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# MINUTES

OF THE

Sixteenth Annual Assembly

OF THE

## CHURCH OF GOD

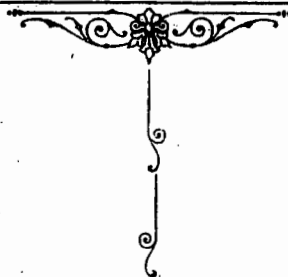
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"Ye are come \* \* \* to the general assembly and church  
of the first born."

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## Prefatory Notes

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It seems almost out of place to introduce the publication of the minutes of the Sixteenth Annual Assembly of the Churches of God by a few prefatory notes, because the enormity of the occasion beggars description. However the clerks and stenographers are deserving of much credit for the work they have done in keeping the records and preparing them for publication. The wonder to me is that they were able to keep their minds on their work sufficiently to make a correct record because of the glory of the Lord and the display of His power that prevailed throughout the whole from beginning to end.

But they did their work well, and a careful review of the writings just before going to print reveals such accuracy that I am almost ready to exclaim, "Nothing short of inspiration could have made the records so perfect." I am amazed as I read. There is a touch of life in these records and reports that is not in the records and reports of other conventions outside the Church of God.

The Sixteenth Annual Assembly of the Churches of God has now passed to the pages of history. Its influence will never die. Its success, the magnitude of the work accomplished, so far surpassed our expectations that we are still in a state of admiration and wonder. What I write as prefatory notes seems to fall far short of the mark I am trying to reach in starting the reader off on his tangential journey through the greatest and most wonderful Assembly I have ever witnessed. About the only thing I can do is to point in that direction and exclaim with an excited voice, "There it is, go to it!"

It is a source of deep gratitude to reflect and remember how easy those great audiences were controlled. The hand of heaven seemed to be over all and a sense of heavenly awe seemed to settle down over the people as they came into the great Auditorium. The fact of it is, God was there and everybody knew it. The great love of God dominated in every service, and the fellowship of saints was extremely pleasant, and all were happy and in touch with the bellcords of heaven. It was surely like heaven to be there.

It is with a heart full of love and, may I say, emotion, that I send forth this little pamphlet on its mission of love to bless those who are interested with blessings from the portals of glory.

The time for the next Assembly will be near the first of November, 1922. The exact dates will be given later.

A. J. Tomlinson,

General Overseer,  
Cleveland, Tenn.

## Introductory

On the evening of November 2, the great and beautiful Auditorium was formally dedicated to God for His holy services.

At 6:20 P. M. the congregation, pianists and orchestra were all in their places, and as the sweet soft strains of the piano began to steal out upon the air, the General Overseer, A. J. Tomlinson, and wife, and their attendants entered the Auditorium at the north front entrance and marched slowly up the aisle, led by an usher, across in front of the platform and up on the platform and took their places on the front.

Perfect silence in all parts of the building.

Then as the piano played the elders and their wives marched in at the north front entrance. These all stopped in front of platform, facing platform while the General Overseer read the following:

Yes, we are here. It has taken years of travel and toil to reach this sacred place. God in His wisdom has provided for progression and has put within man a disposition to build. When the people began to multiply on the face of the earth after the great flood that destroyed the race they decided to build a city and a tower. They were bent on doing something and they went at it. At that time the Creator made a startling statement that has ever been the means of encouraging union and concerted action.

"Behold, the people is one," He said, "and they all have one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do."

God did not want them to build the city and the tower, and the way He stopped them was to "confound their language," and get them confused so they could not continue their activities, because they could not understand one another, and thus they became disorganized. "And they left off to build the city."

When Jesus prayed the prayer for His people to become united in a oneness, He must have intended for them to build—progress. And it is by this means that great things are accomplished. This great structure would not have been standing here had it not been for the agreement, unity and oneness that existed in the great Church of God. Multitudes have worked together and made it possible for this magnificent building to rise piece by piece from what was once a barren spot of ground.

God has ordained that man shall not be alone in building and thus He made woman for a helpmeet for the man. Here in our midst are twelve pillars of the Church with their wives by their side for support and added strength. Man leads the way but the woman is either at his side or close up in the rear.

This object lesson is to demonstrate the additions in building. In this structure—the Auditorium—was first laid the foundation, then followed the additional material day after day until all the work was done, and last of all comes the beautiful decorations, and now it is ready for formal dedication to God for His holy use.

In this object lesson is shown the General Overseer and his faithful helpmeet and their attendants. Then follow the twelve elders with their companions, and after these the twenty-four bishops, representatives of the entire rank of bishops, and when these are all in place, then come the

decorations—singers—to put on the finishing touch with their music and song.

Following the day of Pentecost it is plainly stated that they were added to the church daily such as were being saved. That was building—constructing. Away in the depths is laid the apostles and prophets for the foundation, Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone. Then followed the other material added daily. And material is still being added, and who knows but we will soon be ready for the decorations! And what could be more appropriate than an army with banners, and how could this be better described than in the words of the Psalmist when he sang, "The king's daughter within the palace is all glorious. Her clothing is inwrought with gold. She shall be led unto the king in raiment of needle work. The virgins her companions (that follow her) shall be brought unto thee. With gladness and rejoicing shall they be led. They shall enter into the king's palace."

At close of reading, one minute silence with holy reverence to God, then while piano played, half the elders and wives marched single file, husband in front of wife, up on one end of platform, following usher; at the same time the other half marched up on the other end of the platform, following usher.

As music ceased all stood in perfect silence before God. When piano sounded loud all were seated.

While the piano continued to play twelve bishops came in at each front entrance and marched down the aisles, single file, ushers leading the way up on the platform.

When these twenty-four were at their places music ceased and all remained standing in perfect silence before God.

While piano continued to play the singers marched in, half at one entrance and half at the other, following ushers. They formed in front of platform, facing platform and sang the song, Church of God!

As the echo from this song died away, there was silence before God, then prayer by J. S. Llewellyn and perfect silence again.

The singers turned their faces to the congregation and sang, I'm Going That Way, then there was silence again. After silence the singers were seated on the front seats.

Music by orchestra from Alabama, followed by perfect silence.

7:30 P. M. Introductory remarks by General Overseer:

If I should say what I am thinking of, I would be obliged to say it is the Church of God. If I should tell what I love more than I do my own life I would be obliged to say—the Church of God. The reason I say it is the Church of God is because the Lord said He would build it; the reason I love the Church of God is because He gave His life that He might sanctify it. How could I help but think of such a great institution as this when it is worth so much to us that God sent His Son from heaven in order that it might be built in this world! How could I help but love such a great institution that would cause His death to sanctify it?

Think for one moment who the Lord Jesus is, where He came from, what He came for, what He did while He was here and how He said before He went away that He would come back and receive you unto Himself. Think of Him one day in the presence of several hundred people who saw Him ascend and all seemed to be amazed. Oh, they strained their eyes and probably a convoy of angels surrounded Him, but the Book said a cloud received Him out of their sight. No wonder they looked in amazement and wonder because they had never seen it on this fashion before.

We who are members of the Church of God love its founder. I wonder how many of us tonight are willing to raise our right hands and say that

we love this institution more than our own lives and if necessary would die for it.

We have read about heaven but we have never been there yet, unless this is heaven tonight. If heaven is better than this, it is certainly a place desirable to go to. I have read about how they sing up there; I have read about how they fall down and worship the Lord; I have read about how they say, Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty! Then such rejoicing and praising God such as this world has never heard! We are getting ready for this happy place. We are in a training school and we are getting a good lesson tonight.

As we come from the North, East, South and West, it reminds me of what the Bible says, that there are three gates on the North, three gates on the East, three gates on the South and three gates on the West. Sometimes there is going to be a great gathering and somebody is going to be amazed as they see a crowd of people filled with the Holy Ghost rise and take their flight and come on all sides and evidently there will be room enough for them to come in at once just like the people come to the Assembly. It seems to me this year that the people tried to see who could get here first and some have been staying here three or four weeks waiting for this thing and others have been on the road three or four weeks and are yet, and I trust they will get here. We are training for the Great Assembly and this is the greatest we have seen, but we are getting ready for a greater.

One minute silence.

Prayer by Geo. T. Brouayer, then one minute silence again.

First Two Assemblies and Places Where They Were Held, M. S. Lemons.

The speaker introduced his talk by singing, While the Years Roll On, and continued as follows:

Sixteen years ago a few of us met at the home of Brother and Sister Murphy in Cherokee Co., N. C., during a snow storm, searching for the Bible Church. We have found the plan, something that will last forever, Matt. 1:21; Matt. 16:18. A few years ago we were hunting for something we could put our life and blood into, and we may have to do it. We didn't know to call it the Church of God but that little crowd of mountaineers wanted to do something and we found the Bible Church. In our first Assembly we did not call it Church of God but in the next Assembly which was held at Union Grove, in Bradley Co., Tenn., we saw that the Lord wanted it called Church of God. See how she is today. We have about 20,000 members and the world is looking on at us. God has given us a paper to help spread the gospel.

Early Recollections of Assemblies Attended, F. J. Lee. A few remarks:

Think how the Church started in a small way and see where it has gone to. When I began to attend the early Assemblies one thing that attracted my attention was interpretations—just to think of getting a message direct from heaven. Some saw real visions and I thought that was wonderful. I was glad about the paper for the Church. Brethren met at my house, prayed and got victory that a Church of God paper should go. There have been struggles but the paper is still going. Everything that has come forth in the Assemblies has a tendency to settle me down and establish me.

Singers, facing congregation, sang, "I'll Be No Stranger There."

8:00 P. M. Dedication Sermon, General Overseer. Scripture Lesson: 2 Chron. 20:5-16.

## DEDICATION SERMON

Just as well think of it as a sanctuary. There are a few things special in this lesson that we want to notice, but the special text is, "But our eyes are upon thee." This was not only true of the people at that time but it is true of hundreds and thousands today. Our eyes are upon Thee, Lord. The first thing we want to call your attention to is the House of the Lord and before the New Court. We certainly acknowledge this is the House of the Lord. Money that seemed to be sacred has been used in its construction, because this money was earned by people of the Lord. It was prayed over in many instances and perhaps in all instances before it has been paid out for the material and the labor and the cost of the building. While we had our Assembly under the roof of this building one year ago it was not complete. In fact, we had it only partly seated and scarcely any decorations, at all, so we can speak of it now as a New Court and a place where God has already manifested His presence. Not only one year ago, but all through the year from time to time, and already tonight has been felt the sweet blessed influence of the presence of God. How many have not felt the presence of God? You can answer this at your leisure. But I declare with all my heart that I believe every one here would have to say already, I feel like I am in the presence of God. This is His sanctuary—this is His New Court.

A number of you remember when we decided to build a house where we could have room for a large number of people, that we were packed in the little old church and there was no room to make collections for the construction of this building and the people also wanted to build an Orphanage. The enthusiasm ran so high until they just started the bills hand over hand and kept them going until they reached the platform.

We have steadily marched on until we have occupied our inheritance. The next thing I want to notice is that the writer said, "They dwelt there and built a sanctuary for thy name." Some one, a little while ago, mentioned about the name and spoke about it as the Church of God. Somehow I have a fancy or some kind of a notion that God loves for us to speak or say this little sentence or clause and say the Church OF GOD. In fact, years ago the first little article I wrote in a little paper before the Evangel started, I mentioned something about the Church of God and some one who read that little paper wrote direct to me saying, "I have read your article and I appreciate the interest you have shown, but I see no use in adding on the OF GOD, just say the church." I wrote back to him that God said it is the Church OF GOD, just the same as Zacharias said his name is John. I said in my letter I did not write that, but it was already there. I have heard from him a time or two since but the OF GOD did not suit him, but somehow the OF GOD suits about 20,000 tonight.

The Church of God—the Sanctuary. O that I might make this name even more sacred by repeating it over and over. A thousand voices tonight would be glad to say the same thing. Suppose we all with one voice say, Church of God. (Congregation repeated the words Church of God twice.) I fancy I hear the echo from glory—

(At this instant the Holy Ghost spoke through one of the saints, and the message was interpreted thus,—

Humble thyself under the mighty hand of God even as Moses and Aaron did. Remember how I kept them, I led them across the Jordan into the promised land. I will stand by thee. This must move, I am at the back of it. Am I not giving thee power and understanding? Am I not strengthening thee? I am talking unto thee, I am back of this. I will be with thee, I will

care for thy children. Remember the Word, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

All bowed and honored God for the wonderful message.

The sweet presence of the Holy Ghost hovered down over congregation. There was much weeping for joy.)

The next thing noticed especially, and in order to make it more impressive, I will call attention to Israel. Please think for one moment of this little tribe almost surrounded by an army and they were then calling on the Lord, they were not prepared for such a great army so the king himself was in prayer and the confession was, "Oh, our God, we have no might to come against this great company." The prayer of a king has gone over a great nation, yet he acknowledges he does not know what to do but he says, "Our eyes are upon thee." Instead of looking upon the enemy and seeing them as they begin to prepare their swords for the battle, they seem to close their eyes from their surroundings and say, "Our eyes are upon thee." Just as long as they could keep their eyes on God and off the enemy but they could have confidence.

(You know this adding the words OF GOD helps to keep our eyes on Him.)

As an encouragement the Word of the Lord came on one of the prophets. I wonder if it isn't this way tonight. Right in the midst of the Spirit of the Lord came on one and the interpretation followed their with thankful hearts and appreciation we were mellowed before God.

Did Judah prevail over the enemy? Just as sure as Judah prevailed over the enemy, just so sure the Church of God will prevail over her enemies if we keep our eyes on Him.

As a matter of encouragement, just listen, did we not hear in almost the same words, The battle is not yours but the Lord's?

I wonder how big the Lord is, as we think of Him sitting in the heavens and by His Word spoke the world into existence and peopled it with people. How big is He anyhow? Where could be our enemies—only look up to Him. What will happen to them some time?

This building has already cost us the sum of \$36,096.10. Does that look like a host around us? Look up! Our eyes are upon Thee! As we see Him sitting in the heaven we imagine we see His smile of approval because we added the OF GOD to it.

The \$36,096.10 does not seem so big if we keep our eyes on Him. It seems almost nothing when we look to Him. We rejoice and repeat, The battle is not ours, but the Lord's. Look at Him and think that the cattle on a thousand hills are His. If I were hungry would I ask you?

I understand some of the boys have just arrived here, with nothing to go back on. I said, "Boys, come over and eat at my table." They did not know where it was to come from and I did not know where it was to come from and tonight you know I don't care. Come on, boys, we will eat the last crumb and get some more.

Look at the cost of this building. The saints of God and some who are not saints and some who are looking this way have sent in hundreds of dollars to help us. I write back and say, "I thank you for it. I am praying that God will save you and let you have a part in it. It looks like they have bought their religion, but you cannot buy religion, but, thank God, you can look up and He can give it to you. Of this little bit of amount that some folks think is a big thing has already been paid \$12,900.21. See, we keep it down to the penny and I dare say there is not a person here tonight who would want to recall a penny he has ever sent in for this purpose. I say the battle is not ours but the Lord's. Alright, let us look up—that is my sermon.

When the speaker mentioned the debt on Auditorium the money came in showers, without an invitation. Amid shouts and different manifestations money continued to come. Music by orchestra, then the singing of the words of the song.

Song, Give Me Jesus, by orchestra.

## DEDICATORY PRAYER

General Overseer.

Our Father in heaven, our eyes are upon Thee. We close our eyes so we cannot see the people, but we can see God by faith. We think of Him who made the heaven and the earth and created man in His own image and likeness and for His own glory.

