after the assembly and all of us together ran the list up to 7,000 in a few months, reaching the 7,000 mark February 19. On March 18th, we sent out 7,100 and the following week it was the same. Then it dropped back to 7,000 again, and with all of our efforts we could not raise it above that number. This continued till September 2nd. At that time a number were dropped from the list because they failed to renew. And not enough new ones to take the place, so the circulation dropped suddenly to 6,000. And the last issue was only 5,600. The only way I can account for this decrease is that on account of the increase of the price of paper and other printer's supplies we were forced to cut out the ten cents for ten weeks proposition.

### Financial Report

Total Receipts to October 28, 1916	\$1,847.22
Total Expenses	1,527.19
Balance for our services	320.03

Besides this the brothers and sisters of the church volunteered their services more or less almost every week.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. TOMLINSON, Chm. and Publisher

This report as accepted by the Assembly and the matter of selecting a new publication committee and publishing the paper was opened for suggestions, and discussion. The matter was discussed with enthusiastic interest and finally it was agreed that the new committee should be composed of A. J. Tomlinson, F. J. Lee, and T. S. Payne. There was also shown a strong sentiment favoring the purchase and ownership of a printing plant by the church of God, or its members, so as to have all the work done by consecrated hands. This became so prevalent that the clerks were authorized to receive subscriptions from any who wanted to subscribe as a gift, or as a stock company, with ten dollars as a share. At this juncture the music started and while the congregation sang, shouted and rejoiced the people came to the clerk's table and subscribed as follows:

### ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

T. S. Payne, Cleveland, Tenn. W. P. Taylor, Preston, Maryland.

### TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS

Smith, E. C. Martinsville, Va. Evans, Avery D. High Point, N. C.

### TWENTY DOLLARS

Beard, S. F. Harriman, Tenn. Brouayer, Geo. T. Cleveland

### TEN DOLLARS

Brown, J. C. Route 2, Cookeville, Tenn.  
Kephan, A. C. Route 1, Charlotte, Tenn.



Coolley, J G.	Garrison, W. Va.
Collins, W D.	Pleasant Hill, Tenn.
Cagle, Johnnie.	Ooltewah, Tenn.
Vess, D B.	123 E. Vine Ave. Knoxville, Tenn.
Luther, S C.	Whitesville, W. Va.
Phillips, G W.	Coulterville, Tenn.
Stargel, G T.	Dahlonega, Ga.
Chester, W M.	Whitestone, Ga.
Blalock, J M.	Clifty, Tenn.
Carlson, L D.	Arley, Ala.
Myers, J L.	Sunburst, N. C.
Langston, C F.	Route 1, Calhoun, Ga.
Rush, W W.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Ricketts, Mrs. W E.	Whitestone, Ga.
Lovelady, H B.	Soddy, Tenn.
Anderson, W G.	Johnson City, Tenn.
Deering, W D.	1801 S. Watkins, st., Chattanooga
Morgan E E.	Cleveland, Tenn.
Dillbeck, W C.	Cleveland, Tenn.
Mitchell, S R.	Finleyson, Ga.
James, Mrs. Mary	Belmont, N. C.
Cross, Mrs. Sarah	Graysville, Tenn.
Coulter, Ralph.	Dunlap, Tenn.
Bales, R M.	Jefferson City, Tenn.
Rosbaum, W. M.	Lenoir City, Tenn.
Rosbaum, Lyda.	Lenoir City, Tenn.
Tompkins, Mrs. Addie L.	
Jones, Mrs. Nettie.	Cedar Grove, W. Va.
Sharp, J L.	Cedar Bluff, Ala.
Shepherd, B L.	Copperhill, Tenn.
Massengale, D C.	Long Island, Ala.
Padgett, Milton	Miami, Fla.
Peoples, E A.	Route 1, Altoona, Ala.
Clark, Ransom	Cleveland, Tenn.
Yates, L C.	Lenoir City, Tenn.
Cotwell, W J.	Soddy, Tenn.
Ryden, F L.	E. Chattanooga, Tenn.
Haworth, D W.	Cleveland, Tenn.
Jump, R C.	Canton, N. C.
Evans, Barkley.	High Point, N. C.
Breeden, J W.	Mayorsville, Tenn.

## FIVE DOLLARS

Dillbeck, Mrs. W C.	Cleveland, Tenn.
Elrod, S C.	Rome, Ga.
Voiles, Nancy	Lenoir City, Tenn.
Hicks, R G.	Gastonia, N. C.
Gossett, Charlie	
Jacques, M W.	Cookville, Tenn., Route 2.
Milan, Thos.	Clarksville, Tenn., Route 1.
White, C B.	Cleveland, Tenn.
Maddox, R Y.	Huntsville, Ala.
Johnson, E N.	Seymore, Tenn.

## TWO DOLLARS

Land, J W.	Route 2, Rockwood, Tenn.
Hayes, Nora.	Cleveland, Tenn.
Barnes, I N.	

## FIFTY CENTS

May, Mrs. Martha	Sale Creek, Tenn.
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Total amount subscribed \$786.50

After this was over there was a proposition made to find thirty men that would invest \$100 ready cash, as only a few accepted and acted on this proposition it was dropped.

## MISSIONARY REPORT

I, your treasurer for Missions beg leave to submit the following report.

Nov. 3, 1915. Balance in Treasury ..... 26.24

## RECEIPTS

Nov. 20, 1915	Mrs. Smythiers	\$ 2.00
Nov. 15, 1915	Ridgedale, Tenn	2.10
Nov. 26, 1915	Mrs. Bleble	3.00
Nov. 28, 1915	Key West	2.00
Dec. 30, 1915	Ridgedale, Tenn	1.80
Jan. 3, 1916	Cleveland, Tenn.	7.52
Jan. 13, 1916	Horace Kilgore	5.30
Jan. 14, 1916	Mrs. Lou Ranson	3.00
Feb. 4, 1916	Ridgedale, Tenn.	1.85
Mar. 5, 1916	Ridgedale, Tenn.	2.43
Mar. 23, 1916	Bro. Boehmer	1.00
Apr. 2, 1916	Young People, Cleveland, Tenn.	2.85
Apr. 3, 1916	Ridgedale, Tenn	2.37
Apr. 23, 1916	T. G. Giles, Gastonia, N. C.	3.50
	Received	1.61
Apr. 24, 1916	Bro. Boehmer	1.00
May 2, 1916	Ridgedale, Tenn.	1.46
May 9, 1916	S. S. Haworth, Oklahoma	10.00
May 10, 1916	Horace Kilgore	5.40
May 16, 1916	Mrs. R. E. Ranson	1.00
May 18, 1916	Valdosta, Ga.	15.00
May 25, 1916	Cleveland, Tenn.	8.01
June 23, 1916	Ridgedale, Tenn.	2.50
June 12, 1916	W. G. Anderson, Johnson City, Tenn.	1.00
July 20, 1916	Horace Kilgore	5.40
June	W. M. Rumler	1.00
Aug. 5, 1916	Mrs. Tharp	1.00
Sept. 6, 1916	Bro. Fred Ryder	2.00
Sept. 14, 1916	Cleveland, Tenn.	5.40
Sept. 1916	Ridgedale, Tenn.	3.90
Sept. 14, 1916	Horace Kilgore	5.00
Sept. 17, 1916	Mattie Finnel	.50
Sept. 1916	Laura Ranson	1.00
Oct. 3, 1916	S. S. Haworth, Oklahoma	25.00
Oct. 1916	Ridgedale, Tenn.	2.00

Total ..... \$168.20

## DISBURSEMENTS

Nov. 15, 1915	Lillian Trasher	\$ 5.15
Nov. 24, 1915	Lillian Trasher	5.15
Dec. 7, 1915	Lillian Trasher	5.15
Dec. 17, 1915	Lillian Trasher	5.15
Dec. 28, 1915	Lillian Trasher	5.15
Feb. 26, 1916	Milton Padgett	12.12
May 18, 1916	Sister Rushin	15.12
May 18, 1916	Milton Padgett	15.12
June 24, 1916	Lillian Trasher	5.15
June 27, 1916	Milton Padgett	20.12
Aug. 5, 1916	Lillian Trasher	5.15
Oct. 2, 1916	Lillian Trasher	10.15
Oct. 9, 1916	Milton Padgett	25.00

Total ..... \$133.68

Total Receipts ..... \$168.20

Total Disbursements ..... 133.68

Balance in Treasury ..... \$ 34.52

F. J. LEE, Treasurer.



## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE REPORT

The demand for the Sunday School Literature has gradually increased until we have for this present quarter issued about 2,800 quarterlies, 1,100 lesson leaves and about 3,000 sets of the picture cards. It has developed that some of our Churches are not using our literature, but quite a goodly number of outside Sunday Schools are using it and seem to appreciate it.

## Financial Report

Total Receipts For Sales .....	\$1,160.72
Total Disbursements for Expenses .....	858.85
Total Balance for our Services .....	302.87

A. J. TOMLINSON, Publisher.

The report was duly accepted and brief remarks followed which showed that the literature was appreciated, and an earnest sentiment prevailed that all the Sunday Schools of the Church of God should use it, and that every local church should have a Sunday school.

Dismissed for noon.

Friday, 2 p.m.

Songs and prayers.

Continued the subject of the Sunday school literature. After a few discussions and explanations, it was decided to continue the publication of the Sunday school literature, and use the international lesson series, as heretofore adopted.

## PUBLISHING COMMITTEE

The General Overseer asked for a reconsideration of the appointment of the publishing committee. He stated that he wished to be released from it and have some one else appointed in his place. This request was granted and while the matter was under consideration, it was decided to place five on the committee instead of three. The following committee was then appointed in open session:

F. J. Lee, J. L. Scott, T S Payne, A. J. Lawson, Geo. T Brouayer.

At 2:30 F. J. Lee was called to deliver his address on the subject, "Overseers and their duties." After prayer by brother Lee, he proceeded with his discourse. This discourse was full of good instruction, and the glory of God thrilled both the speaker and large audience. The information and analogy were so satisfactory that most all seemed more convinced that our system of overseers is in perfect harmony with the Scripture teaching. The discourse was taken down in short-hand, and it was advised to have it printed in tract form for general distribution.

