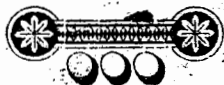


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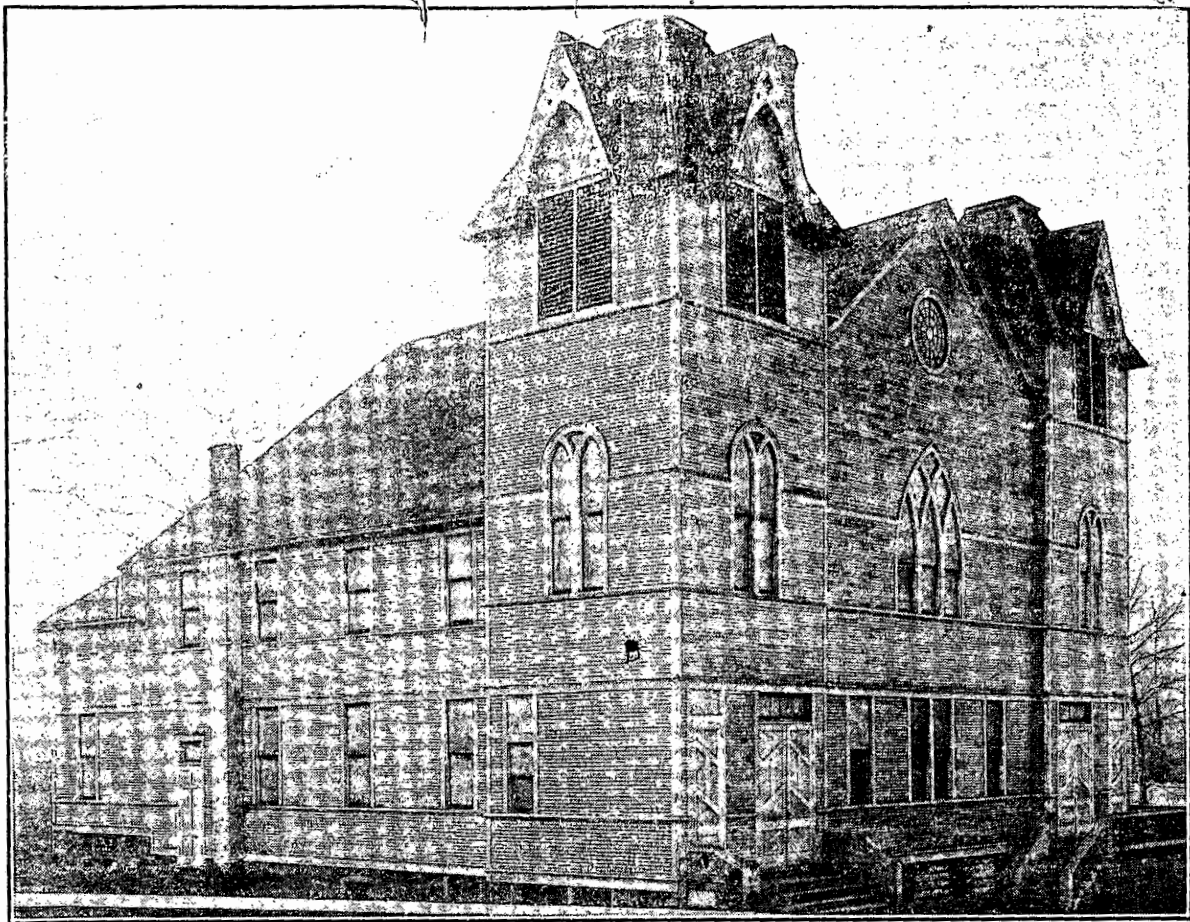
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He attended the assembly in 1917.



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Prefatory Notes

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

It is not 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, Nora Chambers, Blanche Koon and Barbara Usmiller have rendered excellent service and made it possible to prepare this extensive report.

As some of the reports were incomplete 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 and correct information.

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

Every service was greatly honored with the presence of the Lord, and the speakers were greatly helped and inspired by the Holy Ghost.

While the night services were partially given to appropriate instructions and teachings, there was a revival spirit that seemed to pervade the atmosphere and when opportunity was given for seekers to come to the altar they came flocking in.

The music and singing were greatly appreciated by all. The 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 of the Thirteenth Annual Assembly, in the minds of all who had the privilege and pleasure of attending this great gathering.

The time for the next General Assembly will be October 31st, 1918.

A. J. TOMLINSON, ~

General Overseer,

Cleveland, Tenn.

Introductory

THE registration on the day before the Assembly opened showed that there were representatives from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Maine, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

The committees were busy all day long in making suitable arrangements for the comfort of the visitors.

The introductory service on Wednesday night was full of interest and the presence of the Lord was realized in a great measure.

The songs and shouts and beautiful fellowship told of the happiness and love that existed among those present.

At a given time J. S. Llewellyn, of Harriman, delivered the introductory address suited to the occasion and welcomed the visitors to their beautiful city.

A hearty response came freely from several as they spoke in turn and expressed their gratitude and love for God.

When opportunity was given for the offerings to be brought up to apply to the Assembly building fund the joy seemed almost unbounded, and, judging from the appearance, nearly all of the Lord's children responded to this call.

When the pile of bills, checks, and silver was counted it was found to amount to \$240.67.

This was followed by an interesting altar service when about forty seekers kneeled for prayer.

Thursday, November 1, 1917.

The service began at 9:30 a. m. with songs and prayers.

OPENING OF ASSEMBLY

At ten o'clock the Overseer arose and said: As we have met here in this Thirteenth Annual Assembly nothing could be more appropriate to read for an opening Scripture lesson than the twelfth chapter of Romans.

SCRIPTURE LESSON READ

We certainly ought to have our minds so renewed in the things of God and the great Church of God that we can go from this place with more courage and with greater ability than any time in the past.

NOTES FROM THE PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, it is in Thy name we have come here to this Thirteenth Annual Assembly, from the North, East, South and West. Our greetings have been pleasant. Our fellowship has been sweet.

We want to thank and praise Thee because we are followers of the great Church of God. We thank the good name of our God for ever sending Jesus to establish His Church of which we can be members. We thank and glorify Thee because of Thy special presence. Thy presence was with the apostles and Thy presence is with us. Thou hast been with us for thirteen years and we believe Thy presence will continue with us until Jesus returns.

Our hearts and minds take their flight yonder, and we think of the great Assembly by and by where Abraham and Isaac and the blessed old apostles,

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who followed Jesus and who gave their lives for the great Church of God, will gather together.

We are trying to please Thee now, increase our capacity and help us to please Thee more perfectly.

We want to ask Thee to be in all the exercises that may follow in the Assembly. Give us more knowledge and greater ability than we have ever had. Let Thy presence be with all the speakers and give them power through the Holy Ghost.

Lord be with us all the way, every day and hour, and may our fellowship continue to be sweet.

We pray that all the committeemen, and the people and all those who reside in Harriman may feel Thy presence.

Oh God, I pray that Thy power may be so great that holiness can be felt, and that every one will know that God is here.

God bless those that are not members of the Church of God that came to be with us. Help them to feel welcome and in the future to become members.

We want this to be the greatest Assembly we have ever had, not because of our worthiness, but to show the world that Thou art here in mighty power.

We ask all in Jesus' name. Amen.

Song, Humble thyself to walk with God.

Report of collection the night before for Assembly building \$240.67.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Committee No. 1—To receive questions and subjects for consideration: J. B.

Ellis, J. W. Pitcher, M. S. Haynes, H. L. Trim, D. R. Holcomb, J. F. Dover, W. H. Rogers.

Committee No. 2—To investigate grievances: Sam C. Perry, F. J. Lee, S.

W. Latimer, S. O. Gillaspie, L. A. Davis, W. H. Cross, W. M. Rumler.

Committee No. 3—Watchmen: W. A. Capshaw, John Burk, W. F. Bryant,

H. M. Scoggins, W. A. Walker, W. M. Murphy, J. B. Cagle.

Committee No. 4—Foreign Missions: Howard Juillerat, T. S. Payne, Chas.

Holt, E. D. Hopkins, E. B. Culpepper, D. P. Barnett, W. H. Martin.

Committee No. 5—Bible Training School: M. S. Lemons, Efford Haynes,

Geo. T. Brouayer, A. J. Lawson, J. A. Self, C. C. Walker, A. H. Bryans.

Reports by States

AS each state was called the overseer with the representatives arose and sang while the clerk counted them. When the song was over the overseer gave the reports as given below. The reports are only approximately correct owing to the fact that the overseers had not then received all the reports from the local churches.

ALABAMA

T. S. Payne, Overseer.

Representatives, 44.

Song—When the Roll is Called.

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|--|-----|
| Number of churches reported last year..... | 26 |
| Number of churches set in order this year..... | 4 |
| Total number of churches now..... | 30 |
| Number of members reported last year..... | 898 |
| Increase of members..... | 57 |
| Total membership now..... | 953 |
| Number of males..... | 387 |
| Number of females..... | 586 |

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|---|----------|
| Amount of tithes received from the churches..... | \$410.00 |
| Total amount of expenses this year | \$197.48 |
| Total number of miles traveled this year | 7,094 |
| Number of counties in the state | 66 |
| Number of counties in which there are churches..... | 17 |
| Number of counties having no churches..... | 49 |

ARKANSAS

No overseer.

Representatives 3.

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Number of churches..... | 3 |
| Number of members..... | 192 |

BAHAMA ISLANDS

W. H. Cross, Overseer.

Representatives, 1.

Song—I Want to be Ready to Go.

Overseer made a few remarks and stated that as he failed to gets his reports in he could not make any report except that the work in general on the islands was in a prosperous condition.

CALIFORNIA

Representatives 2.

Remarks by W. C. Hockett.

CONNECTICUTT

No reponse.

FLORIDA

Sam C. Perry, Overseer.

Representatives, 13.

So few reports in from local churches overseer could not give a report.

GEORGIA

M. S. Lemons, Overseer.

Representatives, 53.

Song—All is Holy there.

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|---|-----------|
| Number of churches reported last year..... | 30 |
| Number of churches set in order this year..... | 5 |
| Total number of churches now..... | 35 |
| Number of members reported last year..... | 890 |
| Increase of members..... | 1,000 |
| Total membership now..... | 1,890 |
| Amount of tithes received from the churches | \$ 337.68 |
| Total amount of expenses this year..... | \$ 230.00 |
| Total number of miles traveled this year | 10,000 |
| Number of counties in the state..... | 152 |
| Number of counties in which there are churches..... | 10 |
| Number of counties having no churches..... | 142 |

ILLINOIS

D. P. Barnett, Overseer.

Representatives, 3.

Song—The Half Has Never Been Told.

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| Number of churches reported last year..... | 4 |
| Total number of churches now..... | 4 |
| Number of members reported last year..... | 152 |
| Increase of members..... | 178 |
| Total membership now..... | 330 |

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|---|-----------|
| Amount of tithes received from the churches..... | \$ 104.50 |
| Total amount of expenses this year..... | \$ 52.00 |
| Total number of miles traveled this year..... | 2,000 |
| Number of counties in the state..... | 102 |
| Number of counties in which there are churches..... | 3 |
| Number of counties having no churches..... | 99 |

INDIANA

W. H. Martin, Overseer.

Representatives, 4.

Song—Christ is all I need.

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|---|----------|
| Number of churches reported last..... | 1 |
| Number of churches set in order this year..... | 1 |
| Total number of churches now..... | 2 |
| Number of members reported last year..... | 25 |
| Increase of members..... | 49 |
| Total membership now..... | 74 |
| Amount of tithes received from the churches..... | \$ 7.00 |
| Total amount of expenses this year..... | \$ 15.00 |
| Total number of miles traveled this year..... | 700 |
| Number of counties in which there are churches..... | 2 |
| Number of counties having no churches..... | 90 |

KENTUCKY

W. F. Bryant, Overseer.

Song—Tell Them I am a Child of God.

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| Number of churches reported last year..... | 5 |
| Number of churches set in order this year..... | 5 |
| Total number of churches now..... | 10 |
| Total number of members reported last year..... | 166 |
| Increase of members..... | 134 |
| Total membership now..... | 300 |
| Amount of tithes received from the churches..... | \$ 2.50 |
| Total amount of expenses this year..... | \$ 33.75 |
| Total number of miles traveled this year..... | 1,700 |
| Number of counties in which there churches..... | 9 |
| Number of counties having no churches..... | 110 |

LOUISIANA

M. S. Haynes, Overseer.

Representatives, 2.

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|---|-----------|
| Number of churches reported last year..... | 4 |
| Total number of churches now..... | 2 |
| Number of members reported last year..... | 128 |
| Increase of members..... | 38 |
| Total membership now..... | 166 |
| Amount of tithes received from the churches..... | \$ 954.70 |
| Total number of miles traveled this year..... | 2,250 |
| Number of counties in which there are churches..... | 2 |
| Number of counties having no churches..... | 62 |

MARYLAND

John W. Pitcher, Overseer.

Representatives, 1.

Song—Pentecostal A. B. C.

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| Number of churches..... | 2 |
| Number of members..... | 122 |

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| Amount of tithes received from the churches..... | \$ 150.00 |
| Total number of miles traveled this year..... | 5,600 |
| Number of counties in which there are churches..... | 2 |
| Number of counties having no churches..... | 22 |

NOON

Song; prayer by J. B. Ellis.

MICHIGAN

No response.

MISSISSIPPI

J. A. Davis, Overseer.

Representatives, 9.

Song—Jesus is the Truest Friend.

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|---|-----------|
| Number of churches reported last year..... | 10 |
| Number of churches set in order this year..... | 9 |
| Total number of churches now..... | 19 |
| Number of members reported last year..... | 441 |
| Increase of members..... | 302 |
| Total membership now..... | 743 |
| Amount of tithes received from the churches..... | \$ 286.63 |
| Total amount of expenses this year..... | \$ 261.63 |
| Total number of miles traveled this year..... | 4,300 |
| Number of counties in which there are churches..... | 8 |
| Number of counties having no churches..... | 67 |

NORTH CAROLINA

W. A. Capshaw, Overseer.

Representatives, 59.

Song—Golden By and By.

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| Number of churches reported last year..... | 8 |
| Number of churches set in order this year..... | 6 |
| Total number of churches now..... | 14 |
| Number of members reported last year..... | 264 |
| Increase of members..... | 111 |
| Total membership now..... | 375 |
| Amount of tithes received from the churches..... | \$ 289.64 |
| Total amount of expense..... | \$ 414.04 |
| Total number of miles traveled this year..... | 6,500 |
| Number of counties in which there are churches..... | 8 |
| Number of counties having no churches..... | 91 |

OHIO

Efford Haynes, Overseer.

Representatives, 13.

Song—I want to be Ready to Go.

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|---|----------|
| Number of churches reported last year..... | 1 |
| Number of churches set in order this year..... | 5 |
| Total number of churches now..... | 6 |
| Number of members reported last year..... | 9 |
| Total membership now..... | 107 |
| Amount of tithes received from the churches..... | \$ 29.50 |
| Total amount of expenses..... | \$ 65.00 |
| Total number of miles traveled this year..... | 2,506 |
| Number of counties in which there are churches..... | 6 |
| Number of counties having no churches..... | 82 |

OKLAHOMA

Roy Cotnam, Overseer.

Representatives, 9.

Song—Seeking the Lost.

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| Number of churches set in order this year..... | 9 |
| Total number of churches now | 9 |
| Total membership | 264 |
| Amount of tithes received from churches | \$ 96.05 |
| Total amount of expenses this year..... | \$ 600.00 |
| Total number of miles traveled this year | 1,800 |
| Number of counties in which there are churches..... | 6 |
| Number of counties having no churches..... | 71 |

SOUTH CAROLINA

W. A. Walker, Overseer.

Representatives, 7.

Song—Deeper yet.

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| Number of churches reported last year..... | 2 |
| Total number of churches now | 2 |
| Number of members reported last year | 70 |
| Increase of members..... | 22 |
| Total membership now..... | 92 |
| Amount of tithes received from the churches..... | \$149.80 |
| Total amount of expenses this year..... | \$562.85 |
| Total number of miles traveled this year..... | 3,186 |
| Number of counties in which there are churches..... | 1 |
| Number of counties having no churches..... | 39 |

TENNESSEE

F. J. Lee, Overseer.

Representatives, 254.

Song—Glory Bound.

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| Number of churches reported last year..... | 43 |
| Number of churches set in order this year | 9 |
| Total number of churches now | 52 |
| Number of members reported last year | 2,232 |
| Increase of members..... | 195 |
| Total membership now..... | 2,527 |
| Amount of tithes received from the churches..... | \$456.40 |
| Total amount of expenses this year..... | \$400.00 |
| Total number of miles traveled this year..... | 4,000 |
| Number of counties in which there are churches..... | 27 |
| Number of counties having no churches..... | 69 |

TEXAS

Geo. T. Brouayer, Overseer.

Representatives, 16.

Song—I am Glad I am One of Them.

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| Number of churches this year..... | 5 |
| Number of members..... | 123 |
| Amount of tithes received from the churches..... | \$ 83.82 |
| Total amount of expenses this year..... | \$266.62 |
| Number of miles traveled this year..... | 4,752 |
| Number of counties in which there are churches..... | 4 |
| Number of counties having no churches..... | 248 |

VIRGINIA

T. L. McLain, Overseer.

Representatives, 9.

Song—Shouting in the Air.

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| Number of churches reported last year | 14 |
| Number of churches set in order this year | 1 |
| Total number of churches now | 15 |
| Total number of members | 362 |
| Amount of tithes received from the churches | \$ 34.53 |
| Total amount of expenses this year | \$100.00 |
| Total number of miles traveled this year (walked 300) | 3,000 |
| Number of counties in which there are churches | 6 |
| Number of counties having no churches | 94 |

WEST INDIES

J. A. Joseph, Overseer.

No response.

WEST VIRGINIA

W. M. Rumler, Overseer.

Representatives, 7.

Song—Press Along to Glory Land.

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| Number of churches reported last year | 6 |
| Number of churches set in order | 3 |
| Total number of churches now | 9 |
| Total number of members reported last year | 117 |
| Total membership now | 225 |
| Amount of tithes received from the churches | \$ 221.00 |
| Total amount of expenses this year | \$ 350.74 |
| Total number of miles traveled this year | 3,500 |
| Number of counties in which there are churches | 5 |
| Number of counties having no churches | 50 |

All stood and sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Words of appreciation of the reports were spoken by the General Overseer, and regrets that some of the reports were not in.

He also gave an exhortation to diligence in preparing reports, and attending to requirements of the government.

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

At the last Assembly the Foreign Missions Committee recommended that the Evangel office act as treasurer for this fund, but made no provisions for the distribution of the money received. The Assembly accepted the recommendation of the committee without any notice that no one was appointed to place the money in the hands of missionaries. When this fact was made known to your General Overseer, it was too late to make any amendments. The Editor of the Evangel did his best to serve in his part of the matter and gave general notice through the paper

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of the coming Missionary day a week or two beforehand. The money commenced coming in and there was need of it on the mission field, so your General Overseer assumed the responsibility of distributing it to the best of his knowledge and ability. There were times when the amount needed was greater than the amount on hands, but he supplied it and met the needs all along. If the Assembly feels that the Overseer did wrong in assuming that responsibility, and that he has used it unwisely, you only have to make it known and he is ready to repent.

The reports have been given in the Evangel from time to time so that all could see where the money came from and where it was used. There has been nothing hidden about it. The manner of gathering has been a success and the committee that prepared the plan last year is certainly worthy of commendation and praise. The distribution may not have been so satisfactory, yet we know of no complaints or criticisms.

The committee appointed by this Assembly may have some better system to recommend. If they do we earnestly hope the Assembly may accept and adopt it.

As stated above the reports have been in the Evangel from time to time, but it is necessary to make a report here before the Assembly.

RECEIPTS

Receipts are as follows:

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| Balance in treasury last year..... | \$ 34.52 |
| From 19 Sunday Schools | 68.87 |
| One Camp meeting..... | 12.50 |
| Collections outside of churches..... | 28.45 |
| Individuals | 298.87 |
| One hundred and forty churches | 1407.03 |
| Total receipts..... | \$1850.24 |

DISBURSEMENTS

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| W. H. Cross, Bahama Islands | \$ 328.90 |
| David Lafeur, " " | 15.00 |
| Lewis J. Major, " " | 5.00 |
| Maggie Jeffords, " " | 20.00 |
| Lucy M. Leatherman, South America..... | 532.35 |
| F. L. Ryder, " " | 303.50 |
| Jennie B. Rushin, China | 25.00 |
| J. W. Bell, Jamaica | 3.00 |
| Lillian H. Trasher, Egypt | 36.00 |
| Postage..... | .52 |
| Total..... | \$1269.27 |
| Total Receipts..... | \$1850.24 |
| " Disbursements..... | 1269.27 |
| Balance..... | \$ 580.97 |

Congregation stood and sang, Dwelling in Beulah land. Adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

7:00 P. M. Song service. Prayer and praise service.