It is our purpose, O God, in life to glorify Thee. We thank Thee more than we can express, because Thou hast let us behold the great Church of God. We thank Thee because of the many members and those who are our sympathizers that have helped us construct this place where more than 3,000 people can meet to worship God. We thank Thee for courage and strength and the faith Thou hast given us so we can laugh at impossibilities and cry out, It shall be done. In the name of high heaven, this battle has been fought, and in Thy name it shall be fought until the Church of God has paid her debts and every mountain shall be cast into the sea. We thank Thee, Lord, for this great concourse of people. We are glad we can look into the faces of thousands of them who have the Holy Ghost and speak in tongues as thousands of others do.

Now, Father, we would not forget to thank Thee for this great pile of money; we have never done this before. The great Church of God has a home where Thy name is set, and they come up here once a year to bring an offering to bless God and bless one another and to receive blessings from Him.

O Thou great God who is sitting in the heavens tonight, we know that Thou art looking upon this scene. O we fully believe the great big two eyes of God are beholding us, and the angels are ready to echo and re-echo the music that can't be heard with the natural ear. We look upon Thee, the Lamb of God who took away our sins.

Our God, Thou art our God. O thou art our God and we are Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture and Thou art feeding us. Thou hast turned us into the very best pasture and beside the still waters we can lie down and be refreshed over and over again, until we can surely exclaim, we are in the House of God forever and ever.

Lord, we have come to stay; no matter how the battle rages; no matter how the enemy roars; no matter what comes; we come with our eyes set upon heaven and upon God. We see Him like Stephen of old as He stands looking upon this scene tonight.

Our Father, we love Thee more than we can tell; yes, just to think a little while ago we did not have this great structure where we could hold the great Assembly of the Church of God. It has sprung up almost in a night, causing the people to look on and be amazed. They did not think we could do it, and now they acknowledge it is done. Hallelujah, we are going to give God the glory because the battle is not ours but the battle is God's. Thy servants have labored and toiled, loved and served, and tonight they are enjoying the fruits gathered and are here from hundreds and probably thousands of miles for the purpose of dedicating this house to God and having the Sixteenth Annual Assembly.

This love that flows from breast to breast is beyond our comprehension. Oh, this white-heated love, but with all this to remember that we only love God because He first loved us. Lord, we thank Thee for every soul that is



here and we thank Thee for every dollar that our feet are treading upon; we thank Thee because Thou holdest the wealth of the world in Thy hand and we are looking up and trusting our God from whence comes all blessings.

Our hearts are swelling; our souls are enlarging. We wonder, O Lord, what next You are going to do? Thou art a wonderful God!

Isaiah said that His name should be called Wonderful but—O we are living down here where we can say it is wonderful, not shall be, but it is. Thou wonderful God, Thou mighty God, we praise Thee.

My Lord, we have done the best we could up to date. As Judah of old we have acknowledged that we are small, but when we get our eyes on Thee we get enlarged; we take courage and we go forward and by His grace we will put every mountain of debt into the sea, but, Lord, it is by Thy help. The multitudinous measures of love and mercy that Thou hast shown us are more than we can express. It is just all the love we can give You, we love You, yes, we love You, Lord. Our hearts love God tonight. Oh, we feel like falling upon our faces as the description given in heaven and saying; Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty! Worthy is the Lamb to open the Book! The Church of God is once more a reality in this world.

Lord, while the apostles and prophets labored and toiled, to get it started, we thank Thee because Thou hast honored us to finish it up ready for His coming, when Thou shalt call us up to meet Thee. We are not worthy of this honor; but Thou hast given it unto us. We repeat, we have done the best we could. This house is erected, the greatest house we have ever had. Oh, Lord, we love Thee. Again, we want to say, We love Thee with all our strength, soul and power. We love Thee, Lord.

Now, Lord, look at this building; see the heavy timbers, the heavy foundations, the powerful posts, O look at the boards and the very nails. Lord, get Your eyes on all of it, and look at this great audience room, all the rooms, basement, furnaces, lights to give us light and telephone to send messages. O look at all of it; will it do for You, Lord? Will you take it, Lord?

O God, we would have loved to have done better, but this is the best we can do. Will You receive it at our hands, Lord? It is only like giving it back to Thee, because You have given us the health and strength and everything it has taken to do it.

Lord, can we look upon Thee and see that sweet smile of satisfaction and hear You say You will not despise the day of small things? Will You encourage our faith, and will You satisfy our hearts until we are fully assured that You are saying; Yes, I will gladly receive it? O the beautiful light that seems to be coming this way, and O the sweetness that seems to be enveloping us and seems to be filling the air!

We are doing our best to imitate heaven in our worship, songs, and service. O the sweetness that is coming, we are almost persuaded that Thou art going to take it. We believe that Thou art waiting to receive it. O may we with one voice and with one heart say, Take it, Lord? Lord, we read about where one of Thy great men said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

You will have to give Thy servant some kind of strength before he will be able to do what is before him to do—to give this great building to God. O we don't feel worthy to do it, but in the name of Jesus Christ, in the name of high heaven, in the name of the mighty Church of God, we muster up courage and say we here and now—O Lord, help us! O God, help us! It seems almost too much! O Lord, if You will only lend a little more strength, if you will only lend a little more help, we will try to say it. In the name of God, in the name of Jesus Christ, His Son, in the name of the

Holy Ghost and the great Church of God, we here and now dedicate this great building to God!

Let the congregation say, Amen! Let us all fall on our faces and say we are in the House of God, we are at home.

Concert prayer by congregation. After the prayer the congregation stood with uplifted hands in praise to God. Orchestra rendered music while the praises, clapping of hands, dancing, talking in tongues etc. continued.

Another interpretation of a message in other tongues: A portion given: Jesus is coming soon! Jesus is coming soon. Jesus is coming soon! Jesus wants each one to stand in his place. Jesus wants each one to be encouraged. His redemption draweth nigh.

O beloved, beloved, beloved, watch and pray. Enter not into temptation. Be true! Be true! Be true! My dear children, be faithful a little longer. I am coming soon. Don't get discouraged, your time is soon up. Keep on, keep on, keep on, you will soon meet your Lord in the air.

9:00 P.M. Address: Reel at Home, J. S. Llewellyn. His talk was very appropriate just at this time, just after the dedication sermon when all surely felt at home. Some statements taken from his address:

I am sure this great congregation feels at home. This is our home, owned and controlled by our Father. We are His children. It brings joy and peace and satisfaction and comfort to be at home.

It is true we have a place we can call home—the Church of God. Of course we feel at home. We have a great God. He has led us. He has blessed us. We are preparing for thousands to come home.

Song, Glory Bound.

Closing prayer.

Thursday, November 3.

9:30 A.M. Songs: When the Redeemed are Gathering In and Gospel Waves.

Opening of Assembly

Scripture lesson by General Overseer Isaiah 61st chapter.

Comments.—It affords me much pleasure to read prophecies concerning the Church of God. Nothing can give me more joy in this world than to stand upon the Word of God and obey Him who wore the seamless garment. The Sixteenth Annual Assembly is now here, we are almost ready for business. We have been having little showers of blessings and the Lord already has been with us, yet we want to bow before the Lord and ask Him for guidance.

Prayer for guidance by General Overseer.

Our Father who art in heaven, our hearts are melted this morning as we think about the love of God. As we think about the fellowship of the saints and the love they have for each other, we become tender. O how gentle we feel this morning.

Now we have come to this important time for which we have been looking for twelve long months. At last the time has come when Thy people have gathered from the four corners of the earth to this central place, to this beautiful place, where we can feel at home and do business for our God.

Thou hast been merciful to us. Thou hast left us alive while some have passed away and we are wondering if they are bowing their heads as they gaze on this assembly of people. We think of Brother Stockton who was so true and loyal, and true to his convictions, who is now in the penitentiary of Mississippi for trusting the Lord for the healing of his child. God bless His family. We pray that Thou wilt crown him and his family with

jewels rich and rare. We pray that Thou wilt help us, dear Lord, to be as faithful, loyal and true to the Church of God as he was.

We pray Thy blessings upon every one that is here from the different states and every where. We pray that Thou wilt touch thir hearts with a wave of blessing. And as they introduce their part we pray that Thou wilt bless them. We ask Thee that thou wilt help us to exalt the great Church of God. We pray, Lord; that Thou wilt help us, in all our deliberations, help us to decide according to the Bible in everything. We do not claim to know everything, but we want the Lord to help us to dig into the truth and know what we are doing from day to day and be careful that we make no mistakes, but we want to get under the blessed drippings of the Spirit. Guide us in everything we may say, put our hands as it were, in the hands of the Holy Ghost and allow Him to guide us into more of His truth that His Church may rise and shine more and more unto the perfect day. Thou knowest that we do not know anything, only as Thou impartest Thy wisdom to us but we are glad that the Spirit of God reveals things to us that we do not know.

We acknowledge our weakness, we acknowledge our inability, we know we do not know things like God knows but we are glad He reveals things to us that we want to know in order that the Church of God may move on to higher heights and spread over more of this world. Our Father, at this moment we want to commit ourselves into Your hands and be given up to the Holy Ghost and let the Holy Ghost have His way. I pray that Thy hands will be so heavy upon us until we will feel like walking softly, until we will feel like we are one.

May all of our speeches be seasoned with grace and love. May we have charity and have an abundance of it. Now, Lord, if there is anything that we ought to have and have failed to ask for it, please give it to us. May we never waver to the right or to the left, but keep our eyes upon Him and have the Holy Ghost to reveal some things to us that the Church of God may rise higher.

We do not know just what we do need all together, only we need God's help to guide us in the way we ought to go. We do not know what to pray for so now we will just surrender ourselves over to Thee whom we have the utmost confidence in. We would rather be led by Him and keep our eyes on the blessed Christ that owns the wealth of the world, so now Lord, help us. If you can do anything with us you are welcome to us. In Jesus' name take us now. Hallelujah! Amen!

10:00 A. M. The General Overseer now has the honor of announcing that the Sixteenth Annual Assembly is open for business. Perfect silence before God in recognition of the fact that the Sixteenth Annual Assembly is now on.

10:15 A. M. Business session began.

### Appointment of Committees

**Committee No. 1.**—To receive questions and subjects for consideration: C. M. Padgett, O. R. Rouse, W. S. Wilemon, S. J. Heath, Guy Marlow.

**Committee No. 2.**—To investigate grievances: Milton Padgett, Z. B. Thomas, H. B. Simmons, F. J. Crowder, W. G. Rembert, E. L. Finkley, C. E. Prince.

**Committee No. 3.**—Watchmen: John Burk, W. M. Lowman, W. M. Stallings, W. A. Walker.

**Committee No. 4.**—Foreign Missions: H. A. Pressgrove, E. D. Hopkins, W. M. Rumlér, John Atter, Z. D. Simpson.

**Committee No. 5.**—Home Missions: A. Gaan, J. A. Davis, C. H. Randall, I. H. Marks, Thos. B. Smith.

**Committee No. 6.—Sunday-school Interests: M. W. Letsinger, John L. Stephens, R. S. Robinson, Thos. J. Richardson, A. L. Jenkins.**

### Call of States and Their Response

1. *Alabama*.—Z. D. Simpson, overseer.—119 representatives.  
Music by Brass Band, After While, followed by singing of words by the representatives.  
Short talk by state overseer.  
Music by Brass Band as they marched.
2. *Arkansas*.—John Burk, overseer.—11 representatives.  
Short talk by state overseer.  
Marched away singing, Won't You Come and Go With Me? assisted by congregation.
3. *Bahama Islands*.—1 representative, W. V. Eneas, who gave short talk of the work on the islands.  
Song, Humble Thyself.
4. *Florida*.—F. J. Lee, overseer.—54 representatives.  
Music by Florida Saxophone Band, When the Shadows Disappear, followed by singing of words by representatives.  
Talks by state overseer and Thos. J. Richardson.  
Song, We're a Happy Pilgrim Band.
5. *Georgia*.—S. W. Latimer, overseer.—116 representatives.  
Song, O I Want to See Him.  
Talk by overseer, in which he reported that 6,775 holiness sermons were preached in Georgia, 1,540 souls saved, 1,143 sanctified and 1,000 filled with the Holy Ghost.
6. *Illinois*.—T. S. Payne, overseer.—28 representatives.  
Bible reading by overseer; Heb. 11:25-28, followed by talk.  
Song, The Cross Is My Boast.  
Adjourned at 12:15 P. M. for dinner.

### NOON

1:30 P. M. Songs, I Feel Like Traveling On; Telephone to Glory.  
Prayer by M. S. Lemons.

### Call of States and Their Response Continued

7. *Indiana*.—S. O. Gillaspie, overseer.—2 representatives.  
Talk by overseer.
8. *Kentucky*.—F. W. Gammon, overseer.—72 representatives.  
Representatives marched forward singing as they took their places.  
Music by String Band.  
Talk by overseer.  
Music by band and singing as they marched.
9. *Louisiana*.—M. S. Haynes, overseer.—10 representatives.  
Song, Gathering Sheaves.  
Talk by overseer.
10. *Maryland*.—Paul Walker, overseer.—6 representatives.  
Song, Forward Go.  
Talk by overseer.
11. *Mississippi*.—H. A. Pressgrove, overseer.—39 representatives.  
Song, They Come.  
Talk by overseer. He reported seventeen new churches in spite of enemy's raging. He gave the incident of Brother Stockton going to the penitentiary for standing true to the Lord on the line of divine healing.  
Representatives marched, then returned to their places and sang, The Ark is Coming up the Road.

- 12 *Missouri*.—E. L. Pinkley, overseer.—6 representatives.  
 Song, Lift the Banner High.  
 Talk by overseer.  
 Message and interpretation encouraging Missouri.
- 13 *New Mexico*.—O. R. Rouse, overseer.—5 representatives.  
 Song, When the Redeemed are Gathering in.  
 Talk by overseer.
- 14 *North Carolina*.—W. M. Stallings, overseer.—50 representatives.  
 Song, Coming from the Fields Again.  
 Talk by overseer.  
 Song, I Feel Like Traveling On, as they marched with shouts of victory.
- 15 *North Dakota*.—Joseph W. Barker, overseer.—5 representatives.  
 Song, Love Lifted Me. Chorus added, John 3:16 instead of the words,  
 Love lifted me.  
 Talk by overseer.  
 Song, Over the Top for Jesus.
- 16 *Ohio*.—Efford Haynes, overseer.—12 representatives.  
 Song, On the Cross of Calvary.  
 Talk by overseer.  
 Song, Watching You.
- 17 *Oklahoma*.—B. H. Doss, overseer.—2 representatives.  
 Song, Gospel Waves.  
 Talk by overseer.  
 Song, Gathering Sheaves.
- 18 *Pennsylvania and New Jersey*.—C. F. Bright, overseer.—4 representa-  
 tives.  
 Talk by overseer.  
 Talk by Walter A. Albee. A wonderful talk on the mighty works of  
 God—results of prayer.
- 19 *South Carolina*.—W. H. Cross, overseer.—33 representatives.  
 Song, You Can Shine.  
 Talk by overseer.  
 Song, The Lord Will Provide, as they marched.
- 20 *Tennessee*.—M. W. Letsinger, overseer.—308 representatives.  
 Song, Shine, Oh, Let it Shine.  
 Talk by overseer.
- 21 *Texas*.—Geo. T. Brouayer, overseer.—8 representatives.  
 Talk by overseer and wife.  
 Song, Follow Jesus All the Way.  
 Song, We'll Outshine the Sun, as representatives marched.
- 22 *Virginia*.—J. A. Davis, overseer.—38 representatives.  
 Song, I Remember.  
 Talk by overseer.  
 Song, Train's A Rolling On.
- 23 *West Virginia*.—W. M. Rumler, overseer.—25 representatives.  
 Talk by overseer.  
 Songs, Won't You Come and Go With Me? and, In the Sweet Bye and  
 Bye.
- Total representatives present Thursday, 917.  
 Dismissed at 5:50 P. M. with prayer.

6:30 P. M. Songs; concert prayer.