## THE WORD "STATE" ERASED

A suggestion was offered to dispense with the use of the term "state" overseer, as it was not a Bible term. After some little discussion and some suggestions of changes, the General Overseer gathered the general sentiment and stated that we would leave off the word "state" and just say overseer of the territory over which each one was placed. Example: Overseer of Alabama, Overseer of Bahama Islands, etc. To this the Holy Spirit sweetly witnessed, and it was acknowledged that this slight change seemed good to the Holy Ghost and us.

Music by the band and a general good feeling prevailed.

Adjourned at 4:30.

6:30 p. m. The service opened with praises and a general shout, with

music by the band. A collection was taken for expenses while the whole congregation rejoiced. The amount received was \$50.68.

After the collection brother Pitcher of Baltimore, Md. sang a song and the saints shouted. Then J. A. Self, of Wimauma, Fla. gave a short address followed by a prayer by J. B. Ellis.

Sermon by D. P. Barnett of Illinois. This was followed by a victorious altar service and several received the Holy Ghost.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 4

9:15 Song and prayer.

#### DAYS OF WEEK FOR ASSEMBLY

General Overseer explained the reason for the change in the days of the week for holding the Assembly this year. This seemed to be so satisfactory to the entire Assembly that it was decided to hold the next assembly on the same days of the week about the first of November, the exact week to be decided by General Overseer.

#### TRUSTEES AND DEEDS

General Overseer asked that the matter of having some special trustees appointed to hold all the property for the Church of God be considered, and the propriety of preparing a form and having a uniform deed for the use of all. This subject proved to be of much interest to many, and many reasons were given favoring the action, while there were also reasons given to disapprove. But all wanted to reach a plan that would give perfect satisfaction and at the same time make the holding of the property safe and sure.

10:30 a. m. Address by M. S. Lemons. Subject, "Formality, Good Government and Power."

This address was full of interest and instruction. Many hearts were melted with gratitude to God as the speaker showed how the harmony is sustained when each point of doctrine is given its proper place in the economy of the Christian religion.

Noon.

1:30 p.m. Songs and prayer.

The Chairman of the finance committee gave a partial report.

M. S. Haynes delivered his address on the subject, "Systematic Review." This subject proved very interesting and a thrill of comfort and blessing ran through the audience as the speaker touched on the financial system and gave a description of it as he had drawn it from the Bible.

At the close the band gave a few selections and joy and blessing flooded the souls of the worshippers as they gave themselves up to praising the Lord.

Adjourned 4:30 p. m.

6:30 p.m. Service opened with songs and had special prayers for the sick. While the band played several selections the collection was taken amid the shouts and praises to God.

The amount of collection was \$83.95. Brief instructions were given concerning receiving members and opportunity was given for people to connect themselves with the Lord's church. Eight came forward and received the obligation and were given the right hand of fellowship amid songs and praises to God.

J. W. Pitcher delivered a strong and interesting sermon from Psalm 89:34 as his text. The altar service followed with the usual music, power and glory.

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

The usual song and prayer service followed by an interesting discourse by J. L. Scott on Sunday school interests. Then after a short interval of song and prayer, Sam C. Perry delivered an interesting sermon on the subject, "Who Will See Jesus?"

Noon.

2:00 p.m. Songs and prayer and offering for expenses.

T. S. Payne gave an interesting and profitable discourse on the subject: "Church of the Bible."

Adjourned 4:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

The service was conducted by Geo. T. Brouayer and M. S. Lemons. The usual songs, prayers and praises. The collection was taken and this added to the other collection of the day amounted to \$66.90.

M. S. Lemons delivered the sermon and an altar service followed with the usual interest.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6:

9:15 a.m. Songs and prayers.

Remarks by General Overseer. We have come thus far with joy and peace and good will. The instructions have been full of light and life, and edifying and pleasant to all who want to obey. While of course a number have gone away, and gone away full of the fire, we are left to finish up the business of the Assembly and we will finish it up well.

### COMMITTEE ON QUESTIONS

We, the committee to receive questions, respectfully submit the following questions to the general assembly of the Church of God for your careful consideration.

J. B. ELLIS, Chairman

A. C. BRAWNER, Secretary

The following questions are presented with the sincere hope that they will be given ample consideration, as they are not asked out of mere curiosity, but solely that the writers and many others may be rightly informed.

1. When a member of the Church of God, after being prayerfully and tearfully counseled, warned and advised, deliberately marries an unbeliever, should he or she be retained in the Church of God?

Answer. There has never been an absolute law given on this particular subject, but it has always been recommended and advised that people marry equally.

A few people that have married sinners have seen their need of more grace and become more spiritual when they were settled down in married life, but this, however, is not usually the case. When people marry sinners they should not be disfellow-shipped for that cause alone, but they may fall into such gross wrong that they will do something sooner or later that will be a cause for which they will have to be dismissed from the Church.

2. When members of the Church of God show unmistakable signs of a backslidden condition, and strong efforts have been made to restore them without avail, should they be retained?

Answer. John says, If you see your brother sin a sin not unto death, you shall pray for him and God will give you life for him that has not sinned unto death. We sometimes think we have done all we can do and perhaps we have, but we may have sometimes fallen short on our part.—Here the speaker gave a short story of how John the beloved disciple, won back a man who had fallen into a gang of robbers and become their chief.—In case there is such rebellion and stubbornness that they go on in open gully sin, of course they will have to be disfellow-shipped.

3. When a deacon's wife backslides and goes into sin, should he be put out of his office?

Answer. Anything that would prevent the ordination of a deacon would be a cause for recalling his credentials. In such a case, however, necessary steps should first be taken to reclaim the backslider. When the wife of a deacon backslides there is indication of some wrong elsewhere besides in the wife. All necessary Bible instruction should be followed before recalling such a one from his position.

4. If a member of the Church of God is unlawfully excluded is he still a member of the body of Christ in the mind of God?

Answer: This is a question that has been on the minds of the people for years. When a person is excluded unlawfully he is out of the body in as much as the body means the Church, but he may be a Christian. You may remember how Diotrephes excluded some unlawfully and they were out, but still they were Christians. This unlawful way of doing business is not right, and those who do it should be given the necessary reproof so they will not do it again. John wrote to Gaius and told him he would attend to Diotrephes when he came. Such a person should be reported to the overseers.

5. If Jesus should come tonight would He take from the earth all the members of the Church of God, the body of Christ, regardless of their spiritual condition?

Answer: We heard that explained yesterday by brother Perry. Folks who are not ready will not go, even if they are members of the Church of God.

6. If, when one comes into the Church of God in a saved condition, he is bound in heaven, when the same one backslides but is not excluded from the church, is he still bound in heaven?

Answer: This "bound in heaven," may not be fully understood. When the action of the church is done in absolute perfection, and in harmony with the Bible and the will of God, of course what they do is recognized by God and will stand. But such a backslider does not remain saved merely because he is a member of the church.

7. Should the steps referred to in Math. 18:15-17 be taken in all cases of offense or only in the case of a trespass against an individual by an individual? If they should not be taken in all cases what steps should be taken in the case of one who offends or brings reproach upon the whole local body? This has reference to lay members.

Answer: If he has brought reproach on the whole body of course it is necessary for the pastor to see the person and try to get him to repent. If one brings reproach it is right to get him to confess out and acknowledge his wrong and get forgiveness of God and the whole body. If after all the necessary steps have been taken and he still fails to repent, he should be excluded.

8. Explain Rom. 8:9. Is there a difference between the Spirit of Christ and the Holy Ghost? If not how can people who have not been baptized with the Holy Ghost be the children of God?

Answer: When a man is converted his life is under the influence of the Holy Ghost. Paul says, "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." There is a sense in which the Holy Ghost illuminates and witnesses to a person, and he not yet baptized with the Holy Ghost. This was illustrated by an incident showing that the Spirit operates in and through people who are not yet baptized with the Holy Ghost.

9. Should a wife be subject to her husband when he objects to her being baptized and coming into the Church of God?

Answer: No rigid rule should be enforced in regard to this matter. Under some circumstances it might be best to be baptized and join the Church, while there may be other circumstances that it would be better to show respect to the desires of the husband and wait. In such cases real care should be taken, and patient waiting on God before a decision is reached. There is such a thing as a wife winning her husband by her chaste conversation and godly example.

10. Should we have a body of elders to confer with the General Overseer in considering questions?

Answer: This will be considered by the committee on order.

11. Should the Church of God have open or close communion?

Answer: Yes and no. There are certain restrictions on this, but will say we are not what is commonly known as "close communionists." This matter of communion is a close thing. If you do not take part in it you disobey and have no life in you. If you do take it unworthily you are in

danger of sickness and death. There are many good people outside of the Church who have a good experience of salvation, but they may not have had the light on the church, or may not have had opportunity to come in. No child of God should be excluded from communing with us.

12. Should the Bishops, Deacons and Evangelists be allowed to hold credentials who do not pay tithes?

Answer. I don't know of any. If you know of any I wish you would report them. Of course they should pay tithes, and they prove their disloyalty to the church and the Bible when they do not. The Assembly stands for paying tithes and the officers should pay tithes in order to be good examples to the believers.

14. Would it not be a good idea to have the Assembly in a new place every year?

Answer. This question seems a little odd at this time and I may not understand the reason for it. But I suppose some one thinks it might be a means of propagating the gospel and the church of God at a new place each year. If we could make an increase each year in the size of the building and the accommodations in proportion to the increase this time, I guess it would be good to change. But unless we can gain something by the change we had better remain in our present location.

#### UNIFORM DEED

General Overseer called attention again to the necessity of a uniform deed and explained more fully the need of such a deed, and the selection of trustees to hold property for the Church of God. Our people, and others interested, are frequently writing for information, and I am often unable to give them a satisfactory answer. If the Assembly can agree to have a uniform deed prepared to use in holding all of our property, and trustees to hold property, I will then be able to give the necessary information.

After some little time in discussion and gathering information on the subject it was decided to have prepared a uniform deed that would do for use in all the states of the Union. And in case of deeds in foreign countries they will have to be prepared in accordance with their laws, and made so as to secure our property. These uniform deeds are to be prepared and printed and kept on sale at the Evangel office.