This was followed by annual address by General Overseer.

Overseer's Annual Address

(Bible lesson read, 1 Peter 1:1-13.)

IT has been said that "time waits for no man." A retrospective view of the past twelve months causes us to exclaim with the Psalmist, "We were like them that dream." Indeed the time has passed so rapidly that it seems almost like we have only dropped into a doze, and the thousands of things that have transpired are only fancy, and a sudden awakening finds us here in this wonderful Thirteenth Annual Assembly.

In recounting the moments of the past three hundred and sixty-five days, it is a source of pleasure to call to mind one of the wise sayings of Solomon who is recognized by the Christian world as the wisest of men. He said, "I returned and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all."

For the great Church of God, the past year has been a time for labor and toil, and an excellent chance to accomplish something worth while. The thousands of precious brothers and sisters of the Church have done excellent service for God and the great cause of Christ. Not a few have been so faithfully discharging their duty that it can be said of them, They have done what they could.

THEY HAVE WORKED

The wise man said, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." Our people have worked as if they thought this might be the last year for the beautiful service they owed to their Maker. They seem to have remembered a saying of Jesus and caught His Spirit. "I must work the works of him that sent me," said Jesus, "while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

No better spirit could have taken possession of the Lord's followers than this all powerful spirit of Christ. "Get something done, and get it done quickly," has seemed to be the spirit among our people since last we met in this beautiful and commodious building only one year ago. To some it has seemed that this was their last year of service for their Master, so they have exerted themselves to their utmost capacity, so that they could be accounted faithful.

True, some of our workers have fallen on the battlefield, and taken their departure from us, but enough are left to gather here to sing and shout over the victories gained. I fancy I can see some of our faithful ones looking over the battlements of heaven now, and enjoying the sweetness of this heavenly hour with us. And as we realize, even to a slight degree, the presence of heavenly beings, we can exclaim with the poet, "This is like heaven to me."

GOD WITH US

To say that God has not been with us would be a dishonor to the worthy name of Him that said, "And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." To say He is not with us now would be reproachful in the extreme. But surely no one would be so ungrateful as to utter such a false-

hood, for truly the Lord has been with us and truly He is with us now. His very presence seems to call for the hallowed expression, "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

As I look into the faces of these mighty men just in from the battlefield, and behold the glory shining forth from the countenances of these devoted women, my heart flutters with a deep feeling of emotional gratitude, when I remember the strong chord of love that binds us together in one great body—the Church of God. Then when I remember how the Lord has truly been working with us, confirming the Word with signs following, the pent up feelings seem to break in a thousand pieces, for, "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust."

CALLED AND HONORED

The reason for His having called us into this mighty last day movement, may be because He could not get others, but be that as it may, there is an honor bestowed upon us that no people of all the ages have had the pleasure of receiving. I have feared many times that I have not yet fully comprehended the vastness of our responsibilities and obligations. It means much to take that Book between our fingers, press it to our bosom and declare in the presence of God that we will take it as the man of our counsel and follow its teachings, and be joined to the greatest institution and government ever given to man.

We look upon Moses, and Aaron, and Joshua, and Caleb and others of their day, as mighty men of God. And truly none could have been greater than, and possibly never in this world, but they were only designated as special characters chosen as instruments by which the Church in the wilderness was inaugurated. But we are representatives, not of the Church in the wilderness, but of the Church of God in the top of the mountains. We have left the wilderness, and are rapidly making our way to the mountain peaks. "And it shall come to pass in the last days," saith the prophets, "that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob; and we will walk in his paths."

Christ was with them in the wilderness, and He is with us in the top of the mountains. He made them able for their work then, He makes us able for our work now. They were His chosen people then, we are His chosen people now. They were in the shades of the wilderness, we are out in the sunlight of the heavens. They were as guide boards pointing to a better day and more brilliant light, we are now in the day they saw afar off, and walking in the light of the last days. They embraced the promises by faith, we have them in reality. They beheld the glory of this time by faith, but we are enwrapped in its very folds. The wonderful experience with which we are favored causes us to rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

There may be some sense in which there is reason for grief or sorrow, but in the main, there is great reason for rejoicing and shouts of hallelujahs. If we turn to the world side of the picture and behold the beginnings of the great tribulations that are about to burst upon the ungodly, it is a source of sadness and gloom; but when we turn the picture so as to reveal the position of the saints at the same time, there is a burst of praise, and cheerfulness possesses us when we remember that Jesus said, "When these things

begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

YEARLY FEASTS

This is the Thirteenth Annual Assembly. What will it be? The fellowship is sweet. The love is almost unbounded. The greetings are heavenly. The spiritual atmosphere is pleasant in the extreme. Behold the members of the great Church of God have come up to this annual feast from the north, south, east and west. It reminds me of the great feast of the Jews when Jesus walked over the Judean hills. At some of these feasts Jesus did some of His greatest preaching. As a matter of interest we call attention to an incident or two relative to Jesus and one or two of these great feasts.

The scene was in the Temple, in the court of the Women. The festival which was being celebrated for eight days was the annual thanksgiving Feast of the Jews. In this Court were not only the trumpet openings into which offerings of money were cast, but the four gigantic candelabra, or branched candlesticks, seventy-five feet high, each with four golden bowls for oil, in the centre of this court. At night these were lighted, and the light emanating from them was visible to the whole city. Around these lights pious men danced before the people with lighted candles in their hands, singing hymns and songs of praise, similar to the way our people dance and sing before the Lord in our meetings, while the Levites, who were stationed on the fifteen steps which led into the women's court, accompanied the songs with instrumental music.

Let us suppose ourselves in the number of worshipers who, on the last, the great day of the feast, are leaving their booths at daybreak to take part in the service. The pilgrims are all in festive array. They follow a priest who bears a golden pitcher to the fountain of Siloam, in the valley south of the Temple. Here the priest fills from this fountain the golden pitcher, and brings it back into the court of the temple amid the shouts of the multitude and the sound of cymbals and trumpets.

The rejoicing was so great that the rabbis used to say that he who had never been present at the ceremony, and at the other similar ceremonies by which this feast was distinguished, did not know what rejoicing meant. The return was so timed that they should arrive just as they were laying the pieces of the sacrifice on the great altar of burnt offerings, towards the close of the ordinary morning sacrifice service.

Just at this point, when the interest had been raised to its highest pitch, probably as the last words of the 118th Psalm were chanted, and the worshipers were saying, "Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord, * * * bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar. * * * O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good," and its echoes were dying away into a hushed silence, a voice resounded through the temple, so shrill and clear that all in heaven and earth might hear, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."

Again toward evening of the same day, the great lamps were lighted, shedding their light over the whole scene. These lamps were probably in commemoration of the pillar of fire which guided the Israelites through the wilderness to Canaan.

In a pause in the evening ceremonies, when the multitudes were hushed for a few moments the voice of Jesus once more rang out clear and strong: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." As if He had said: Follow me as

your fathers followed the Shekinah light, go where I show you the way, and as surely as they were led to their promised land, I will now lead you and your nation to the fulfillment of your hopes, and the realization of the promises of God and of the visions of his prophets.

FOLLOWING JESUS

Amid all the confusions, and perils, and wars, ignorance of the future, conflicting opinions, corruptions, and crimes, there is only one true and safe way to the promised time, and that is by following the light of Jesus. So far as we are following Him and His principles we are going right. It is by His light, by following His teachings, by doing His will, by serving under His government, doing business according to His laws, spreading the gospel according to His commands, seeking first the kingdom of God according to His command, that we will move on toward the Millennium. (Right here a chorus of voices broke in and sang vigorously, "We are following Jesus now." The great congregation was greatly moved and the people rejoiced and danced and shouted for about ten minutes. When quiet was again restored the General Overseer continued.) And this is what the Church of God stands for. Following Jesus now is our motto. Yes, we are determined to follow Him, for we believe He will lead us in the right way. Indeed we are afraid of all other ways, but we know His way is right. One said, "Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest." And to another Jesus said, "What is that to thee? follow thou me." And in a more general sense Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." This is the very cause of the gathering of this great throng of people here at this assembly. The sheep have heard His voice and they have come to the one fold under the care of the one great Shepherd.

WE have heard the Shepherd's call. WE have obeyed His voice. He has gathered US in. But "who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?" This is as if the prophet is describing some who have not yet found a resting place. They are flitting about, unsettled, looking for the light, and only seem to see it enough to fly about the windows. And this expression is in the same chapter that describes the people flowing together and the light of the Church of God shining so brilliantly. The following verse declares that the isles are waiting for a chance to be gathered in.

And this fact has been verified this year. Truly the islands of the sea are waiting with anxious longing for the Church. When the dear people were given a chance they came flocking home. When our dear Brother F. L. Ryder, who is now on the South American mission field, landed at Bridgetown, Barbados, he was not long in finding our dear Brother James A. Joseph, who was anxiously awaiting the message of the great Church of God, although he knew nothing about our work here in the states. We may hear more of this matter before the close of this convention.

UNITY AND LOVE

I believe I can truthfully say that there is a closer unity and love in the Church of God than among any other people on earth, but this may not be so perfect but what there is room for improvement. There may be some little differences in teaching among the ministers, but as long as all our people stick to the fundamentals there can scarcely be any room for disagreement. It is when people begin to venture into something they do not know that brings crosses and divisions.

I was teaching a Sunday School class of grown girls. I asked them

questions about the Bible and they would often differ in their answers. When one would tell it one way and one another I sometimes told them the reason for their disagreement was because they did not know the correct answer. I explained to them that the reason for so many different opinions about the Bible was due to a lack of knowledge. Then when I asked a simple question the answer of which they all knew, there was no difference in the answers.

If I were to ask this great congregation to tell me the number of chapters there are in the Book of Job I presume there would be twenty-five different answers given. But if all knew there were forty-two chapters they could readily answer in concert and there would be no division. With some people, it is much easier to guess at things than to search them out and get a real knowledge of them. But our people are searching, and are desirous to know the Scriptures so that they can see eye to eye and speak the same thing. This knowledge will be a sure antidote for divisions.

The Church of God is one. The members are to be so closely united that it can be said of them that they are one heart and one soul. They are all to speak the same thing and have no divisions. They are to be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. They continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine in the early church and we are to do the same now. The doctrine is the same now that it was then. There is no difference. They were in the beginning and we are in the ending, but the doctrine has never changed only as men have put their own interpretations upon it and thus they have beclouded the minds of the people. But we have broken the spell and are rushing up the mountain side into the beautiful light of day above the clouds and have found the truth as it was originally given.

EXAMPLES OF FAITHFULNESS

The Apostles and early fathers gave their lives for the very doctrine with which we are so delighted. Those in authority often tried to force their supporters to desist and give it up, but they remained true to the very last. When St. Peter was in Rome just previous to his death the emperor became enraged and issued orders to take him that he might be put to death. When Peter's friends knew of the order from the king they persuaded him to leave the city. Therefore, Peter, with great reluctance, yielded to their entreaties, and made his escape by night; but as he passed the gate, he was met by a person in the form of Jesus, and when Peter inquired where He was going, He answered, "To Rome, to be crucified a second time." Peter took this as a reproof for his cowardice, and returned to the city and was soon apprehended and slain. "At his coming to the place of execution, he begged the favor of the officers that he might not be crucified in the common manner, but with his head downwards; affirming that he was unworthy to suffer in the same posture in which his Lord had suffered before him. This request was accordingly complied with, and the great apostle, St. Peter, surrendered up his soul into the hands of his great and beneficent Master, who came down from heaven to ransom mankind from destruction."

When St. Peter's brother, Andrew, was condemned to suffer death because he would not surrender his religion and as he was led to the place of execution, he walked with a cheerful and composed mind; and the people cried out, that a good and innocent man was unjustly condemned to die. On his coming near the cross, he saluted it in the following manner: "I have long desired and expected this happy hour. The cross has been con-

secreted by the body of Christ hanging upon it, and adorned with his members as with so many inestimable jewels. I therefore come joyfully and triumphantly to it; that it may receive me as a disciple and follower of Him who once hung upon it, and be the means of carrying me safe to my Master, being the instrument on which He redeemed me." "

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, it is said, always desired to suffer martyrdom for his Lord, and this privilege was granted him in the year 115. When he was apprehended he was taken to Rome, and thrown to wild beasts, in the arena, amid the gaze of a blood thirsty multitude, as they were gathered in the amphitheatre.

When the saintly Polycarp was brought before the magistrate for trial the following conversation ensued: "Sware by the fortune of Caesar," said the pro-consul, "sware and I will release thee; reproach Christ."

"Eighty and six years have I served Him," said Polycarp, "and he never wronged me; and how can I blaspheme my King, who hath saved me? I am a Christian, and if you desire to learn the Christian doctrine, assign me a day, and hear."

"I have wild beasts," said the pro-consul, "and I will expose you to them unless you repent."

"Call them," was the calm reply. "Our minds are not to be changed from the better to the worse: but it is a good thing to be changed from evil to good."

"I will tame your spirit by fire unless you repent," said the pro-consul.

"You threaten me with fire, which burns for a moment," said the martyr, "but you are ignorant of the future judgment, and of the eternal punishment reserved for the ungodly. But why do you delay? Do what you please."

At last he was sentenced to die at the stake. When they sought to bind him to the stake, he said, "Let me remain as I am; for He who gives me strength to sustain the fire, will enable me to remain unmoved." Then placing his hands behind him, he lifted up his voice in prayer, and thanked God for having given him the privilege of sealing the faith with his life. Then the fagots were lighted; but the winds blew the flames away so steadily that in spite of the efforts of his tormentors, he remained uninjured. Upon this the executioner slew him with his sword, and afterward burned his body.

These were the beginning days of the Church of God. The apostles were all slain except one. Men, women and children were forced to reproach Christ or die the horrible deaths. But it is said, "the blood of the saints was the seed of the gospel." So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

We are members of the same Church, and we have certain responsibilities upon us in these last days and we must be possessed with the same martyr spirit that our fathers had. It is only a matter of a little time until we will be called upon to deny divine healing or be dragged mercilessly before the courts and thrust behind the bars. And this is all the more reason why we must stick together and recoil at the very mention of division. They remained true unto death. We must and will do the same. They offered all kinds of torture and cruel mockings in the beginning, and we can hardly desire to get through easier in finishing up the work preparatory for our Master's return.

GOVERNMENT

The Church of God is government. This view is accepted by many

writers and historians, but at the same time how few of such men have been able to fully distinguish it, and yield to its laws and forms. This has been left to us upon whom the end of the world is come. All who call themselves Christians agree in admitting that in the New Testament there is to be found frequent mention of a corporate body known as the church—some times spoken of more fully as the Church of God. But the full understanding of the matter is only left to those who gladly accept the light and lay down their opinions, and bravely walk out of everything else and into the strong embrace of its beautiful laws.

We do not claim that we have arrived at a state of perfection in governmental matters, but we have learned many things that we did not use to know, and are constantly seeking for light and knowledge so that we can operate after God's order in a way to save the most people and give our King the most glory.

Not every detail and item of government is given, but we do no violence to Scripture to supply some methods and forms that lead us from one perfect corner stone to another at another point. Thus we must have officers and rulers and subjects, all in their respective places, performing their different duties, directed by the blessed Spirit of God, who always directs in harmony with the laws and teachings of Jesus and the holy prophets and apostles.

MONEY SYSTEM

No government can exist long without a money system of some kind. And while salvation is not purchased with money directly, yet it takes money to make us able to spread the gospel. We have been operating a crude and incomplete money system for several years. It has brought fairly good results, but there are obvious reasons demanding a change to a better and more complete system. There are two special demands this year that this Assembly should not fail to make provision for. The first one I shall mention is a fund to supply the expenses of the twelve men chosen by order of the Twelfth Annual Assembly to sit in council with the General Overseer at times specified by him.

While these elders are serving in this capacity they are not on the field where they can draw their supplies as pastors, overseers or evangelists, but will be dependent upon resources from another source which must be designated by this honorable body. The General Overseer with whom they are to sit in council has been scantily supplied by a third tithe of the tithes under the old system, but this will go nowhere toward the supply necessary for these twelve men. It may not be my place to dictate, but I am sure the tithe of all the tithes brought into the "store house" would not be too much to have placed in this fund to be at the disposal of this council of elders. If this amount should not be needed for their actual expense, that much and many times more will be needed to propagate the gospel and the work of the church under their care and supervision. I would therefore recommend that provisions be made to have all the tithes of the tithes that come into the local treasuries, conveyed to headquarters for the use and disposition of said board or Council of Elders.

It is my sincere conviction that our present system should be so amended as to relieve it of the third tithing, which is both unscriptural and insufficient to meet the needs. This subject may be presented more extensively in a discourse and otherwise that will be given later on in the Assembly, and no doubt this honorable body will be called upon for some definite action in

regard to this matter. And if we give the Holy Ghost a chance to guide, which we must do in all our deliberations, I am sure He will enable us to make the necessary changes and provisions.

The other special feature relative to the financial system referred to above, is what might be designated as a "home mission fund." We have previously provided for a foreign mission fund, which has been put in successful operation. Our foreign mission committee, that recommended the plan last year is worthy of much praise and commendation. The Assembly, too, should feel a sense of gratitude because they were willing to adopt the method recommended. The raising of funds for foreign missions under the method practiced the past year has far surpassed the expectation of many. But it is not the thing to become so engrossed with foreign mission work that the home mission work will be neglected. They must go together. God will prosper the great Church of God that we love so well in proportion to the interest we show in both home and foreign mission work. If we are slack on these two things our spirituality will wane, our power for service will weaken, and the sick will not be healed as of yore. But if we gladly and willingly push these two branches of work, God will heal our diseases in answer to our prayers, and give us all the power we need for any service in which we engage.

People often wonder why they are not healed, or why they do not prosper in their efforts to support their families. I am afraid it is often due to a failure on their part to pay tithes, and give liberally of freewill offerings for foreign and home mission work and the support of the church in general. God has said through the mouth of the prophet Isaiah that when certain conditions are met, which means to be liberal and lend your assistance in spreading the gospel and helping the poor and needy, "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily. * * * And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: And thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."

I feel it will be dangerous and disastrous for us to let this assembly pass without providing for the gathering of a home mission fund in a similar manner provided for the foreign mission fund. One local church cannot do much toward the foreign mission fund, but when all do their bit, as has been proven the past year, there is an amount that brings results. True, every local church should do more or less home mission work locally, but there should be a fund gathered together so greater things can be accomplished. Ten dollars a year used by itself will scarcely accomplish anything, but get ten dollars a year from every local church and you have a sum of three thousand dollars, round numbers. That amount will accomplish something worth while. And ten dollars a year from each local church is a very small estimate. And I dare say that the church and pastor that will not lend their assistance in providing these necessary and exceedingly important funds will soon lose their victory, fail to have revivals, fail to get the sick healed and fail as one part of the great Church of God.

But we are not going to fail. We know no failure. Important matters like these will claim our attention. We will provide these funds. I would be greatly disappointed if this assembly should close without making provision for this home mission fund. I would be afraid our power would subside and our sick would not be healed and the revivals would not be as extensive as in the past. I feel that now is the time to commence. A collection every alternate month with the foreign mission collection would not be

too much. But this can be determined by this honorable body. God will help us to make a good honest decision.

BETTER SYSTEM

There are other things to consider besides the amendment and readjustment of the financial system. They must have our attention in proportion to their importance. The districting and systematizing of the work in the states should claim some attention this year. We believe the overseers and pastors see the need of some better arrangement for the conservation of the work by this time. It is not enough to get the work started and organize churches; they must also be properly cared for in order that they may thrive, and increase in number and power. I truly believe there will be much gain realized by careful division of the states into districts under the care of a superintendent or overseer to act in the capacity of pastor over quite a number of churches, with sub-pastors under him.