7:00 P. M. Short talks and praise service.

7:30 P. M. Thirty minutes talk by John Attey of Illinois. Scriptures  
 used, Acts 20:28; Psalm 23. The speaker made it very plain that the

Church of God is something very valuable because it was purchased by the blood of Jesus.

8:00 P. M. Sermon by T. S. Payne of Illinois, text, Mark 8:34. This was followed by a powerful altar service. A number prayed through to victory.

Friday, November 4

9:30 A. M. Songs: Savior, Lead Me On; Gospel Waves; I'm Going That Way

Prayer by F. W. Gammon.  
Song, When My Name is Called.

9:55 A. M. Rev. Frank Marston of Cincinnati, Ohio, representative of American Bible Society, was present to inspire the people to spread the gospel by the distribution of Bibles. We give space for the following remarks:

The Bible is one of the most powerful evangelists in the world to turn men to God. Throughout the ages there have been two powerful factors to convert men; one is the voice of the preacher, the other is that of printed pages. It is the church's obligation and responsibility to distribute Bibles just as much as to preach the gospel. The first Bible in America was ordered by Congress and paid for out of the national treasury; the first Bible printed in America was ordered by Congress; Our first Congressmen were statesmen, not politicians.

The General Overseer gave a few remarks of appreciation of the interest the speaker had in coming to the Assembly to speak of the great work the American Bible Society is doing. The congregation showed their appreciation of this message by rising to their feet.

10:30 A. M. Song, Won't You Come and Go With Me?

Prayer by M. S. Lemons.  
Song, We Shall Rise.



## OVERSEER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

### Introductory

"Oh, good God, to what times hast thou spared me, that I must suffer such things?"

These words were spoken often by the sainted Polycarp who was the first of the early fathers of the Church following the Apostles. The steady progress of the heretical movement in his days gave rise to the expression "Strange as it may seem the teachings of the Apostles were not strictly adhered to by many teachers of this early time and it was a source of much grief to him. When heresy began to raise its head, the aged Polycarp never ceased to appeal to the pure doctrine of the Apostles.

Polycarp became a Christian in his earliest youth, and was an associate of the Apostle John and the other disciples of Jesus who had come from Palestine to Asia Minor. What he heard from them he kept in life long remembrance, and in his manhood and old age he used to gather the young people round him, and repeat to them what he had learned from those who had seen Christ in the flesh." Then since he was so familiar with the true teachings of the Apostles it is not so much wonder that he was so affected by erroneous teachings when they sprang up in his old age.

It was the mission of the early Church to propagate the principles and doctrine taught and advocated by

the Lord Jesus Christ, and it is no less the mission of the Church of God to-day and in its earliest history. It had strong oppositions in the advocacy of heretical teachings, why should it be thought strangely of in the last time? If it were true that grievous wolves entered in, not sparing the flock, in that early time, could it be any the less expected in this time? If we were true that from among themselves men arose speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them, how much more should it be expected in this distant time?

The heresies, and oppositions to the teachings of Jesus and His Holy Apostles which are rife to-day only make it the more necessary for the great work of the Church which was instituted to promulgate the sacred and heavenly themes presented to us by our Great Head who came down from heaven as a messenger direct from God to establish His order and government on earth. The Church of God to-day is the very same sacred Institution, only having made its appearance in these last days after a period of years of having been obscured under a cloud of the dark ages and creeds. It is coming out all the brighter for the storms of the past. It is beginning to claim the attention of the world again. Its government, miracles, true blue loyalty of its members in the face of oppositions, are making for it a name that

is rapidly approaching the prominence of former years. Its members only have to be possessed with a more perfect white heated love for each other and the principles it holds dear to itself to raise it to heights of glory and power that will attract the attention of all peoples of the world.

To "learn to do well," and to "learn to maintain good works," is not sufficient in these days. People learn many things that they do not put in practice. Put the things in practice that you have learned, and you will see a body of people that is tied together with a cord stronger than any oath that has ever been formulated. We are advocates of divine healing. Laws are being enacted for the purpose of preventing an inhuman father from neglecting his offspring, and these laws are occasionally being applied in cases where children have died without the parents having called a physician or administered remedies. First class love and fellowship makes us stick together at such times. And this is not all, it will prevent would-be leaders from rising up and showing their importance in rebelling against the teaching or government which are regarded as extremely sacred by the multitudes now in this way.

#### Love

Talk about love—this will work wonders. It was love for Jesus, the Apostles, and truth that prompted Polycarp to utter the strange words that fell from his lips so often during the latter part of his life. It must have almost broken the heart of that good old man to know of the many heresies that were constantly springing up, only to rush off down the steep of time to give us trouble and anxiety probably equal to that of this dear aged man. And if we are possessed with the same spirit we are likely to utter similar words while we are surrounded with the very grossest and most poisonous heresies.

Not a few who are living to-day have such a deep love for Jesus and

His Church that they would sacrifice the last drop of blood rather than deny Him. The Bible and its principles are becoming dearer to them with each passing year. The fellowship created by the love of God planted in the hearts of believers is more blessed than tongue or pen can describe. Truly the abounding love of God is abounding more and more. And in the hearts of many this love is kindling a more tender feeling for all mankind, and specially for the household of God.

If there ever was a time when the saints of God should be tender toward each other it is surely now while all the hosts of hell are gnashing their teeth against us and getting ready for a charge. The admonition of the beloved Apostle Paul should be accepted now in full force—"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice; and be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us."

Love is not bitter, neither is it unduly severe or reproachful, but it will not stoop to error. It will not bend to every wind of doctrine that blows, but it will always yield to God and His Holy Word. Instead of wounding and bruising it will heal the brokenhearted, and set at liberty them that are bruised. The abounding love of Jesus will not only lead us steadily and earnestly in the way to heaven, but it will make us guides for the feet of others who may follow our steps. And while steadily going in the way of righteousness, people cannot stumble over us, any more than the hinder wheel of a wagon can stumble over the front wheel. It is love that makes the Christian life successful.

#### Perseverance

Of all the people on earth that should be persistent surely we should



be possessed with the greatest amount of persistence of any. We have searched and searched until we have found the right way and now it is our duty, and privilege as well, to tell it to the world. We have commenced and we dare not stop. We must continue steadily in the march that is already started. We have enlisted in a business that will require our very best efforts, and it will take an extra amount of persistence to reach the goal. Paul describes it as a race, and this gives it the appearance of fast going.

A story is told of a race for life on the plains of far away Russia. A gentleman was riding leisurely along on his wheel on a journey from one city to another. Presently he heard the bark of a wolf in the distance. He thought nothing of it at first as he had been accustomed to hearing these barks all his life. But the sound came closer and others joined in until the noise grew fierce and loud. He suddenly awakened to the fact that a drove of wolves was pursuing him. He straightened himself up in his saddle and began to speed up his wheel. The road was level and good and he was an expert wheelman and he thought he would make it through by a little extra perseverance. He was now fairly splitting the air when suddenly he heard a bark close behind him. One main big wolf was leading the way and the drove was quite a distance behind. But he still increased his speed and felt but little alarm provided his trusted wheel did not fail him.

On, on he flew with the wolves only a few hundred yards behind. They were not gaining on him, and all he had to do was to keep a level head and ply his muscle and fly down the road. At length he neared a certain stream, but this gave him no alarm, as he had passed over the bridge many times in the past. There had been a storm and he heard the rolling of the water as it dashed and foamed against the rocks as it rushed on down the channel. The place where the bridge should have been was now

in sight, but the bridge—where was it? He could not slow up and take time to investigate, or the wolves would overtake him in a moment. The evening shades were gathering and somewhat hindered his vision. But on, on he sped, trusting himself in the hands of fate. He preferred risking his chances of life, battling with the roaring, rushing waters, than to stop and give himself up to be torn and mangled and devoured by that pack of hungry, blood-thirsty wolves. He tightened the tension of every nerve and did his very best as his wheel carried him up to the bank of the river where the bridge had been before the storm. As he was almost to the edge ready for a leap into the surging, foaming waters he discovered one straight girder that spanned the river, so he guided his wheel carefully and suddenly shot out on that narrow girder. He felt himself comparatively safe for he was sure the wolves would not follow him then, and his efficiency in handling his wheel gave him hope of a final escape, when suddenly he discovered that he was being followed by those fierce wolves that were so bent on a good square meal of human flesh that they took no notice of any danger in falling from that narrow bridge. No sooner did he discover that the wolves were following him till he made another startling discovery—the girder upon which he was fairly flying did not reach the other bank by some ten or twelve feet. But he could not stop now, he must speed on at the risk of his life. It was life or death anyway and he would increase his perseverance. Much quicker than I am telling it he reached the end of his narrow bridge and was going at almost lightning rapidity. The bicycle plunged against the bank and he pitched on over the handle bar and landed on the bank, and although somewhat bruised and frightened he was safe. He picked himself up just in time to see the first wolf make a leap for the bank but fell into the water below. And he stood there and watched one after another of that

pack of blood-thirsty man eaters plunge off the end of that gang plank and were buried in the mad rushing waters below.

This was a race for life, but no more than is the Christian race if we were only awakened to it as that man was. How many are riding leisurely along on the providences and happenings incident to a quiet happy-go-lucky life? No energy expended. Perseverance unthought of, and danger never dreamed of. Read the Scriptures occasionally and pass over the verse about the devil going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour as a tale that is told, and with a yawn exclaim, I'm not afraid. But we have been awakened to a sense of danger. We know we must run for our lives. We know it will take perseverance to make the run successful. We do not know all the pitfalls and dangers and narrow passages ahead, but we quicken our speed and rush on toward the goal. A million demons are after us and we are on our road to the CITY, but unlike the man on the plains of Russia who only had himself to save, we are called upon to "Rescue the perishing, and care for the dying" that are lying along the way. And it will take perseverance to do this. And it takes an extreme amount of perseverance to meet the Scriptural requirements in this respect.

But, thanks be to almighty God, the ministers and members of the great Church of God have a reasonable portion of this heaven bought perseverance. I never saw such people! They won't give up anything! There is no retreat—there is no give up—they may be baffled for a moment, but pretty soon they will gather strength from Him who said: "I have meat to eat that ye know not of," and on, on they rush up the road toward the CITY carrying their trophies of war with them as they shout with the voice of triumph—HOSANNA TO THE KING. I have seen some who were beaten blue with the bruises of discouragement, but let the faintest howl of the devil be heard

in the distance and they would begin to quicken their pace immediately. They would at once begin to strengthen their feeble knees and lift up their hands that had been hanging down and quicken their pace, getting ready for the race for life through the conflict that was sure to come. I tell you, there are no people on earth like those who are members of the great Church of God. Again, I say, I never saw such people! And here are thousands before me to-day and there are thousands of the very best of Christian metal whose hearts are here but were debarred the privilege of a seat among us at this time: I tell you, we have the perseverance, and are fully bent on taking the world for our Lord and King! This is not mere boasting—it is the truth, for He that spake as never man spake said, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Hallelujah! Hallelujah!!

#### THE ASSEMBLY

Great Father Time has made another cycle. Another year has rolled around. It has passed so swiftly that it almost seems but yesterday when we were sitting here engrossed with the important subjects that came before the fifteenth Annual Assembly. That was a great feast. We have not forgotten its sweetness nor gotten away from its influence, although twelve long months have rolled into eternity. That vast assemblage of people were so melted and welded together by the white heated love and power of God that a separation of hundreds of miles has never really severed the fellowship and love they had for each other. That was indeed a great affair. Although the Auditorium was not completed, and the accommodations were not as good as we hoped, yet there were no complaints raised nor ill feelings entertained on account of our crude way of entertainment. We were rushed and strained to the last notch to get ready at all, and many came in to help us drive the last nails and

brush out the shavings and sawdust.

This year, things are different. The Assembly is on. The real thing has come: The people are here, and the Holy Ghost is present to witness to the satisfaction of the Trinity. I feel His presence now. You feel His presence. He is here to comfort and help in all our deliberations. He is here as a guide. He has guided from the beginning. Who, sixteen years ago, could have imagined a great Auditorium like this in which to hold the General Assembly of the Church of God? Those who gathered together then scarcely knew that it was a Scriptural order to wash one another's feet as a token of obedience to our King and love to one another. They knew but little about the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. But now look at the tens of thousands who reverently bow at the feet of those they love and sacredly wash their feet with clean water and wipe them with a towel wherewith they are girded. And not only view this sacred service by way of mind survey, but listen at the countless thousands who have spoken with other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance as a sign of the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost. On the day of Pentecost when the people came together they were amazed at what they saw and heard, but surely not more than many of us are now as we reflect and take a retrospective view of the past few years and find ourselves now in this vast structure among the thousands who have the same experience enjoyed by Mary the mother of Jesus and the rest of the one hundred and twenty, in the midst of the Sixteenth Annual Assembly of the Church of God. Well, it seems too great to be realized—too good to be true!

(The Alabama band boys sang the song,—

#### Almost Too Good to be True

I was full of sin,  
Now I'm pure within;

It is almost too good to be true;  
Jesus heard my cry,  
Did not pass me by;  
It is almost too good to be true.

Chorus—

I sometimes think its almost too good  
to be true,  
It's almost too good to be true,  
It's almost too good to be true,  
I sometimes think its almost too  
good to be true,  
That I am saved and on my way to  
glory.

Now the carnal mind  
Has been left behind;  
It is almost too good to be true;  
The "old man" is gone,—  
Let him travel on;  
It is almost too good to be true.

I am poor on earth,  
But of royal birth;  
It is almost too good to be true,  
I have wealth untold,  
More than earth can hold;  
It is almost too good to be true;

I have liberty  
And such victory;  
It is almost too good to be true;  
And in every test  
I am always blest;  
It is almost too good to be true;

This is not my sphere,  
Heaven is drawing near;  
It is almost too good to be true;  
Soon I'll say "good-by,"  
Mounting through the sky;  
It is almost too good to be true.)

I wish I could make somebody feel something of what I feel to-day after having traveled quickly over the past sixteen years again and watched the battles and growth of the greatest institution on earth. Probably less than a dozen present to-day were in that first Assembly held in the home of J. C. Murphy in Cherokee County, North Carolina, on the second and third days of January, 1906. I see only four or five, but there may be others. But what a contrast! Only twenty-one

in the first and more than three thousand in the sixteenth. A little log cabin for a meeting place then, a large up-to-date Auditorium for a meeting place now. Can you wonder that I can scarcely restrain my feelings? Can you wonder that my eyes now fill with tears? Can you wonder that these friends who were with me then can scarcely refrain from weeping—those who saw the first house and who now behold this vast congregation seated so comfortably here? At that time there were only five churches and about a hundred and twenty members, now there are about six hundred churches and probably twenty thousand members. Behold what hath God wrought? Surely, surely, we have learned not to despise the day of small things.

#### Orphanage and Childrens Home.

Although there had been much talk for a year, of a home where children could be taken and trained for God and His Church, there was but little materialized when the Assembly was on a year ago. Many were enthused about it, and many prayers were prayed for directions in the matter, but it was not just easy to start, and really take upon ourselves the grave responsibilities incident to a home of this kind. It was not until the seventeenth day of December, 1920, that the home became a reality. After much prayer and waiting on God and His providences our courage became such that the home was formally opened with a matron and only four children on the above named date.

It was only a short time after it was announced in the Evangel that the home was opened, that applications began to come in. One after another was admitted until the number ran up to fifteen—which was the full capacity of the small house used for a nursery during the Assembly last year. But the applications have never ceased coming. Plaintive appeals have poured in to our sanctuary that have been hard to resist, and only because it was impossible were we able to say, We cannot take them

now. Thus we have been compelled to hold off every applicant until another building was erected and ready to occupy. (During the reading concerning orphans there was much weeping throughout the congregation.)