#### TRUSTEES

It was also decided to have the General Overseer appoint a board of trustees to hold any property that may be transferred to the Church of God, when it is desired to deed property to one common board. This does not prohibit the appointment of trustees locally to hold property when such seems best at that particular place. The general board can be used in case property is deeded to the church as a legacy or bequest, and when property is made to the church, in a locality where there are not suitable trustees located, or where none of our people are owners of property, and all might move away and leave the property abandoned. Then in case such property should be sold these common trustees will have a perfect right to convey such property to legal purchasers.

This common board of trustees are to be subject always to the Assembly in all their dealings and not to take matters in their own hands. They are only appointed to hold the property and convey the same when ordered to do so, by the Assembly or him who stands for the Assembly when it is not in session.

Said trustees can be replaced by others at any time it is deemed necessary, when one moves away, or is otherwise rendered incompetent for the position. Or in case of death another must be selected to take his place. Such appointments and replacements to be made by General Overseer as ordered by the Assembly.

#### REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

We, your committee appointed by the Eleventh Annual Assembly, beg leave to submit the following report:

We met in the Evangel office January 15, 1916 to consider the possibility of securing an auditorium for the use of the General Assembly. It was unanimously agreed by said committee to purchase the W. C. T. U. Temple at Harriman, Tenn., which was done at the consideration of three thousand dollars. We have paid approximately of this amount \$1,100.00. Also on painting, repairs, and improvements ordered by our General Overseer.

\$442.26. Interest and Insurance; \$96.68.	Total amount paid out	\$1,638.94.
Total amount received		\$1,802.13
Total Amount paid out		1,638.94
Balance in Treasury		163.19

We also have another payment to make by December 1, 1916 of \$300.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. LLEWELLYN, Chairman.

Acting on the suggestion of Homer Tomlinson the entire Assembly tendered a vote of thanks and appreciate to the committee for their faithful service, and they were politely dissolved.

Noon

1:45 p.m. Song and prayer.

Committee No. 4 on Bible plans of order, gave a partial report. The report covered more than one subject, so it was decided to read and consider each part or subject separately.

#### REPORT

We, your committee on "order" respectfully submit the following partial report:

Sec 1. Under the heading, "Consideration of a Better System of Keeping all Records of Church Business," we recommend that a double entry book be furnished by the Evangel office with the pages printed, so as to have a uniform book for all the churches, a ranged to record the accessions and dismissals with full explanation, across both pages.

We have also formed a blank which we submit to the Assembly for examination, said blank to be used to make the annual report to the overseer of the state.

These blank forms were explained by the chairman of the Committee, and the Assembly thought this plan for keeping records was good and accepted it. The General Overseer and F. J. Lee were appointed to prepare these blanks, and to make any amendment or change necessary to harmonize with other things.

Sec. 2. We also recommend that a body of elders be selected, whose duty it shall be to have jurisdiction over all questions of every nature that may properly come before them, their actions and decisions to be ratified by the Assembly in session.

This body of elders to be composed of not less than twelve members, and never more than seventy. The twelve to be selected soon and additions to be made from time to time as necessity demands until the number seventy is reached. (See Acts 15:22). Said body shall be composed of Bishops—men of ability—who should be appointed by the General Overseer and two bishops, corresponding to James, Cephas and John Gal. 2:8). The two men shall be appointed by the Assembly and numbered in the twelve. We also recommend that these three men take ample time and consider well before making the selection.

The time for this body of elders to meet in session shall be as often as necessity demands. The time and place to be decided by the General Overseer.

When the reading of the above was concluded the power fell among the ministers on the platform. Overseer—"This certainly seems good to the Holy Ghost and us." A call was made to bow in holy reverence to God, and the congregation kneeled down and a spirit of glory, satisfaction, weeping and rejoicing, fell upon all as they worshiped and glorified God.

When this was over and all was quiet again, and this part of the report accepted, a brother named M. S. Lemons for one of the two men. Ano-



the brother named T. S. Payne. When this was done a quietness seemed to settle over the entire Assembly, and when the General Overseer called for a response either in sanctioning the selection of these men, or objections to them, all was still as death. In vain he tried to get a response. A peculiar feeling seemed to take hold of all present. After waiting a few moments for response in some way, General Overseer called for prayer to God to guide us and settle this matter in some way.

After the prayer M. S. Lemons suggested that this matter be deferred for the present and give a little time for consideration and prayer. To this all agreed. So the matter was dropped for that time.

Sec. 3. We recommend that the system of overseers of states remain unchanged at present, because of a scarcity of bishops.

We also recommend that the smaller churches be grouped together for one pastor as the elders and overseers may arrange.

After some discussions and remarks these recommendations were accepted.

### TRUSTEES

General Overseer stated that he selected five men for trustees to hold the Assembly property at Hariman, Tenn. in the absence of the Assembly in session. He asked that this action be ratified by the Assembly or that they should make any changes necessary.

His action was endorsed, and the trustees he named are to remain in the position. These trustees are, J. S. Lewellyn; M. S. Lemons, T. L. McLain, Geo. T. Brouayer and T. S. Payne.

### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on finance respectfully submit the following report:

First, We recommend that every member of the Church of God tithe his income and place it in the hands of a local treasurer. As to just what these tithes consist of, or what proportion of their income or receipts should be tithed, may be determined by the individual on minute matters, but on general principles one should tithe his net income rather than his gross receipts. Although each person may act as seems best to him even in this matter.

We recommend further that all these tithes received by the local treasurers be forwarded to a General Treasury instituted at the headquarters of the Church of God with properly qualified men over this treasury to receive it. When the tithes come to this treasury each week a tithe of these tithes shall be taken out and passed to a treasury for the use of the general overseer and his helpers. The General Overseer to have supervision of the treasury where all tithes are received.

The nine-tenths remaining after the tithe of tithes are separated shall be distributed to all the ministers engaged in active service either as Overseers, pastors or evangelists, having no other occupation, having proven themselves to be worthy of the same, according to every one's need.

We believe this system to be in harmony with New Testament Scripture, so there can be equality according to Paul's instruction at 11-Cor. 8: 13-16, and Phil. 4-19.

Also as outlined under the shadow or type as practiced by Israel, Num. 10:38. Num. 18:8. 1 Chron. 9:33-34.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. PAYNE, Chairman.

The reading of this report was followed by a discourse by brother Payne showing their reasons for recommending this system.

This was followed by M. S. Haynes, another member of the committee. He continued the explanation and made a strong appeal favoring the adoption of the system.

It was now time to adjourn so the subject was not discussed further.

Adjourned, 4:30 p.m.

6:30. p. m. Songs and prayers, conducted by W. M. Rumler. The collection was taken and the amount given was \$52.25.

Howard Jullerat delivered the message, and Jesse Clark exhorted and made the altar call.

The altar service followed with the usual interest and victory.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

9:15 a. m. Songs and prayer.

Read a letter of greeting from Tampa, Fla., among other things they said they were praying for God to bless and guide the Assembly in all deliberations. Their prayers and greetings appreciated.

### STATISTICAL REPORT

#### ALABAMA

27 Churches  
896 Members  
4 Bishops  
36 Deacons  
13 Evangelists  
15 Churches have pastors  
15 Churches have Sunday schools  
580 Attendance in Sunday school  
\$3,475.00 Property value.

#### BAHAMAS

12 Churches  
369 Members  
2 Bishops  
12 Deacons  
11 Evangelists  
8 Churches have pastors  
12 Churches have Sunday schools  
3 Deacons  
5 Evangelists  
2 Churches have pastors  
2 Churches have Sunday schools  
170 Attendance in Sunday school  
\$2,300 Property value.

#### INDIANA

1 Church  
25 Members  
1 Church has Sunday school  
20 Attendance in Sunday school

#### KENTUCKY

5 Churches  
166 Members  
1 Deacon  
4 Evangelists  
2 Churches have pastors  
2 Churches have Sunday schools  
70 Attendance in Sunday school  
\$500.00 Property value

#### LOUISIANA

4 Churches  
128 Members  
2 Deacons  
2 Evangelists  
1 Church has pastor  
2 Churches have Sunday schools  
75 Attendance in Sunday school

#### Florida Total.

50 Churches  
1311 Members

#### GEORGIA

30 Churches  
890 Members  
7 Bishops  
17 Deacons  
22 Evangelists  
21 Churches have pastors  
17 Churches have Sunday schools  
550 Attendance in Sunday school  
4,125 Property value.

#### ILLINOIS

4 Churches  
152 Members  
2 Bishops  
344 Attendance in Sunday school  
\$1,500 Property value.

#### CALIFORNIA

1 Church  
14 Members  
1 Church has pastor.

#### CONNECTICUT

1 church.  
6 members

#### FLORIDA

38 Churches  
1,125 Members  
12 Bishops  
28 Deacons  
29 Evangelists  
27 Churches have pastors  
18 Churches have Sunday schools  
550 Attendance in Sunday school  
\$13,230.00 Property Value.

#### FLORIDA Col.

12 Churches  
186 Members  
2 Bishops  
3 Deacons  
13 Evangelists  
7 Churches have pastors  
7 Churches have Sunday schools  
186 Attendance in Sunday school  
\$3,000 Property value.



**MARYLAND**

- 3 Churches
- 176 Members
- 2 Bishops
- 9 Deacons
- 6 Evangelists
- 2 Churches have pastors
- 3 Churches have Sunday schools
- 138 Attendance in Sunday school

50 Attendance in Sunday school  
\$125.00 Property value.

**TENNESSEE**

- 43 Churches
- 2,232 Members
- 27 Bishops
- 32 Deacons
- 41 Evangelists
- 28 Churches have pastors
- 33 Churches have Sunday schools
- 1,591 Attendance in Sunday school
- \$14,461.00 Property value.

**MISSISSIPPI**

- 11 Churches
- 441 Members
- 1 Bishop
- 6 Deacons
- 5 Evangelists
- 7 Churches have pastors
- 4 Churches have Sunday schools
- 124 Attendance in Sunday schools
- \$525.00 Property value.

**VIRGINIA**

- 15 Churches
- 371 Members
- 8 Deacons
- 9 Evangelists
- 8 Churches have pastors
- 3 Churches have Sunday schools
- 55 Attendance in Sunday schools
- \$1,150.00 Property value.