KEEPING RECORDS

There is no business that will be successful without careful system in all of its branches. We cannot afford to have it said of us always, according to the words of Jesus—The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. This ought not to be. If any difference the Lord's people should show greater wisdom than the children of the world. Great care should be taken in keeping records. We have been called upon this year by the government for certain reports which we could not have furnished if we had not kept some careful records in the past. As time goes on and Jesus tarries we may be called upon for further reports, and we must be ready to answer. Every clerk of every local church should keep careful and accurate records of all matters pertaining to the church work as there is the beginning point. We are dependent upon the local churches for reports that we have to make to the government. These accurate records and reports may be very helpful to us later on when the laws and other religions bear down heavier upon us than they do now.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday school interests should claim a just portion of our attention. As this is an institution that might justly be named a "nursery" for the church, it is of no little importance. Steps should be taken to cause our people to take greater interest in the Sunday school work. Sad as it may seem, it remains a fact that some of the local churches do not have Sunday schools. This should not be. Every local church should have a flourishing evergreen Sunday school, where one hour a week can be spent in the study of the Bible. The children should be trained to attend Sunday school from infancy.

Every overseer, every pastor and in fact every member, should consider themselves a committee of one to boost the Sunday school work. Every overseer ought to feel embarrassed if he allows one church to be reported up next year without a Sunday school. There may be difficulties to meet in the Sunday school campaign, but Church of God people are capable and fully able to meet and surmount almost any kind of difficulties. If a person becomes enthused about Sunday school work, I am sure he will enthuse some one else.

BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

We have been plodding along for thirteen years without a regular Church Bible training school. I feel that much time has already been

lost on this account. Some of our young people have attended other schools and if not lost to the Church of God entirely, they have lost their fiery zeal for the Church of God by attending schools where the instructors were not interested in the Church of God if not avowed enemies to it. I have thought sometimes of venturing to institute a school myself and trust the Lord for expenses. I am almost ready now to do it if the Assembly does not feel able to take the responsibility and make the venture. But I would not want to undertake such an important matter without the approval of this honorable body.

In mentioning a school, I do not refer to a school to teach the children. Until we can do better, our common school system will have to be depended upon for the common education. But I refer to a school where our young people can take a course of Bible and missionary training. Those who feel a special call to enter the ministry, both young men and young women, should take a thorough course of Bible training. Every minister that we send out should be thoroughly acquainted with his Bible. A six months of one year course would work wonders in the preparation for better service.

Not only is it necessary for those entering the ministry to take this training, but every young man and every young woman should prepare themselves for Sunday school work with its different departments. We need trained superintendents and more especially do we need trained teachers for Sunday school classes.

I hardly feel that I can make this appeal too strong. I feel something should be done at once. Hitherto I have felt that we were not able, but that excuse has almost, if not entirely vanished now. Like Caleb of old, I believe we are fully able to go up and possess the land. Like David, the shepherd boy, I believe we are able to meet and slay the giant. I make an earnest appeal that this matter may not be passed by unheeded any longer. Let us brave the storms, and scale the heights, and do some things in this Assembly. Let us muster up enough courage and faith, until we can "laugh at impossibilities and cry out, it shall be done." Paul says, "Hope maketh not ashamed," and as I have hope of this matter, I am not ashamed.

We ventured last year in the establishment of a printing plant. Truly it was a venture, but somebody had some faith in it. What has been the result? What do you see now only twelve months later? A good printing plant in successful operation; worth not less than three thousand dollars, employing seven regular hands, and one or two days in every week four or five more besides the editor. The plant is paying no dividends yet, but it is printing the gospel and sending it forth by the thousands of papers, books, tracts and Sunday School literature. This is a result of the action taken in the Assembly last year. If so much can be done on this line, I do not hesitate to say we can arrange for the institution of a Bible training school just as well. I recommend it, and advise that we go at it and not wait another year. If some men or women who have the money lying in the banks somewhere unused do not want to turn it loose for such a noble purpose, let them alone. God will help us to get along without it. I can say with Mordecai of ancient times, "If thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall enlargement and deliverance arise * * * from another place." I would be afraid to have money laid up now, and hold it out of the Lord's service, when the demands are so great, and the Lord's coming so near, and so much work to be done.

"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that with-

holdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. He that withholdeth corn, the people curse him: but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it. * * * The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls (with his means or otherwise) is wise."

TEST OF SALVATION

By way of advice and instruction I wish to call attention to some matters that have not been best for the Church in general. It has been reported that a few of our ministers have become enthused, and probably a little over zealous, and on the spur of the moment declared that unless a person could take up a serpent or handle fire he did not even have salvation. Such wild assertions as these should be avoided. The Church of God stands uncompromisingly for the signs and miracles, and upholds the taking up of serpents and handling fire under the proper conditions, but does not stand for making such experiences a test of salvation.

ADVICE TO EVANGELISTS

Another thing that is very unsatisfactory, that I wish to mention, is that of evangelists or any others spending their time in traveling from church to church and spending a few days with each church and always make it a point to get a good collection before they leave.

At the Tenth Annual Assembly it was decided and made a ruling that all ministers must remain within the bounds of the decisions of the Assembly, and that they should not teach or practice anything contrary to the teachings authorized by this body. At the same time it was recommended and ruled that all evangelists and workers keep in touch with their respective overseers by correspondence or otherwise so that all may work in harmony and thus avoid any disorder that might arise from being loose or unruly. It was also recommended and ruled that pastors of local churches should be given due courtesy, and that evangelists should not voluntarily or by invitation of a single member enter a church and hold a meeting at a place where there is a pastor; but if evangelists are wanted they should be selected by the mutual agreement of the pastor and the church. If evangelists want to travel and preach let them go into new fields and open up new work. If these instructions are followed, and they should be, many embarrassments and inconveniences will be avoided.

DEEPER SPIRITUALITY

Special attention should be given at all times to the deepening of the spirituality of the members. There should be a sense of spiritual freedom at all times in the services. When we are made free through Christ, then we must retain that freedom. Remember the exhortation of our dear Brother Paul who said, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

Our people should be encouraged to yield to the Spirit, and even to stir up the gift that is in them. Preaching is necessary, but if all of our services were given to preaching only, the spiritual fire would go out. There must be testimonies, talking in tongues, interpretations, signs, wonders, dancing, and whatever else the blessed Spirit of God dictates. Our people must be free in the Holy Ghost. This freedom must not be taken away from them. A part of almost every service should be given to these free exercises in the Spirit. Then the preaching will be enjoyed better—it will do more good. The letter alone will kill, but the Spirit gives life. These outpourings

serve as juice or flavoring to the Word. They are necessary for the best interests of all the children of God.

It has been said that there is more liberty, and rejoicing, and love, among the Church of God people than any people on earth. We must retain our reputation, and not become dead and formal. I have thought we could make the most noise, and then suddenly change to the most intense quietness, above any people on earth. The Lord tells us to make a joyful noise unto Him, and He also says for us to be still and know that He is God. Thus we are changed and wafted about by the blessed Holy Ghost according to the will and Word of God.

THE CHURCH OF GOD

The Church of God has its forms, but they are not dead forms. There is life, real spiritual life in our midst. This life and power must be given a chance to operate or it will be strangled. A fish cannot live on air alone. It must have water. Our spiritual nature cannot live on dead forms. It must have the heavenly outpourings and refreshings. Then it will thrive and spread and grow.

The Church of God is a reality. It is no longer a myth or an imaginary theme about which to discourse or dream. It has real vitality. The organs and members are like Peter's "Lively stones." You can scarcely hold them, but they retain their position and stay in the rightful place. It is attracting the attention of thousands now. All honest and sincere souls are looking toward the rays of light. And the light of the Church of God is already surpassing all other religious institutions. This is not boasting—it is true. If it were darkness it would not receive so much criticism. It could not be seen if it were darkness, and thus it would not be a target for its enemies to aim at. It is no under sea affair slipping along unobserved. It stands out bravely on the highest pedestal, to breast the most severe tempests. Its rays of light are shooting far out over the sea of unbelief and infidelity, and its brightness is increasing.

The Church of God is theocratic in principle. It is God's government to govern His people. It is not His plan to turn His people loose with no protection or government over and around them. They must be taught submission. They must be trained to bow to authority. They must learn obedience here in order that they may rule during the Millennium. If they will not submit to government here they will be of no value under the beautiful reign of Christ over there. This is only a training camp, preparatory to usefulness in the future. He is preparing us to be kings and priests. He will accept us as efficient rulers in proportion to our submission to His government and our fidelity to Him who is our great Head and Lawgiver.

Then followed the reading of a few verses of Scripture from Isaiah 53, with a few appropriate remarks.

At the close of this address the power fell on the congregation and hundreds of people rejoiced, danced, and the glory of God filled the place.

Friday, November 2.

Song and prayer.

In a brief address by J. S. Llewellyn he recommended that the General Overseer's address be accepted and also his recommendations be made a matter of business in the Assembly. This recommendation was unanimously agreed to with scarcely any delay.

GENERAL OVERSEER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

| RECEIPTS | | DISBURSEMENTS | |
|----------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| Alabama | \$ 41 00 | Postage | \$ 46 23 |
| Bahamas | 3 00 | Phone and Telegraph | 5 79 |
| Florida | 51 76 | Stationery | 10 37 |
| Georgia | 49 10 | Drayage | 90 |
| Illinois | 25 00 | Printing | 18 38 |
| Indiana | 2 70 | Miscellaneous | 207 97 |
| Louisiana | 112 58 | | |
| Mississippi | 28 66 | | |
| North Carolina | 40 37 | Total | \$289 64 |
| Ohio | 7 65 | | |
| Oklahoma | 4 12 | Total receipts | \$491 19 |
| South Carolina | 15 66 | Total disbursements | \$289 64 |
| Tennessee | 45 64 | | |
| Texas | 10 67 | | |
| Virginia | 3 05 | Balance | \$201 55 |
| West Virginia | 60 00 | | |
| Total | \$491 19 | | |

COMPARISON

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| Total receipts for year ending with last Assembly | \$509 95 |
| Total receipts for the year just past | \$491 19 |
| Total net receipts last year | \$226 47 |
| Total net receipts for this year | \$201 55 |

HOME MISSION FUND

Immediately after the Assembly was over last year I received a letter from a gentleman outside the church containing \$26.00. In the letter the brother stated that the amount was to be used in sending the ministers where they ought to go. After studying over the matter and waiting on God to know just what it meant and under what head to place it, before I had decided the matter clearly another letter of a similar character came which contained \$13.75. And about the same time a demand presented itself for the very thing first mentioned—that of sending two ministers where they ought to go. I then decided to name it HOME MISSION FUND.

Strange as it may seem the record shows that inside of a month I had received and applied to this fund the sum of \$62.97. And demands came to use it just in the manner stated in the first letter.

The book shows receipts of money in every month during the entire year since the receipt of the first which came November 8, 1916.

There were no solicitings, and no one knew of such a fund, but, received and paid out where I felt clear to use it.

The total amount received during the year.....\$295 47
This has been used to assist twenty-two ministers in eleven states and some islands.

Total amount expended.....\$277 33

Leaving a balance to commence with another.....\$ 18 14

As this came so unexpected and just kept on coming the whole year it seems to me it is the Lord already commenced to favor a home mission fund, by starting it Himself. Reported by General Overseer.

REPORT OF PUBLISHING COMMITTEE

Your committee met on Thursday following the Assembly last year to consider the matter of selecting an editor and publisher for the Church of God Evangel. After consulting together we decided to have Brother Tomlinson to take the responsibility of publishing the paper the ensuing year and present his financial report at the following Assembly. We also decided that the Evangel must be published regardless of the expense, and if the receipts fall short of paying for publishing, the Assembly should make it up, as the paper is the property of the Assembly.

F. J. LEE, Chairman.

PUBLISHER'S REPORT

The Church of God Evangel has been published another year. Its readers have a knowledge of what it has been to them throughout the year. The last issue before the Assembly last year was 5,600 copies. The number of copies printed of the last issue this year was 5,700. This shows but very little gain in subscriptions. For eight successive weeks beginning July 21, it required 6,000 copies to fill the demand. Then for a few weeks following it required 6,300 copies. But this increase was of short duration. The record shows that we have about 5,000 regular subscribers.

Under the head of Sunday School Literature we have published picture cards for children, large picture rolls, quarterlies and lesson leaves. The demand for this has steadily increased. For the last quarter we prepared 4,200 sets of cards, 40 picture rolls, 5,500 quarterlies, and 3,000 lesson leaves. Of this supply there is a little on hands yet.

Besides the regular periodicals we have printed and distributed thousands of tracts and booklets.

During the year we have installed a printing plant at a cost of slightly above \$3,000. This plant was purchased on the installment plan and is only partially paid for, but we are using it for God and doing our best to meet the payments.

Below we give only a brief financial report:

The report will be given in two sections, on account of having commenced to do our own printing the first of April. Last year's report showed:

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| Total receipts to October 28, last year | \$1,847.22 |
| Total expenses for same year..... | 1,527.19 |
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| Balance for publisher's service..... | \$ 320.03. |
| This same account was continued until January 1, 1917, | |
| which showed total receipts of..... | \$2,147.23 |
| And total expense of..... | 2,107.76 |
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| Balance for services..... | \$ 39.47 |

When the report was given at the Assembly there was a balance for services of the publisher to the amount of.....\$320.03 but by January 1st, this was reduced to..... 39.47 This expense was due to the contract we were forced to make to get our printing done after the Assembly until we were able to do our own printing.

From January 1, 1917 to April 1, the time when we commenced to do our

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| own printing the total receipts were | \$681.69 |
| Total expenses during the same period of time were | 708.75 |
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| This makes a shortage of | \$ 27.06 |

During the time from the Assembly to April 1, it required the \$320.03, reported at the Assembly for the publisher's services, and \$27.06, besides to meet the additional expenses. So we closed out with the former printers \$27.06 behind and nothing for our services for the past year and a half.

PUBLISHER'S REPORT NO. 2

From April 1, to October 20, 1917.

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| Cash receipts from all sources including donations and investments | \$3,481.39 |
| Total disbursements including expenses and payments on equip- ments and supplies | 3,791.27 |
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| Amount paid out above receipts | \$ 309.88 |
| Cash received for sales including subscriptions for Evangel, Sunday school literature, etc | \$3,354.29 |
| Expense including purchase of paper, etc | 3,008.52 |
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| Balance | \$ 345.77 |
| Amount of shortage April 1, as shown in first section | 27.06 |
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| Net balance | \$ 318.06 |

This report does not show liabilities and resources, neither does it include any pay for the services of the publisher and his wife, nor rent for the building occupied by the plant.

In the limited time we had to prepare this report we could not take invoices and make a minute report of the business as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

The Publisher.

After the report was read remarks were made by several to the effect that the report should not be accepted without a liberal collection for the publisher.

Lemons—I suggest that we accept the report and let the Assembly meet all the deficiencies and provide some remuneration for the services of the publisher.

Lawson—I am not willing for this report to be placed in the minutes as it is. We should take into consideration the support of his family, rent and other expenses. I know he is willing to let it pass by and bear the expense, but is it right for us to let him do so?

Publisher—As for myself I am willing to let it pass by, but will leave it for the Assembly to decide. I am not thinking about the money, it is the paper I want to go.

Lee—The report of the publishing committee which has just been accepted includes the making up of deficiencies. Now let us make up the deficiencies.

A brother came forward with five dollars, and others followed and kept on coming until when the offering was counted it amounted to \$82.84.

The publisher expressed his appreciation for the offering, but stated that he was not working for wages, but if the people want to give in this

way it is all right. He said he would much rather the people would subscribe for the paper. He then called all to stand that wished to subscribe. Quite a number responded and were waited on and their subscriptions taken.

At this juncture a thousand subscription blanks were given out to any who would take them home and work for the paper.

When this was over, time was given for general expression about the good the paper is doing. Many responded to this and told of much good accomplished and expressed their appreciation and love for it. It was urged that every child of God should read it, and more especially every member of the Church of God.

One brother suggested that it ought to be printed in Spanish and circulated among the Mexicans and other Spanish speaking people.

Jonah L. Shelton made a proposition to discontinue his paper published at Jellico, Tenn., and throw his influence all toward the Evangel and its circulation.

Adjourned at 12:30 for dinner.

NOON

P. M. Song and prayer.

The proposition by Jonah L. Shelton was accepted.

It was suggested that the Evangel be made a foreign missionary when sent gratis to foreign countries for free distribution, and draw on the foreign mission fund for the subscription price and postage. After it was explained fully, and information given that care would be taken in the distribution to make every paper worth something, the Assembly accepted the proposition and instructed the publisher accordingly.

APPOINTMENT OF ELDERS

Pursuant to the decision of the last Annual Assembly of the Church of God which convened at Harriman, Tenn., Nov. 1-7, 1916, which provided for a body of Elders to be chosen for the purpose set forth and described on page 28 of the official record of said Assembly, and whereas it was further provided that the first two members of said body of Elders should be selected by the General Overseer, and acting under these instructions as shown on pages 28 and 32 of the aforesaid official record, I, A. J. Tomlinson, General Overseer of the Church of God, did thereby on Feb. 13, 1917, at eleven o'clock p. m. in my office at Cleveland, Tenn., officially appoint F. J. Lee and T. L. McLain to constitute the two aforesaid Elders.

Then, pursuant to the aforesaid instructions which provided that the first two duly appointed Elders should act in conjunction with the General Overseer in the appointment of the remaining ten, We, A. J. Tomlinson, General Overseer, F. J. Lee and T. L. McLain, Elders, met in joint session at the office of the General Overseer, Feb. 15, 1917, at eight o'clock p. m., and after much prayer and waiting on God, duly and officially appointed the following named brethren to constitute other members of aforesaid body of elders, to-wit: T. S. Payne, M. S. Lemons, J. B. Ellis, Sam C. Perry.

Then, in a similar joint session held March 1, 1917, at 8 p. m., We, A. J. Tomlinson, General Overseer, and F. J. Lee and T. L. McLain, Elders, after much prayer and waiting on the Lord, duly and officially appointed the following named brethren to constitute the remaining members of

said body of Elders, to-wit: M. S. Haynes, Geo. T. Brouayer, S. W. Latimer, E. J. Boehmer, S. O. Gillaspie, J. S. Llewellyn.

Names of Elders in alphabetical order:

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| 1. Boehmer, E. J. | 7. Lee, F. J. |
| 2. Brouayer, Geo. T. | 8. Lemons, M. S. |
| 3. Ellis, J. B. | 9. Llewellyn, J. S. |
| 4. Gillaspie, S. O. | 10. McLain, T. L. |
| 5. Haynes, M. S. | 11. Payne, T. S. |
| 6. Latimer, S. W. | 12. Perry, Sam |

Song and prayer for rest, after which T. S. Payne delivered his discourse on the subject, "Bible money system explained."

At the close of this discourse the congregation sang, "When the roll is called." The power fell and there was a great time of rejoicing and handshaking.

Adjourned at 4:45 p. m.

7:00 p. m. Song service and concert prayer for healing of the sick.

W. A. Walker delivered a short message, after which a collection was taken for expenses.

At 8:00 p. m. Geo. T. Brouayer delivered a discourse on the subject, "Stronger bond and closer fellowship." Altar service followed with much interest and success.

Saturday Morning, November 3.

Song and prayer.

Committee No. 1 handed in their report, but the questions were not considered on account of the absence of the stenographer.

The amount of the collection the night before was announced \$44.42.

General Overseer stated that there were some who desired to unite with the Church of God. He explained the teaching of the church in the following manner: We stand for the whole Bible rightly divided. When we come into the church we covenant to walk in the light as God is in the light.

We have no charter from the government. Investigations showed that in order to get a charter it would be necessary to make limitations, so as we learned we would have as much authority and protection without incorporating we decided it was best to leave ourselves without bounds as the Word of God is not bound.

Water baptism is not a door into the church, but all are required to be baptized. If they have already been baptized by a competent person we do not require them to be baptized over again. But I notice our people are hardly ever satisfied unless they have been baptized by a person filled with the Holy Ghost.

We stand for regeneration and sanctification as a definite experience subsequent to regeneration and the baptism of the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

It is expected that people give up their pill bags and medicine to become members, but this is not made a particular test for membership.

We believe in paying tithes, but we do not compel members to pay tithes. We want to preach the Word to them on this subject in a way that will make them feel badly if they don't do it. We do not compel people to do things, but we want a crowd that will love to do them because it is right.

We do not want any that use tobacco in any form to present themselves

for membership. Some have agreed to quit it and have failed. We want folks to be sure they are through with it before they become members.

We do not want any that are members of lodges or secret orders. They must lay down all such orders before they come into the church.