On account of the awful financial pressure that has prevailed over the country the past year it was no easy matter to decide to start another house. We wanted to start it in the early spring, but our courage was not sufficient under the circumstances. But finally after much prayer, consideration and consultation we ventured a campaign and made the announcement in the Evangel. The interest was good everywhere, and some of the states informed us that they were going to do something toward erecting houses in honor of their states, and sent in some money for the purpose, but none were successful in raising a sufficient amount for a start. But by a series of drives made in the city of Cleveland for a City of Cleveland House, sufficient funds were raised and pledges made to give us a start, and the result of our efforts is a nice bungalow not far from the Auditorium enclosed and ready for the inside work to be commenced. We hope to have this house finished and ready for a home for some more children soon. The citizens and business men of our city have been very liberal in their donations to this home and we expect the full amount for its completion.

When the business of our country becomes more prosperous we expect for several states to continue their drives for funds so it will not be long until new houses will spring up on the beautiful land purchased for the purpose. The great state of Illinois is in the lead in this project, but Florida is not much behind, and Virginia has quite an interest already awakened, while Tennessee is almost ready to come along with her part of the interesting project. And doubtless other states will soon become aroused and commence work in earnest. Surely there will be at least a half dozen beautiful structures com-

pleted by the next Assembly. I have been informed that one good brother in the far away state of California is on the verge of laying down the cash for one house at a cost of five thousand dollars. This may happen almost any day.

Well, this part of the work is going. It is now getting up steam and preparing for a tremendous pull up the hill of victory. The little homeless darlings must be provided with a home and its comforts. If business is prosperous the work can be done with comparative ease, and if business is dull, and the financial pressure still prevails it will make such a home all the more necessary. So there is really no place to stop now since the great project has been launched. The only thing to do now is to pick up courage and pull through. There is provision made on the program for a special service to be devoted to this department of the Church work. At this service the precious darlings of the home will sing the verses that were so wonderfully blessed of God in the launching of the orphanage enterprise. I fancy I hear the echo now as the darling voices sing,

"For we have no mamma, no home.  
We can't earn our bread, we're too little," she said,

"Jim's five years, and I only seven,  
There is no one to love us since papa is dead,  
And darling mamma's in heaven."

But these, our darlings, do have some one to love them, they do have plenty of bread, they do have a home, but look at the countless thousands who are without parents, without homes, without bread, without the Christian training and without hope in the world. These we have are safe, but close your eyes for a moment as I have done for two years occasionally, and view the tiny little hands and bony fingers reaching up and saying in the sweetest and most pathetic tones, "Take me please." Then let your heart melt as you meditate for a moment. Think how it might be your own precious darlings some day

when misfortune knocks at your door and two caskets follow one another in quick succession out at the front gate and down the road leaving the sweetest rosy cheeks and beautiful curls alone to battle through this cold world unless some good Samaritan home comes to the rescue.

But before you pass judgment either for or against, hear our darlings sing from this platform next Sunday afternoon,

The great Church of God, the body of Christ,

Will surely not fail to do right.

Then up to the rescue, with money and bread,

And shelter prepare for the night.  
Make room for the orphans and train them for God.

Protect them from cold and the wrong,

If Jesus should tarry they'll help to unfold

The gospel in word and in song."

#### Prepare for the Storm

Some one described a storm at sea as witnessed in a dream or by a vision. There was the great blue sea with its great expanse stretching as far as eye could see. Upon its crest and lying placidly upon its bosom were a number of large ships, beautifully decorated and having all their sails set. The thing that so attracted the seer was that every ship had a great banner gently waving in the breeze; and upon the banner were words in beautifully painted letters that could be read distinctly at a distance. These words were the names of the common churches of our day. I do not repeat this with the least degree of disrespect to any of these churches, for they have all had their day in doing great things in good ways.

Among the number was one that seemed to attract the seer more than the others because of its freshness and beautiful luster and hue. The sails seemed to be of extra whiteness. Its maneuverings were strange as it slowly approached the other ships.

which were arranged in a group near one another. While watching the scene, suddenly a cloud covered the sun and cast its shadows over the bosom of the great ocean as if night were approaching. In a few moments the sky was black with clouds and the lightning flashed and the thunder pealed. The great surface of the ocean was suddenly turned into rollings, whirlings, dashings, cataracts, and whirlpools. Darkness hovered over the scene so dense that all the ships were lost to view. The storm was the most severe of the season. How could anything breast the waves and live on such a high sea! Impossible, it seemed!

The seer watched in vain for one glimpse of the stately vessels that he knew were there an hour before. The storm grew worse as it rolled the waves like mountains and then suddenly withdrew only to let them dash over each other into a mass of seething foam. The waves rolled, the winds howled, the lightnings flashed, the thunders peeled like a million cannons let loose at once. Surely all those grand and proud vessels could not stand up in such a storm. The seer gave them up for gone. He could have no hope for any of them.

But at last the storm was over. The waves rocked to and fro a little while and the clouds cleared away, and the sun shone out, and there was a great calm. Looking out upon that great expanse again, eager to catch a glimpse of even a wreckage of some of the ships, the seer was able to see but one, and that was the one, upon the banner of which was printed, the Church of God. There she was in full rigging, fresh as ever, and no worse for the storm, but rather shined brighter and floated with greater rapidity than when he first saw her. And all the others were gone—completely demolished and sunk in the sea.

But a vision or dream is not enough. We know the Church of God is right. Her banner is steadily floating in the breeze no matter how she is opposed. If such a storm is brew-

ing that will demolish all the other great organizations and institutions it may be time for us to look deeper into the Scriptures in search of anything that we can do to reenforce and strengthen its beams and bars, as well as protect it from the onslaughts of oppositions from any source from which they may come, so it will pull through the fiercest storms, and never flounder or founder.

Who knows but by looking a little deeper into the Word of God we may find something that we can do to add strength, and power as well as prestige? This is our method of procedure. This is the object of holding our Assemblies annually. And every year finds new mines opened up producing their glittering gold and glorious truths. We have been loudly criticised because we have made so many changes during the past sixteen years. But this is one of the principles of the great Church of God. We did not know it all when we started, so we obligated ourselves to search for truth and walk in the light as it is revealed through the Holy Ghost and the Holy Scriptures. I would have our friends and foes to know that we are not staked out by a tether. A tether is a rope for confining an animal within certain limits. But God has not said to us as He said to the great ocean waves, Thus far and no further. He has rather said to us, Let us go on unto perfection—there are greater things ahead and thou shalt have all the land that thy foot shall tread upon, launch out into the deep and let down your nets.

How is it to be staked out and have all the grass eaten off short and just a few feet away there is an abundance of the very best clover pasture! Too many have eaten up their pasture now and can't go over the bounds that are set. That is the great hindrance to Christendom today. The people are bound up by creeds and dogmas and cannot go over. But not so with the great Church of God. To set bounds would be to rob it of its name. In the Church of God,

is set, "apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

Where is the limit to God? Where is the limit to His Son? Where, then, can be the limit to His Church? This does not imply that there is no danger of heresy or fanaticism, but the land ahead is in searching for depths and heights, lengths and breadths of truth and when found put it in practice for the advancement of the great work of God. People can get into error, but which is the most dangerous error, to enthusiastically and zealously run into it, or sit still and not try to find the hidden wealth that is lying dormant and unused in the folds of His great treasure house? I have seen people who were so fearful of running into error that they sat still and would not do the things that were right.

#### Courts of Justice

Another step forward has been recommended by some. It is believed that it would be in perfect harmony with Scriptural teaching and strengthening to the Church in many ways to add two persons to the court of appeals, as we might express it, to hear cases that may properly come before them. At the present time the Assembly has provided that any member who has been tried before the local church and he feels that he has not been given justice, can appeal his case to the overseer of the state for rehearing. It is not advised to change this order, but as a matter of strength

just to add one of the twelve elders and a bishop in the state who may be appointed to act with the overseer of state in hearing such cases.

It is believed also that before this Council should be brought all applicants for the ministry for special examination besides the common practice of each applicant answering the ninety-nine questions on the examination certificate. The final acceptance to be made by the General and State overseers as has been our practice for years. This is meant to be set as a safeguard for the ministry in these last days when Christendom is swarming with fakes and would-be leaders and spies. This way of doing the business will not hurt any of the good and wise, and at the same time will serve as a safeguard to the ministry. Appeals from the decision of this court may be taken to a still higher court just as provided by the Assembly in the past, although the higher court may consist of three or five judges to assist the General Overseer.

This subject will be discussed at length by one or more of the speakers at a later session. The Scriptural method is what we want and here is a great body of people that are always ready to bow to thus saith the Lord. This is what makes the Church of God a theocratic form of government. The Bible settles everything, and we consider the Bible God's word to us.

There has been some slight dissatisfaction in the past by some who have felt they were not given justice in the settlement of cases. This system recommended is meant to make a way for perfect satisfaction in everything. The Church of God is the greatest institution in the world and the Bible is the greatest and best law book of all books, and it behooves us as the "peculiar people" of earth to put in practice the highest and best methods described on its sacred pages. The principles of government laid down in that Book are of the very highest type, and when we

put them into practical use we are certainly following God's order—the highest order in the universe; for our great Head has ascended to heights far above principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. "For by him were all things created; that are in heaven, and that are in earth; visible and invisible; whether they be thrones, or dominions; or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him and for him." I think it is great to have Him, the greatest personage of the universe, and vested with authority above all, to be our Head, Lawgiver and King. The Church of God is honored above all institutions of earth. And we are not able to comprehend the honor bestowed upon us, as members. It is not so much wonder then that we are exhorted by the noble Apostle to walk worthy of the vocation wherein we are called. I tell you, it is surely time for us to take a review of our exalted position. We may not know the depths and heights of the sacred institution known as the Church of God, as well as we may have thought. We are here to learn more of it this year. The meager light we have had may seem like dim glimmers before we get through the Sixteenth General Assembly.

#### The Seventy

It was in the twelfth General Assembly that convened at Harriman, Tennessee, November 1-7, 1916, that it was decided to select twelve men to constitute a cabinet to assist the General Overseer in whatever business he might need their counsel and help. Not only was it decided to select twelve, but also to add others to the number from time to time as needed until the number seventy was reached. This was believed to be in harmony with the Scriptures, both in the Old and New Testaments. As far as could be seen then, this would correspond with the practices of the early Church. It was understood that it

was before such a body of elders that Paul stood when he came home again from his extended missionary journeys. The next day after their arrival in Jerusalem Paul and Luke "went in\*\*\*unto James; and all the elders were present." It was believed that there were seventy of these elders.

Whether this reasoning was dependable or not many of us who are here to-day remember how we were all subdued in our spirits as we felt the presence of the Lord so forcibly when the final conclusion was reached and it was said, It seems good to the Holy Ghost and us. We felt that we were on the right road whether we had reached the end of it or not. And we surely were, for the Church has been more prosperous and made greater advancement since that time. The General Overseer has felt great relief and much added strength in special counsel with these brethren, besides it seemed to give him a standard of strength and confidence in the performance of his duties that had never before enveloped him so forcibly.

The twelve were selected in the manner decided upon by the Assembly and installed in their respective positions. They have been serving faithfully, with one exception, for about four years, but there has been no time yet when it was considered advisable to select the other fifty-eight or any part of them. I believe God has had His hand on the whole affair, and is still watching every move and guiding the ship in its voyage across the sea of the last days. In the Council we have tried to look deeper into the Scriptures, and held ourselves in readiness to have the additional elders selected, but there always seemed to be something about it that left us feeling rather disinterested and doubtful. We could not get a good understanding of what their duties should be after they were chosen. And it was not until quite recently that any degree of interest took possession of us.



I think it was in August of this year when meditating upon a plan to give the Church new life, and make it seem more secure for the last day's voyage, that, like a flash, these words, "Other Seventy" rolled through my mind. They came with such force that I was startled at first. I went on with my business, however, and did not take time to stop and open the Scriptures or even gather anything from memory. But the words never left me. I knew that the "Lord appointed other seventy also," and raised them to a rank almost equal with that of the twelve, and separate and apart from the common everyday disciples. I remembered about the seventy that were chosen by Moses in the Church in the Wilderness, and how Joshua, who seemed to be one of Moses' special aids, became jealous for Moses, his immediate superior, when Eldad and Medad began to prophesy in the camp.

Finally, on looking deeper into the Scriptures, I came to the conclusion that instead of merely increasing the number of elders to seventy that it was nearer Scriptural to appoint other seventy also. The twelve to be the immediate counselors to the General Overseer, and the twelve and seventy jointly, with the General Overseer, to compose the official part of the General Assembly. I conclude this is in harmony with the General Assembly that held forth, and was the highest tribunal in the days of the early Church while the Apostles still remained. In support of this view we have only to turn to the decision of the brethren at Antioch. When they were confronted with some questions that they were unable to settle they decided to go up to Jerusalem and lay the question before the apostles and elders for definite settlement. And in due time, after the subject was carefully discussed, James, the General Overseer, announced the decision. And this forever settled the question.

In connection with this subject please note that while the whole

Church was pleased with the decision, and apparently the discussion was not limited to the apostles and elders, yet it is said that it was the apostles and elders that came together to consider the matter, and it was the apostles and elders and brethren that sent the greetings and decrees to the churches in "Antioch and Syria and Cilicia." The above analogy and reasoning seems to make it clear that the official Assembly is composed of both the twelve and seventy, presided over by the General Overseer, making a total of eighty-three, vested with official authority, but not excluding the brethren and the whole Church.

But this subject will be presented more extensively and elaborately by one of the speakers in a future session.

The subject of the twelve and seventy was presented to the twelve in Council a few weeks ago and after looking at it from every angle it was unanimously agreed that it was worthy of presentation to the Assembly for their consideration. And if this view is accepted it does not conflict with the action of the twelfth General Assembly, but only adds to it in a way to prove that we were then being guided by the unseen hand of God into the pathway that leads to the final consummation.

The more I give my attention to this subject, the more I feel its importance. I, therefore, feel constrained to urge that this Assembly give it careful, prayerful, and deliberate consideration. I do not want this to pass through simply because the General Overseer recommends it, and the twelve endorse it, yet their recommendation and endorsement should have some weight. But I earnestly appeal to your knowledge of the Bible and the wisdom and common sense God has given you for a just and sound consideration and decision. Earnest prayer for God's Holy Spirit to guide in the matter should not be neglected. He must have the pre-eminence in all of our

deliberations and decisions. We honor Him as our chief executive who makes our decisions for us and leads us to them in His own good time and way.

If it should finally be decided that this is the Scriptural standard for the Church of God and its General Assembly, then it will become your duty to determine the Scriptural manner of appointment of the other seventy. When the seven were chosen to take charge of the distribution of food, when there were many thousands to be fed for a short period of time from a common fund, the twelve instructed the multitude of the disciples to look out seven men well qualified for the work, "whom we (the twelve) may appoint over this business." While the multitudes were to look out the men yet the appointment was reserved for the twelve. In the case of the other seventy it is stated clearly that Jesus appointed them. And when God told Moses to select seventy men to assist him in bearing the burden of the government of the Church in the wilderness He depended upon Moses to make the selection, only He instructed him in regard to their qualifications.

If it should be decided that the official appointment be made by the General Overseer, then I would recommend that the twelve or others present the names of men whom in their judgment are qualified for the position and from these the final appointment be made. But this will be altogether for this great body of lovers of God and lovers of Scriptural methods to determine, after they give the subject due consideration.

Before leaving this important subject there is another phase to which I wish to call attention. We are a body of people that are bent on finding the very best methods of doing things and we believe that Scriptural methods are always the best, but in many things we are left at sea by the Bible, because it does not give everything in minute detail. But in such places we do no violence to adopt

methods best suited to the time, place and circumstances. In the selection of the other seventy and the length of their term of office we may not find a definite rule laid down in our law-book to follow, and if not, it behooves us to act wisely and institute a rule that will be the means of increasing prestige and power and not be in the least sense contrary to the principles of the Bible as a whole. The Church of God is a theocratic form of government, and this principle must be adhered to in all our deliberations and decisions.