**NEW MEXICO**

- 3 Churches
- 53 Members
- 4 Bishops
- 2 Deacons
- 5 Evangelists
- 3 Churches have pastors
- 3 Churches have Sunday schools
- 65 Attendance in Sunday school.

**WEST VIRGINIA**

- 6 Churches
- 117 Members
- 1 Bishop
- 1 Deacon
- 6 Evangelists
- 2 Churches have pastors
- 4 Churches have Sunday schools
- 150 Attendance in Sunday schools

**NORTH CAROLINA**

- 9 Churches
- 264 Members
- 3 Bishops
- 3 Deacons
- 12 Evangelists
- 5 Churches have pastors
- 7 Churches have Sunday schools
- 200 Attendance in Sunday school
- \$1,150.00 Property value.

**AGGREGATION**

Total number of churches	280
Increase over last year	54
Total number of members	7,690
Increase over last year	1,531
Total number of Bishops	68
Increase over last year	12
Total number of Deacons	163
Increase over last year	38
Total number of Evangelists	187
Increase over last year	61
Total number having pastors	140
Increase over last year	21
Total number having S. S.	135
Increase over last year	4
Total aver. attendance in S. S.	4,938
Increase over last year	1,597
Property value	45,541
Increase over last year	8,160

**OHIO**

- 1 Church
- 9 Members
- 1 Church has Sunday school
- 20 Attendance in Sunday school

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

- 2 Churches
- 70 Members
- 1 Bishop
- 4 Evangelists
- 1 Church has pastor
- 1 Church has Sunday school

This report was accepted by the Assembly.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER—Continued.**

Sec. 4. How to select pastors.

This section of their report was not satisfactory to the Assembly and they were asked to retire and rearrange it.

While the committee was out Sam C. Perry delivered an address on the subject, "Our Doctrines and Experiences."

This discourse was full of interest and very instructive. It was decided to have it put in tract form for distribution.

1.45 p. m. Songs and prayer.

Report of committee on order—Continued.

Whereas, there seemed to be some little dissatisfaction about the manner of selecting the body of elders, we decided to reconsider the manner of their appointment and, therefore, recommend that the first two be appointed by the General Overseer and then the General Overseer and the two men shall select the other ten.

General Overseer asked the committee to give their reasons for advising the change in the matter. They explained that they believed the latter to be the Bible order rather than the first. When the explanation was made clear the power of the Spirit fell upon many and not a few were melted to tears while others rejoiced and it could truly be said: This seemed good to the Holy Ghost and us. Overseer then called the entire Assembly to pray that God would give him wisdom to make the selection. All engaged in mighty prayer to God in one solid volume of supplication.

At this juncture quite a number of persons came forward and wanted to be healed. Special prayer was made for all that came.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS**

The Committee on Foreign Missions wish to submit the following report to the Assembly:

1. We recommend that in all the Churches of God a freewill offering be taken every two months on the second Sunday beginning with next January.

2. That said offerings be sent to the Evangel office, said office to act as treasurer and report same in its columns.

3. That the Evangel notify our people a week (or two) before hand when each missionary Sunday is to be observed thus keeping the subject before our people.

4. We further recommend that the work in the Bahama Islands, be supported and that we keep in touch with Sister Brimson Ruskin, now in the Phillippine Islands.

Howard Juillerat, Chairman; J. A. Self, W. H. Rodgers, H. L. Trim, E. D. Hopkins, J. L. Scott, E. B. Culpepper.

This report was accepted by the Assembly and adopted, and instructions given to follow this order in the future.

**REPORT OF GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**

We have disposed of all the business. We did not have as much to attend to as usual. Some of the matters that were presented to us, after investigation, we found did not come under our jurisdiction, so we turned them over to the proper authorities.

SAM C. PERRY, Chairman.

This report was accepted, and a special feeling of gratitude ran through the Assembly because there was less business for this committee than usual.

**REPORT OF WATCHMEN COMMITTEE**

We, the committee as watchmen beg leave to report that we have watched the best we could, and have met with only a few small frictions, which we think were properly adjusted.

W. A. CAPSHAW, Chairman

Report accepted

## FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER

## Sec. 4. How to select pastors.

After a careful reconsideration of this subject, we, your committee on Order respectfully submit the following report concerning the selection of pastors.

We recommend that the selection of pastors for all the churches shall be in the hands of the elders chosen to render assistance to the General Overseer, as they work in conjunction with the overseers on the field and the local churches. This body of elders are to take into consideration every phase of all matters, entertain suggestions, weigh all matters carefully and prayerfully, so as far as lies in their power their final decision will be satisfactory to the local churches for which pastors are selected so it can be truly said, it seems good to the Holy Ghost and us.

Report accepted and approved.

## REPORT ON FINANCE—Continued

Reference was again made to the report of the finance committee. It was suggested to suspend any further consideration of this report at the present for lack of time and some other reasons, and place this subject in the hands of the body of elders to consider, and formulate the full Bible plan to present to the Assembly next year. This suggestion was accepted. It was then advised that the present system be followed as closely as possible for another year.

Question. Should members be turned out of the church if they do not pay tithes?

Answer. It has never been decided to make paying tithes a test of fellowship, while people ought to pay tithes, yet there is no way to force them to do so.

Question. Where should tithes be payed?

Answer. It has been advised that members pay tithes to the local church where they are members, but there has been no special ruling on this point.

## SUBSCRIPTION LIST

It was decided to discontinue the list of names from the Evangel that has appeared in its pages for a year. Editor was advised to write a notice and advise that all the subscriptions should be paid, even though the names were discontinued.

## APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS

1. Alabama—T. S. Payne
2. Bahama Islands—W. H. Cross  
California
3. Florida—Sam C. Perry
4. Georgia—M. S. Lemons
5. Illinois—D. P. Barnett
6. Indiana—W. H. Martin
7. Kentucky
8. Louisiana—M. S. Haynes
9. Maryland—J. W. Pitcher
10. Mississippi—J. A. Davis
11. North Carolina—W. A. Capshaw
12. Ohio—Efford Haynes
13. South Carolina—W. A. Walker
14. Tennessee—F. J. Lee
15. Texas—Geo. T. Brouayer
16. Virginia—T. L. McLain
17. West Virginia—W. M. Rumler

After a few remarks by General Overseer the whole congregation stood while he pronounced the benediction.

Closed the business part of the Great Assembly at 4:30.

6:30 p m. Songs and prayer.

General Overseer gave a short address commending the people of Harriman for their kind hospitality and good will. A rising vote was extended by the visitors to the people of Harriman as they stood with shining faces expressive of their appreciation.

Prayer by brother Boehmer.

Song by Brother and Sister Juillerat.

Songs and praises and shouts while the final collection was taken.

The collection amounted to \$78.98.

Final sermon by F. J. Lee.

Following the sermon were songs, praises, testimonies and a general time of love and fellowship.

### ROLL OF CHURCHES AND MINISTERS

ALABAMA	W. S. GENTRY	OVERSEER
Church	Clerk	P. O.
Alabama City	Louie Mosteller	Alabama City
Antioch	J. A. McAllister	Buhl
Barkhead	Minnie Ivens	Mentone
Bethel	Mrs. E. M. Trotter	Star Route Warrior
Blake	J. H. Lance	Route 2, Dawson
Coalburg	M. S. Frank	Route 7, Box: 558, Bir
Corinth	Mattie Taylor	Route 1, Box. 29 Covin
Crumly's Chapel	J. M. Fordham	R. 1, Bell's Mills
Creel	Pearl Creel	Warrior
Dora	F. T. Lantrip	Dora
Empire	Walter Harden	Empire
Falls City	Hattie Wilson	Falls City
Foster Chapel	Zona Jones	Route 2 Oneonta.
Fyffe	Ella Mae Allen	Fyffe
Hellcon	R. B. Denson	Route 1, Arley
Holly Springs.	C. B. Reynolds	R 2, Box 55, Carrollton.
Hurricane	S I. Denson	Heffin
Jacksonville	Louis James	Jacksonville
Jobs Chapel	M. D. Simpson	Ethelsville
Kimberly	Julia Johnson	Kimberly
Mt. View	A. W. Childers	Falkville
Pearls Chapel	J. L. Sanford	Reform
Piedmont	D. O. Miller	Piedmont
Ridgeway, W. H.	Hattie Painter	Route 2, Altoona
Shotwells		
Spring Valley	Reller Berryhill	Route 1, Tuscumbia
Springville	C. B. Murray	Springville

Increase in churches over last year 3; total number of members 896; increase 133; number having pastors 15; number having Sunday schools 15; average attendance in Sunday school 580; increase 183. Approximate value of property \$3,475.00.

### MINISTERS-BISHOPS

Bucklew, J W,	Gaut st., Cleveland	Robinson, R S,	R 1, Springville
Ellis, J B,	Route 2 Oneonta	Simpson, Z D,	Ethelsville

### DEACONS

1 Aaron, John,	Dora	19 Lantrip, F T,	Dora
2 Alford, Whit,	Dora	20 Martin, Henry	Dora
3 Allen, J M,	R 1, Kennedy	21 Miller, S A,	R 2, Ft. Payne
4 Brooks, Homer	Alabama City	22 Murray, J R,	R 1, Springville
5 Burroughs, J C,	Buhl	23 Parris, G H,	R 1, Arley
6 Burroughs, Pascal,	Buhl	24 Parris, L L,	R 1, Arley

7 Browning, W C,	Dora	25 Reynolds, W L R 2,	Carrollton
8 Canada, F C,	Kimberly	26 Rice, Lambert,	Dora
9 Childers, G T,	Falkville	27 Sanford, J L,	Reform
10 Clark, James A,	Arkadelphia	28 Simpson, M D,	Ethelsville
11 Cornutt, W H,	Alabama City	29 Steward, James,	Alabama City
12 Cornutt, Porter	Alabama City	30 Stone, W T,	Arkadelphia
13 Creel, C V,	Warrior	31 Taylor, H M, R 1;	Bx: 29 Covin
14 Creel, Ira,	Warrior	32 Trotter, Thurston	Star R. War.
15 Creel, W F,	Warrior	33 Westbrook, Albert	Empire
16 Ellis, B A,	R 2, Oneonta	34 Wilkins, C W,	R1, Arley
17 Gutherie, Frank,	Louisburg	35 York, Oscar	Empire
18 Johnston, W T,	Springville		

## EVANGELISTS

1 Barbour, W B,	R 2, Carrollton	8 Holcomb, D R,	Adamsville
2 Buckalew, Mattie	Cleveland	9 Johnson, Lucy,	Kimberly
3 Campbell, Reedy	—	10 McBrayer, F A, R 7,	Birmingham
4 Creel, Pearl	Warrior	11 Miller, H T,	R 2, Dawson
5 Ellard, Claude	Spelgner	12 Newman, Etta	Kennedy
6 Ellis, Asa L,	R 2, Oneonta	13 Reynolds, C B,	R 2, Carrollton
7 Erwin, J. R. L,	Adairsville, Ga.		