The matter of labor unions seems more difficult, but we do not want any that voluntarily belong to labor unions and attend their meetings and willingly pay their dues. But should the employers hold back their dues, or if dues are taken as a tax, or to buy the privilege of working, it is considered in harmony with the Scripture that shows the hire of the laborers is kept back by fraud. (See 1915 minutes.)

Question.—What about life insurance? No ruling on this subject has been made by the Assembly, but we are advised to discourage it. It is not a test of membership.

We do not want our members to go to shows or wear superfluous gold.

Question.—What about fairs and school exhibitions?

Much depends upon the kind of fairs and entertainments. Where the farmers bring in their products and stock and exhibit them as a means to stimulate agriculture, no exceptions should be taken to any attending. The conscience of a person ought to be enough to keep him away from places where he should not go. Our people have good common sense enough to know what they ought to do in such cases.

Question.—What about marriage and divorce?

Where people have two or more living companions they should not present themselves for membership. When investigation is made and they are found to be within the rules at present practiced they may become members.

Question.—What about coca cola and other cold drinks?

I hope none of our people are guilty of drinking such things, but if they are I hope they won't do it any more. I wonder what next. It looks like the devil has many traps set for us, but he is not going to get us all.

Question.—What about selling tobacco?

That matter has been settled before. We do not want to buy it or sell it or raise it. We do not even want to touch the old stuff.

Question.—What about chewing gum?

This is not a test of membership, but our people should not use it. We will not give a person credentials to preach if they use the stuff.

Question.—What about working on the Sabbath?

I guess most people do. (A pause.) The Sabbath is Saturday. When it comes to working on Sunday that is a different thing. The customs and laws of our country have provided that day for religious worship and rest, and it is better to observe it in this way if possible. But no rigid rule should be made, or sharp criticism offered if some of our brethren have to work on Sunday occasionally to hold their jobs. It is better, however, to try to get a job that does not require Sunday work.

Question.—Is it wrong to drink coffee?

Some drink it and some do not. But I notice that when coffee drinkers do not get their coffee they have the headache. This makes me think it may be wrong to use it. I do not hear of headaches when people do not get their milk or water. The Assembly has not made any rules about coffee, and it is not good to preach about it or even mention it much and thus probably

wound the feelings of some of our people who use it. We can discourage the use of it by doing without it ourselves.

Question.—What about soda water?

Some one asked me about that recently and I told them that they might put a little soda in some water at home and drink it if they wanted to, but they should never buy it and drink it at any of these public drink stands.

Question.—Is it wrong to sell patent medicine? I sell it in my store and what shall I do about it?

You had better quit it and not sell any more. Better get another job and stop handling the stuff.

Question.—What about giving medicine to the sick?

I could not do it. But probably others can. In the case of nurses they feel compelled to give medicine when the doctor prescribes it. While they are serving as a nurse they may have to do it, but if they get so they cannot give it with a good conscience they had better get another job. In such things we must not condemn one another. It is possible to get so straight that one will lean back the other way. We should not go about condemning and wounding the feelings of our brothers and sisters. Jesus did not come into the world to condemn the world, but to save it.

As the time had now come for the discourse as given on the program, the order was changed and no members received at this time.

Call to prayer.

Discourse by M. S. Lemons on the subject, Discipline vs. No Discipline.

Following this discourse was a display of God's wonderful presence. The people fell on their faces weeping and praying. When this was over the congregation sang, "When the roll is called in heaven." When the song ceased the entire congregation seemed so full that they could scarcely hold themselves so all fell on their faces again and gave themselves up to weeping and other manifestations of gratitude to God. The presence of the Lord was very real.

When all arose the General Overseer said, "I do not feel that we are through yet. Wait a moment and be quiet before the Lord." At this juncture a message was given in tongues while the power of the Holy Spirit swept over the entire congregation. The interpretation was given, but the clerks were unable to write it full. Following is what was written: "My little children I am talking to thee. I am taking thee deeper. There are many things I have not shown thee. I am revealing my word to thee. Be sure to follow the teaching of my word. This is the object of this Assembly, to make known my laws. Walk carefully before me. My little children remember that I am with thee. I know the intents of thine heart. My sheep are scattered. I will bring them from the hills and valleys to the tops of the mountains where they can"—

General Overseer—I am so glad that God is with us.

A full description of this wonderful service cannot be given.

Adjourned for noon.

1:45 p. m. Song and prayer.

General Overseer asked the Assembly for the privilege of appointing a few men for overseers who shall have authority equal with the overseers of the states to act in any territory where there are no overseers and to assist the overseers when necessary, but to have no specified territory.

The Assembly authorized the General Overseer to appoint any of the

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twelve elders to officiate in any business he may find necessary. This virtually grants the request of the Overseer, and gives each elder power to act as an overseer whenever and wherever required by the General Overseer.

Prayer by F. J. Lee, after which Brother Lee delivered his discourse on the subject, "The Temple a Type."

At the close of this discourse opportunity was given for membership and amid songs and rejoicing twenty-one came forward. After they received and accepted the obligation they kneeled down while prayer was offered by the General Overseer after which they were given the right hand of fellowship. Songs, hand-shakes and rejoicing was the order till time for adjournment at 4:30.

7 p. m. Song and prayer service.

W. H. Martin gave a short talk on the subject of love.

Quartette.

Sam C. Perry gave a discourse on the subject, "Signs of the Times."

Interesting altar service followed.

Sunday, November 4.

MISSIONARY DAY

9:30 Song and prayer service.

Discourse by Howard Juillerat. Subject, "Going Without an Invitation."

Collection for expenses.

Discourse by D. P. Barnett. Subject, "The Macedonian Call."

NOON

1:30 p. m. Song and prayer service.

Short talk by Brother Walker, the Indian preacher from Oklahomá.

Short talk by Sister Radabaugh, a returned missionary from Turkey.

Missionary collection \$75.35.

Discourse by J. A. Self. Subject, "The Martyr Spirit."

Adjourned 4:30.

6:30 p. m. Song service and testimonies.

Prayer.

Discourse by Chas. Holt. Subject, "Sent, but not Wanted."

Song and collection.

Discourse by J. W. Pitcher. Subject, "Systematic Evangelism."

Interesting altar service followed.

Monday, November 5.

Song and prayer and a few testimonies.

Introductory remarks by the General Overseer.

The Lord has done great things for us. I feel a good deal like taking my shoes off for this is surely holy ground. I am still trembling at His Word, however, I do not want to be so fearful of doing wrong that I will fail to do the right thing. People who are not here are expecting great things of us and we do not want them to be disappointed. I feel sure God is with us.

We are trying to hold up a standard in every way equal to that held up by the Apostles. And God is helping us and He is going to continue to do so.

It would not be out of order for us to say that this is a progressive age for the Church of God. New truths are opening up. They are old but new to us. I do not know how much higher we may rise, but there is more responsibility resting upon us who are finishing this work than was on them who commenced it, because Jesus was with them and remained with them for a while, but we are preparing for His return. When He comes we want to be so perfectly ready that we will reach His ideal for the Church of God.

I do not know just why my heart is so full this morning. God is melting us together. It seems too good to be true. Others are coming in. We are glad they are here. People who have just heard of us are being melted together with us.

The instructions have been so wonderful that we can hardly express it. This could not have been so but for the inspiration of the Holy Ghost.

I have been loving the Lord and His Church for some time, but it seems that I have expanded so I love Him better than ever before.

I so much appreciate all the brethren who are here—their presence, attentiveness and love. Seems to me we are walking on holy ground. The Lord's presence is right here now. I trust in the remainder of our deliberations God will give us such wisdom and love that we will be able to glorify God and win more souls for Him.

Hundreds and thousands of souls are waiting for this and do not know it. Let the ray of light shine out against infidelity until they shall pierce the recesses of every heart. God is going to help us.

I wish I was able to describe, through the Evangel, this Assembly so all the loved ones who could not come could see how God is with us. But this will require an inspired pen. Human tongue or common pen cannot describe it. Our vocabulary fails us. It is too much to tell.

I am so glad that we are so united in saying that the Church of God shall prevail. As Brother Pitcher expressed it last night, we shall go forth with more push and determination than ever before.

We have received inspiration that can not fail to do us good in the future. We may be engrossed in other things and for a time forget, but it will come back to our minds later.

I used to attend conventions, get filled up and go home and seem to forget what I had learned, but when I would get out into active service where it was needed all would come back to my mind and I would remember where it came from.

But there have never been conventions like this. There could not be.

God does not manifest Himself to any people as He does to the Church of God. He has already said to us as He did to Moses, My presence shall go with thee.

Several years ago, a sister who was sanctified at that time, but since then has been filled with the Holy Ghost, sent me a motto with these words inscribed, My presence shall go with thee. Many times I have looked up through my tears and as my eyes fell upon this motto, my faith would grow by leaps and bounds and I would say, Thank you Father, whether I get it now or not, I will get it by and by.

Well it is wonderful, isn't it? Too wonderful to express. While God wants us to enjoy His blessings, He also wants us to be energetic and diligent in business. There is no government in the world that does not have business principles about it. There is no government on earth that has such sacred business as the Church of God. We want to do our business with more carefulness than any other government. By the help and grace of God we will.

BUSINESS

We did not finish up our publishing business the other day. We did not select a publishing committee for the ensuing year. Shall we appoint a new committee or retain the same one? It was decided to retain the same publishing committee for another year. Names of committee: F. J. Lee, T. S. Payne, J. L. Scott, A. J. Lawson and Geo. T. Brouayer.

It was advised to add a primary quarterly to the list of Sunday school requisites.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

1. We heartily endorse the system adopted by the Assembly last year for collecting funds for foreign missions.

2. We are well pleased with the distribution of funds being in the hands of the General Overseer, and recommend that for the following year he shall have charge of same assisted by any of the brethren he may deem necessary.

3. We understand that less than half the churches contributed to foreign missions last year. We believe our people are anxious to spread the gospel, and if the matter is properly presented by our ministers they will respond more liberally. We recommend that every state overseer, every pastor, every evangelist and deacon should agitate this subject more.

4. We recommend that a vote of thanks be given our General Overseer for his announcement of missionary day through the columns of the Evangel, and would be delighted for him to continue the same.

5. We also recommend that the Sunday school scholars be urged to contribute to the foreign mission fund. Children could be encouraged to give more by having a friendly spirit of rivalry among the classes as to which gave the most. The class giving the most being reported to the school, also that what ever surplus money that can be spared from Sunday school treasury be given to missions.

6. We recommend that the Sunday school picture cards be saved and sent to missionaries as needs require, postage paid out of missionary funds.

HOWARD JULLERAT,

Chairman.

Report was accepted in full as read.

Read short greetings from the Church at Branford, Fla., signed by the church clerk.

General Overseer stated that as the Assembly has already decided to make the recommendations in the annual address a matter of business we will

now take up the first point under the head of "Money System." He then read from the address that part, which see on page 17 of minutes.

After having read the above he said, "It is an evident fact that there must be provisions made for a fund at headquarters. No government has ever been able to prosper without money. What would our nation do without a fund from which to draw in time of need or distress? What would it be in the eyes of other nations? How embarrassing it would be in the presence of other nations to have no funds in the treasury at Washington? This is only a hint at the embarrassment felt at headquarters of the Church of God during the past years. We have seen the work greatly hindered for lack of means in the treasury to meet the demands. Many times we have been embarrassed as the calls came in from different quarters for help. We have some times called up our ministers and asked if they could go a certain place and they have said they had no money to go on and we had to say we had none to send them.

What has been the secret of the success of the Roman Catholic church as they are gaining all the time? Surely it is not their spirituality. It certainly cannot be God's special favor bestowed upon them. It must be the careful arrangement of their financial system which places money at headquarters. They have rigid laws governing their system, but we will have no compelling power in this thing except the love of God forces people. When we get the great love of God down deep in our hearts it will compel us to do the right thing.

We have been operating under the present crude system and I cannot say that the Lord has specially frowned upon us, but I fear that if we should let this Assembly pass without making a change that He would frown upon us.

Nowhere do we find in the Scriptures where it provides to pay the third tithe as we have been practicing under the present system. It only provides for paying the tithes, and the tithe of the tithes. Only two tithes instead of three.

We acknowledge that the New Testament does not outline it in this way, but the Old Testament is a shadow. When a tree casts its shadow and we get into the shadow we can soon tell which direction the tree is by its shadow. The law is the shadow and we are going toward the tree located in the New Testament, "My God shall supply all your needs" etc. and the seventh chapter of Hebrews.

Melchisedec was a priest of the most high God and he was a type of Jesus, and the Church is the body of Jesus, so we have decided to pay tithes to His body which is the Church of God.

All the tribes of Israel brought in their tithes and put in the storehouse, and the heave offering—tithe of the tithes—was sent to the high priest. We do not claim to be high priests, but there are certain principles on which to work. I admit that we are not under the law, but all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for instruction. I am sure, that to take out the tithe of the tithes and send to headquarters will not be out of order. I am giving my honest convictions after listening to the board of elders discussing the subject and a close and careful study of the Scriptures.

A few nights ago I wrote out this little note. (There the speaker read from a little note took in his hand.) The tithe of the tithes shall be sent to headquarters. The remaining nine tenths shall be used to supply the needs at home including the overseers. The nine tenths not to be tithed any more. The ministers in active service for the Church shall tithe the offerings they

receive and send same to head quarters, or put it in the local treasury. Ministers that have other business that brings them an income shall tithe their receipts from their business and put in the local treasury. Leave the details of the distribution to be worked out by the General Overseer and his helpers and put in practice. This to include both the nine tenths in the local treasuries and the tithe of the tithes at head quarters.

Recommend paying the tithes as noted in last years minutes with examples given.

Have treasurer of each local church to report to headquarters every month and give the amount of tithes received, paid out and balance in treasury.

Have overseer of each state or province to report each month to headquarters the amount of both tithes and offerings received and his railroad fare and other similar expenses.

Head quarters may order from churches that have a surplus, what ever is needed to make up deficiencies, in a just and proportionate ratio.

After this was read the Overseer continued: I recommend that this principle be accepted by the Assembly and that the working out of the details be placed in the hands of the General Overseer and his helpers.

Our country is a republican form of government. The people at large accept the principle of the government, but they do not work out the details in connection with it. The details are always worked out by a few who give the subjects their special attention. Take the postal system as an example. It is so perfect that you can drop a letter in a box here and it will go to any part of the world where it is directed. This was worked out by a few individuals and not by the masses. The banking system is a similar example.

Jesus said that the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light, but we as God's people ought to be the wisest people in the world. I have decided that the Church of God people can do any thing. I am satisfied that the details of this principle can be worked out so completely that every minister can be supplied according to his needs. Anything as important as the financial system should not be worked out in a day, or a week or a month or even in twelve months. It is one of the finest systems in the world if we can only work it out, and we CAN work it out in harmony with Paul's teaching where he said in regard to the manna, "He that gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack."

This cannot be worked out unless the Assembly will adopt the principle, and place it in the hands of the aforesaid competent men for that purpose.

I do not often make speeches like this, but I felt like saying all this with a heart overflowing with gratitude and praises to God and love for His Church.

I feel good because I have advised this. All I want now is for you to adopt this principle and make it possible to put it in practice.

At this juncture the Overseer kneeled down and prayed thus:

Now Lord, we feel like we are working at the greatest thing in the world. How we need enlightenment! Surely there is not a soul here with selfishness or selfwill. If this is not the right thing Lord, we pray that Thou wilt put a stop to it.

If it is the right thing help every one to see like the General Overseer. Thou knowest how anxious we are to do right. Lord help us to do right

with the sacred tithes for God's glory. Surely this is better than the other system. There must be a change. Help the brethren to think rapidly. Don't let us make a mistake. We will commit it into Thy care. We have done the best we could about it. Thou hast helped us in the past, I know Thou wilt help us now. Let our cups run over. We want the blessing of God to come down upon us. We want to get where we can have the windows of heaven opened to us, so the blessings will flow out over this country. We want the blessing of God to come down upon the Church of God. He said if we would bring the tithes and offerings into the store house, and that means to put it in the right place, that the windows of heaven will fly open to us. O Lord, we thank Thee for the rays of light and for the beauties we have beheld, but we want the light to shine brighter. Help us, Lord help us! We don't care for money, as far as it is concerned we are dead to it, but we want to get the ministers out in the field working for God. O God, give us some plan so that something can be done. Guide the brethren and all of us, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

This subject was discussed at some length, but a conclusion was not reached until time to adjourn for dinner.

NOON

2:00 p. m.

Song and prayer.

The next subject recommended in the Annual Address was the institution of a home mission fund. This was taken up and discussed by the Assembly. The plan provides for a home mission fund gathered in a similar manner as the foreign mission fund, and every alternate month with it.

The plan was adopted as recommended. This provides that the second Sunday of December, February, April, June, August and October be set apart for home mission Sunday, on which days offerings for this fund are to be received in every local church and sent to headquarters to be under the care and supervision of the General Overseer and his helpers.

The next subject for consideration was the one under the head, "Systematic Arrangement to Conserve the Work." This subject was carefully arranged by the General Overseer and the Elders, and when presented it was adopted without delay or change. The full text of the recommendation is as follows:

COUNCIL OF ELDERS

(October 4-17.)

Subjects to Recommend to Assembly for Consideration.

Under the head: Systematic Arrangement to Conserve the Work in the States and Local Churches, the following is recommended:

1. The states should be divided into districts. Each district to contain a group or groups of churches.
2. Each district shall be under the care and supervision of a pastor or overseer, appointed by the overseer of the state.
3. The pastor or overseer of each district shall have helpers or assistant pastors, who shall be under his supervision, for the care of the churches of the district. These helpers may include women preachers and evangelists. Provisions for the support of these helpers may be determined by the overseer of the state and pastor of the district in joint conference.
4. The overseer of the state or province shall appoint a committee of two or three ministers who shall assist him in determining the bounds of each

district. The above plan to be worked out where practicable and as conditions demand it for the best interest of the work.

5. Pastors and their helpers will be expected to remain on their respective charges throughout the entire pastoral year. If any changes are made it should be under the direct supervision of the overseer of the state. No one should give up the work without giving due notice to the overseer and securing his consent and advice. Standing in the church will depend upon the observance of this advice.

6. The deacons are instructed to assist the pastor by holding prayer meetings, visiting the sick, keeping in touch with all members and giving special attention to those who are not regular attendants of the regular services for worship and insist on their attendance that they may receive the necessary spiritual benefits. Other members, including the sisters, may be called into this service, and with the assistance of the pastor may be classified according to the needs and best interest of the church.

7. All ministers, bishops and evangelists, not engaged as overseers or in pastoral work are expected to do evangelistic work. In case there are any who are not thus engaged, they should furnish the overseer of the state in which they reside a written reason for their inability to perform their duty as ministers.

8. Evangelists or bishops doing evangelistic work shall have the liberty to enter, without restrictions, any new territory opening up to them, but under no consideration shall they enter a pastoral charge without the consent of the pastor.

9. The evangelists shall be required to report quarterly to the overseer of the state in which they work. This report should include meetings held, churches organized with number of members and name and address of clerks, souls saved, and any general good accomplished.

10. It shall be the duty of the overseers of the states or provinces to hold one or more conventions in each district in his territory during the year, to give general instructions concerning the doctrine, and work for the general interests of the work in the district. These conventions should be planned and the dates announced as early as possible each year so all the members in the district can make their arrangements to attend.

11. It shall be the duty of each district overseer to hold a district conference in his district on the second Saturday of October, for the purpose of preparing the annual reports for each local church in the district. It shall be the duty of each assistant pastor and clerk of each church to attend these district conferences. Clerks shall be prepared to furnish the necessary information to fill in the annual report blanks, assisted by the district overseer.

At these conferences the condition of the evangelists in the district shall be considered and their worthiness determined for the renewing of their credentials for another year. These matters shall all be reported to the overseer of the state by the district overseer.

12. No conference shall be held in the district except under the direction or supervision of the district pastor or overseer. This does not exclude the authority of the overseer of the state which is fully explained in minutes of previous Assemblies.

13. To meet some requirements of the Clergy Bureaus relative to securing clergy rates on some of the railroads, and the adjustment of some

irregularities, we recommend that all evangelists' certificates be renewed each year.

If this recommendation is accepted by the Assembly, then it shall be the duty of the overseers to carefully examine each holder of credentials before renewing the certificate. If any have proved themselves unworthy by any misconduct or wrong teaching, they shall not be renewed. If there are any who for any cause have discontinued their ministerial labors, and do not intend to be engaged in active ministerial service, their credentials shall not be renewed.

14. It shall be the duty of the overseers of states or districts to transfer members from churches that have gone down and not able to do business, to those who are in working order.