In my judgment the term of office for the other seventy could be two years, five years, seven years, ten years, or for life and not violate any laws or rules laid down in the Scriptures. And in any case provisions should be made for expulsion if one should violate his obligation, become disloyal, or enter into sinful practices outright. If the term of office should be two years then I would suggest that the first thirty-five be selected for the two years and the second thirty-five for only one year at the start so that the term of only half of them would expire at the same time. Likewise if the term should be five years then I would suggest that the first fourteen be selected for the full term of five years, the second fourteen for only four years, the third fourteen for only three years and so on down so that the last fourteen selected would serve only one year. This plan would make it necessary to appoint fourteen every year, and after the first appointments are made the next appointments would all be for a term of five years. After this System runs for five years there will always be fourteen vacancies every year and fourteen appointments to make. This system provides for the assurance of always having fifty-six men of experience and yet leaves an opportunity for the insertion of fourteen new men every year if desired, or the old ones may be reappointed. The same principle will serve for seven years, or ten years, only for seven

years there would be only ten to appoint each year, and if ten years is a term there would be only seven to appoint each year. Provisions should also be made for filling vacancies in case of death.

But these are merely suggestions in order to get the subject before the Assembly. I know that God will help us in reaching conclusions. We are steadily moving forward, scaling new heights and exploring deeper depths. We are constantly penetrating deeper into the veins of rich deposits of the precious Word of God. We want to know everything about it that should be known in our dispensation. And no sooner do we learn it than we want to put it in practice. The very day I was convinced of feet washing I called a meeting in the evening and we washed feet. And the very day I was convinced I should be baptized in water I pulled off down to the river and was buried beneath the waves, although the water was chilled by a cold northwestern gale in the state of Maine not far from the Canada line. The Church of God stands for a speedy practice of everything in that sacred Book as fast as it is learned.

#### Anchored

Since we are living in the last days when every weapon available to the enemy will be aimed at the Church of God, it is necessary for us to see that every Scriptural protection is thrown around it for protection. We have been carefully and prayerfully wending our way along through the shades of the early dawn, and it is marvelous to some of us as the day breaks to find we have not missed the mark so far after all. But every year we take special pains to go over every department and see if there is any way to strengthen any part of the great ship—the Church of God.

A basket may be a basket, but stays can be added to make the basket stronger. A house may be a house but braces and stays may be added to

make it more secure against storms. In some places there are no severe storms and a house does not need so much bracing. But where these terrible cyclones sweep the country one does not feel secure in a little plank house with no braces in it. The time has been when the plank house experience was alright, but now it is necessary to have the very best timbers in place and be anchored in a manner that all the winds from the depths of hell turned loose on the building will never cause it to shake or rock about. The anchorage must be of the very best and strongest material, and the anchors themselves made both sure and steadfast.

This subject will be given more extensive consideration by one of the speakers who will probably disclose some of the fastenings needed to make the great ship so secure that hell's fiercest storms beating against it will be nothing more than the gentle breezes of mid-summer time. Instead of shattering and breaking with their furious blasts, they will only be refreshing and buoyant in their effect. And such is the Church of God against which the gates of hell shall not prevail. With its full constitution or system of fundamental laws properly displayed it will consider the fiercest onslaughts of the enemy nothing more than play things and will playfully laugh at the hottest, hardest, fiercest belchings from the depths of hell with the millions of demon-sending forth their fiery darts and most furious explosives. I fancy I hear her say, as a strong charge is made against her, "Ha, ha, ha, come again if you want to, it is only play for me. No weapon that is formed against me shall prosper, and these thrusts by your satanic hosts only brighten me up so I will shine more brilliantly." Then I can imagine the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy as he sang, "Thy watchman shall lift up the voice, with the voice together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together,

ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord has comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."

### The Financial System

It would hardly seem like an Assembly not to have something to say about the financial system. This subject has been before us for years which shows it is one of great importance. From the very earliest history of the Church this subject has been one among those of paramount importance. It occupied an important place while the people were under the law, and before the law as well, and during the short period when Jesus was with His disciples, and it was carried on over into the first days of the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, and ran on down through Paul's day, and has never had an end yet. And I do not know of a time that there will not need to be some medium for the exchange of values.

One year ago something occurred right here on this floor that was such a surprise to me that I was almost dazed as the object sped by so swiftly. The sentiment for the change of the system was much stronger than I believed it to be, and when the time came for the decision it was snapped off like a photographer's camera. Some unseen power seemed to press the bulb and it was all over in a few moments. I do not think I was responsible for it because I did not expect it to go as it did. But when it was gone I could do nothing but stand and look at it. But with all this I would not dare say it did not take the right turn. I'd be afraid to say anything against it. And I would feel like walking very softly and carefully to even offer any amendment to what was done in those hours when the whole Assembly was under the open and God's presence was over us in such a measure that nothing

more could have been done than was done.

Reflecting back to what led to the decision brings a peculiar sacredness over the subject. And I feel I must touch very softly lest I be found treading on something that might displease the Lord. "What I say on this subject must be carefully guarded. I am going to be very careful what I say about anything that has God's approval upon it as was demonstrated in making the change in the financial system in the Assembly a year ago. After I saw how it went I almost regretted that I did not boldly recommend it as it was finally accepted. Some may have thought I recommended it, but I did not. I only referred to it as being favored by many. Here are my words in introducing the subject:

"It is not my purpose to speak from a personal point of view at this time. I am only to speak now of a sentiment among our people, and it may be stronger than some of us realize. That sentiment is in favor of a general headquarters treasury into which all the tithes are to be placed, with seven men to regulate and make, or order, the distribution among the ministers according to their needs and the efficiency of their work, and the responsibility of the position in which they serve."

I had added only a few more words when there were some messages given in tongues and the interpretations followed which were convincing to those present that we were on the right road. When the system was adopted unanimously it was also "decided that the General Overseer and the elders work out the plan," or in other words, the Assembly selected the General Overseer and elders to take hold of the business and organize the system and put it into practice. And this seemed to please the Holy Ghost and the whole Assembly.

In council afterwards the elders did not feel like taking the responsibility of selecting seven men to do the business since the Assembly

authorized the General Overseer and twelve elders to take it in hand. And it could hardly be said that the seven in the early church who had charge of feeding the multitude could be taken as an example for handling the tithes. In speaking of the seven it may be well to say they never occupied a permanent position. Their service in that capacity lasted only while the multitudes who were present from all over the world remained at Jerusalem. As soon as that great camp meeting was over and the multitudes went back home there was no more need of the seven. Stephen went to heaven to see Jesus, Philip went to preaching and was known as an evangelist, and none were appointed to fill the vacancies. The fact is, that office was discontinued. And they never handled any tithes at all.

Without going over the business in detail suffice it to say that the present system has been practiced for only ten months. During these months there has been some slight dissatisfaction. But where is the government that has launched a new and untried system that did not have in it some who were dissatisfied? And how can any one expect as great a system as this one to break right in and run smoothly every month for the first ten months? It may be that some of the dissatisfied ones could have managed the business better, and may be they could not. Those who have it in charge were inexperienced, and it being the first, there was no one who had had experience to whom they could apply for help, so who knows if any others could have done better?

It seems that at first both the ministers and churches got into their minds that the tithes would be sufficient to support the ministry and they were all looking to headquarters, but they all took it good naturedly while they were learning their lesson. And while they were learning their lesson those who had the business in charge at headquarters were learning some things too. Take it altogether the experience of the past ten months has

been worth much to all of us. If the system has not been a success it is certainly no fault of the system—the fault is in the operators. And if the operators have failed it is due to inexperience or lack of ability. If it is due to inexperience the past ten months have brought in boat loads of this kind of merchandise. If the fault is due to inability then somebody that is able should be selected to take charge of this important business.

But we have passed through another year and I suppose we are none the worse off spiritually and probably in no other way, for the battles we have had with the wolf at the door. If you and your children have not had the proper food, and if the little ones have cried for bread and been put to bed hungry your General Overseer and his family know how to sympathize with you, having had similar experiences while battling along in his early ministry when there were no tithes, and but a very scant supply of offerings and gifts. Yes, we have been along the road, and possibly none the worse off for it today.

As far as I can learn the dissatisfaction about the tithing system disappeared gradually when it was remembered that the Bible reads "tithes and offerings," and that to depend upon tithes alone would not do, because they were insufficient, and tithes were all that headquarters had for distribution. Indeed we have all been in a good high grade school for ten months, and probably the education we have obtained during that period of time will be worth more to us in the future than we realize now. And we are all here now, loving one another better, and happy over winning the hard fought battles of the past. Doubtless you have done your best under the circumstances. I have done my best, although my best has not been up to the standard I have had marked out. I have never been able to do as much as I wanted to. I have always fallen short of my expectations and hopes. But I don't give

up because I can't measure up to the standard I have set up. I try, try again.

### Progression

In spite of the financial depression of the country which has been the means of cutting down the support of the ministers and worked a hardship on almost all the members, the progress of the Church has far surpassed any previous year. The revival waves have been rolling high. How we all rejoiced when the monthly reports showed such large numbers saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The spiritual blessings began to fall last winter and the waves grew larger and more powerful as the months sped by. The highest reported for a given month was that reached in August when the number that was baptized with the Holy Ghost reached the sum of 1316 and there were 1162 added to the Church. This was great. All this wonderful outpouring, and the gracious revivals that God has given, give rise to the belief of many that God has been setting His approval on the financial system that was adopted last year. Whether this is true or not the results have been great. The reports will show the increase of churches and membership. And I am sure there will be some rejoicing because our names are written in heaven when the reports are read.

The Macedonian calls have far surpassed any time of the past. There have been calls each year for Church of God ministers, but this year they have multiplied many times. The preachers have not had to go and drum up meetings and get places to preach. The doors have been wide open. The great trouble has been that we have not had a sufficient number of workers to walk in at the doors when they flew open. Quite a number of our preachers have had to work hard to earn support for their families, for which I honor them, but they preached at night and on Sundays. They never gave up the fight. I think we have the best set of ministers that the world

can produce. Of course they would be the best for they are all baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. And they will preach whether the people pay them anything or not. They feel compelled like Paul, who said, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel," and yet they do it willingly and gladly. And they have made the work go this year in spite of the oppositions and hard times. In fact, the Church of God grows and prospers and can't help it. It is destined to grow. God has made the decree and there is no alternative.

Some of our opposers who, a few years ago, prophesied its downfall have gone to the wall themselves; some have died, some backslidden and gone into open sin, others have quit preaching and gone into business. But the grand old Church of God still thrives and prospers, and its members are happy and full of spiritual life, and most of them have strong, healthy bodies. Who ever saw so many people together, all filled with the Holy Ghost, as are here before me this day? Everything indicates prosperity. Every body feels that holy fire of progression burning within. A thousand people here now can hardly hold themselves. It seems they would burst if they were compelled to stop telling the lovely story of the cross with all it means to humanity. We are determined to fill the world with our doctrine. If the people do not want to come in touch with it they will have to move over to Mars or Jupiter. This world has to be filled with God's glory, and the Church of God is the instrument through which it will come. A happy expression more than two thousand six hundred years old tells the story of the progression of the Church of God in the last days: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate

cities to be inhabited. \*\*\*\*No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. \*\*\*For ye shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." And that's us. Let's all clap our hands now! Now!

(At this instant the entire congregation clapped hands while the orchestra played music to the song, Tell It Everywhere You Go. The band then sang the song,

#### Tell It Everywhere You Go

Jesus saves from sin,  
Maketh pure within,  
Salvation free He doth bestow;  
All will be received  
And of guilt relieved;  
So tell it everywhere you go.

#### CHORUS

Oh, tell it out,  
And let the weak and wayward  
know;  
Oh, sing and shout,  
And tell it everywhere you go.

Jesus keeps the true,  
Leads them safely through,  
And hides them ever from the foe;  
Cheers them on their way,  
To the land of day;  
So tell it everywhere you go.

There are mansions bright  
In the world of light,  
For all who do His will below;  
And forever there,  
They the crown shall wear,  
So tell it every where you go.)

#### The Ministers

A few moments ago I said, "I think we have the best set of ministers that this world can produce." I have not changed my mind, but it may be well for me to add that although

they are so good and great and powerful there may be some room for improvement. I hope the time will soon come when all the ministers will become so engrossed and absorbed with their work as ministers that they will put all their energies into this special work and let others attend to other business not pertaining directly to the Church and her special interests. I am afraid too many of our ministers have their minds too much divided to render the very best service to God and His Church. I offer no criticism for what has been done the past year in the way of engaging in business and seeking employment to earn a livelihood, but this has been a hard year—an off year—and I hope this condition will not continue. We are in need of a larger number of ministers who have no business occupation whatever—those who have nothing else to do but preach, pray, and attend to their ministerial duties. May we have them the coming year? Surely the next year will bring about more prosperous conditions in the country so the ministers will be better provided for and will not be compelled to seek other employment for a livelihood.

Special effort should be made by all the ministers to improve in their knowledge of the Bible and their preaching. This can be done by acting upon Paul's advice where he says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." There is no time for vacant staring or idle moments. Every moment is of too much value to allow it to pass without being used. If you have to wait a few minutes for some reason, snatch up the Bible, or a book, or a paper, and get a few thoughts to store away for future use. Improve your mind. Make it work. Don't let it scatter about and catch on to a lot of things that are degrading instead of elevating. Always strive to make gains. Don't just depend on preaching a few sermons that you have been over so many times that you almost have them

memorized. Enlarge your field. Get up new subjects or learn to present the same subject in a new way. Aspire to higher things and better methods. Don't give up and lay down because you feel bad. Spur yourself up, study over your lessons so hard that it will make your head hurt. Then you are improving. Don't let your mind drift about like a child. Put away childish things and be a man.

In your preaching never let a spirit get hold of you that will make you preach rough and harsh. Always be mellow and present the truth in a way to edify instead of stupify. This rough, harsh, scolding, gouging, bemeaning, accusing, beating and banging kind of preaching is out of date. The minister that hangs to that kind will soon be out of a job. Tell the truth, preach the gospel, do not shun to declare the whole counsel of God; but learn to do it in a way that will be effective for good, and have a drawing effect instead of a driving effect. This singling out some one to preach at and accuse him in public and claim God has revealed his "black heart and hideous crimes," when nine times out of ten or more the sermon has been inspired by some tale teller who has told the preacher some reports on the man instead of God being in it at all, will have to stop. There is a strong sentiment against such, and the preacher that does this will not be wanted the next year. I have heard of a few good pastors who have lovingly and deliberately stopped a few of these rough, bemeaning, accusing, and abusing kind of evangelists, and would not allow them to preach in their pulpits. I hope we will never have any of this kind to give us trouble in the Church of God, or if there may have been some surely they will not do that way again. I know of some who have been on that line who are as placid as a little lamb today.

Never allow yourself to be discouraged or take a spell of the blues. Always look on the bright side of things. If some one tells you a dole-

ful tale about a brother or sister or a church, try to think it may not be as serious as represented. Remember that some people have a tendency toward looking on the dark side of things, and you must not be influenced by them. I very frequently receive a report from two persons about the condition of the same church. One describes it as being in a prosperous condition and everything moving on nicely, while the other describes it as being almost gone—some of the members moved away, some backslidden, others do not attend, the pastor neglecting his duty, etc., etc. Both are sincere, both are honest, and each gives the information as he sees it, but one is looking on the dark side with a pair of discouraged eyes, while the other has the victory and feels like everybody else has it too. A minister is supposed to have the victory all the time and if he is about to get faint hearted he should brace up and sing,

We'll never be discouraged,  
Though difficulties rise  
And seem to stop the pathway  
That leadeth to the skies,  
We'll ever travel onward,  
Not fearing any foe,  
And ever looking upward  
As marching on we go.