## THE BAHAMAS .....

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## MILTON PADGETT

## OVERSEER

1 Bight, The	Lillian Pinder	The Bight, Long Island
2 Clarence Town	Rosa B Major	Clarence Town
3 Cooper Town	Eutirpha	Cooper Town-Abaco
4 Current, The	Marion L. Page	The Current, Eleu Isla
5 Fox Hill	Dinah Ferguson	Fox Hill N. P.
6 Green Turtle Cay	Howard	Green Turtle Cay
7 Mastic Point	— — —	Andros Island
8 McQueen	— — —	Cat Island,
9 Nassau	J B. Mollary	Nassau N. P.
10 Nichols Town	Oscar Ceruti	Andros Island
11 Old Bight, The	Irenez McMims	The Old Bight
12 Point View	James Sutherland	Devil Point Cat Island

Increase of churches over last year 3; total number of members 369; increase 25; number having pastors 8; number having Sunday school 12; average attendance in Sunday school 221. Approximate value of property \$1,500.00.

## MINISTERS-BISHOPS

1 Eneas, Wm V. Col. Nassau N P	2 Lafleur, David Col. Nassau, N. P.
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## DEACONS

1 Barrow, T Z, Col. Nassau, N. P.	7 Fox, William H, Nassau N. P.
2 Bivans, Richard Col. Nassau, N P	8 Lowe, James E, Nassau, N. P.
3 Butler, William Col. Nassau N. P.	9 Nesbitt, Prince Col. Cooper Town
4 Ceruti, Oscar Col. Nichols Town	10 Russell, David Col. Cooper Town
5 Ferguson, John Col. Nassau N. P.	11 Sanders, Benj. Col. Cooper Town
6 Fowler, Frank Col. Nassau, N. P.	12 William, Randolph Col. Nassau

## EVANGELISTS

1 Butler, Caroline Nassau N P	7 Major, Lewis, J, Clarence Town
2 Eneas, Arabella Nassau, N P	8 Pinder, Stanley, The Bight, L I
3 Frank, Wm. R, Cooper Town, Ab	9 Sanders, Joseph E, Cooper Town
4 Holbert, Victoria Nassau, N P	10 Scott N L Nassau, N. P.
5 Lightburn, Wm. Nassau N. P.	11 Sweeting, Alfred Nassau N P
6 Lowe, John A, Green Turtle Cay	12 Taylor, Fred Nassau N. P

## CALIFORNIA

California

Whittier

Mary Whitlock

Whittier

Total number of members 14.

Total number having pastor 1.

## CONNECTICUT

Milford

Martha Rodgers

Bridgeport,

Total number of members 6.

## FLORIDA

## FLORIDA

## W. S. CARUTHERS

## OVERSEER

1 Alva	J. A. Williams	Alva
2 Anclote	Joe Garrison	Tarpon
3 Antioch	Ella Rodgers	Wimauma
4 Arcadia	Easom Smith	Nocatee
5 Bassenger	Lillie Hazellier	Bassenger
6 Boggy Creek	Marion Alderman	Taft
7 Brewster	J. F. Mann	Brewster
8 Branford	R. P. Johnson	Branford
9 Bushnell	Ruth Winton	Bushnell
10 Chokoloskee	W. F. Brown	Chokoloskee
11 Clara	N. E. Jackson	Clara
12 Cleveland	R. S. Fussell	Cleveland
13 Coconut Grove	J. W. Carey	Coconut Grove
14 Cortez	Geo. W. Brown	Cortez
15 Ft. Myers	J. A. Brown	Ridgewood Park
16 Istachatta	Franklin Lowman	Istachatta
17 Jasper	W. J. David	Jasper
18 Key West	Evelyn Gardner	Key West
19 Lake Butler	E. D. Thomas	Lulu
20 Largo	Horace Kilgore	Largo
21 Linden	D. B. Fussell	Webster
22 Lulu	W. S. Tyre	Lulu
23 Manatee	B. A. Carter	Manatee
24 McAlpin	David Belott	McAlpin
25 Marco	F. H. Hall	Marco
26 Miami	Curtis Padgett	321 3rd st. Miami
27 Orlando	W.A. Brawner	Maitland
28 Parish	Susie L. Turner	Parish
29 Perry	B. F. Cash	Perry
30 Pine Grove	Nellie Brewer	Bereah
31 Providence	S. W. Kerce	R 1, Bx. 25 Ft. White
32 Punta Gorda	J. Cochran	Punta Gorda
33 Seabring	Geo. G. Budd	Zolfo
34 Tampa	D. B. Wiggins	R 3, Ybor City
35 Tarpon Springs	Geo. W. Gillette	Tarpon Springs
36 Wauchula	Annie Rivers	Wauchula
37 Wimauma	Z. C. Tharp	Wimauma
38 Zolfo	F. L. Brantley	Zolfo

Increase of churches over last year 1; total number of members 1,125; increase 146; number having pastors 27; number having Sunday schools 18; average attendance in Sunday school 550. Approximate value of property \$13,230.00.

## MINISTERS-BISHOPS

1 Barnett, E M,	Clearwater	7 Padgett, C M,	Orlando
2 Caruthers, W S,	Wimauma	8 Padgett, Milton	Miami
3 Giddens, J A,	Tampa	9 Self, J A,	Wimauma
4 Juillerat, Howard	Augusta Ga.	10 Simmons E B,	Wimauma
5 Martin, W M,	Orlando	11 Simmons, H B,	Marco
6 Ogle, I W,	Ocala	12 Waldron, F M,	Arcadia

## DEACONS

1 Alderman, Mathew	Taft	15 Kerce, S W,	Fort White
2 Austin, W M,	Bareah	16 Kilgore, J B,	Largo
3 Blanton, J B,	Largo	17 Martin, J N,	Wash. Ave. Tampa
4 Brawner, W A,	Maitland	18 Mears, R M,	Indian Rocks
5 Brewer, J G,	Bareah	19 Pringle, L E,	Balm
6 Budd, Geo. G,	Zolfo	20 Ransone, R E,	Lithia
7 Caney, J W,	Cocoanut Grove	21 Rogers, D W,	Wimauma
8 Carter, B A,	Manatee	22 Skinner, A S,	Ft. Myers
9 Ford, L A,	Arcadia	23 Smith, Robert	Largo
10 Frowe, J W,	Cocoanut Grove	24 Smith, L F,	Ybor City
11 Fussell, R S,	Cleveland	25 Sumner, I M,	Boyett
12 Giddens, J A,	Webster	26 Westbrook, L W,	Gary
13 Henderson, E J,	Parish	27 Williams, J A,	Alva
14 Higgs, Chas.	Key West	28 Whidden, Walter	Seabring

## EVANGELISTS

1 Blissett, Edith F,	Maitland	16 Murphy, Mrs. Rosa	Tampa
2 Brawner, A C,	Maitland	17 Padgett, Mrs. Eva M,	Orlando
3 Davis, F D,	R 2, Ybor City	18 Roberts, Geo L, Cocoanut Grove	
4 Gillett, Mrs. H L,	Parish	19 Sherley, Isaac R 2,	Ybor City
5 Glatt, Emil	Ybor City	20 Simmons, E L,	Wimauma
6 Guthrie, S F,	Manor, Ga.	21 Simmons, Ella	Wimauma
7 Hadsock, W R,	Largo	22 Simmons, Florence	Marco
8 Harrison, Bertie Sacramento, Cal.		23 Smith, Bertha	Tampa
9 Hazellier, Wilbur,	Bassenger	24 Smith A A,	Tampa
10 Hesson, W F,	Key West	25 Thomas, H J,	Lake Butler
11 Jones, Lula,	Clearwater	26 Thomas, Z R,	Perry
12 Juillerat, Bertie	Augusta, Ga.	27 Townsend, B D, Ridgewood Park	
13 Ladd, Mrs. Beulah,	Zolfo	28 Trasher, Lillian Assiout, Egypt	
14 Lee, Cora	Bareah	29 Whidden, M. T.	Avon Park
15 Marks, I H,	Manatee,		

## FLORIDA Col.

## EDMOND S. BARR

## OVERSEER

1 Bellair	Charlott Mackey	R. 1, Box 12, A Bellair
2 Cocoa	Dellia Coleman	Cocoa
3 Cocoanut Grove	R. Jackson	Cocoanut Grove
4 Fellsmere	Mary J Sims	Fellsmere
5 Ft. Pierce	H. J. Griffin	Ft. Pierce
6 Hallandale	Maggie B. Pardue	Hallandale
7 Jacksonville	Lula M. Doctor	Jacksonville
8 Miami	J. D. Williams	R. 2, Box 1, Miami
9 Miami (S)	Ethel Williams	Miami
10 St. Petersburg	Wm. Tarver	St. Petersburg
11 Tarpon Springs	Wm. Tarver (pastor)	St. Petersburg
12 White Springs	L. H. Williams	White Springs

Increase of churches over last year 5; total number of members 186; increase over last year 75; number having pastors 7; number having Sunday schools 7; average attendance in Sunday school 186. Approximate value of property \$3,000.00.