SUPPLEMENTAL

1. The Lord's Supper and feet washing. After careful consideration of the subject, and examination of the Scriptures it was decided that the two are inseparable, and one should follow the other in succession in the same service. These sacred ordinances should be practiced openly and not in some secret chamber where outsiders are excluded.

2. Life insurance should be discouraged among our people, but shall not be an offence worthy of excluding a member when there is no other offence. Provisions for our unfortunates should be made by the church. This comes under the head of the financial system.

3. Recommend to the Assembly that a committee composed of M. S. Lemons, E. Haynes and F. J. Lee, be appointed to compile a Church of God Song Book.

The next subject was that under the head, "Keeping records." This matter was strongly urged and the Assembly favored it in full as recommended in Annual address.

The next subject was the Sunday school.

A strong expression was given favoring the Sunday school work and all that was recommended was accepted. See full text in annual address. Question.—Can a woman be a Sunday school Superintendent?

Yes, and sometimes women make the very best superintendents, and teachers too. This is not an office in the church and no one should take any exceptions to a good woman being superintendent.

APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS

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| 1. Alabama, J. B. Ellis. | 12. Mississippi, J. A. Davis. |
| 2. Arizona, R. M. Singleton. | 13. Missouri, R. L. Cotnam. |
| 3. Arkansas, E. J. Boehmer. | 14. New Mexico, O. R. Rouse. |
| 4. Bahamas, Milton Padgett. | 15. North Carolina, W. A. Capshaw. |
| 5. California, W. C. Hockett. | 16. Ohio, Eford Haynes. |
| 6. Florida, Sam C. Perry. | 17. South Carolina, W. H. Cross. |
| 7. Georgia, M. S. Lemons. | 18. Tennessee, F. J. Lee. |
| 8. Illinois, D. P. Barnett. | 19. Texas, Geo. T. Brouayer. |
| 9. Kentucky, W. F. Bryant. | 20. Virginia, T. L. McLain. |
| 10. Louisiana, M. S. Haynes. | 21. West Indies, J. A. Joseph. |
| 11. Maryland, J. W. Pitcher. | 22. West Virginia, W. M. Rumler. |

Adjourned 4: 30.

7: 00 p. m.

Song service and prayers.

Short talk by W. C. Hockett.

Short talk by Geo. T. Brouayer.

Prayers for healing of the sick and handkerchiefs anointed.

Song and collection.

J. W. Pitcher delivered the message. Subject, The Ideal Local Church. Interesting altar service followed with many seekers at the altar.

Tuesday a. m., November 6.

Song and prayer.

STATISTICAL REPORT

ALABAMA

32 Churches
953 Members
5 Bishops
31 Deacons
12 Evangelists
15 Churches have pastors
18 Churches have Sun. schools
654 Attendance in Sun. school
\$5025 Property value

ARKANSAS

3 Churches
192 Members
Bishops
Deacons
Evangelists
1 Churches have pastors
1 Churches have Sun. schools
25 Attendance in Sun. school
Property value

BAHAMAS

13 Churches
410 Members
3 Bishops
12 Deacons
12 Evangelists
8 Churches have pastors
12 Churches have Sun. schools
221 Attendance in Sun. school
\$1500.00 Property value

CALIFORNIA

1 Church
13 Members
1 Bishop
1 Evangelist
1 Church has pastor
Church has Sun. school
Attendance in Sun. school
Property value

CONNECTICUTT

1 Church
7 Members
Bishops
Deacons
Evangelists
Churches have pastors

FLORIDA

59 Churches
1455 Members
15 Bishops
34 Deacons
44 Evangelists
42 Churches have pastors
28 Churches have Sun. schools
800 Attendance in Sun. school
16,000 Property value

GEORGIA

34 Churches
1000 Members
10 Bishops
17 Deacons
33 Evangelists
20 Churches have pastors
20 Churches have Sun. Schools
700 Attendance in Sun. school
\$4,125 Property value.

ILLINOIS

4 Churches
330 Members
3 Bishops
2 Deacons
2 Evangelist
4 Churches have pastors
2 Churches have Sun. schools
230 Attendance in Sun. school
\$2,300 Property value

INDIANA

2 Churches
74 Members
1 Bishop
1 Evangelist
1 Church has pastor
1 Church has Sun. school
20 Attendance in Sun. school
Property value

KENTUCKY

12 Churches
344 Members
3 Bishops
2 Deacons
8 Evangelists
5 Churches have pastors

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| Churches have Sun. schools | 6 Churches have Sun. schools |
| Attendance in Sun. School | 199 Attendance in Sun. school |
| Property value | \$1,560 Property value |

LOUISIANA

2 Churches
 166 Members
 Bishops
 2 Deacons
 2 Evangelists
 1 Church has pastor
 2 Churches have Sun. schools
 65 Attendance in Sun. school
 \$564.75 Property value

OHIO

6 Churches
 103 Members
 Bishops
 Deacons
 3 Evangelists
 1 Church has pastor
 5 Churches have Sun. schools
 80 Attendance in Sun. school
 Property value

MARYLAND

2 Churches
 122 Members
 1 Bishop
 5 Deacons
 3 Evangelists
 2 Churches have pastors
 2 Churches have Sun. schools
 138 Attendance in Sun. school
 Property value

OKLAHOMA

9 Churches
 264 Members
 Bishops
 Deacons
 4 Evangelists
 6 Churches have pastors
 4 Churches have Sun. schools
 325 Attendance in Sun. school
 Property value

MICHIGAN

1 Church
 17 Members
 Bishops
 Deacons
 Evangelists
 Churches have pastors
 Churches have Sun. schools
 Attendance in Sun. school
 Property value

PENNSYLVANIA

1 Church
 22 Members
 Bishops
 Deacons
 Evangelists
 1 Church has pastor
 1 Church has Sun. school
 15 Attendance in Sun. school
 \$50 Property value

MISSISSIPPI

18 Churches
 743 Members
 1 Bishop
 5 Deacons
 11 Evangelists
 14 Churches have pastors
 10 Churches have Sun. schools
 224 Attendance in Sun. school
 \$525.00 Property value

SOUTH CAROLINA

2 Churches
 92 Members
 Bishops
 Deacons
 3 Evangelists
 2 Churches have pastors
 2 Churches have Sun. schools
 79 Attendance in Sun. school
 \$550 Property value

NEW MEXICO

7 Churches
 77 Members
 4 Bishops
 2 Deacons
 4 Evangelists
 6 Churches have pastors
 5 Churches have Sun. school
 82 Attendance in Sun. school
 \$700.00 Property value

TENNESSEE

52 Churches
 2527 Members
 29 Bishops
 40 Deacons
 46 Evangelists
 42 Churches have pastors
 37 Churches have Sun. school
 1775 Attendance in Sun. school
 \$23,000 Property value

NORTH CAROLINA

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| 14 Churches | 375 Members |
| 5 Bishops | 3 Deacons |
| 17 Evangelists | 9 Churches have pastors |
| 6 Churches have Sun. schools | 220 Attendance in Sun. school |
| \$3510.00 Property value | |

TEXAS

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| 5 Churches |
| 123 Members |
| Bishops |
| 2 Deacons |
| 5 Evangelists |
| 1 Church have pastors |
| 4 Churches have Sun. schools |
| 128 Attendance in Sun. school |
| \$200 Property value |

WEST VIRGINIA

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| 9 Churches |
| 225 Members |
| 1 Bishop |
| 3 Deacons |
| 10 Evangelists |
| 7 Churches have pastors |
| 7 Churches have Sun. schools |
| 214 Attendance in Sunday school |
| \$600 Property value |

VIRGINIA

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| 16 Churches |
| 362 Members |
| 1 Bishop |
| 7 Deacons |
| 6 Evangelists |
| 11 Churches have pastors |
| 7 Churches have Sun. schools |
| 200 Attendance in Sunday school |
| \$2400 Property value |

AGGREGATION

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| Total number churches..... | 309 |
| Increase over last year..... | 79 |
| Total number of members.... | 10,076 |
| Increase over last year..... | 2384 |
| Total number of Bishops.... | 83 |
| Increase over last year..... | 15 |
| Total number of Deacons.... | 167 |
| Increase over last year..... | 4 |
| Total number of Evangelists | 224 |
| Increase over last year..... | 37 |
| Total number having pastors | 200 |
| Increase over last year..... | 56 |
| Total number having S. S.... | 180 |
| Increase over last year..... | 45 |
| Total aver. Attendance S. S. | 6,394 |
| Increase over last year..... | 1456 |
| Attendance in Sunday school | Property value..... 61,909.75 |
| Property value | Increase over last year..... 16,368.75 |

WEST INDIES

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| 4 Churches |
| 80 Members |
| Bishop |
| Deacon |
| 1 Evangelist |
| Churches have pastors |
| Churches have Sun. schools |
| Attendance in Sunday school |
| Property value |

Telegram of greeting from Sunday school, Macon, Ga.

Discussion of the tithing system resumed. After some little time the plan outlined by the General Overseer as explained above was accepted and adopted, with the additional recommendations prepared by the elders giving examples for paying tithes as follows:

INVESTMENTS FOR PROFIT

1. Mercantile Business—An individual company or corporation; going into business for profit, having already tithed the accumulated capital would be entitled to first pay all expense of the operation of the business such as rents, clerk hire, license, taxes, loss by stock wear or other depreciation common to such business, then tithe the net increase.

EXAMPLES

A.—A business is launched with a capital of \$3,000, and does a business of \$1,000 per month at 20% profit, which would be \$200. \$20 per month is paid for house rent, \$2 water rent, \$1.50 for lights, \$25 for loss and incidental expenses such as drayage, prorata of taxes, license, etc., making an expense of \$48.50.

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| Total profit | \$200.00 |
| Total expense | 48.50 |
| Net income | <u>\$151.50</u> |
| Amount to be tithed | \$151.50 |
| Tithe | \$ 15.15 |

B.—Company or corporation where two or more are in business together.

A. invests \$1,000, B. \$1,000 and C. \$1,000. A. and B. do not pay tithes. C. gives his time to the business and draws \$50 per month salary for his services. He pays the tithe of this amount, which is \$5.00 and at the end of the year they take stock and find that the business has increased 12%. They declare a 12% dividend which gives to C. \$120. He pays the tithe of this which is \$12.00.

C.—A., who owns his own property, goes into business and invests \$10,000. He first charges to his expense account, taxes on his business house, license, taxes on merchandise, repairs, clerk hire, water and light rents, loss by shelf wear or other depreciation; these expenses amount to \$535. He makes a 10% profit which is \$1000. After deducting the expenses—\$535—he has an income of \$465. He pays the tithe of this amount which is \$46.50.

2.—Real Estate.

A.—The real estate man pays \$1250 for a house and lot. He pays \$65 for improvement, \$10 attorney fee for searching of titles, etc. He sells the property for \$1500. The profit—\$250—minus the amount \$65 spent for improvement, and \$10 attorney fee, amounts to \$175 the tithe of which is \$17.50.

B.—The real estate man having houses to rent, rents a house for \$20 per month or \$240 per year. He pays per year for taxes, \$21, water rent \$9.00 up keep of property \$30; this makes a total of \$60 for expenses, which is deducted from income of \$240 leaving the amount of \$180 to be tithed Tithe—\$18.00.

EXAMPLE—THE WAGE EARNER

A wage earner makes \$15 per week; the tithe of this amount, which is \$1.50, he shall pay to the Lord. If, however, his carfare in going to and from his work, costs him \$1.00 per week, this shall be deducted from his wages before tithing, leaving \$14 to be tithed—tithes \$1.40. In no case shall living expenses such as house rent, water rent, lights, grocery bills, etc., be paid before paying his tithes; all these shall be paid out of the remaining nine-tenths.

THE MANUFACTURER

A manufacturer turns out 250 doors in one week. The cost per door for raw material amounts to \$0.50, dressing the lumber \$0.10, labor \$0.05, insurance, light, power, taxes, water and other expenses \$0.25; making a total expense of \$0.90 per door. The sale price per door, amounts to \$1.50.

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| 250 doors at \$1.50 per door | \$375 |
| 250 doors at 0.90 per door | 225 |
| Income per week | <u>\$150</u> |
| Amount to be tithed | \$150 |
| Tithe | \$ 15 |

EXAMPLE—THE CONTRACTOR

A contractor agrees to build a storehouse for the amount of \$500. His sand bill amounts to \$50; cement bill \$50, lime bill \$20, hired help, \$100, car-

fare \$16, purchase of tools \$30, sharpening, and repairing of tools \$1.50. When the contract is completed the tools are worth \$25. \$30 (original cost of tools) less \$25 (value after contract is completed) plus \$1.50 (expense of sharpening and repairing) equals \$6.50 or the total expense of tools.

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| Contract price..... | \$500.00 |
| Expense | 242.50 |
| Net gain..... | \$257.50 |
| Amount to be tithed..... | \$257.50 |
| Tithes | \$ 25.75 |

THE FARMER'S TITHE

The farmer shall tithe his actual income. After paying fertilizer, seed, hired help, rent and tax bills, he shall tithe the remainder.

EXAMPLES

1.—A man who owns his farm raises produce to the amount of \$1000, in one year. His fertilizer bill is \$100, seed bill, \$25, hired help, \$25, taxes, \$50.

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| Total value of produce..... | \$1000 |
| Total expense | 200 |
| Net income..... | 800 |
| Tithe | \$80 |

2.—A renter raises produce to the amount of \$1500. He pays \$500 rent, \$50 for fertilizer, \$25 for seed, \$25 for hired help.

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| Total value of produce..... | \$1500 |
| Total expense..... | 600 |
| Net income..... | 900 |
| Tithe | \$90 |

3.—A man rents a farm on the halves with everything furnished by the land owner. Total value of the farm products of one year.....\$1000

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| Amount of rent paid | 500 |
| Net income..... | 500 |
| Tithe | \$50 |

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Before taking up the questions regularly, mention was made about our people attending spiritualist meetings. It was decided and strongly urged that our people should stay away from such meetings. An example was given that showed the danger.

It was explained that paying tithes did not mean to pay the grocery bill first, but all food and clothing and the living for the family should be paid for out of the nine tenths after the tithe was taken out.

Q. When a member of the Church of God attends church at one place and belongs at another, where shall he put his tithes?

Ans. It is really best for a person to move his membership to the church where he attends if he is permanently located there. It is considered best to pay the tithes into the church where his membership is, but no rigid rule should be enforced.

Q. What steps should be taken with a member who moves from one church to another without transferring his membership and he lives a disorderly life?

Ans. This is another reason why people ought to transfer their membership when they move in this way. But such disorderly person should be reported to the church where he belongs and dealt with according to what he deserves.

Q. Shall our ministers teach that handling serpents is the evidence or test of salvation.

Ans. No, that kind of doctrine will not stand. If they should persist in advocating such teaching they should be dealt with.

Q. What should be done with a bishop who sells cold drinks, such as soda-water, and coca cola?

Ans. He must not do it. He should quit it and get another job. The Assembly has long since decided against such practice. Bishops, deacons, evangelists or members should not sell such things.

Q. If one is a partner with another that wants to sell cold drinks what should he do?

Ans. Dissolve partnership.

Q. Can we be compelled by the laws to hold up our hand and swear in court?

Ans. No. The law provides that we can affirm without holding up our hand.

Q. Should not our members be courteous to those in authority?

Ans. Yes, due courtesy must be shown to officers and all in authority. Paul says, honor them to whom honor is due.

Q. Shall members of the church be jurymen in court?

Ans. Members are advised to keep off of the jury as much as possible, but if you are compelled to act, use your very best judgment in the case according to law and evidence. Those who do not believe in capital punishment are not allowed to sit on a jury in a murder case.

Q. Who are the elders mentioned in the fifth chapter of James?

Ans. These elders are the ministers, whose duty it is to anoint the sick with oil, but others may do so in the absence of a minister.

Q. Is there any difference in being baptized in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, and being baptized in the name of Jesus?

Ans. Jesus, in His commission, said to baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, but where the disciples baptized it is sometimes said they baptized in the name of the Lord or the Lord Jesus. It is not so much the formula that is used in baptizing as it is the act itself. It is not what is said that counts, but what is done. But ancient history shows that the early church used the formula given in Math. 28, and the expressions given at Acts 10 and 19 do not necessarily contradict the other. If a person has been baptized by a competent person who used the formula in Math. 28, he should not be rebaptized by some one who uses the formula, in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Q. Would it be wrong for any one who is trusting in the Lord for their health to give medicine to an unsaved friend in case of sickness?

Ans. We cannot make any rigid rule regarding this matter. People must be governed by their own conscience. I could not do it, but others might feel obligated to do so and feel all right about it. No one should condemn another in this matter. Some may be engaged as nurses and if they can give medicine let them do it, but if they become condemned they had better get another job.

Q. Should our people abuse physicians?

Ans. No. We must not abuse anybody. Let the world have their physicians.

NOON

2:30 p. m. Song and prayer.

Q. Explain rebuking mentioned in 1 Tim. 5:1, 20.

Ans. The word means to reprove or reprimand. In the first instance

Timothy was a young man and must show courtesy and respect to older people. In the second, the minister that sins should be reprov'd and rebuked before all. But this must be done by Timothy or some one whom Timothy represents. He corresponds to our overseers. This rebuking power that seems to get hold of people at times and causes them to go through peculiar exercises in rebuking one another is to be feared and shunned.

Q. Do all receive the fire with the Holy Ghost, or can it be sought for and received later?

Ans. The Bible says, baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. A baptism of fire subsequent to being baptized with the Holy Ghost is unscriptural. On the day of Pentecost the disciples were baptized with the Holy Ghost and tongues like as of fire sat upon each of them. I do not know that it would be out of order for "like as of fire" to be on people at any time.

Q. Is it right for any one to have charge of a church who will not pay tithes and furthermore who opposes paying tithes?

Ans. No. The Assembly stands for paying tithes, and any one who opposes is not loyal to the church. Every minister has to say he agrees with the teaching of the Assembly before he is ordained.

Q. Is the baptism referred to in Luke 12:50 the same as in Rom. 6? If not, please explain the difference.

Ans. Baptism referred to in Luke 12:50 is that of suffering. Rom. 6 may mean suffering, but probably not the same spoken of in Luke. This is probably dealing with the crucifixion of the "old man."

Q. What is meant by one Lord, one faith and one baptism?

Ans. This has reference to the breaking down of the middle wall of partition between Jews and Gentiles. One common faith for both.

Q. Does John 3:5 mean water baptism?

Ans. No. This has reference to the natural and spiritual birth. The next verse explains this.

Q. Should our evangelist, in the absence of the pastor, invite any one claiming to preach oneness of all Pentecostal people and fights the Church of God, to hold services?

Ans. No. We do not want to compromise or allow such a person to fill our pulpits.

Q. Does the Assembly stand for the Church of God in any place using the tithes for purchasing property for the Church, or taking the tithes and donating them to a lay member that is in need of support?

Ans. No. The tithes are for the use of the ministers only.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

We have considered this matter and decided that we need the school. We first considered using the Assembly building in Harriman. Then we decided it would be better at present to have it at Cleveland and use the upper room where the elders met in council.

We recommend that the General Overseer have supervision of the school and employ such teachers as he may deem necessary.

This school shall be for the training of young men and young women for efficient service on the field.

The Bible shall be the principle text book, but such literary work and music as is necessary shall be included in the course.

We hope to have the school ready to commence by the first of December, or as soon thereafter as possible.

M. S. LEMONS, Chairman.

It was suggested that Sam C. Perry teach a correspondence Bible course.

To this Brother Perry responded that it would be a pleasure to him to take up such work as soon as he could make the necessary arrangements.

Roy L. Cotnam gave a brief history of the rescue home and its work located at Sapulpa, Okla.

CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY

The following resolution was read; accepted and adopted by the Assembly:

Harriman, Tenn. Nov. 6, 1917.

General Assembly of the Churches of God:

Be it resolved by the Churches of God constituting this General Assembly, that from and after this date, the General Overseer and the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly of the Church of God, be, and they are hereby given full power and authority to sell, transfer and convey, any and all property belonging to the General Assembly, both real and personal, when in their judgment the sale of same will promote the best interests of the cause of God and this General Assembly. Provided further that the General Overseer shall join the Board of Trustees in all deeds conveying real property, and their deed so executed shall convey unto the purchaser all the right, title and interest of this General Assembly in and to said property.

Passed by the General Assembly this 6th day of Nov. 1917.

Attest: E. J. BOEHMER, Clerk.