#### CHORUS

We'll still keep marching on,  
We'll still keep marching on,  
We'll still keep warching on to the  
end, marching on,  
We'll still keep marching on,  
We'll still keep marching on,  
We'll still keep marching on to the  
end.

The Bible we will cherish,  
As counselor and guide,  
A light unto our pathway  
Whatever may betide;  
In song we'll tune our voices,  
And let our praises flow  
In thanks to God unceasing.  
As marching on we go.



(As General Overseer began singing the Cleveland Sunday-school teachers joined in and when they reached the second stanza all held Bibles up and continued to sing. As chorus was sung last time the teachers marched to and fro in front of platform.)

### The Outlook

Yes, we are going to still keep marching on. We have got started and now there is no place to stop. A number of times in the past years of my experience I have thought I would not venture into big things any more. Two years ago when the decision was made to build this large and beautiful structure I thought I would go on with my work as editor and publisher of the paper and attend to my common duties as overseer and that some one else would have the responsibility of financing the project. But almost before I was aware of it I was right in the middle of the very responsibility I had hoped to shun. And the same kind of thoughts ran through my mind when it was decided to have all the tithes sent to headquarters for distribution. I had no idea of even being one of the number that would attend to the distribution of the money, and looking back now I hardly know how it happened to fall on me as it did. My work for the past year has doubled and thribbled and I wonder what next will come. But I have a splendid corps of helpers and by this means, and with the good organization of the force I have been able to get through to another Assembly. Thank God, I am here with my life and I have no intention of shrinking from any duty that may fall to my lot. I believe I am as brave and whole hearted for the Church as I have ever been in the past. I have engaged in many conquests. With the assistance of my faithful wife, who is a true and worthy help-meet, I have conquered in many hard fought battles, and am now ready for another. I can't say exactly like Caleb of

old in every respect, for I am not eighty-five years old, and I may not be as strong now as I used to be when I was a machinist covered up in black grease, and could swing a sledge hammer with ease, and hold out a thirty or forty pound weight in each hand at the same time. But I have sufficient strength to say with that old battle scarred warrior, "And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive,"\*\*and I am strong this day\*\*\* for war both to go out and to come in. Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day."

But I have not fought alone to reach the goal in the top of the mountain. Here in my presence are seated some among the bravest battle scarred veterans that the world has ever produced. We have fought together for years. And we are still in the front ranks. The hair of some of these is turning silvery, but their spiritual strength has not abated but rather increased, and the outlook for any year of the past has never been more promising. We have had ten months of valuable experience with the Bible financial system, the churches are getting fairly well organized, the names of all the members are being gathered into headquarters as ordered by the last Assembly, though not yet complete, the Sunday school work is on the boom almost everywhere, the members are more loving toward each other, the ministers are on fire, the Bible School both at headquarters and by correspondence, is preparing soldiers for the field by the hundreds, and this Sixteenth Annual Assembly is almost ready to get down to business in fring up and coaling up for another twelve month's run.

Yes, the outlook is glorious. The fields are ripe everywhere. See the golden grain waving in the breeze. See the reapers as they are ready with sickle in hand. "Where hast thou gleaned today?" may be a question propounded to some of the Ruths who are gleaning in the fields of Him,

of whom Boaz was a type. And how do we know but what there will be only a few more days until it can be said, "and Boaz took Ruth and she was his wife—And the Lord Jesus took His bride who has been faithfully gleaning in His white ripe harvest field so long. He may take us this year. I'm sure it will not be long. But we are going to work till the time comes to go, then we will surely go. There seems to be a closer fellowship among the members and ministers, and a closer walk with God. Many feel that we are walking on holy ground. May this feeling prevail in a greater measure. May the saints be more powerfully illuminated with His glory! May they become like Him!

Beloved, let us dip a little deeper into the dish of blessings. May we sup from its palatial crest—sup together, yea, close together, gathering its

sweetest sweetness. And while we labor and wait for our Lord, let us become more and more saturated with the perfumes of heaven, and talk to Him in the language of the Psalmist, "Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia out of the ivory palaces, where they have made thee glad."

His presence is here! Oh, His presence is here! Don't you feel His presence? The form of the fourth is bending near. He is in our midst. His Church shall prevail. The Sixteenth Annual Assembly is now here and all things are ready for business, and we are to be guided by the unseen hand of God.

Short prayer at close of address by General Overseer, as follows:

"Our hearts are filled with gratitude toward Thee. Thy presence is here in this, Thy Sanctuary. We welcome the presence of the Lord. We want to ask Thy special blessing upon us. Help the Assembly to consider and reconsider what Thy humble servant has suggested in his message.

May the Lord bless the great American Bible Society. May the blessed Book be gotten out among the people as never before. We ask all this for Jesus' sake. Amen."

Doxology.

Adjourned at 12:30 P. M., benediction by M. S. Lemons.

#### NOON

1:30 P. M. Songs: I'm Finding Glory All Along the Way; Gospel Waves Roll.

Prayer by J. A. Self.

2:00 P. M. Local Church Organization, by Alonza Gann, Atlanta, Ga. Scriptures read, 1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor. 8:11.

A few notes given:

Organization means to arrange in systematic order. God loves and blesses order and system. The devil gets mad when we are so organized that he can't break the ranks. The time now is when we need to be more thoroughly organized. The strength of the Church of God lies in its organization. Some folks say the Church of God is going to die but I have never seen a dead body with a living head. Jesus, the head, is perfect, therefore, He will have a perfect body and that which will make it perfect is organization. Everything that God has done has had organization in it and everything the devil does has conglomeration in it. If we ever battle with the devil we will have to be organized.

"Let us make our Sunday schools attractive so we can get the children. Train them to be minute folks, they will love government better than we do."

Song, The Prince of Peace.

2:45 P. M. Courts of Justice—Judges, M. S. Lemons, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Scripture, 1 Cor. 6:1-5.

There is to be a court of judges in the Church of God just like there is in the state of Tennessee. The saints shall judge the world. I can see here a court of justice. God wants judges to decide every case. They can decide it from a point of truth and judgment. We will have a government that can rule the world. We don't need to go before the judges except to pay our taxes. We can settle everything ourselves. If all Scripture is good for our learning, why can't we see how the judges did in the old Scriptures? Ex. 18:13-27. Some people among us have trivial cases to be settled, these could be settled before this court of judges. Paul says to bring it before the saints and not before the unbelievers. Deut. 1:15,16; Deut. 16:18; Deut. 19:18; 2 Sam. 15:1-5; 2 Chron. 19:1-11.

A sister in the congregation was under the power of God for some time during the discourse. It seemed that her mind was not on her surroundings. At the reading of the seventh verse the spirit of prophecy came on this sister and she gave a message of prophecy in English, which was the substance of the Scripture which the speaker had not yet read. After the message the sister fell to the floor.

Song, Still They Come, after which the speaker continued his Scripture reading and comments. Judges 2:16-19; Isa. 1:25-27; Matt. 19:27,28.

Make Wise Decisions, A. J. Tomlinson, General Overseer. Some notes:

There is such a thing as getting so perfect before God that when He puts us in a position, the spirit of that position will come upon us. We may not be absolutely perfect but we are so near perfect that when we touch the right key we hear from heaven. Surely a key must have been touched somewhere. There are different kinds of conventions but we are unlike any other people. We will stop right in the middle of a discourse to hear from heaven. This is the most wonderful thing you ever did see. We don't think we have gone to the end for we get something more every year. Last year the Lord helped us so wonderfully to settle things. It looked like we had gone to the end; I couldn't think of a thing but just a short time ago the Lord stirred us up on different Bible subjects. Now the Assembly is stirred up about them, too.

Make wise decisions. It takes the Spirit of the Lord to help us make wise decisions. When these judges are put in place and it seems good to the Holy Ghost and us a dove-like spirit will come over us. The Spirit of the Lord came upon the seventy, Num. 11:16,17, because they were placed in their proper position by God. The very same spirit of leadership came over Joshua as was over Moses. Joshua went over, he rendered wise decisions. As long as the elders that were with Joshua lived, things went on in the right direction. It is the same way in the Church of God; as long as the apostles lived the church went on in the right way. When they were gone, divisions, heresies etc. came in and that is known as the dark ages. Isaiah said in his day that the judges were to be restored. Isa. 1:26. They are to render wise decisions. Sometimes the Spirit works and sometimes the Bible works but they agree.

At this instant the Holy Ghost gave a message in tongues which was interpreted, a part of which is as follows:

My sheep hear my voice, and a stranger will they not follow. The wolves shall not devour them. I gave my life for them. They are mine. Yea, I will put my Spirit upon them in the last days. They shall stand as an example. They shall be my people. I will be their God. Yea, I will call them and receive them unto myself that where I am there they may be also.

All knelt in humble submission before the Lord, then stood to their feet and shouted the praises of the Lord for some time while the orchestra played.

Song, Come Let us Go Home.

Doxology.

Dismissed at 4:40 P. M.

6:30 P. M. Song service and music.

Concert prayer.

7:00 P. M. Short talks and testimony service.

7:30 P. M. Thirty minutes talk by J. B. Burkhart of Ohio.

8:00 P. M. Sermon by I. H. Marks of Fla. Text, Luke 2:44. The speaker gave a powerful and effective message. This was followed by a wonderful altar service.

### Saturday, November 5.

9:00 A. M. Funeral of infant, of J. B. Ellis and wife.

9:45 A. M. Songs, prayer by H. L. Trim.

Remarks by General Overseer:

We have had two great days. We wonder what today will bring. We know that God is here and we want Him to remain with us.

All knelt in concert prayer for greater blessings than the day before.

Report of Committee No. 1, Questions and Answers.

Questions answered.

Ques. When a member is transferred from one church to another and that church refuses to accept him, should they immediately notify the former church?

Ans. It is possible that a man might be transferred and not be in good standing. If the church to which he is transferred knows he is not and they refuse to accept the transfer, they should notify the other church immediately.

Ques. If a man transgress the laws of God and backslide, then be reclaimed, shall his transgressions show on the record or be blotted out?

Ans. If a man has backslidden to that extent that he has been excluded from the church, the record of course will be made and the reason for his being excluded written down. If he is reclaimed and taken back, the record should be made that he is taken back, but the former record should remain.

Ques. What shall come from the grave at the resurrection? Some say an immortal body, some say the spirit, some say nothing.

Ans. The body will raise incorruptible and the man will come out of the grave. Paul compared the body to a grain of wheat or other grain. See 1 Cor. 15:35-38.

Ques. Can a man whose wife has not received the Holy Ghost be a deacon?

Ans. There was a time when we ordained bishops and deacons before their wives were filled with the Holy Ghost and before they were, too, but since we got the light, it is the custom to be more careful and not recommend people until their wives have the Holy Ghost. When people are set forth as deacons they must be set forth with the qualifications and be recommended by the church, and if they have not the qualifications, they should not be set forth for deacons.

Ques. Is it legal to turn a member out of the Church of God when there is sufficient outside evidence but no Church of God members know about the case, when the ones who know are friends to the cause?

Ans. The matter should be investigated so members will be satisfied

and if it becomes necessary to get any information from outside parties it is alright but you must be sure that the members or those who are looking after the matter actually know the thing. Be sure and do not exclude any one without knowing what you are doing. This does not mean to dis-courteance the word of good honest men of God. To exclude people is a very particular job. Much praying should be done. Try to save him first instead of getting lots of evidence and just throwing him out without trying to restore him first.

Ques. What steps should be taken to dismiss a minister from the Church or have his name dropped from the church record when he proves disloyal?

Ans. The facts concerning the matter should be gotten together and stated to General Overseer and state overseer of that particular state. They should look into the matter and if the evidence is sufficient they should recall his ministry and he is then just a lay member. The church should then deal with him as any other lay member.

Ques. Does the Church of God stand for other ministers who are not in the Church to fill their pulpits when they will not preach the Church or come in with them?

Ans. That depends on who it is, how the matter is and many different things. As a rule, however, this should not be done, but there are always exceptions to rules. If the person seems to be satisfactory and is permitted to preach, the pastor should always be there. He should not turn a man over to his flock and not be there. It is possible for a man to have a good experience and not come into the church, but don't let him preach in the pastor's absence.

Ques. In case there is a deacon appointed where there is already a treasurer in the church and he is giving perfect satisfaction should the treasurer be forced to give up his office, to the deacon by virtue of his office?

Ans. Wait till he is ordained, then he may be the treasurer. If he is satisfied and the church is too, then the treasurer doesn't have to give up his office.

Ques. Is it right to work on Sunday when we do not have to do it—work just because there is big money in it, when we do not have to work to hold the job?

Ans. I think he ought to go to church and Sunday school on Sunday. If the ox gets in the ditch it might be alright, but our place on Sunday is in church and Sunday school. As far as I am concerned I would lose my job before I would work on Sunday, but there is no compulsion to this.

Ques. What is the difference in the carnal mind, the carnal nature, and the carnal flesh? Do we get rid of the carnal nature in this life?

Ans. There is a real difference of understanding about the carnal nature. That which we talk about is taking out the Adamic nature and getting rid of sin. It does not take out the human nature.

Ques. Should a member of the Church of God come into a town where a minister is pastoring a work and run a tent meeting without consulting the pastor? He says he has no license from the Church and can go and do as he pleases.

Ans. If he can do any good let him go but it is better for him and the pastor to work together.

Ques. Who is Melchisedec?

Ans. Probably those who were here last year remember Brother Lee's explanation. He showed that Melchisedec is the Lord.

Ques. James says to call for the elders of the church to pray for the

sick but we have only twelve and they are usually too far away. What are we to do?

Ans. Get anybody to pray for you, that can pray. Many people have just as much power to pray for the sick, as the twelve. This means any body that is established and has faith in God.

Ques. After a member of the Church of God has been disloyal, rebelled, and has been excluded, but comes back to church and testifies to having a real experience, also works at the altar, but never makes a confession to the church, should anything be done? If so, what?

Ans. It is very probable that when folks get exactly right they will make confession and ask to come back. Some don't believe they are disloyal, don't think they have any confession to make. Do the best you can with them. If fruits are good in altar, let them alone; if not, give admonition and pray for them.

Ques. If a deacon's wife were to backslide when he is a good man and a good deacon would it deprive him of his office as a deacon in the Church?

Ans. It is very serious for any minister's wife to backslide. Deacons are required to have wives filled with the Holy Ghost to be ordained. If they backslide it renders deacons unqualified to hold position. Pray and cry and mourn and weep. In most cases they will come back to God.

Ques. If divorced people who have been saved can not come into the Church of God, what shall we advise them to do?

Ans. Say like Jesus said, Go and sin no more. Jesus will open some plan to help them along. It is difficult to give advice on things like this.

Ques. Should members pay tithes direct to a minister?

Ans. All tithes that are paid anywhere should go through headquarters—one channel. Only sinners or outsiders should pay tithes direct to a minister.

Ques. If the state overseer gives a man that is not licensed the privilege to preach, has the district overseer any right to interfere with him?

Ans. If the man is straight and alright, which he is expected to be if the state overseer gives him permission, the district overseer should not interfere with his work but encourage him.

Some one asked for the decision concerning labor unions to be explained.

Explanation or statements concerning the labor unions:

It is the intention of the Assembly for members of the Church of God not to be members of anything else. Members have been allowed to have their dues taken but they are not to take the oath and attend the union meetings. Church of God people cannot compromise.

10:45 A. M. Anchored to the Rock, J. S. Llewellyn, Cleveland, Tenn.

First, a prayer for the speaker, led by W. A. Capshaw.