## MINISTERS-BISHOPS

- 1 Barr, Edmond, S, R 2, Miami  
2 Davis, Daniel Fort Pierce

## DEACONS

- 1 Days, Hampton Miami  
2 Ingram, John R 2, Bx. 1, Miami  
3 Smith, James R, R 2 Bx 1 Miami

## EVANGELISTS

- 1 Barr, Rebecca R. 2, Bx 1 Miami  
2 Everett, S E, Jacksonville  
3 Green, Lizzie, Coconut Grove  
4 Hargrove, A. M. Jacksonville  
5 La Fleur, Beatrice R 2, Miami  
6 Nesbet, W R, Fort Pierce  
7 Scott, Dan R 2, Bx 1, Miami  
8 Smith, Thomas B R 2, Miami  
9 Smith, W. S, Fort Pierce  
10 Tarver, Lizzie R 1, St. Petersburg  
11 Tarver, Wm. R 1, St. Petersburg  
12 Thompson, Geo. Hallandale

## GEORGIA

## J. S. Llewellyn

## Overseer

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|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Abbeville       | Lucia Daniels    | Abbeville         |
| 2 Atlanta         | Christenia Smith | Atlanta           |
| 3 Augusta         | Mrs. G. P. Aaron | Augusta           |
| 4 Blairsville     | J. A. McGlamery  | R 4, Blairsville  |
| 5 Cohutta Springs | J. S. Arthur     | Fairy             |
| 6 Crane Eater     | Mrs. Maud Bell   | R 2, Calhoun      |
| 7 Dahlonaga       | Ellia Fry        | Dahlonaga         |
| 8 Fargo           | — — —            | — — —             |
| 9 Goré            | — — —            | — — —             |
| 10 Hartwell       | J. C. Walden     | Hartwell          |
| 11 Jesup          | J. R. Upchurch   | R 1, Jesup        |
| 12 Jones          | Will Tarpley     | Copper Till, Tenn |
| 13 LaFayette      | J. H. Ray        | LaFayette         |
| 14 Lake Park      | H. W. Kinsey     | R 3, Lake Park    |
| 15 Lindale        | J. B. Jenkins    | Lindale           |
| 16 Manor          | N. C. James      | Manor             |
| 17 Marietta       | Martha Mill      | R 3, Marietta     |
| 18 Nashville      | J J Ratcliff     | Nashville         |
| 19 Newton         | J. O. Barton     | R 3, Calhoun      |
| 20 Pittsburg      | Dela Powell      | Pittsburg         |
| 21 Quitman        | J. F. Hughes     | Quitman           |
| 22 Rome           | W. J. Parson     | N. McLin St. Rome |
| 23 Shaw           | — — —            | — — —             |
| 24 Sonoraville    | Mary Robinson    | Schoraville       |
| 25 Spring Place   | Tom McCune       | Dalton            |
| 26 Texas Valley   | J. H. Davis      | Amuchee           |
| 27 Tooniga        | Milo Cross       | Atlanta           |
| 28 Valdosta       | R. T. Waldrep    | Valdosta          |
| 29 Valdosta Col.  | S. A. Spence     | Valdosta          |
| 30 Whitestone     | Will Chester     | Whitestone        |

Increase of churches over last year 9; total number of members 890; increase 226; number having pastors 21; number having Sunday school 17; average attendance in Sunday school 550; increase 118. Approximate value of property \$4,125.00.

## MINISTERS-BISHOPS

- 1 Boehmer, E J, McMinville, Tenn  
2 Bight, C. F, Jacksonville Fla.  
3 Cross, W H, Nassau, N. P.  
4 Culpepper, E B, R 3, Lake Park  
5 Culpepper, J W, R 3, Lake Park  
6 Latimer, S W, Spring Place  
7 Murray, J W, Valdosta  
8 Rogers, W H, Augusta



DEACONS

1 Bell, Thomas	LaFayettee	10 McGlamery, J R,	R 4, Blairsville
2 Brackett, R L,	R 4, Blairsville	11 Owens, A D,	R 1, Armuchee
3 Brown, P A,	R 2, Calhoun	12 Padgett, J A,	R 3, Lake Park
4 Brookshier, F M,	Whitestone	13 Plemons, R J,	Rome
5 Culpepper, J F,	R 3, Lake Park	14 Pearch, J L B,	R 2, Calhoun
6 Culpepper, C A,	R 3, Lake Park	15 Setser, W T,	Woodstock
7 Hudson, Wm. Col.	Valdosta	16 Tarpley, L B,	Hyatt, Tenn.
8 Jones, Lee	Spring Place	17 Wiley, J E,	Valdosta
9 Mathis, Dock	Lindale		

EVANGELISTS

1 Cross Milo	Atlanta	12 Looney, M A,	Gore
2 Cross, Mrs. Milo	Atlanta	13 Miller, Anderson	Leesville, S. C.
3 Elrod, S. C.	Rome	14 Padgett, J C,	R 3, Lake Park
4 Elrod, Mrs. N. B.	Rome	15 Ray, J H,	LaFayette
5 Freeman, W A,	Ashville, N. C.	16 Rogers, Mrs. W H,	Augusta
6 Fritz, P F,	Cleveland, Tenn.	17 Sauls, J O,	Quitman
7 Golings W M,	Augusta, Ga.	18 Stevens, J L,	Statenville
8 Green, A D,	Broad st. Augusta	19 Stover, S D,	Whitestone
9 Hobbs, W M,	Finleyson	20 Summers, A,	Augusta
10 Inglette, M,	Augusta	21 Turner, Earl	Woodstock
11 Lee, Sallie O,	Augusta	22 Upchurch, J R,	Jesup

ILLINOIS

1 Bompas Creek	J. B. Jones	Calhoun
2 Danville	Cora A. Nelson	410 Collett st. Danville
3 Eldorado	Jno. O. Yates	Eldorado
4 Urbana	Miss White	Champaign, Ill.

Increase of churches over last year 3; total number of members 152; increase 131; number having pastors 2; number having Sunday schools 2; average in Sunday school 170; approximate value of property \$2,300.

MINISTERS-BISHOPS

Barnett, D F,	Eldorado
Gillespie, Oram	Olney
Martin, W H,	Lake Ind.

DEACONS

Olney	Harmon, C. W,	Olney
Olney	Nuding, Frank	Olney

EVANGELISTS

Brissel, W M,	Carmi	White, Geo. C,	Champaign
Menagh, M M,	Hoopeston	White, Rose Etta,	Champaign
Nelson, Cora A,	Danville		

INDIANA

Evansville Richard Harlan Cor. 7th ave. & Ill. sts. Evansville  
 Total number of members 25; number having pastor 1; average attendance in Sunday school 20.

KENTUCKY

Big Clifty	W. F. BRYANT
Blanche	Josie Hicks
Cedar Grove	Dorsey Broughton
Louisville	Geo. Gover
Somerset	Chas. E. Lackard
	Jim Pence

OVERSEER

Big Clifty
Blanche
Elhu
Louisville
Somerset

Increase of churches over last year 1; total number of members 166; increase 58; number having pastors 2; number having Sunday schools 2; average in Sunday school 70. Approximate value of property \$500.00

## DEACON

Cain, Dan Bläncke

## EVANGELISTS

Canup, Joe, Bosworth Reynolds, Chas. Somerset  
 Gever, Geo. A. Blihu Wilbur, D. T. 533 Wal. st. Louisville

## LOUISIANA

Dunn R. D. Anderson Dunn  
 Kentwood Ruby Frazier Kentwood  
 Scanlon Cleve Lenard Scanlon  
 Spring Creek Roan Stickland Spring Creek

Total number of members 128; number having pastors 1; number having Sunday school 2; average attendance in Sunday school 75.

## MARYLAND

MARYLAND T. S. PAYNE OVERSEER  
 Baltimore Wm. D. Biggs Baltimore  
 Baltimore Col. Geo. W. Holmes Baltimore  
 Preston Bertie C. Harding Preston

Increase of churches over last year 3; total number of members 176; number having pastors 2; number having Sunday schools 3; average attendance in Sunday school 188.

## MINISTERS-BISHOPS

Merton, Geo. W. Baltimore Pitcher, J. W. Baltimore

## DEACONS

Cager, Geo. 117 N. Chester st. Baltimore  
 Cook, Jno. A. 827 Warner st. Baltimore  
 Johnson, Frank S. N. Mount st. Baltimore  
 Sappington, Edward 509 Post st. Baltimore  
 Sappington, James 1105 Rutland Ave. Baltimore  
 Taylor, R P. Preston  
 Wade, John H. 1924 E. Madison st. Baltimore  
 Ward, Edward. 1602 Hampton ave. Baltimore  
 Wilt, John 1813 Sycamore ave. Baltimore

## EVANGELISTS

Ireland, R H. Waterloo, Va.  
 Mullakin, Clara A. Trappe  
 Pitcher, Bertha E. 8 S. Potomac st. Baltimore  
 Somers Chas. E. 711 S. Elwood, ave. Baltimore  
 Taylor, Arthur. 2192 E. Fayette st. Baltimore  
 Taylor, Olive, 2102 E. Fayette st. Baltimore

## MISSISSIPPI

MISSISSIPPI M. S. HAYNES OVERSEER  
 1 Artesia W. H. Thompson Artesia  
 2 Cagle's Cross Roads W. J. Stacy Dublin  
 3 Darbon Leon Thorpe Foxworth  
 4 Deep Slough W. T. Jefferies Summer  
 5 Friendship R. D. Morgan Charleston Route 1  
 6 Gatewood Miss N. Route 1, Coffeeville  
 7 Mt. Olive Olive Bowie Route 3, Weir  
 8 Pickwick Miss Florence Meritt Cherau  
 9 Pilgrim Rest R. S. Turner Mayhew  
 10 Shady Grove H. S. Harris Casella  
 11 Stonefield E. K. Smith Casella

Increase of churches over last year 5; total number of members 441; in-

crease 35; number having pastors 7; number having Sunday schools 4; average attendance in Sunday school 124. Approximate value of property \$525.00.