A. J. TOMLINSON, General Overseer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 2

We have considered all the cases presented to us and all have been very satisfactorily adjusted. There were not as many cases brought before us as usual.

SAM C. PERRY, Chairman.

REPORT OF WATCHMEN COMMITTEE

We, the watchmen committee, submit the following report:

We have carefully observed the instructions given us, and through out the Assembly we have located only a few minor difficulties, all of which have been properly adjusted.

W. A. CAPSHAW, Chairman.

General Overseer stated that all the work was done and now ready to close.

He called the congregation to their feet and told them to shake hands with those standing near them.

Song, I will follow where He leadeth.

All raised their hands above their heads and praised God with a loud voice.

When all was quiet the General Overseer offered the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Adjourned at 5:00 p. m.

7:00 p. m. Song service, prayers and testimonies.

Healing service and prayers for the sick.

A vote of appreciation of the kindness and hospitality of the people of Harriman was given by the entire congregation rising to their feet. While standing they waved their handkerchiefs and praised the Lord.

Overseer stated that one hundred dollars were yet needed to meet the expense of the Assembly. The congregation then sang while the money was handed in. The whole amount was given or promised.

Brother Adams of Louisville, Ky., gave a short message. He was followed by Brother Walker of Okla., the Indian preacher.

The closing service was full of rejoicing and praises to God and a good time in general, shaking hands and loving each other.

The service was closed and the congregation dismissed in good order at a late hour.

Thus closed the Thirteenth Annual Assembly.

Instructions and Advices

(Reprinted by order of Council.)

THE WORLD MUST BE EVANGELIZED

IT will take good organization and systematic methods to accomplish this task.

God's power is demonstrated in proportion to the unity and oneness of His people.

The members of the early Church were all of one accord, steadfast in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and the multitude that believed were of one heart and one soul, and great grace was upon them all, and mighty results followed as a consequence of their perfect unity and careful organization.

We must banish from our minds the thought of individual or local independence and haphazard spasmodic efforts.

Pull together, pull at once, pull steadily all the time is the road to success.

All members should be ready to center their minds and prayers on the one thing as a unit when calls for special prayer are made. Each one should feel his or her part of the responsibility, remembering that when one member fails it cripples or dwarfs the body until the matter pending may fail.

INSTRUCTIONS—LOCAL CHURCH OFFICERS

1. Pastor when possible: It is necessary always to have some one selected as leader of the flock. It is the duty of the overseer of the state or province to see that every local church in his territory has a pastor or leader.

2. Clerk for every local Church. It is the duty of the clerk to keep a close and careful record of the business and work of the Church; make a record and give date of organization, record the name and date of every one that joins, the name and date of every one excluded and for what cause. Keep a record of deaths giving date of same.

Clerk should be selected at the last business meeting before each Annual Assembly to serve one year. Same one may be continued from year to year if desired. A man or woman can serve in this capacity. Care should be taken to select one that can write and compose well.

The selection should be made by mutual agreement. Talk the matter over lovingly and carefully and finally all agree upon one who is able and willing to serve.

3. Treasurer for every local Church. His duties are given on page 12 of Echoes of Ninth Annual Assembly. If the church has more than one deacon it is their duty to select one of their number to act as treasurer, and if

there is only one deacon he is treasurer by virtue of his office. If there are no deacons, a treasurer can be selected in like manner as the clerk.

BUSINESS MEETINGS

Meetings for business should be held regularly every three months, or four each year. In case of special demand for it a meeting may be called any time by the pastor, leader or Overseer of the state. If necessary a short business session can be held at the beginning or close of a meeting for worship.

It is suggested that where practicable in a locality the first Monday night in January, April, July and October, be observed by all local churches for their regular quarterly meetings, so as to conserve uniformity and concerted action.

The pastor should act as moderator of all business meetings. In case there is no pastor the overseer of the state has authority to act or appoint some one to preside. The leader should never act as moderator except authorized specially by the overseer of the state. Where one pastor has the care of several churches he can arrange the time for his business meetings to suit his convenience.

ATTENDANCE

Every member, both men and women, should take an interest in and make it a point to attend every business session if possible.

ARRANGEMENT

Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer should occupy seats on the platform. Deacons and other ministers near by on either side or close in front of platform.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

(This order is only a suggestion and not meant for an iron clad rule.)

Song service by all. Prayer by some one whom the moderator may call. Short Scripture lesson, and prayer by moderator, asking for wisdom and direction. Song.

Clerk read minutes of last regular meeting, also of call meetings if there have been any held.

Correction of minutes if any.

Treasurer give his report of finances. He should always give an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements and remainder in treasury.

Reception of transferred members.

Members to transfer if any.

Unfinished business left over from last meeting.

New business.

Miscellaneous business.

Adjournment by prayer.

In these meetings matters should be discussed with love, humility and meekness. No votes should be taken to decide questions. Everything should be done with one accord and questions settled by mutual agreement. If there is division on a matter hold it over until all can agree. If one should seem obstinate and contrary, don't run the matter over him, but take up his case and investigate the cause for his obstinacy, and if he shows the the spirit so that he should be heard, then show him courtesy. But if he proves to be wrong, then deal with him as the Bible directs. After this is all done take up the original subject and dispose of it in harmony and love.

In case of a matter that the local church cannot settle satisfactorily

they should call the assistance of the overseer; if they are still not able to reach a satisfactory conclusion, it should be referred to the General Overseer.

In these business meetings women are to take no open active part in discussing or deciding questions, but should always be there and silently pray God to give wisdom and direct the men, and show forth God's glory in being the glory of the men.

No one should give a message in tongues to the Church unless there is an interpreter present and then only one at a time and not more than three in the whole session.

ADVICES TO MEMBERS

As a member you count one and should attend every regular service as far as possible. Remember no one can fill your place and the service will be that much dwarfed and crippled without your presence.

Show your love and fellowship to every one without partiality. Don't wait for others to greet you, but you greet them.

Show special courtesy to strangers who may chance to fall in with you in your meetings.

As a rule take part in the singing.

Be ready for vocal prayer when called on or prompted by the Spirit.

Be ready for testimony when such is in order.

Stand by your pastor or appointed leader and assist him every way you can.

Always pray silently for the preacher while he delivers the message.

Always live a good straight life at home and abroad so no one can justly think or speak of you as a hypocrite.

Guard your conversation. Be careful what you say about a brother, sister or anyone.

Don't try to be a critic and try to find something in others to criticise.

Examine yourself occasionally and see if you are in the faith.

Don't yield to discouragement or despondency.

Be cheerful and happy and try to make others the same.

Spend as much time as you can in secret prayer. Give yourself all you can to intercessory prayer.

Your dress should be with moderation, neat and clean, but not for show. You should never wear gold for ornament or decoration. Finger rings, bracelets, earrings, necklaces, locketts and large showy pins are unbecoming for a saint of God.

Always tithe your income and put it in the church treasury. Make free-will offerings besides your tithes.

Younger members should not company or associate too intimately with worldly outsiders.

Members should never marry sinners. Great care should be taken, with much prayer and careful consideration, regarding matrimony.

REMEMBER—

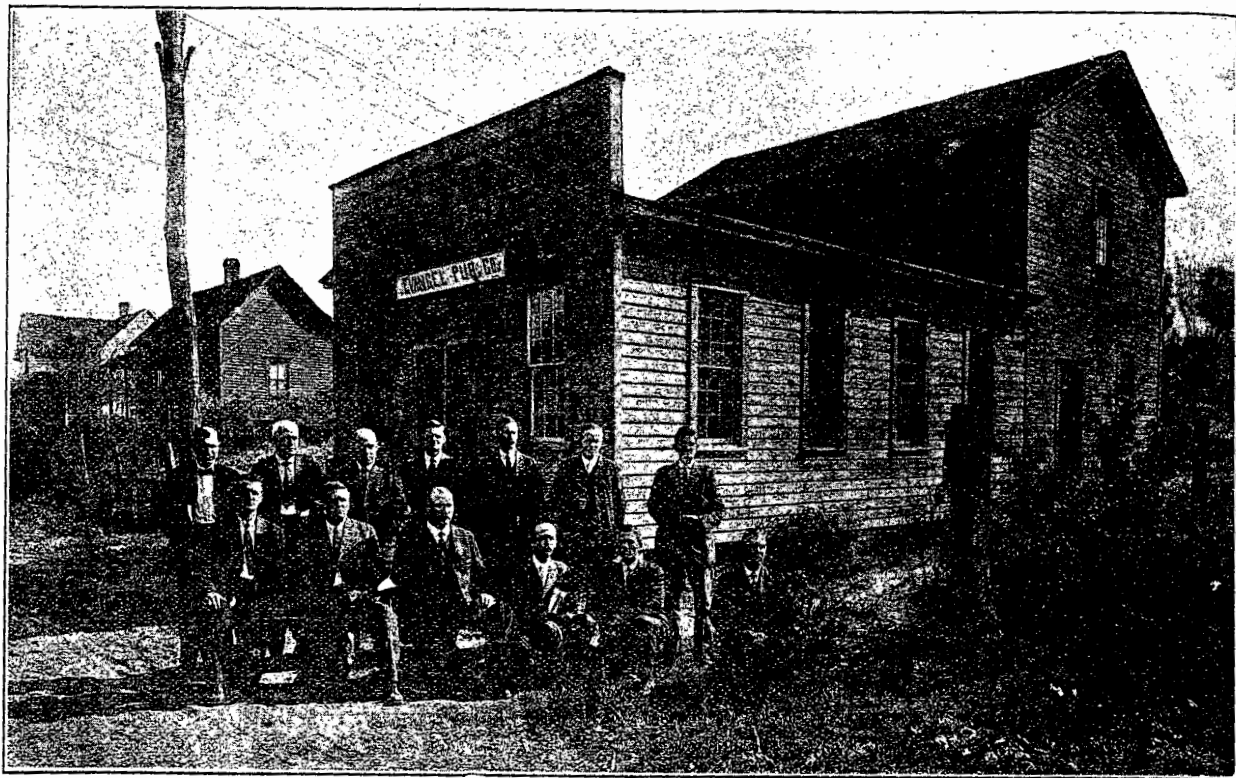
These are the last days and perilous times have come, so it will require much watchfulness and humble prayer on your part to so live and act that you will never bring reproach on the worthy name of Christ and His Church that you so much love.

Never form too close an intimacy with the opposite sex even if they are your brothers and sisters in the Lord. Give no place to the adversary. Abstain from the very appearance of evil.

These kindly instructions and advices are given by those who are



Elders in Session at Their First Meeting October 4-17, 1917.



Evangel Office, General Overseer and Twelve Elders.

watching for your soul as they that must give an account (Heb. 13:17) and it is hoped they will be received with the same meek gentle spirit in which they are given.

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Roll of Churches and Ministers

Alabama

T. S. PAYNE, Overseer

| Churches | Members | Clerks | Address |
|-------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Alabama City | 60 | L. T. Walden | Alabama City |
| 2 Antioch | 67 | R. S. Burroughs | Buhl |
| 3 Bankhead | | V. L. Smith | Mentone |
| 4 Bethel | | Mrs. E. M. Trotter | Star R. Warrior |
| 5 Coalburg | 13 | M. S. Faulk | R. 7, Bx. 55a, Birmingham |
| 6 Coal City | | Mrs. Laura Leighton | Coal City |
| 7 Corinth | 34 | Mattie Taylor | R. 1, Kennedy |
| 8 Creel | 11 | Pearl Creel | R. 2, Warrior |
| 9 Crumly's Chapel | | J. M. Fordham | Bell Mills |
| 10 Dora | | F. T. Lantrip | Dora |
| 11 Empire | 81 | Oscar York | Empire |
| 12 Falls City | | Mattie Wilson | Falls City |
| 13 Falkville | 17 | A. W. Childress | R. 1, Falkville |
| 14 Foster Chapel | 20 | Zona Jones | R. 2, Oneonta |
| 15 Fyffe | 24 | Ella Mae Allen | Fyffe |
| 16 Helicon | 55 | R. E. Denson | R. 1, Arley |
| 17 Hendrix | 13 | Mary Howell | Oneonta |
| 18 Holly Springs | 14 | C. B. Reynolds | R. 2, Carrollton |
| 19 Hurrican | | S. J. Denson | Hefin |
| 20 Jacksonville | | Louis Jones | Jacksonville |
| 21 Jobs Chapel | 17 | M. D. Simpson | Ethelsville |
| 22 Kimberly | 77 | Tom Johnson | Kimberly |
| 23 New Georgia | 8 | Henry Carroll | R. 2, Addison |
| 24 Mentone | 47 | V. L. Smith | Mentone |
| 25 Pearl Chapel | | J. L. Sanford | Reform |
| 26 Pell City | 10 | Laura Kinsey | Pell City |
| 27 Piedmont | 37 | Edna Abels | Piedmont |
| 28 Ridgeway | 36 | Gertrude Jackson | R. 2, Altoona |
| 29 Shotwell | 13 | M. C. Madden | Salem |
| 30 Spring valley | | Relter Berryhill | 833 Tus'bia st., Florence |
| 31 Springville | | C. B. Murray | Springville |
| 32 Walls Chapel | | — Melican | R. 6, Boaz |

Increase of churches over last year, 5; total number of members, 953, increase, 57; number having pastors, 15; number having Sunday schools, 17; average attendance, 654.

Approximate value of property, \$5,025.00.

BISHOPS

1. Buckalew, J. W., Cleveland, Tenn. 4 Robinson, R. S., Oneonta
 2 Ellis, J. B., R. 2, Oneonta 5 Simpson, Z. D., Ethelsville
 3 Holcomb, D. R., R. 2, Altoona.

DEACONS

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| 1 Alford, Whit, Dora | 16 Lantrip, F. T., Dora |
| 2 Allen, M. C., Belk | 17 Martin, Henry, Empire |
| 3 Browning, W. C., Dora | 18 Miller, S. A., Ft. Payne, R.-2 |
| 4 Burroughs, J. C., Buhl | 19 Murray, J. R., R. 1, Springville |
| 5 Burroughs, Pascal, Buhl | 20 Parris, G. M., R. 1, Arley |
| 6 Creel, Iva, R. 2, Warrior | 21 Parris, L. L., R. 1, Arley |
| 7 Creel, Chester, R. 2, Warrior | 22 Reynolds, W. L., R. 2, Carrolton |
| 8 Cornutt, J. P., Alabama City | 23 Sanford, J. L., Reform. |
| 9 Cornutt, W. H., Alabama City | 24 Simpson, M. D., Ethelsville |
| 10 Canaday, F. C., Kimberly | 25 Stewart, Jas., Alabama City |
| 11 Childress, G. T., Falkville | 26 Stone, W. T., Dora |
| 12 Ellis, A. E., R. 2, Oneonta | 27 Taylor, H. M., Kennedy |
| 13 Guthrie, Frank, Lewisburg | 28 Trotter, Thurston, Star R., Warrior |
| 14 Holmes, R. M., Piedmont | 29 Westbrook, Albert, Empire |
| 15 Johnson, W. T., Springville | 30 Wilkins, C. W., R. 1, Arley |
| | 31 York, Oscar, Empire |

EVANGELISTS

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Buckalew, Mattie, Cleveland, Tenn. | 6 McBrayer, F. A., Empire |
| 2 Creel, Pearl, R. 2, Warrior | 7 McCoy, Otis, R. 1, Arley |
| 3 Ellard, Claud, Speigner | 8 Miller, H. F., Dawson |
| 4 Ellis, Asa A., Dora | 9 Newman, Etta, Kennedy |
| 5 Johnson, Lucy, Kimberly | 10 Reynolds, C. B., R. 2, Carrolton |
| | 11 Sharp, Jas. L., Mentone. |
| | 12 Simpson, Mary, Ethelsville |

Arkansas

| Churches | Members | Clerks | Address |
|-----------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| 1 Haynes | 28 | Jesse Danehower | Haynes |
| 2 Omaha | 50 | Belle Raynor | Onaha |
| 3 Trenton | 114 | W. T. Jeffries | Trenton |

Total number of members, 192; number having pastors, 1; number having Sunday schools, 1.

The Bahamas

W. H. CROSS, Overseer

| Churches | Clerks | Address |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1 Bight | Lillian Pinder | The Bight, Long Is. |
| 2 Clarence Town | Rosa B. Major | Clarence Town |
| 3 Coopers Town | M. J. Franks | Coopers Town, Abaco |
| 4 Current, The | M. L. Page | The Current Eleu |
| 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 Nicholis Town | Oscar Ceruti | Andros Island |
| 11 Old Bight | Iteuz McMims | Old Bight |
| 12 Point View | Jas. Sutherland | Devil Point Cat Island |

Total number of members 410; increase 41; number having pastors 8;

number having Sunday school 12. Average attendance in Sunday school 221. Approximate value of property \$1,500.00.

BISHOPS

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| 1 Barrow, Z., Nassau N. P. | 3 Lañem, David, Miami Fla. |
| 2 Eneas, Wm. V., Nassau N. P. | |

DEACONS

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| 1 Barrow, T. Z., Nassau N. P. | 7 Fox, Wm. H., Nassau N. P. |
| 2 Bivans Richard " " | 8 Lowe, Jas. E., " " |
| 3 Butler Wm. " " | 9 Nesbitt, Prince, Cooper Town Aba. |
| 4 Cerutj, Oscar, Nichols Town | 10 Russell, David, " " " |
| 5 Ferguson, John, Nassau N.P. | 11 Sanders, Benj, " " " |
| 6 Fowler, Frank, " " | 12 Williams, Randolph, Nassau N.P. |

EVANGELISTS

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

California

| Churches | Members | Clerks | Address |
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| 1 Whittier | 13 | Mary Whitlock | Whittier |
| Total number of members, 13; total number having pastor, 1. | | | |

BISHOPS

Davee, J. M., Santa Fe Springs

EVANGELIST

John Renfro, Oakland

Connecticut

Total number of members 7.