Scripture, Matt. 16:18. Some notes from the address are here given:

The first thing necessary, find rock to anchor to and proper system of anchorage that will guarantee safety. This subject appeals not only to the minds of men and women but it appeals to the hearts. Consider the rock first. On this solid foundation we can jump and shout all we please and the rock won't give way. I am glad we can get out of the mire and clay and have our feet put on the solid rock where we won't have to slip and slide. David said, "He put my feet upon a rock, and established my goings." Psa. 40:2.

There is some stickability to this thing. There is nothing better this side of heaven than the Church of God. There never will be. The glory that is in the Church of God is not found anywhere else. God still sets His ap-

proval on it. He is still walking among us. There is an extra anointing on the ministry of the Church of God that is not found anywhere else.

"Upon this rock I WILL build." He did what He said He would do. God is not revealing His best things to the crowds. He is revealing the good blessings to the few. Flesh and blood have not revealed these things unto us but God has revealed them unto holy men."

Just here the Holy Ghost gave and interpreted some messages which were given in other tongues, a portion given here:

First message. I am giving you instructions through my humble servant. I am revealing things to you. Open your hearts and receive. I am opening up some truths. Humble yourself under my mighty hand.

Second message. Sit at my feet and learn of me and I will direct your paths. I will teach thee some things. Be mindful.

We are settled on the rock. We are anchored." Jacob said, "And of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Gen. 28:22. It is not burdensome to people who love the Church to pay tithes.

At close of sermon all stood with uplifted hands in praise to God, while the orchestra rendered music.

Dismissed at 12:00 M.

#### NOON

1:45 P. M. Songs: O I Want to See Him; Glory Bound.

Prayer led by F. J. Crowder.

Song: Don't You Want to Sing? The Time of the End.

Prayer by W. G. Rembert.

2:40 P. M. Puissant Organization—Going the Bible Way. F. J. Lee of Wimauma, Fla. Text, Titus 1:5.

## GOING THE BIBLE WAY

F. J. LEE

My subject this afternoon is Puissant Organization. In meditating upon this subject my mind is directed to Titus 1:5. For a foundation for what we might say today I will read, "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldst set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee." I want to analyze this verse, every phase of it.

First, we will notice Crete. Crete was a little island of perhaps 158 miles long; this was the island that Paul passed on his voyage to Rome. He landed on the east side and finding no commodious place to harbor at Fairhavens, they went over to the west side and landed at Phoenix.

This island was a mountainous country, yet a very fertile country; and another thing we will mention, it was a very wicked place and one of

the writers gave this place a very bad name. We find at Acts 2, that among the visitors at Jerusalem on that memorable occasion—the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, there were Cretians represented in that multitude that heard the gospel preached in their own language by those Galileans under the power of the Holy Spirit.

I have wondered if the Cretians didn't have a great message to tell the folks at home when they returned to Crete. I have thought that they related something like this: You should have been at Jerusalem last Sunday morning. We witnessed one of the most wonderful events that we have heard of in all of our lives, it was just wonderful. While we were up in town, we heard a great noise not far from where a great crowd of people were congregated; we saw the people

running one direction, so we went with the crowd and when we arrived at a certain place, we saw some people coming down from an upper room, they were shouting, speaking with other tongues, in fact, were acting like drunk men. And one of their preachers preached. I never heard such words before. Oh, I wish you could have been there!

Now I know that human nature is the same at all ages and I feel that this is about what I would have related had I been there and returned to my home. Doubtless, after the Creteans hearing of this wonderful happening at Jerusalem and perhaps hearing it was spreading, they longed for some one to come who had this experience and preach it to them. Paul, between his first and second imprisonment, made them a visit, no doubt, had a great revival, and left Titus over there as an overseer of the work on the island.

He says, "For this cause left I thee." We will stress the pronoun I a few minutes. I shows something of his authority. At one time he said he had the care of all the churches. We also find by the many letters written by him that he had all the churches on his heart. He says to Titus, I left thee in Crete. Now we will look at the next pronoun THEE, left I THEE. I at one end and THEE at the other. THEE had reference to Titus. Titus was a trustworthy man, the general overseer could trust him. It is held by commentators that Titus was one of the number sent to the Assembly at Jerusalem to settle certain things. He had business qualifications about him. He had been sent by the General Overseer to take the lead in a financial campaign for collections for the poor saints. He seemed to be able for most anything.

We will now notice the next thought. Paul says, "As I had appointed thee." APPOINTED is the thought we will notice. I was impressed with Brother Hadsock's article, God's Appointments I believe God orders and places men in their positions, yet I also believe that many times, He does it through

other men or, in other words, through and by the aid of good government.

I want to refer to Isaiah 6:3. The Lord says, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? GO FOR US, US, doubtless, having reference to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. They are sending men forth today just as really and truly as they did in Isaiah's time, but we should not forget that He recognizes government.

At one time Joseph went to see how his brethren were getting along. When they saw him coming they began to plan how to get rid of him. At first they placed him in an old pit, later they took him out and sold him to the Ishmeelites who took him to Egypt. Doubtless, Joseph cried, thought he was having a harder time than anybody, but in later years when a great famine arose in the land and his brethren came to Egypt to buy corn and the fact was revealed that the one they were applying to for corn was really Joseph, their brother, they began to weep. Joseph said, "Be not grieved nor angry with yourselves that ye sold me hither; for God did send me before you to preserve life."

Joseph was a great ruler, had been appointed to the position through human agency, but hear him say, "God sent me."

We find in Jer. 10:23, "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Now, as the prophet said, it is not in man to direct his steps. I am persuaded it is just that way.

Solomon says, "There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand."

"A man's heart deviseth his way; but the Lord directeth his steps."

Some of us will say, I am going to such and such a place next year. This is what we ought to say, if God wills. "Man's heart deviseth his way; but the Lord directeth his steps."

Hear the wise man, "Man's goings are of the Lord; how can a man then understand his own way?" Some will say, I am going to Florida next year,



others will plan to go north to Ohio etc., but it is God that directeth our steps. How does he do it? I say that while God sends out ministers, and sends them to their respective places, He has designed to do it through the church. It is true He sent out the early disciples but later, through a parable, He intimated that the church should occupy till He comes back.

Psalm 85:12,13 says, "Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase. Righteousness shall go before him, and shall set us in the way of his steps."

According to this Scripture, if we expect God to set us in the way of His steps, we must let righteousness in and through our lives go before Him, and He will give that which is good. I want to ask the question, "How can we expect that which is good if we do not, by our lives cause righteousness to go before Him?" Righteousness means right doing. I say again, If we do not do right in obeying His rules and orders, good will not come our way. "Obey them that have the rule over you."

I now want to look at a few examples. The Spirit said to Philip, "Go near, and join thyself to this chariot." Philip had an appointment by man, even hands laid on him in behalf of and for the cause of the Church of God.

Here is another example. We find that the Spirit had forbidden Paul to preach in Asia on a certain occasion. Why? Because he was about to go on the suggestions of his own mind. The fact of the case is, Paul had been to the Assembly at Jerusalem and some decrees had been passed at this Assembly that seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to those in charge, as Paul was one of the men appointed to carry the decrees. Now as the Holy Ghost had put His seal upon the actions of that Assembly, even appointing men to carry the decrees to all the churches, when Paul began to let his mind lead him instead of staying in line with his appointment at the Assembly, the Spirit began to object and doubtless, would have been grieved

had he persisted in going to Asia. He had visited Syria, Cilicia, Derbe, Antioch, Pamphylia, Cyprus, Phrygia, Galatia and the Spirit did not object because he was working in line with his appointment.

Another example, God told Moses to appoint Levites to all manner of service to the house of God. 1 Chron. 6:48. And in Num. 4:19, the Lord said, "Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service; and to his burden." The thought is, God designs and orders it, but the appointment must be done through human agencies.

David said as concerning Solomon, "I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel." Yet, God had appeared to David years before and had given him to understand that it should be. God ordains a thing and uses men to do the appointing. We find in Dan. 4:17, and understand, that God even appoints kings and removes kings at will.

The next division of the subject is CAUSE. Paul says, "For this CAUSE left I thee in Crete." The word cause is divided into four kinds, material, formal, efficient and final. Material cause means that of which anything is made. For example, this building was first conceived within the mind of some one, that was formal; later the brethren collected some money and with the money bought the material, then the carpenters framed the building; this procedure was the cause of this building. Paul had a cause for leaving Titus over at Crete. He had looked over there through mental vision and conceived of a great work for the Lord on that island, not only a work in good order, but he had conceived the thought of a puissant organization which means powerful, mighty etc.

Formal cause means the elements of a conception which make the conception or thing conceived to be what it is—associated with matter. Paul was very anxious for this CAUSE that he had conceived to mature.

We will now look at the next thought in the verse we have read for

a text, that is, "For this cause left I thee\*\*set in order." ORDER is the thought. Order means regular methodical arrangement, regular government etc.

Here these books are scattered but if I should bring them together in methodical arrangement, I have organized them. So it is with the Church. Paul writes, "set in order," or, in other words, organize by methodical arrangement. God is the author of order and system. Paul believed in it and taught it. In the church at Corinth they had gotten out of order on the line of taking the sacrament, he wrote to them that when he came he would set in order, he believed in everything being in order. One time while at Rome he wrote to the church at Colosse, I was, "joying and beholding your order." Col. 2:5. Perhaps Paul's vision was of this puissant organization, not stopping alone at Colosse but viewing this day.

(The Holy Ghost carried a sister from the congregation to Brother Tomlinson with uplifted hands and she gave the following prophecy in the power of the Spirit, "Hear, O man of God. Hearken unto the voice of His Son. Speak unto the elders that they speak unto the armour bearers and trumpeters to tell my children who have been redeemed by my blood that this is the government and peace which I said I would establish upon the throne of his father David and of its peace and increase there shall be no end. And fear not, ye elders and armour bearers and trumpeters, to obey the orders of the man of God, for I have given him my laws and commandments that he should give them unto you and if ye will hearken to obey the voice of the Lord then shall all nations come to the Church of God. Hear, O man of God, and hearken unto the voice of His Son: Choose you out seven men who are filled with the wisdom of my will and set them, to judge in the inner courts of the house of God.

Hear O man of God, if ye will hearken unto the voice of the Son to obey that which I have said unto you,

thine enemies shall not triumph over thee and the world will know that I have chosen thee.

Hear, O ye elders, armour bearers and trumpeters. Fear not to obey the orders for I am in this place.)

It is marvelous how the Spirit has taken the lead in my discourse and has told it before I got to it. I was just ready to read this very thing the sister has uttered in prophecy. I will read in Isa. 22:20-22, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah: And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open."

We learn from history that the priest carried a large key tied to something like a handkerchief and it thrown across his shoulder. I fancy it was something like this, I now place on my shoulder. We find in Rev. 3:8, where the Lord is speaking to the Philadelphian period, "I have set before thee an open door." Also that He openeth and no man shutteth. The Eliakim referred to in Isaiah is a type of the Lord Jesus. Jesus truly has the key and He is opening every door that needs to be unlocked. First, He is opening the door for the real gospel to get to the nations, and He is opening new truths and new light. Some may try to apply the Scriptures just read about Eliakim to the millennium. We admit that in a broad sense it does, but also refers back to the beginning of this gospel age.

Notice the 20th verse begins by saying, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim." The key to this verse is *that day*. While usually *that day* in Isaiah represents the day of the Lord, but in this instance it represents the time of Israel's captivity. Notice the 19th verse, "And I will drive thee from thy

station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down. In the next verse follows, *in that day*, this showing that the Eliakim (Jesus) was to be called during the time of Israel's captivity or the time that they were moved from their state.

The key upon His shoulder corresponds to the government being on His shoulder in chap. 9:6,7. It reads, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace, there shall be no end."

Some will insist that this applies to the millenium alone. No, it does not any more than Isaiah 22:20, did. You say, How do you know? Read the eighth chapter, you will see that it is having reference to Jacob's trouble (the tribulation day). Isa. 8:22 says, "And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness." Now to the 9th chapter, "Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun." He means that this terrible thing coming, known as the tribulation, is not like any thing in the past.

In verse 5, He says, "For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire." This doubtless, having reference to the fire of Tophet, a scope of country below Jerusalem where the antichrist's armies shall be gathered and burned spoken of in Malachi as the saints walking over the ashes of the destroyed.

This brings us to the verse quoted a few minutes ago in Isa. 9:6, "For unto us a child is born." The thought is, this great destruction known as Jacob's trouble comes, because unto us (Jews) a child was born, \* \* \* a son given. And we rejected Him. Not will be given so much in the millenium, but already given in Bethlehem

and because of rejecting Him brings anguish, dimness and darkness.

Now of this child, the government was to be on His shoulder. You say, Yes, at the millennium? No, not there alone. Notice it says, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end." What! the peace increase? Yes, when we get saved we have peace, but when we become sanctified we have greater peace and when the Comforter comes, which is the Holy Ghost, we have still greater peace and we seem to have still greater peace when we find the Church of God and become identified with her. Peace! peace! peace! just increasing all the time. People have been receiving peace ever since the Prince of Peace came to this world. Why should it not be just as reasonable that His government increase? I say, Yes, it is just as reasonable, we do not believe in staying in one old rut, but increasing not only in peace, but good government.

When Israel left Egypt, the Word tells us they went out harnessed up. Did that mean that they had collar, hames and holding back straps? No, it only means that they went out in good order, the margin says, in ranks of five. So this shows that they started in organization, but it wasn't puissant, mighty, powerful, so God gave Moses the law on Mt. Sinai and gave him orders how to make a tabernacle, also gave instructions about the order around the tabernacle. Why? He wasn't satisfied with the organization to remain as it started, but He wanted a puissant organization, one that could accomplish great things. After the tabernacle was placed, orders were given for Dan with his tribe to be placed on the north side, Ephraim on the west, Judah on the east and Reuben on the south. Dan having on his banner a flying eagle; Ephraim, an ox; Reuben, a man and Judah, a lion. Now after some special instructions about the business, there were some silver trumpets made without a seam in them. These were to be blown for marching orders, for calling the assembly and for war. The people

were well trained and understood every bugle call. What is this? Perfect order or in keeping with the subject, Puissant Organization.

We will notice another thought in the text, WANTING, "set in order the things that are wanting." Wanting means lacking, deficient etc., this showing that there was a deficiency in the organization over there at Crete. Paul had a conception of a puissant organization at Crete. I believe Crete is a minute picture of the whole work in this world.

We might ask why Paul was so anxious for a puissant organization in Crete. I believe the remaining verses following the text will answer this. He said, "Ordain elders in every city," then he gave the qualifications of an elder. In this he said they must hold "fast the faithful word \* \* \* that he may be ABLE by sound doctrine to \* \* \* convince the gainsayers. For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers \* \* \*. Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses; \* \* \*. One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars."

In the Scripture thoughts just mentioned, we notice that there were prophets over at Crete who sometimes subvert whole houses. Subvert means to overturn from the foundations; also pervert from the truth. Does this mean just an ordinary family overturned from the foundation? I say, No. It is a rare thing that every one in a family is fully saved or, in other words, have the full truth within them. That being the case how could a whole family be perverted from the truth or overthrown from the foundation? Let us remember that this is a prophet doing this by his vain words. The Syriac says, "whose discourses are vain." They preach but their sermons are vain. Paul says further they are unruly, that is, will not come under rule. He also says that they are gainsayers, but their mouths must be stopped. How is he going to do it? By getting elders in every city of which there were about one hundred on the island. Those elders with

the qualifications that Paul gave would be able by sound doctrine to stop the mouths of those false prophets. The statement then "are subverting whole houses" does not mean ordinary houses or families but churches. The question would arise, How did he intend to stop the mouths of the gainsayers? By setting in order the things that are wanting, that is, bringing up to a puissant organization.