**MINISTERS-BISHOPS**

A. B. Adams, deceased since Assembly.

**DEACONS**

- |                     |                  |                  |                 |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Bell, J. A.       | R. 1, Charleston | 4 Morgan, Thomas | R 1, Charleston |
| 2 Blankenship, C L. | Artesia          | 5 Simpson, E. K. | Casella         |
| 3 Harris, H. S.     | Casella          | 6 Turner, Tildon | Mayhew          |

**EVANGELISTS**

- |                    |             |                  |         |
|--------------------|-------------|------------------|---------|
| 1 Adams, Pearl,    | Coffeeville | 4 Mullen, Curtis | Dublin  |
| 2 Dollahite, D. W. | Darlen      | 5 Mullen, Joe,   | Casella |
| 3 Evans, W. E.     | Darhon      |                  |         |

**NEW MEXICO**

**NEW MEXICO**

**R. M. SINGLETON**

**OVERSEER**

- |               |               |             |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 Albuquerque | Mrs. Sedillo  | Albuquerque |
| 2 Corrumpa    | N. S. Padilla | Corrumpa    |
| 3 Raton       | Owen R. Rouse | Raton       |

Total number of members 53; increase 7; number having pastors 3; number having Sunday schools 3; average attendance in Sunday school 65.

**MINISTERS-BISHOPS**

- |                    |          |                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| 1 Chavez, T. F.    | Raton    | 3 Rouse, Owen R.   | Raton    |
| 2 Padilla, Juan B. | Corrumpa | 4 Singleton, R. M. | Corrumpa |

**DEACONS**

- |                 |         |                    |         |
|-----------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| 1 Biebel, R. R. | Maxwell | 2 Keith, Abijah I. | Do. asy |
|-----------------|---------|--------------------|---------|

**EVANGELISTS**

- |                       |          |                         |          |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|
| 1 Chavez, Mrs. T. F.  | Raton    | 4 Padilla, C. C.        | Raton    |
| 2 Hubbell, Mrs. E. S. | Raton    | 5 Singleton, Mrs. R. M. | Corrumpa |
| 3 Garcia, Juan N.     | Corrumpa |                         |          |

**NORTH CAROLINA**

**NORTH CAROLINA**

**J. A. DAVIS**

**OVERSEER**

- |                       |                 |                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 Canton              | Clarence Davis  | Box. 236, Canton. |
| 2 Erastus             | Emma Henson     | Erastus           |
| 3 Fairview            | Max Price       | Turtletown, Tenn. |
| 4 Gastonia            | F. E. Patterson | Gastonia          |
| 5 High Point          | J. N. Hurley    | High Point.       |
| 6 Kirkland Creek      | Hamilton Woo    | Whittier          |
| 7 Larkey              | Jud Nations     | Larkey            |
| 8 Tusquite            | Lillie Melton   | R 1, Hayesville   |
| 9 Winston Salem, Col. | ---             | ---               |

Increase of churches over last year 1; total number of members 264; increase 55; number having pastors 5; number having Sunday schools 7; average in Sunday school 200. Approximate value of property \$1,150.00.

**MINISTERS-BISHOPS**

**DEACONS**

- |                            |            |                    |                  |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 Curtis, C. R.            | Hayesville | 1 Brindie, Coleman | Bryson City      |
| 2 Davis, J. A.             | Hayesville | 2 Chambers, F. G.  | Cleveland, Tenn. |
| 3 Walker, C. C. Cedar ave. | Gastonia   | 3 Mosteller, L. B. | Resaca, Ga.      |

## EVANGELISTS

1 Brooks, Harrison	Bryson City	6 Martin, C. C.	Hayesville
2 Chambers, Nora	Cleveland, Tenn	7 Peters, Bessie Lee,	Gastonia
3 Coggins, C G.	Erastus	9 Smith, Earnest C.	High Point
4 Hopkins, E D.	Colowhee	10 Stalling, Wm. M.	Kannapolis
5 Hurley, Maggie	High Point	11 Walker, Wm. P.	Bryson City

## OHIO

MARIETTA  
Total number of members 9; number having Sunday school 1;  
average attendance in Sunday school 20.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

SOUTH CAROLINA W. A. CAPSHAW OVERSEER

1 Seneca

2 Walhalla

Total number of members 70; number having pastors 1; average attendance in Sunday school 50; approximate value of property \$125.00.

## MINISTERS-BISHOPS

1 Capshaw, W. A., Gastonia, N. C.

## EVANGELISTS

1 Bell, William Seneca 3 Rodgers, Jesse Mountain City, Ga  
2 Capshaw, Jessie E. Gastonia 4 Stargel, G T. Dahlonega, Ga.

## TENNESSEE

## GEO. T. BROUAYER

## OVERSEER

- 1 Browntown
- 2 Campaign
- 3 Cedar Hill
- 4 Chandlers View
- 5 Cleveland
- 6 Cookeville
- 7 Copperhill
- 8 Crab Orchard
- 9 Cranmore Cove
- 10 Daisy
- 11 Dayton
- 12 Dividing Ride
- 13 Grass Hopper
- 14 Graysville
- 15 Harriman
- 16 Harrison Roads
- 17 Hill View
- 18 Hiwassee
- 19 Jefferson City
- 20 Kelley's Ferry
- 21 Kings Chapel
- 22 Kinsers Tabernacle
- 23 Knoxville
- 24 Lenoir City
- 25 Liverwart
- 26 McMinnville
- 27 Mineral Park
- 28 Morristown
- 28 Mount Pleasant
- 30 New Bethel
- 31 North Chattanooga
- 32 Pleasant Ridge

Will Fish  
S. D. Walling  
Howard Allen  
J. W. Scarbrough  
D. W. Haworth  
I. M. Vickers  
J. A. Tarpley  
J. W. Monday  
Ellie Williams  
Ida Poe  
L. L. Turner  
John Igou  
Pearl Sheerls  
Harrison Gains  
S. F. Beard

R 1, Harriman  
Campaign  
R 2, Talbott  
R 1, Byington  
Cleveland  
Cookeville  
Copperhill  
Crab Orchard  
Dayton, R 4.  
R 2, Hixson  
Cleveland  
Soddy  
Birchwood  
Graysville  
Harriman

J. C. Walker  
Willie Brooksher  
Mrs. R. M. Bales

Etowah  
Madisonville  
Jefferson City

Mattie Batts  
N. O. Osment  
C. J. Anderson  
Virgie Scoff  
Willie Dunaway  
Jack Durham  
Alma Goodwin  
Ola Cowan  
Mary Jeffery  
Hattie Swindle  
Oscar Nelson  
Ona Kidwell

R 2, Hickory Point  
Cleveland  
951 Soby St. Knoxville  
Lenoir City  
South Side  
McMinnville  
Mineral Park  
Morristown  
Soddy  
Walling  
N. Chattanooga  
Clifty

33 Rockwood	Martha Hale	Rockwood
24 Red Oak Grove	Geo. Southerland	Flat Top
35 Reeds Cross Roads	Davie Reed	Crandview
36 Ridgedale	James Brown	Ave. G. 3414 East Lake
37 Sobel	Enoch Elrod	R 1, Pardue
38 Sale Creek	Ida Coleman	Sale Creek
39 Soddy	Etta Hackney	Soddy
40 White Oak Flat	Tom Sensing	R 3, Charlotte
41 White Oak Mountain	Drusilla Owen	McDonald
42 Whiteside	Edna McHone	White Side
43 Whitwell	Hugh Barnett	Whitwell

Increase of churches over last year 13; total number members 2,232; increase 310; number having pastors 28; number having Sunday schools 33; average attendance in Sunday school 1,591; increase 400. Approximate value of property \$14,461.

### MINISTERS-BISHOPS

1 Anderson, W G,	Johnson City
2 Anderson, W R,	2525 Gaut st. Cleveland
3 Austin, T R,	Main st. Chattanooga
4 Brouayer, G T,	2525 Gaut st. Cleveland
5 Bryans, A H,	Cleveland, Tenn.
6 Bryant, W F,	2508 Gaut st. Cleveland
7 Burk, John	Chattanooga
8 Clark, Jesse	Cleveland
9 Gentry, W S,	R 9, Cleveland
10 Haynes, M S,	Kentwood, La.
11 Hockett, W C,	Orosi, Cal.
12 Koch, M H,	Byington
13 Lee, F J,	2517 Berry st. Cleveland
14 Lemons, M S,	Valdosta
15 Lively, W H,	Graysville
16 Lewellyn, J S,	Harriman
17 McLain, T L,	Cleveland
18 Mulkey, Poley	R 2, Soddy
19 Patterson, S W,	R 1, Sobel
20 Payne, T S,	2540 Popular st. Cleveland
21 Perry, Sam C,	Wimauma, Fla.
22 Scott, J L,	2605 E. 17th st. Ridgedale
23 Spurling, R G,	Turtle town
24 Tomlinson, A J,	2525 Gaut st. Cleveland
25 Trim, H L,	2525 Gaut st. Cleveland
26 Underwood, J C,	Lexington, N. C.
27 Walker, W A,	Piedmont, Ala.

### DEACONS

1 Allen, E J.,	Harriman	17 Kerr, Joe	R 10, Cleveland
2 Bain, I D,	Ridgedale	18 Lane, W R,	Chattanooga
3 Barrett, I C,	Cleveland	19 Lawson, A J,	R 4, Cleveland
4 Burns, A F,	Harriman	20 Lee S R,	Cleveland
5 Byerly, Henry,	E. Chattanooga	21 Luttrell, C C,	R 2, Soddy
6 Byerly, Jack,	Chattanooga	22 Manley, W T,	Ridgedale
7 Clowers, T E,	R 1, Sweetwater	23 Monroe, Johnson	Thomaston, Ga
8 Coleman, J C,	Tellico Plains	24 Nelson, J W,	R 3, Soddy
9 Coleman, W M,	Tellico Plains	25 Palmer, John	R 10, Cleveland
10 Earls, L W,	McDonald	26 Pettit, Thomas	Rossville, Ga.