Everett, S. E., Stratford

Florida

SAM C. Perry, Overseer

| Churches | Members | Clerks | Address |
|------------------|---------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1 Alachua | 15 | G. W. Peeples | Alachua |
| 2 Alva | 34 | J. A. Williams | Alva |
| 3 Anclote | 20 | J. R. Garrison | Tarpon Springs |
| 4 Antioch | | | |
| 5 Bassenger | 13 | Jennie Cornshell | Bassenger |
| 6 Boggy Creek | 26 | Matthew Albritton | Taft |
| 7 Brewster | 31 | J. F. Mann | Brewster |
| 8 Branford | 72 | M. Tompkins | Branford |
| 9 Bushnell | 14 | Ruth Winton | Bushnell |
| 10 Cedar Keys | 12 | L. J. Booth | Cedar Keys |
| 11 Chokoloskee | 30 | Ida Lopez | Chokoloskee |
| 12 Clara | 17 | N. E. Jackson | Clara |
| 13 Cleveland | 29 | R. S. Fussell | Cleveland |
| 14 Coconut Grove | 10 | J. W. Carey | Coconut Grove |
| 15 Cortez | 11 | M. F. Brown | Cortez |
| 16 Ft. Myers | 85 | R. E. Ransone | Ft. Myers |
| 17 Hudson | 10 | Willie Alderman | Tarpon Springs |
| 18 Istachatta | 28 | Franklin Lowman | Istachatta |
| 19 Jasper | 41 | C. A. Culpepper | Jasper |

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| 20. Key West | 24 | Evelyn Gardner | Key West |
| 21 Lake Butler | 51 | E. D. Thomas | Lulu |
| 22 Largo | 46 | Horace Kilgore | Largo |
| 23 Linden | 50 | D. R. Fussell | Webster |
| 24 Lithia | 10 | Mrs. Louisa Ransone | Lithia |
| 25 Lockwood Ridge | 15 | R. L. Mixon | Sarasota |
| 26 Lulu | 10 | W. S. Tyre | Lulu |
| 27 Manatee | 44 | B. S. Carter | Cortez |
| 28 Mc Alpin | 17 | David Belot | Mc Alpin |
| 29 Marco | 39 | Roy Cannon | Marco |
| 30 Miami | 27 | Curtis Padgett | 321 3rd. St., Miami |
| 31 Orlando | 11 | W. A. Brawner | Maitland |
| 32 Parish | 13 | Susie J. Turner | Parish |
| 33 Perry | | B. F. Cash | Perry |
| 34 Pine Grove | 32 | Nellie Brewer | Bareah |
| 35 Providence | 8 | Ernest Kerce | Fort White |
| 36 Sanderson | 24 | Katie Diggs | R. 2. Sanderson |
| 37 Sebring | 17 | Geo. G. Budd | Zolfo |
| 38 Sopchoppy | 9 | Mrs. J. M. Roberts | Sopchoppy |
| 39 Tampa | 89 | D. B. Wiggins | R. 3 Ybor City |
| 40 Tarpon Springs | 45 | E. B. Smith | Tarpon Springs |
| 41 The Oaks | 12 | Mrs. A. B. Haworth | Plant City |
| 42 Wauchula | 14 | Annie Rivers | Naples |
| 43 West Palm Beach | 8 | Lillie Darville | % Atlantic Fish Co., West Palm Beach |
| 44 West Lake | 39 | Layton Sowell | West Lake |
| 45 Wimauma | 107 | Z. C. Tharp | Wimauma |
| 46 Zolfo | 13 | H. A. Licht | Zolfo |

MINISTERS-BISHOPS

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Caruthers, W. S., Wimauma | 6 Padgett, Milton, Miami |
| 2 Giddens, J. A., Tampa | 7 Perry, Sam C., Wimauma |
| 3 Juillerat, L. H., Largo | 8 Self, J. A., Miami |
| 4 Martin, W. M., Monte Verde | 9 Simmons, E. E., Wimauma |
| 5 Padgett, C. M., Maitland | 10 Simmons, H. B., Wimauma |
| | 11 Waldron, F. M., Arcadia |

DEACONS

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Alderman, Matthew, Taft | 16 Higgs, Chas., Key West |
| 2 Austin, W. M., Bareah | 17 Kerce, S. W., Fort White |
| 3 Blanton, J. B., Clearwater | 18 Kilgore, J. B., Largo |
| 4 Bradley, J. M., Branford | 19 Mann, J. F., Brewster |
| 5 Brawner, W. A., Maitland | 20 Martin, J. N., Mich. Ave., Tampa |
| 6 Brown, W. F., Chokoloskee | 21 Mears, R. M., Indian Rocks |
| 7 Budd, Geo. G., Zolfo | 22 Pringle, L. E., Balm |
| 8 Carey, J. W., Coconut Grove | 23 Ransone, R. E., Fort Myers |
| 9 Carter, B. A., Cortez | 24 Rogers, D. W., Parish |
| 10 Clark, R. E., Groveland | 25 Skinner, A. S., Fort Myers |
| 11 Ford, L. A., Arcadia | 26 Smith, L. F., Ybor City |
| 12 Frowe, J. A., Coconut Grove | 27 Smith, Robert, Okeechobee |
| 13 Fussell, R. S., Cleveland | 28 Sumner, I. M., Boyett |
| 14 Giddens, J. A., Webster | 29 Westbrook, L. W., Birmingham, Ala. |
| 15 Henderson, E. J., Parish | 30 Williams, J. A., Alva |
| | 31 Whidden, Walter, Sebring |

EVANGELISTS

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Alderman, J. M., Fort Green | 17 Marks, I. H., Plant City |
| 2 Bissett, Edith F., Maitland | 18 Montgomery, Hattie O., Fort Myers |
| 3 Brawner, A. C., Maitland | 19 Murphy, Mrs. Rosa, Tampa |
| 4 Davis, F. D., Harriman, Tenn. | 20 Padgett, Mrs. Eva M., Maitland |
| 5 Gillett, Mrs. H. L., Parish | 21 Roberts, Geo. L., Cocoanut Grove |
| 6 Guthrie, S. F., Manor, Ga. | 22 Sherley, Isaac, R. 2, Ybor City |
| 7 Hadsock, W. R., Tarpon Springs | 23 Simmons, E. L., Wimauma |
| 8 Harrison, Bertie, Sacramento, Cal. | 24 Smmons, Ella, Wimauma |
| 9 Hazellief, Wilbur, Bassenger | 25 Simmons, Florence, Wimauma |
| 10 Hesson, W. F., Key West | 26 Smith, A. A., Tampa |
| 11 Howell, Walter, Chokoloskee | 27 Smith, Bertha, Tampa |
| 12 Jones, Lula, Clearwater | 28 Thomas, H. J., Raiford |
| 13 Johnson, R. P., Branford | 29 Thomas, Z. R., Perry |
| 14 Juillerat, Bertie, Largo | 30 Townsend, B. D., Fort Myers |
| 15 Ladd, Mrs. Beula, Zolfo | 31 Trasher, Lillian, Assiout, Egypt |
| 16 Lee, Cora, Bareah | 32 Whidden, M. T., Avon Park |

Florida—Colored

| Churches | Clerk | Address |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Cocoa | Delia Coleman | Cocoa |
| 2 Cocoanut Grove | R. Jackson | Cocoanut Grove |
| 3 Fellsmere | Mary J. Sims | Fellsmere |
| 4 Fort Pierce | M. L. Jenkins | Fort Pierce |
| 5 Hallandale | Loleta Baltray | Hallandale |
| 6 Jacksonville | Lula M. Doctor | Jacksonville |
| 7 Jasper | Matilda Harris | Jasper |
| 8 Miami (S) | Ethel Williams | Miami |
| 9 Miami | J. D. Williams | R. 2, Box 2, Miami |
| 10 Newberry | Alma Rutledge | R. 1, Bx. 63, Newberry |
| 11 Nocatee | Israel Jones | Nocatee |
| 12 St. Petersburg | Ida Lewis | R. 1, Bx. 135, A st. Petersburg |
| 13 White Spring | L. H. Williams | White Spring |

Increase of churches over last year, 3; total number of members, 200; increase, 14; number having pastors, 9; number having Sunday schools, 7; approximate value of property, \$1,500.

BISHOPS

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| 1 Barr, Edmond S., Miami | 3 Smith, Thos. B., Miami |
| 2 Davls, Daniel, Philadelphia, Pa. | 4 Tarver, W. M., St. Petersburg |

DEACONS

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

EVANGELISTS

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| 1 Barr, Rebecca, R. 2, Box 1, Miami | 7 Nesbet, W. R., Fort Pierce |
| 2 Everett, S. E., Stratford, Conn. | 8 Scott, Dan, R. 2, Box 1, Miami |
| 3 Demeritt, Milton, Miami | 9 Smith, Louis O., Miami |
| 4 Green, Lizzie, Cocoanut Grove | 10 Smith, W. S., Fort Pierce |
| 5 Hargrove, Arthur, Jacksonville | 11 Tarver, Lizzie, St. Petersburg |
| 6 -La Fleur, Beatrice, Miami | 12 Thompson, Geo., Hallandale |

Georgia

M. S. LEMONS, Overseer

| Churches | Members | Clerks | Address |
|-------------------|---------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Abbeville | 17 | Kate Blosingame | Abbeville |
| 2 Atlanta | | W. A. Calloway | Atlanta |
| 3 Augusta | 90 | Mrs. Elizabeth Aaron | 610 Craw. Ave. Augusta |
| 4 Bethel | 73 | H. W. Kinsey | R 3, Lake Park |
| 5 Blairsville | | J. A. McGlamery | R 4. Blairsville |
| 6 Cohutta Springs | 36 | Jas. S. Arthur | Crandall |
| 7 Crane Eater | 113 | Love Pass | R. 2, Calhoun |
| 8 Dahlonega | | | Dahlonega |
| 9 Estelle | 26 | Heriman Lee | Shaw |
| 10 Fargo | 13 | Frank Baldree | Fargo |
| 11 Fitzgerald | 25 | G. A. Bearden | Fitzgerald |
| 12 Gore | | | |
| 13 Hartwell | 12 | Myrtle Whitehead | Hartwell |
| 14 Jesup | 63 | J. R. Upchurch | Jesup |
| 15 Jones | | Will Tarpley | Copperhill Tenn. |
| 16 LaFayette | | J. H. Ray | LaFayette |
| 17 Lindale | 41 | William M. Phillips | Lindale |
| 18 Manor | | N. C. James | Manor |
| 19 Marietta | | Martha Mill | R. 3, Marietta |
| 20 Moniac | 12 | D. A. Raulerson | Moniac |
| 21 Nashville | | N. J. Ratcliff | Nashville |
| 22 Pittsburg | 32 | Della Powell | Pittsburg |
| 23 Quitman | | J. F. Hughes | Quitman |
| 24 Raburn Gap | 24 | T. F. Miller | Raburn Gap |
| 25 Rising Fawn | 16 | Millard Owensby | Rising Fawn |
| 26 Rome | 39 | Mrs. J. T. Harbour | E. Rome 804 Mabel St. |
| 27 Shaw | 20 | J. H. Lee | Shaw |
| 28 Sonoraville | 20 | Linnett Erwin | Adairsville |
| 29 Spring Place | 36 | Jas. S. Arthur | Spring Place |
| 30 Texas Valley | 37 | J. H. Davis | Armuchee |
| 31 Toonigh | 53 | Louis Purcell | Alpharetta |
| 32 Valdosta | | R. T. Waldrep | Valdosta |
| 33 Valdosta (C) | | S. A. Spence | Valdosta |
| 34 Whitestone | | Will Chester | Whitestone |

Increase of churches over last year, 5; total number of members, 1,000 increase, 110; number having pastors, 20; number having Sunday school, 20; average attendance in Sunday school, 700; increase, 150; approximate value of property, \$4,125.00.

BISHOPS

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Barnett, E. M., R. 3, Lake Park | 6 Culpepper, J. W., R. 3, Lake Park |
| 2 Bight, C. F., Philadelphia, Pa. | 7 Latimer, S. W., Spring Place |
| 3 Boehmer, E. J., McMinnville, Tenn. | 8 Murray, J. W., Valdosta |
| 4 Cross, W. H., % Evangel office | 9 Padgett, J. C., R. 3, Lake Park |
| 5 Culpepper, E. B., R. 3, Lake Park | 10 Rogers, W. H., Augusta |

DEACONS

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Bell, Thomas, LaFayette | 4 Brookshier, F. M., Whitestone |
| 2 Brackett, R. L., R. 4, Blairsville | 5 Culpepper, C. A., R. D. Jasper Fla. |
| 3 Brown, P. A., Rydal | 6 Culpepper J. F., R. 3, Lake Park |

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| 7 Hudson, Wm. (C) Valdosta | 12 Padgett, J. A., R. 3, Lake Park |
| 8 Jones, Lee, Spring Place | 13 Plemons, J. R., Rome |
| 9 Mathis, Wm. O., Lindale | 14 Poarch, J. L. B., R. 2, Calhoun |
| 10 McGlamery, J. R., R. 4, Blairsville | 15 Setser, W. T., Woodstock |
| 11 Owens, A. D., Detroit Mich. | 16 Tarpley, L. B., Hyatt, Tenn. |
| | 17 Wiley, J. E., Valdosta |

EVANGELISTS

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| 1 Baldree, J. M., Fargo | 18 Miller, Anderson, Leesville S. C. |
| 2 Cantrell, Sidney, Crandall | 19 Murphy, Henry, R. 2, Calhoun |
| 3 Cross, Milo, % F. B. and C. Mills, At'ta | 20 Parker, George, Augusta |
| 4 Cross, Lettie B., " " " " " " | 21 Parker, Mrs. Emma, Augusta |
| 5 Culpepper, D. C., R. 3, Lake Park | 22 Ray, J. H., LaFayette |
| 6 Elrod, S. C., Rome | 23 Reynolds, B. A., Finleyson |
| 7 Elrod, Mrs. N. B., Rome | 24 Ring, Jesse, Fitzgerald |
| 8 Erwin, J. R. L., Adairsville | 25 Rogers, Mrs. W. H., Augusta |
| 9 Freeman, W. A., Ashville N. C. | 26 Rogers, Jesse, Mountain, City |
| 10 Fritz, P. F., Monarat Va. | 27 Stevens, J. L., Statenville |
| 11 Goings, W. M., Rome | 28 Stover, S. D., Whitestone |
| 12 Green, A. D., Augusta | 29 Summers, A., Augusta |
| 13 Hobbs, W. M., Finleyson | 30 Turner, Earl, Augusta |
| 14 Inglett, Mrs. Mamie, Augusta | 31 Upchurch, J. R., Jessup |
| 15 Lee, Sallie, O., % Evangel office | 32 Vaughan, Jesse, Fitzgerald |
| 16 Loona, N. A., R. 1, Armuchee | 33 Wheeles, Blanche, Fitzgerald |
| 17 Mauldin, J. O., R. 5, Hartwell | 34 Whitehead, Myrtle, Hartwell |

Illinois

D. P. BARNETT, Overseer

| Churches | Members | Clerk | Address |
|-----------------|---------|------------------|-------------|
| 1 Boinpas Creek | 24 | Raymond Boley | R. 4, Olney |
| 2 Carmi | 35 | Carrie Nickamp | Carmi |
| 3 Eldorado | 252 | Jno. O. Yates | Eldorado |
| 4 Harrisburg | 19 | Elizabeth Foster | Harrisburg |

Increase of churches, 0; total number of member, 330; increase, 178; number having pastors, 4; number having Sunday schools, 2; average attendance, 230; approximate value of property, \$2,300.

BISHOPS

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| 1 Barnett, D. P., Eldorado | 3 Gillaspie, S. O., R. 10, Olney |
| 2 Fielden, R. A., Carmi | |

DEACONS

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| 1 Harmon, C. W., R. 4, Olney | 2 Nuding, Frank, R. 4, Olney |
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EVANGELISTS

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| 1 Brissell, W. M., Eldorado | 2 Harrington, Sadie E., Danville |
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Indiana

W. H. MARTIN, Overseer

| Churches | Members | Clerks | Address |
|--------------|---------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Evansville | 54 | Wm. Gist | 111 Park st., Evansville |
| 2 Mt. Vernon | 20 | Mrs. John Darnell | 129 Barter st., Mt. Vernon |

Increase of churches over last year, 1; total number of members, 74; increase, 49; number having pastors, 1; number having Sunday schools, 1; average attendance in Sunday school 20.

Maryland

JNO. W. PITCHER, Overseer

| Churches | Members | Clerks | Address |
|-------------|---------|-------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Baltimore | 88 | Wm. Biggs | 3506 Railroad ave. Baltimore |
| 2 Preston | 34 | M. A. Cohee | Preston |

Total number of members, 122; number having pastors, 2; number having Sunday schools, 2; average attendance in Sunday school, 138.

BISHOPS

John W. Pitcher, 124 N. Elwood ave. Baltimore

DEACONS

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| 1 Hay, Chas., 3514 Benson st, Baltimore | 4 Ward, Edward, 921 Hamden ave., Baltimore |
| 2 Sappington, Jas., 1105 Rulland ave., Baltimore | 5 Wilt, John L. 1313 Sycamore ave., Baltimore |
| 3 Taylor, R. P., Preston, Md. | |

EVANGELISTS

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| 1 Mulliken, Clara, Trappe | 3 Taylor, Olive, 619 Wolfe st., Baltimore |
| 2 Pitcher, Bertha E., 624 N. Elwood ave., Baltimore | |

Michigan

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|---------|----|--------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Flint | 17 | A. L. Hoster | 1534 Delaware ave., Flint |
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Mississippi

J. A. DAVIS, Overseer

| Churches | Members | Clerks | Address |
|---------------------|---------|------------------|----------------|
| 1 Coloho | 12 | G. T. Cook | Catchings |
| 2 Darbun | 6 | E. D. Bracy | Darbun |
| 3 Dublin | 20 | Grady Muse | Dublin |
| 4 Fentress | 7 | Mrs. Ivy Clark | Weir |
| 5 Friendship | 188 | R. D. Morgan | Charleston |
| 6 Gatewood | 26 | Nan Lewis Pipkin | Coffeetown |
| 7 Joyess | 14 | Sallie Price | Joyess |
| 8 Morgantown | 54 | J. F. Morgan | Morgantown |
| 9 Mt. Moriah | 77 | Alice McAlister | Eupora |
| 10 Mt. Olive | 60 | Willie Mitchel | R. 3, Tomnolen |
| 11 Mt. Sinai | 59 | S. M. Bracy | Foxworth |
| 12 Pickwick | 14 | Florence Merritt | Oheraw |
| 13 Pilgrims' Rest | 11 | Annie Thompson | Mayhew |
| 14 Richland Creek | 37 | M. C. Dunaway | Foxworth |
| 15 Shady Grove | 50 | H. S. Harris | R. 1, Cascilla |
| 16 Stonefield | 81 | E. K. Simpson | R. 2, Cascilla |
| 17 Tilghman Chapel | 21 | Cora Tilghman | Hardy |
| 18 Williams Springs | 26 | C. E. Fox | Stewart |

Increase of churches over last year, 8; total number of members, 743; increase, 302; number of churches having pastors, 14; number having Sunday school, 10; average attendance, 224; approximate value of property \$525.00

BISHOPS

1. Evans, W. E., Foxworth

DEACONS

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Bell, J. A., R. 1, Charleston | 4 Morgan, Tom, R. 1, Charleston |
| 2 Cook, G. T., Catchings | 5 Simpson, E. K., Cascilla |
| 3 Harris, H. S., Cascilla | |

EVANGELISTS

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Adams, Pearl, Coffeerville | 6 McNab, Walter, Pickwick |
| 2 Bowie, Olive, Weir | 7 Nelson, James C., Dublin |
| 3 Dunaway, Marshal, Foxworth | 8 Pressgrove, H. A., Eupora |
| 4 Mullen, Curtis, Scoby | 9 Price, R. C., Morgantown |
| 5 Mullen, Joe, Holcomb | 10 Thornhill, Leon, Foxworth |
| | 11 Warbington, Andy, Holcomb |

New Mexico

R. M. SINGLETON, Overseer

| Churches | Members | Clerks | Address |
|------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 Albuquerque, | | Mrs. Sedillo | Albuquerque |
| 2 Corrumpa | | N. S. Padilla | Corrumpa |
| 3 Raton | | Owen R. Rouse | Raton |
| 4 Raton (c) | | | |
| 5 Raton, spanish | | Mrs. T. F. Chavez | Raton |
| 6 Segundo. | | | |
| 7 Primero | | | |

Increase of churches over last year, 4; total number of members, 77; increase, 24; number having pastors, 6; number having Sunday schools, 5; average attendance in Sunday school, 82.

BISHOPS

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

DEACONS

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| 1 Biebel, R. R., Maxwell | 2 Kieth, Abijah I., Dorsey |
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EVANGELISTS

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| 1 Chavez, Mrs. T. F., Raton | 3 Padilla, C. C., Raton |
| 2 Garcia, Juan N., Corrumpa | 4 Singleton, Mrs. R. M., Laveen Ariz |

North Carolina

W. A. CAPSHAW, Overseer

| Churches | Members | Clerks | Address |
|-----------------|---------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Alarka | | J. H. Brooks | Alarka |
| 2 Ashville | | Mrs. D. A. Williams | 83 Madison St. Ashville |
| 3 Belmont | 22 | John McCorn | Belmont |
| 4 Bryson City | 34 | Hamp Wood | Whittier |
| 5 Canton | 23 | Mrs. Julia Clark | Canton |
| 6 Duke | | J. B. Edwards | Duke |
| 7 Erastus | 16 | Emma Henson | Erastus |
| 8 Fairview | 71 | Max Price | Patrick |
| 9 Gastonia | 65 | Roam Hicks | Gastonia |
| 10 Gastonia (C) | 9 | Mrs. J. L. Moore | Gastonia |
| 11 Hayesville | 76 | Mrs. Lillie Melton | Hayesville |
| 12 High Point | 18 | J. H. Hurley | High Point |
| 13 Kannapolis | 41 | S. E. Still | Kannapolis |
| 14 Sunburst | 11 | W. M. Burnett | Sunburst |

Increase in churches over last year, 5; total number of members, 375; increase 111; number having pastors, 9; number having Sunday schools, 6; average attendance, 220; approximate value of property, \$3,510.00.

BISHOPS

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Capshaw, W. A., Gastonia | 3 Davis, J. A., Miss. |
| 2 Curtis, C. R., Hayesville | 4 Rice, S. A. (C), Kings Mountain |
| 5 Walker, C. C., Gastonia | |

DEACONS

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| 1 Brindle, Coleman, Bryson City | 2 Chambers, F. G., 2524 Gaut St., Cleveland, Tenn. |
| 3 Mosteller, L. B., Resaca | |

EVANGELISTS

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|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 Brooks, Harrison, Alarka | 9 Hurley, J. N., High Point |
| 2 Capshaw, Jessie E., Gastonia | 10 Hurley, Maggie, High Point |
| 3 Chambers, Nora, 2524 Gaut St., Cleveland, Tenn. | 11 Martin, C. C. Hayesville |
| 4 Coggins, C. G., Erastus | 12 McCorn, F. C., Belmont |
| 5 Evans, Avry, High Point | 13 Peters, Bessie Lee, Shelby |
| 6 Evans, Barkley B. High Point | 14 Smith, Ernest C., High Point |
| 7 Holmes, J. E., Dunn | 15 Stalling, Wm. M., Kannapolis |
| 8 Hopkins, E. D., Cullowhee | 16 Stargel, G. T., Gastonia |
| | 17 Walker, Wm. P., Bryson City |

Ohio

E. HAYNES, Overseer

| Churches | Members | Clerks | Address |
|---------------|---------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Akron | 12 | H. G. Cole | 106 N High st. Akron |
| 2 Chillicothe | 26 | Frank Routt | 838 E. 4th st. Chillicothe |
| 3 Circleville | 21 | Effa Wagner | 322 Wingo st. Circleville |
| 4 Columbus | 18 | Floyd Rollins | 1819 S. 5th st., Columbus |
| 5 Fostoria | 8 | Bertha Weaver | 590 Lynn st., Fostoria |
| 6 Marietta | 18 | J. A. Parsons | 318 1/2 Green st., Marietta |

Increase of churches over last year, 5; total number of members, 103; increase, 98; number having pastors, 1; number having Sunday schools, 5; average attendance in Sunday school, 80.

EVANGELISTS

- 1 Allen, J. W., 34 Glenwood,

Oklahoma

ROY L. COTNAM, Overseer

| Churches | Members | Clerks | Address |
|----------------|---------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Ada | 40 | Lydia Howard | Francis |
| 2 Allen | 34 | Lydia Howard | Francis |
| 3 Byars | 27 | Lydia Howard | Francis |
| 4 Collinsville | 50 | Etta Burgess | Collinsville |
| 5 Francis | 14 | Lydia Howard | Francis |
| 6 Sapulpa | 14 | Pearl Buckley | 15 N. Elm st. Sapulpa |
| 7 Skiatook | 49 | Oscar Holdman | Skiatook |
| 8 Steeman | 15 | Lydia Howard | Francis |
| 9 Sulphur | 20 | Lydia Howard | Francis |

Total number of members, 264; churches having pastors, 6; number having Sunday school, 4; average attendance in Sunday school, 325.

EVANGELISTS

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| 1 Brittain, Blanche E. Sapulpa | 3 Hamby, Everett, Tulsa |
| 2 Cotnam, T. P., Box 684 Sapulpa | 4 Rounds, Beva T., Confederate, Home Ardmore |

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia 22 Lottie Davis, 1921 League st., Philadelphia
 Total number of members, 22; number having pastors, 1; average attendance in Sunday school, 15; approximate value of property, \$50.00.

South Carolina

W. A. WALKER, Overseer

| Churches | Members | Clerks | Address |
|------------|---------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 Seneca | 10 | Ada Rhodes | Seneca |
| 2 Walhalla | 82 | L. J. Vallrath | R. 2., Walhalla |

Increase in churches over last year, 1; total number of members, 92; increase 22; number having pastors, 2; number having Sunday schools, 2; average attendance, 79; approximate value of property, \$550.00.

EVANGELISTS

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| 1 Bell, William, R. 2, Seneca | 3 Morgan, C. T., Newery |
| 2 Dixon, Rosa, Greer | |

Tennessee

F. J. LEE, Overseer

| Churches | Members | Clerks | Address |
|-------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Armathwaite | 20 | Bell Buck | Armathwaite |
| 2 Bell Town | 35 | — | Copperhill |
| 3 Brockdell | 10 | — | Brockdell |
| 4 Browntown | 31 | — | R. 1, Harriman |
| 5 Campaign | 65 | S. D. Walling | Campaign |
| 6 Cedar Hill | 75 | Howard Allen | R. 2, Talbott |
| 7 Cleveland | 324 | D. W. Haworth | Cleveland |
| 8 Cookville | 33 | I. W. Vickers | Cookville |
| 9 Copperhill | 83 | J. A. Tarpley | Copperhill |
| 10 Crab Orchard | 52 | J. W. Monday | Crab Orchard |
| 11 Cranmore Cove | 12 | Ellie Williams | R. 4, Dayton |
| 12 Daisy | 18 | E. C. Higgins | R. 2, Hixon |
| 13 Dayton | 136 | L. L. Turner | Dayton |
| 14 Dividing Ridge | 94 | C. R. Miller | R. 3, Soddy |
| 15 Grasshopper | 35 | Pearl Sheels | Birchwood |
| 16 Graysville | 32 | Harrison Goins | Graysville |
| 17 Harriman | 125 | E. B. Burns | Harriman |
| 18 Harrison Roads | | — | |
| 19 Hill View | 25 | J. C. Walker | Madisonville |
| 20 Hiwassee | 63 | Eva Petty | Madisonville |
| 21 Jasper | 11 | — | Jasper |
| 22 Jefferson City | 20 | Mrs. Chas. Marsett | Jefferson City |
| 23 Kelley's Ferry | 28 | — | — |
| 24 Kings Chapel | 32 | A. W. Sanders | R. 2, Hickory Point |
| 25 Kinsers Tab'le | 56 | N. O. Osment | R. 10, Cleveland |
| 26 Knoxville | 56 | C. J. Anderson | 951 Sooy st., Knoxville |
| 27 LaFollette | 7 | Nellie Starett | Lafollette |
| 28 Lenoir City | | Virgie Scalf | Lenoir City |
| 29 Liverwort | 68 | Nannie Hagewood | Southside |
| 30 McMinnville | 23 | Jack Durham | McMinnville |
| 31 Mineral Park | 16 | Alma Goodwin | Mineral Park |

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| 32 | Monteagle | 8 | Ella McFarland | Monteagle |
| 33 | Morristown | 44 | Ola Cowan | Morristown |
| 34 | Mount Pleasant | 43 | W. M. Chamey | R., Soddy |
| 35 | New Bethel | 35 | Hattie Swindle | Walling |
| 36 | N. Chattanooga | 18 | E. Fairbanks | North Chattanooga |
| 37 | Pleasant Hill | 25 | Ora Lowery | Clifty |
| 38 | Providence | 44 | J. M. Scarbrough | R. 1, Byington |
| 39 | Red Oak Grove | 26 | Geo. Sutherland | Flat Top |
| 40 | Reeds Crossroads | 21 | Dave Reed | Cranview |
| 41 | Ridgedale | 367 | James Brown | 3410 Ave. D. East Lake |
| 42 | Rockwood | 20 | Stacy Miller | Rockwood |
| 43 | Sale Creek | 30 | Ida Coleman | Sale Creek |
| 44 | Sevierville | 19 | Myrtle Henderson | Sevierville |
| 45 | Sobel | 77 | Eliza Cooper | Sobel |
| 46 | Soddy | 86 | Etta Hackney | Soddy |
| 47 | South Pittsburg | 9 | Myrtle Crawford | South Pittsburg |
| 48 | White Bluff | 27 | O. O. Wakeman | White Bluff |
| 49 | White Oak Flat | 53 | Tom Sensing | R. 3, Charlotte |
| 50 | White Oak Mt. | 59 | Drucilla Owen | McDonald |
| 51 | Whiteside | 6 | Edna McHone | Whiteside |
| 52 | Whitwell | 20 | Hugh Barnett | Whitwell |

Increase of churches over last year, 9; total number of members, 2527; increase, 295; number of churches having pastors, 42; number having Sunday schools, 37; average attendance in Sunday school, 1,775; increase, 184; approximate value of property, \$23,000.00.

BISHOPS

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| 1 | Anderson, W. G., Johnson City | 16 | Lemons, M. S., Atlanta, Ga. |
| 2 | Anderson, W. R., Knoxville | 17 | Letsinger, M. W., Byington |
| 3 | Austin, T. R., Nashville | 18 | Lively, W. H., Graysville |
| 4 | Bryant, W. F., 2525 Gaut, Cleveland | 19 | Llewellyn, J. S., Harriman |
| 5 | Bryans, A. H., " " " | 20 | McLain, T. L., Cleveland |
| 6 | Brouayer, G. T., " " " | 21 | Mulky, Poley, R. 2, Soddy |
| 7 | Burk, John, Southside | 22 | Patterson, S. W., R. 1, Sobel |
| 8 | Clark, Jesse, Cleveland | 23 | Payne, T. S., Cleveland |
| 9 | Gentry, W. S., Cleveland | 24 | Ryder, F. L., South America |
| 10 | Green, G. M., Crab Orchard | 25 | Sott, J. L., 2605 E. 17th st., Ridgedale |
| 11 | Haynes, Efford, Chillicothe, O. | 26 | Spurling, R. G., Turtletown |
| 12 | Haynes, M. S., Kentwood, La. | 27 | Tomlinson, A. J., 2525 Gaut st., Cleveland |
| 13 | Hockett, W. C., 2525 Gaut st., Cleveland | 28 | Trim, H. L., Jefferson City |
| 14 | Koon, M. H., R1, Byington | 29 | Underwood, J. C., Walhalla, S. C. |
| 15 | Lee, F. J., Cleveland | 30 | Walker, W. A., Sweetwater |

DEACONS

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| 1 | Allen, E. J., Harriman | 11 | Earls, L. W., McDonald |
| 2 | Bain, I. D., Ridgedale | 12 | Freels, W. M., R. 1 Byington |
| 3 | Barrett, I. C. Cleveland | 13 | Gentry, Charley, Sale Creek |
| 4 | Burns, A. F., Harriman | 14 | Hackney, G. S., Soddy |
| 5 | Byerly, Henry, E. Chattanooga | 15 | Haworth, D. W., Cleveland |
| 6 | Byerly, Jack, Dayton | 16 | Jaco, J. E., Campaign |
| 7 | Clowers, T. E. Sweetwater | 17 | Kerr, Joe, R. 10 Cleveland |
| 8 | Coleman, J. C., Tellico Plains | 18 | Kephart, A. C., Charlotte |
| 9 | Coleman, W. M., Tellico Plains | 19 | Lane, W. R., Chattanooga |
| 10 | Durham, G. W., McMinnville | 20 | Lawson, A. J., Cleveland |

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| 21 Lee, S. R., Cleveland | 31 Queen, A. T., Copperhill |
| 22 Luttrell, C. C., R. 2 Soddy | 32 Sanders, S., Ridgedale |
| 23 Manley, W. T., Ridgedale | 33 Senters, S. T., Ridgedale |
| 24 McBride, W. M., Crab Orchard | 34 Tanner, F. M., Copperhill |
| 25 Milom, Thos., Southside | 35 Tarpley, A. L., Copperhill |
| 26 Monroe, Johnson, Thomaston, Ga. | 36 Tarpley, P., Copperhill |
| 27 Nelson, J. W., R. 3, Soddy | 37 Turner, L. L., Dayton |
| 28 Palmer, John, R. 10, Cleveland | 38 Varnell, J. R., 505 Asylum Ave. Knoxville |
| 29 Pettitt, Thomas, Ridgedale | 39 Walling, S. B., Campaign |
| 30 Prince, Charlie, R. 7, Cleveland | 40 Whitehead, J. J., R 2, Talbott |

EVANGELISTS

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| 1 Anderson, Lizzie, Knoxville | 24 Hickman, Slater, Hixon |
| 2 Aylor, James, Sarasota, Fla. | 25 Howell, Mrs. Mary, Oneonta, Ala. |
| 3 Aylor, Pauline, Sarasota, Fla. | 26 Jefferey, James, R. 2, Soddy |
| 4 Beard, Spencer, Harriman | 27 Kelly, J. C., Concord |
| 5 Bishop, Viva, Sobel | 28 Koon, Blanché, Byington |
| 6 Brouayer, Delia, Cleveland | 29 Leatherwood, Willie, Ridgedale |
| 7 Cagle, J. C., Ooltewah | 30 Leatherman, Lucy, S. America |
| 8 Chancy, W. M., Soddy | 31 Murphy, W. M., R. 10, Cleveland |
| 9 Cook, F. M., Cleveland | 32 Priest, J. T., Cascilla, Miss. |
| 10 Cotton, Lorena, Columbus, Ohio | 33 Richard, Luther, Cleveland |
| 11 Dover, J. F., 27 Reese St. Ridgedale | 34 Richard, Thad, Copperhill |
| 12 Dunn, Curtis, Dayton | 35 Rickett, W. M., Soddy |
| 13 Epps, B. W., Honea Path, S. C. | 36 Rush, W. W., Macon, Ga. |
| 14 Gann, Alonzo, Alabama City, Ala. | 37 Scoggins, H. N., Soddy |
| 15 Gann, Maud, Alabama City, Ala. | 38 Shepherd Sallie, Cleveland |
| 16 Goddard, Ed., Harriman | 39 Stanley, S. L., 4005 Ocoee St., Cleveland |
| 17 Green, W. H., R. 3, Madisonville | 40 Taylor, G. W., Emory Gap |
| 18 Grisam, Charlie, Cleveland | 41 Trim, Flora E., Jefferson City |
| 19 Guire, Clarence, | 42 Underwood, Emma, Walhalla S.C. |
| 20 Hash, John, Rock Island | 43 Walker, J. S., Etowah |
| 21 Haynes, Mrs. Clyde., Chillicothe, O. | 44 Whitlock, Reuben, Harriman |
| 22 Helton, Sam., Crawford | 45 Wilcoxon, William, Mather, Ky. |
| 23 Hensley, G. W., Birchwood | 46 Yates L. C., Lenoir City |

Texas

GEO. T., BROUAYER, Overseer

| Churches | Members | Clerks | Address |
|------------------|---------|------------------|---------------|
| 1 Clarks Chapel | 22 | Robert Rabe | R. 1, Point |
| 2 Clutter | 22 | Susie Montgomery | R. 3, Bonham |
| 3 Gillems Chapel | 37 | Minnie Anthony | R. 2, Ladonia |
| 4 Lyra | 29 | Willie Roach | Lyra |
| 5 Paris | 13 | A. J. Bixler | R. 7, Paris |

Increase of churches, 5; total number of members, 123; number having pastors, 1; number having Sunday school, 4; average attendance in Sunday school, 128; approximate value of property, \$200.00

DEACONS

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Anthony, Geo. E., R. 2, Ladonia | 2 Nelson, E. H., R. 3, Bonham |
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EVANGELISTS

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 Asher, Della, R. 7, Paris | 3 Merrill, Van B., R. 2, Ladonia |
| 2 Asher, Geo., R. 7, Paris | 4 Roach, Willie, Box 132 Lyra |
| | 5 Scarbrough, E. C., Paris |

Virginia

T. L. McLAIN, Overseer

| Churches | Members | Clerks | Address |
|----------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Austinville | 4 | Chas. Crockett | Austinville |
| 2 Byllsby | 6 | Chas. Lawson | Byllsby |
| 3 Cripple Creek | 33 | Mrs. Edith Littrell | R. D. Cripple Creek |
| 4 Fosters Falls | 29 | Ers. Ida Smythers | Fosters Falls |
| 5 Gunton Park | 36 | Miss Lizzie Dean | R. D. Max Meadows |
| 6 Hickory Flat (Cliffview) | 41 | W. F. Mooney | R. D. Monarat |
| 7 Hiwassee | 19 | S. A. Adkins | Hiwassee |
| 8 Low Gap (Galax R. D.) | 5 | Josie Wilson | R. 1. Galax |
| 9 Monarat | 34 | L. B. Frazier | R. 1. Monarat |
| 10 Newport | 16 | Chas. A. Price | Newport |
| 11 Parrott | 24 | J. W. Gibson | Belspring |
| 12 Poplar Camp | 29 | Mrs. Flora Dean | Poplar Camp |
| 13 Shorts Creek | 48 | John Bays | Richardson |
| 14 Snowville | 18 | Mrs. Ellie Dobbins | West Radford |
| 15 South Norfolk | 17 | Chas. H. Wolfram | 135 Bainbridge St., South Norfolk |
| 16 Victoria | | Mrs. W. M. Lowman | R. D. Victoria |

Increase of churches, over last year, 2; total number of members 362; number having pastors, 11; number having Sunday school, 7; average attendance in Sunday school 200; approximate value of property, \$2,400.00.

BISHOPS

- 1 Crowder, F. J., R. 1, Max Meadows

DEACONS

- 1 Barney, Walter, Saltville 4 Hanks, Curtis, R. D. Monarat
 2 Crowder, James R., R. D. Foster Falls 5 Hanks, Elliott, R. D. Monarat
 3 Edmonds, H. J., R. D. Shorts Creek 6 Smythers, M. A., Foster Falls
 7 Turner, L. L., Poplar Camp

EVANGELISTS

- 1 Fortner, Arthur, Cliffview R. 4 Sexton, Robert M., Galax
 2 Frazier, Chas. C., Shorts Creek R. D. 5 Talbert, Nina B., Snowville
 3 Hanks, Otie, Monarat R. 6 Vaught, Land L. Berton

West Indies

J. A. JOSEPH, Overseer

Total number of churches, 4; total number of members, 80.

EVANGELIST

Joseph, J. A., Upper Hindsberry Road, Bridgetown, Barbados, B. W. I.

West Virginia

W. M. RUMLER, Overseer

| Churches | Members | Clerks | Address |
|---------------|---------|--------------|-------------|
| 1 Cedar Grove | 123 | Nettie Jones | Cedar Grove |
| 2 Colcord | 23 | S. C. Luther | Colcord |
| 3 Dorathy | 14 | W. F. Perry | Dorathy |
| 4 Garrison | 10 | J. G. Cowley | Garrison |
| 5 Hugheston | 23 | Ina Grubb | Hugheston |
| 6 Kaymoor | 16 | Dash Donally | Kaymoor |

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| 7 Parkersburg | 51 | T. M. Stephens | 644 Columbus Ave., Parkersburg |
| 8 Shrewsbury | 18 | Earl Lively | Shrewsbury |
| 9 Ward | 12 | G. W. Crowder | Ward |

Increase of churches over last year, 3; total number of members, 225; increase 106; number of churches having pastors, 7; number having Sunday school, 7; average attendance in Sunday school, 214.

BISHOP

Rumler, W. M., Cedar Grove

DEACONS

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| 1 Cowley, J. G., Garrison | 3 Kersey, M., Quincy |
| 2 Goodson, Floyd, Cedar Grove | |

EVANGELISTS

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| 1 Burgy, Edward, Akron Ohio | 5 Middlebrook, J. H., Garrison |
| 2 Cline, James, Elkhurst W. Va. | 6 Middlebrook, Mrs. J. H. Garrison |
| 3 Cook, Walter, Dorothy | 7 O'Conner, H. L. Dorothy |
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| | 9 Wrison, G. W., Whitesville |

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 the 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 the General Overseer they will form the Presbytery in their respective states.

TEACHINGS

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. Justification—Rom. 5:1-9, Titus 3:7.
3. Regeneration—Math. 19:28, Titus 3:5.
4. Born Again—John 3:3, 1 Peter 1:23, 1 John 3:9.
5. Sanctification subsequent to Justification—Rom. 5:2, 1 Cor. 1:30, 1 Thes. 4:3, Heb. 13:12, 1 John 1:9.
6. Holiness—Luke 1:75, 1 Thes. 4:7, Heb. 12:14.
7. Water Baptism—Math. 28:19, Mark 1:8, 10, John 3:22, 23, Acts 8:12, 36, 38; 10:47, 48; 16:33; 19:3-5.
8. Baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to cleansing; the endowment of power for service—Math. 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; 19:6.
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, Math. 8:17, Jas. 5:14-16, 1 Pet. 2:24.
14. The Lord's Supper—Luke 22:17-18, 1 Cor. 11:23-33.
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—Math. 3:8, Luke 19:8, 9, Rom. 13:8.
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—Math. 24:27, 28; 1 Cor. 15:51, 52; 1 Thes. 4:15-17.
 Second—To reign on the earth a thousand years.—Zech. 14:4, 5, Luke 1:32, 1 Thes. 4:14, 2 Thes. 1:7-10, Jude 1:14, 15, Rev. 5:10; 19:11-21; 20:4-6.
19. Resurrection—Isa. 26:19, Dan. 12:2, John 5:28, 29, Acts 24:15, Rev. 20:5, 6.
20. Eternal life for the righteous—Math. 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—Math. 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—Prov. 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, lockets, etc., Isa. 55:2, 1 Pet. 3:3, 1 John 2:16.
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.
29. Against members going to war—Ex. 20:13, 1 Chron. 28:3, Psalm 120:7, Math. 5:38-48; 6:14, 15; 26:50-56, Luke 22:49-52, John 18:10, 11, 36, Rom. 12:19.

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