11 Freels, W M,	R 1, Byington	27 Prince, Charlie	R 7, Cleveland
12 Gentry, Charlie,	Sale Creek	28 Sanders, S Wadkins st.	Ridgedale
13 Hackney, G S,	Soddy	30 Tanner, F M,	Copperhill
14 Haworth, D W,	Cleveland	30 Tarpley, A L,	Copperhill
15 Hopkins, A J,	R 1, Morristown	31 Turner, i L,	Cleveland
16 Jaco, John E,	Campaign	32 Whitehead, J J,	R 2, Talbott

## EVANGELISTS

1 Anderson, L, Gaut st.	Cleveland	22 Helton, Sam	Crawford
2 Aylor, Jim	Sebel	23 Hickman, Slater	Matter, Ky
3 Aylor, [redacted]	Sobel	24 Jeffery, James	R 2, Soddy
4 Beard, [redacted]	Harriman	25 Kelly, J C,	Concord
5 Brouayer, Della	Cleveland	26 Koon, Blanche	Byington
6 Channey, Willie,	Winding Gulf	27 Leatherman, Lucy	Montevideo
7 Cagle, John B,	Ooltawah		Uruguay, S. America.
8 Collins, Wesley,	Pleasant Hill	28 Letsinger, Wesley	R 1, Byington
9 Cook, F M,	Cleveland	29 Murphy, W M, R 10,	Cleveland
10 Cotton, Lorena	Columbus, O.	30 Priest, J T,	Cleveland
11 Dover, J F,	Ridgedale	31 Richard, Luther,	Cleveland
12 Dunn, Curtis	Dayton	32 Richard, Thad	Copperhill
13 Epps, B W,	Honea Path, S C	33 Ricketts, M W,	Soddy
14 Gaun, Alonzo	R 3, Soddy	34 Ryder, F L,	E Chattanooga
15 Gann, Maude, R 3,	Soddy	35 Scoggins, Herschel	Soddy
16 Goddard, Ed,	Harriman	36 Taylor, G W,	Emory Gap
17 Green, W H, R 3,	Madisonville	37 Trim, Flora E,	Cleveland
18 Green, G M,	Crab Orchard	38 Underwood, Emma,	Lexington
19 Grisam, Charles	Cleveland	39 Walker, J S,	Etowah
20 Haynes, Clyde	Chillicothe, O.	40 Whitlock, Reuben	Harriman
21 Haynes, Efford,	Chillicothe, O.	41 Yates L. C,	Lenoir City

## VIRGINIA

## VIRGINIA

- 1 Austinville
- 2 Byllesby
- 3 Cliffview
- 4 Cripple Creek
- 5 Foster Falls
- 6 Galax
- 7 Gunton Park
- 8 Hiwassee
- 9 Monarat
- 10 Newport
- 11 Parrott
- 12 Popular Camp
- 13 Shorts Creek
- 14 Snowville

## H. L. TRIM

- Charlie Crockett  
 Charlie Lawson  
 E. C. Fortner  
 Mrs. Edith Litteral  
 Mrs. Ida Smythers  
 — — —  
 Miss. Lizzie Dean  
 — — —  
 Otie Hanks  
 C. A. Price  
 J. W. Gibson  
 James Dean  
 P. L. Frazier  
 Mrs. Anna Dobson

## OVERSEER

- Austinville  
 Byllesby  
 Cliffview  
 Cripple Creek  
 Foster Falls  
 Galax, R. R.  
 Max Meadows, R R.  
 Hiwassee  
 Monarat, R R,  
 Newport  
 Belspring  
 Poplar Camp  
 Richardson  
 Snowville

Increase of churches over last year 3; total number of members 371; increase 69; number having pastors 8; number having Sunday schools 3; average attendance in Sunday school 55; approximate value of property \$1,150.00.

## DEACONS

1 Barney, Walter	Saltville	5 Hanks, Curtis	Monarat
2 Crowder, F J,	Max Meadows	6 Hanks, Elliott	Monarat
3 Edmond, H J,	Shorts Creek	7 Smythers, M A,	Foster Falls
4 Frazier, R J,	Shorts Creek	8 Turner, L L,	Poplar Camp

**EVANGELISTS**

- |                 |              |                    |                 |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Frazier, C C, | Shorts Creek | 6 Simpson, Emma,   | Newport         |
| 2 Frazier, J H, | Snowville    | 7 Simpson, E W,    | Newport         |
| 3 Hanks, Otle   | Monarat      | 8 Talbert, Nina B, | Rich Creek      |
| 4 Roberts, S A, | Monarat      | 9 Vaught, L. I.,   | Woodwin's Ferry |
| 5 Sexton, R M,  | Cliffview    |                    |                 |

**WEST VIRGINIA**

**WEST VIRGINIA**

- 1 Calcord
- 2 Cedar Grove
- 3 Garrison
- 4 Kaymoor
- 5 Parkersburg
- 6 Ward

**W. M. RUMLER**

- Mrs. Ed Frye  
 Nettie Jones  
 J. T. Comley  
 Doshá Donnally  
 William Byers  
 G. W. Crowder

**OVERSEER**

- Calcord  
 Cedar  
 Garrison  
 Kaymoor  
 618 6th. st. St. Parkers  
 Ward

Increase of churches over last year 4; total number of members 117; increase 55; churches having pastors 2; number having Sunday school 4; average attendance in Sunlay school 150.

**BISHOP**

Rumler, W M,

**DEACON**

Cedar Grove Goodson, Floyd

Ward

**EVANGELISTS**

- 1 Burgy, Edward
- 2 Cline, James
- 3 Middlebrook, J H,
- 4 Middlebrook, M E,
- 5 Peck, E S,
- 6 Swesey, Francis,

560 Curry Court Alley, Parkersburg  
 Elkhurst  
 Garrison  
 Garrison  
 R 2, Bx. 35B Montrose  
 795 Central ave., S. Parkersburg.

**DUTIES OF OVERSEERS**

Each overseer is to have the oversight of his state or his territory, and as much as possible conduct or order a general evangelistic campaign over his state during the year. To see that every church is supplied with a pastor as much as lies in his power.

To secure the names and addresses of every Bishop, Deacon and Evangelist located in his state, and keep a record of same, so he can report to the General Overseer at the close of the year.

To secure the location of every church in the state, and keep a record of same, so as to report this also to the General Overseer at the close of the year.

To visit every church and look after the interest in every way as a pastor over a large circuit.

When a new organization is effected anywhere in the state the information should be sent the Overseer of that state, who should make a record of the same, giving date of same; names of officers, etc.

Each Overseer should be able to know at any time the name and address of every minister located in his state. He should also know the number of members in his state, keeping a record of the increase as well as decrease, so information can be obtained each year as to the total membership. This can be done by keeping in touch with the clerks of the churches.

Every minister and every clerk should take an interest in imparting this information to the Overseer of their state.

In co-operation with General Overseer they will form the Presbytery in their respective states.



## TEACHING

THE CHURCH OF GOD stands for the whole Bible rightly divided. The New Testament is the only rule for government and discipline. Below is given some of the teaching that is made prominent:

1. Repentance—Mark 1:15, Luke 13:3, Acts 3:19.
2. Forgiveness—Rom. 5:1, Titus 3:7.
3. Regeneration—Titus 3:5.
4. Birth—John 3:3, 1 Peter 1:23, 1 John 3:9.
5. Baptism subsequent to Justification—Rom. 6:2, 1 Cor. 1:30, 1 Thes. 4:8, Heb. 13:12.
6. Holiness—Luke 1:75, 1 Thes. 4:7, Heb. 12:14.
7. Water Baptism—Matt. 28:19, Mark 1:8, 10, John 3:22, 23, Acts 8:36, 38.
8. Baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to cleansing; the endowment of power for service—Matt. 3:11, Luke, 24:49-53, Acts 1:4-8.
9. The speaking in tongues as the evidence of the Baptism with the Holy Ghost—John 15:26, Acts, 2:4, 10:44-46, 19:17.
10. The full restoration of the gifts to the church—1 Cor. 12:1, 7, 10, 28, 31, 1 Cor. 14:1.
11. Signs following believers—Mark 16:17-20, Rom. 15:18, 19, Heb. 2:4.
12. Fruit of the Spirit—Rom. 6:22, Gal. 5:22, 23, Eph. 5:9, Phil. 1:11.
13. Divine healing provided for all in the atonement—Psa. 103:3, Isa. 53:4, 5, Matt. 8:17, Jas. 5:14-16, 1 Pet. 2:24.
14. The Lord's Supper—Luke 22:17-18, 1 Cor. 11:23-26.
15. Washing the saints' feet—John 13:4-17, 1 Tim. 5:9, 10.
16. Tithing and giving—Gen 14:18-20, 28:20-22, Mal. 3:10, Luke 11:42, 1 Cor. 16:2, 2 Cor. 9:6-9, Heb. 7:1-21.
17. Restitution where possible—Matt. 3:8, Luke 18:8, 9.
18. Pre-millennial second coming of Jesus.
  - First. To resurrect the dead saints and to catch away the living saints to meet Him in the air. Matt. 24:27, 28, 1 Cor. 15:51, 52, 1 Thes. 4:5-17.
  - Second. To reign on the earth a thousand years. Zech. 14:4, 1 Thes. 4:14, 2 Thes. 1:7-10, Jude 1:14, 15, Rev. 5:10, 19:11-21, 20:4-6.
19. Resurrection—John 5:28, 29, Acts 24:15, Rev. 20:5, 6.
20. Eternal life for the righteous—Matt. 25:46, Luke 18:30, John 10:28, Rom. 6:22, 1 John 5:11-13.
21. Eternal punishment for the wicked. No liberation nor annihilation—Matt. 25:41-46, Mark 3:29, 2 Thes. 1:8, 9, Rev. 20:10-15, 21:8.
22. Total abstinence from all liquor or strong drinks—Pro. 20:1, 23:29-32, Isa. 28:7, 1 Cor. 5:11, 6:10, Gal. 5:21.
23. Against the use of tobacco in any form, opium, morphine, etc.—Isa. 55:2, 1 Cor. 10:31, 32, 2 Cor. 7:1, Eph. 5:3-8, Jas. 1:21.
24. Meats and drinks—Rom. 14:2, 3, 17, 1 Cor. 8:8, 1 Tim. 4:1-5.
25. The Sabbath—Hosea 2:11, Rom. 13:1, 2, Rom. 14:5, 6, Col. 2:16, 17.
26. Against members wearing gold for ornament or decoration, such as finger rings, bracelets, earrings, locketts, etc.—Isa. 55:2, 1 Pet. 3:3.
27. Against members belonging to lodges—Math. 5:34, John 18:20, 2 Cor. 6:14-17, Jas. 5:12.
28. Against members swearing—Matt. 5:34, Jas. 5:12.

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