Have we an organization today called the Church? Yes, I am sure she exists. Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church." You say, "This in the Greek is ec-clesia." That is so, but ec-clesia means called out ones. John went before Jesus calling the people out, they had to repent and believe on Him (Jesus) that should come, then he baptized them if they could prove they were living a clean life. We have never required any more of the people than that. Jesus took those called out ones and built them. This building made from the material named the called out ones is translated church in the American version.

Jesus gave the teaching to the disciples what to do when a brother offended another. The offended brother should go to the offending party and if he wouldn't hear him, take two or more with him and if he would not hear them tell it to the church. This is the organization the Lord Himself set up for discipline.

Paul, speaking of the man that did so wrong spoken of in 1 Cor. 5:4,5, says, "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh." He also says that they should not eat with such characters, this having reference to taking the sacrament. The only way to keep from eating with them is to turn them out, for as long as they are fellowshipped in the church, they have a right to eat with the church. Ezek. 43 says to show them the comings in and the goings out of the house.

### Going the Bible Way

This part of the subject was very appropriately arranged on the program. **GOING**—this, I am sure, fits the Church of God; she is going at high speed. You have never seen anything make such rapid advances as the Church of God has made in this past year, and we can thank God because she is going the Bible way. The definition of **GOING** is the act of moving in any manner, so I do not hesitate to say that I believe the Church of God is moving in the right manner—the Bible way.

Paul says, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." Eph. 4:11. What for? Answer, "For the perfecting of the saints, \* \* \* for the edifying of the body of Christ. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Eph. 4:12, 13.

This Scripture shows that there is a standard to come to, and that we are coming to it, not already there, but day by day, year by year, making progress by the aid of the ministers mentioned. Titus was in Crete for the same purpose as this spoken to the Ephesian brethren, teaching, preaching till they came to the standard. This is the work of every true called minister today, to bring the church to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Titus means honorable, also means protected. Every name in the Bible has a meaning as John means *gift of God*, Jacob means *supplanter*, Jesus means *Savior*; Titus was an honorable man as his very name signifies, not only was he an honorable man; but he was a protected man, God had His eye on him.

I believe that every one that goes forth in God's service, living an honorable life, God will surely protect him. Titus was amidst a people referred to as *liars, stowbellies, evil beasts*. Now *evil beasts* here doesn't mean ordinary

wild beasts, but had reference to very wicked men, that seemingly had no conscience. Yet Titus' very name signified that he was protected. It made no difference how many false things were told on Titus, God protected him. I say if we continue to be honorable nothing false can hurt us.

Hasn't it been demonstrated in the case of our General Overseer? Every false thing imaginable has been told on him, but it has never hurt him. He still presses on, shouting the victory with peace of soul. Why? because he is an honorable man, therefore, God is protecting him.

The next thought we will notice is elders. Paul told Titus to ordain elders in every city, there being about one hundred cities, that would, have made one hundred elders. The thought is he just wanted enough elders. It is very necessary to have enough elders in the Church of God as we have already shown that we may be able to meet this gainsaying world.

The Lord told Moses to bring Aaron, Nadab and Abihu up to the mountain and also bring seventy elders with him. This is rather strange that the Lord would designate seventy; why not fifty, sixty etc.; but no, seventy was the number chosen; it surely had a meaning. Those seventy men who went with Moses heard God's voice, saw something of His presence and were able to tell others of the wonderful words of the Lord and help to keep them in line and order. Moses and Joshua went still closer to God and the elders tarried. Now we notice the qualifications of that body were that they were elders and seventy in number, but at another time when the work had become too great for Moses, his father-in-law saw that he was under a great strain and instructed Moses that he should have help from strong intelligent men. He said able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness etc.

We have a description in Num. 11. Moses was crying out to God and said, "I am not able to bear all this people alone." It seems that the men that Moses' father-in-law suggested to be

appointed had never been appointed and Moses' intimates that he is bearing the people alone. So God tells him to get the men and tells him how many, not fifty or sixty but seventy. Seventy seems to be a special number, a sacred number, we find it many times in the Bible.

This time in selecting the seventy God tells Moses to get men that he knows to be elders, not because they were old men. How would it have sounded to have said, Select men that you know to be old men. No, that wasn't the thought, but get men of ability for the work they are to do.

After they were appointed the spirit came upon them, then they were able for the position, but were not before. I was struck with the thought Brother Tomlinson gave, that the spirit of the position comes upon the man after he is appointed to the position.

I really believe that the things that happened in Israel in her travels were types and examples to us upon whom the ends of the world have come. 1 Cor. 10:11.

I believe that Jesus, in launching this great gospel movement, did it in harmony with that which was prefigured in Israel. He first appointed twelve men, then later other seventy. Why not fifty or sixty? Because that would not have been in harmony with the type or examples given in Israel, but seventy elders were appointed, they returned and reported that the spirit of the position was on them.

We notice that after the children of Israel crossed the Red sea and shouted and danced, beat their timbrels, in fact, had a great time of rejoicing because of victory over the enemy, they soon came to Marah (bitter waters), but they could not rejoice there. Oh, how bitter, but soon there was a tree hewn down to sweeten the waters. After they resumed their journey, they soon spied something at a distance; the attention, doubtless, of every one was attracted as

they journeyed closer and soon found that it was a beautiful location shaded and beautified with seventy palm trees. Was it just a *happen so* that there were just seventy? No, the writer by inspiration had to make mention that there were seventy, no more, nor less. Why didn't he say that there were some palm trees there? It is because this specified number in the travels of the children meant something. They also found on their arrival at the spot where the seventy palm trees were, that there were twelve wells. Don't we know that they were glad to get to camp at such a beautiful place by these twelve wells and seventy palm trees?

The palm trees were living because of the wells. The children of Israel being refreshed because of both. How beautiful an emblem of what we need today in the Church of God.

What do the wells represent? Peter said of some false prophets, "they are wells without water," showing that leaders in the church are referred to as wells. Jesus said to the woman of Samaria, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him \* \* \* shall be in him a well of water." We understand by these Scriptures that wells represent men as leaders in the Church of God.

What about the palm trees? Jesus said to the church, "Thy stature is like to a palm tree." Song of Sol. 7:7. Also in Psa. 92:12, "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree." This showing that the palm tree is taken to represent live, strong, stalwart Christians. Palm trees grow best where there is much water. It is said that the sap is in the heart of a palm tree. Its leaf doesn't fade, some palm trees bear fruit every month, also blossom at the same time. It is tall and graceful, we have never seen a better representation of a true Christian.

True Christians walk erect and graceful, spiritually speaking. You can beat and pound on them and they still live and bear fruit, because the sap (Spirit) is in the heart. They

bear fruit and blossom at the same time, their leaf (testimony) does not fade if planted by the wells, that is, in the place where they can drink the Word of God.

Now in view of these Scriptures thus brought together and explained I will have to conclude that the seventy palm trees are seventy special men, chosen, who later received the spirit of the position, who will live and flourish and offer shelter and comfort to spiritual Israel as she leaves the bitter waters and endeavors to march on to puissant organization, (Sinai, God's law and order) only as they (the seventy) draw the water (Word) from the twelve wells (twelve elders) who had to exist before the trees could exist, and at the same time with the seventy.

After the seventy returned to Jesus and related how the spirit of the position had been on them, Jesus rejoiced, also said He was seeing

Satan fall as lightning from heaven. This didn't mean from the heaven of heavens where God's throne is but from heavenly places. Paul said we didn't wrestle against flesh and blood, but against wicked spirits in heavenly places. When we get organized into what could be termed puissant organization, we believe we can wrestle with them with greater success and many more will be cast out of heaven. When did Jesus see it? He saw it after the appointment of the seventy. Beloved, let us move forward and get these men in their places and then will the mouth of the gainsayers be stopped even if they should rise up in our own ranks to pull away disciples after them, we will have such a perfect government and organization that they can not stand.

I will close by saying our motto is, "set in order the things that are wanting," that we may have a puissant organization. Amen.

After this message there came a mighty spirit of intercession as we realized as never before the great responsibility resting upon our General Overseer and elders and asked God to keep His hand over them and endure them with wisdom and power.

A brother was led by the Spirit from the congregation up on the platform beside the General Overseer. The Spirit then carried a sister with uplifted hands up to our General Overseer and held them over his head. A young brother's head leaned over on his breast and the Spirit said, "As this brother leaneth upon thy breast so shalt thou lean upon thy Father's breast." Then the brother knelt by his side and the Spirit said, "As this brother knelt by thy side, so shalt thou kneel and make thy supplications known unto thy Father and He will direct thy steps and order thy ways." The young man arose from his knees and Brother Tomlinson put his arms around him, then the Spirit said, "As thy arms are around thy brother so shall the Father's arms be around thee to protect thee." The young man then lifted our General Overseer up off the floor and the Spirit said, "As a son supporteth a father in his old age so shall I strengthen thee and supply all thy needs."

Others were carried in the Spirit with uplifted hands to our General Overseer and a cross was made in front of him and behind him and his hands were held up. Then our General Overseer's wife was brought up right behind him and her hands were held up. Many of the saints danced before them. It was all wonderful, beyond description.

Songs, After While, led by music of orchestra; I've Found It.  
Dismissed at 4:50. P. M.

6:30 P. M. Songs; concert prayer.

7:00 P. M. Testimony service.

8:00 P. M. Sermon, Bertie Mae (Juillerat) Pressgrove. Text, Heb. 2:8,9.  
Wonderful altar service. Many went through to victory.

## Sunday, November 6.

9:30 A. M. Songs.

Prayer led by John Burk.

Song, I'll Be No Stranger There.

Remarks by General Overseer.

Concert prayer and song.

10:00 A. M. Bahama Island Hour.

W. V. Eneas, native of the Bahamas, asked congregation to sing with him, the song, Won't You Come and Go With Me?

He also gave an interesting talk and sermon. A few statements:

I thank God for a salvation that will enable you to shine where you are. I am glad for a salvation that keeps us above condemnation.

I can see the Church of God brighter than I ever did before. I thank Him for its doctrine. I believe I can safely say I am anchored to the truth. Ten years ago Brother Tomlinson brought this wonderful gospel to the islands. I'm glad I did not stiffen my neck and harden my heart but I opened the doors of my home and let the preachers of the gospel come into my home. I am glad I can say that we are lifting up the standard of the beautiful Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. If our General Overseer could take a view of things there now he would see a vast difference. The seed which he sowed are beginning to spring up now.

We are thankful, too, for the Bible Correspondence School that brings the truth to us. We are enlarging our church building over there in order to accommodate saints and sinners. We have the victory over there. Workers are scarce on the islands but the Evangel, a silent messenger, will tell it where we can't go. We are thankful for the deep conviction the tracts bring to our land. Some of our people over there are holding meetings under fig trees and won't go in the synagogues, rather than compromise.

Scripture reading, Isaiah 12, and some comments on same.

Isaiah saw in his day what we are enjoying now. We have been brought nigh by the blood of Jesus. We are no more strangers but fellow-citizens of the household of God. We have reached the time when we can trust God with our bodies as well as our souls, and for our children also. God wants us to live in such an attitude that the Holy Ghost can use us anywhere. Let people know that the third person of the Trinity is living in our bodies. Every preacher has a Bible but every preacher has not the Holy Ghost.

The speaker requested prayer that God would give him wisdom to lead souls unto God for many souls are out of the ark of safety in the Bahamas.

Song by Mamie E. Richardson.

Remarks by General Overseer.

Collection for expenses on Assembly as congregation sang, Gathering Sheaves, and, We Shall Rise. Amount received, \$180.50.

The song, The Way of Life, was sung by request of General Overseer.

Prayer led by H. N. Scoggins.

11:00 A. M. Sermon by M. S. Lemons, introduced by prayer.—Subject The covenant, our covenant, Jesus' covenant. A covenant is an agreement, between two or more persons; a testament.

Text, Jer. 50:4-6. Other Scripture references, 1 Chron. 15:1-12; Isa. 61. 8; Jer. 31:31; Matt. 26:26-28; Heb. 8:7,8.

The speaker made it plain that we are coming back to the real covenant. He stated that God didn't need the old covenant down here when He gave us the new one, but kept it for future reference.

The Holy Ghost gave out a message in other tongues through one of the saints, the interpretation of a portion of it as follows:

My children, my children. I am calling you. I have shed my blood for you. I sealed my covenant with my blood. Tread softly, tread softly, walk



close to me. I am leading you in a closer walk with God. I am leading you into deeper depths than you have ever known. Walk softly. Follow my ministers as they give out the Word. I will lead you on to higher heights and deeper depths. Obey me. Obey me.

Great rejoicing, praising God, clapping of hands, music by orchestra, waving of handkerchiefs and everything that could laud the name of Jesus.  
Dismissed at 12:30, benediction by W. R. Messer.

## NOON

1:40 P. M. Song service.

Prayer by J. S. Llewellyn.

As piano was played softly, Mrs. Lillian Kinsey, matron of Orphanage, fifteen Orphan children, and Miss Laura Kinsey, daughter of the matron and her assistant in the Home, entered the Auditorium at the north front entrance and marched slowly up the aisle, on to the platform and were seated, each in his proper place. During this time there was much weeping over congregation. The orphans arose, marched to the edge of platform, and sang, The Orphan Child, and repeated the first and twenty-third Psalms and the Lord's prayer.

2:30 P. M. The Orphan's Home, Bertie Mae (Juillerat) Pressgrove.  
Text, 1 John 3:17.

She stated that God had been so good to us during the past year. Last year we planned to begin an orphanage, now it is a reality. We have a home with a good matron, an assistant, and fifteen orphan children who are very carefully trained and taught the teachings of the great Church of God. She gave the incident of one mother with four children who, on her dying bed, requested that her children be placed in the Church of God Orphanage. She died happy to know where her children would be placed. Many other mothers desire the same but our Orphanage is filled to its utmost capacity. Let us make more sacrifices for the orphans this year. In this way, lending our money to the Lord. Prov. 19:17.

During the talk a brother was impressed and went forward, placing a bill on the platform. He was followed by many others. A place was on the program for offering to be taken but the people could not wait. They thronged around the platform and contributed the amount of \$769.30.

After close of discourse, as the people continued to come forward, the Orphans sang two songs, Two Little Children, and, Row Me Over the Tide.

The General Overseer introduced Mrs. Lillian Kinsey, the matron of the home, to the congregation. He called her the mother of the children and stated that the children called her, Mother.

The matron gave her experience as to the way she became matron of the home. She stated that she felt her calling to her place in the same way that ministers of the gospel feel their calling. Her experience was proof that she was divinely appointed. She requested prayer for her success.

After the speaker concluded her talk, the General Overseer asked the congregation to stand on their feet, thus showing that they appreciated the work she is doing so nobly.

Through sobs and tears a concert prayer was sent up to God for the matron's success.

6:30 P. M. Song service.

Dismissed at 4:30 P. M.

Concert prayer for success of meeting, at Auditorium, and old church, where healing services were held.

Song, I'm Going That Way, while an offering was taken for Assembly expense, amounting to \$63.22.

Prayer by E. L. Simmons.

7:00 P. M. A very interesting and thrilling talk by Walter A. Albee of New Jersey.

7:40 P. M. Song, Watching You.

Prayer for next speaker, by W. A. Walker.

8:00 P. M. Sermon by E. D. Johnson, Walbridge, Ohio. Scriptures used:

2 Tim. 2. Ez. 8:22,23.

Altar service.

### Monday, November 7.

Mon. 9:30 A. M. Songs; prayer by W. H. Cross.

Remarks by General Overseer.

10:00 A. M. Report of Foreign Mission Treasurer, Evangel Office.

#### FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

Receipts		Disbursements	
Brought forward, .....	\$ 234 63	Bahamas, .....	\$1037 35
Alabama, .....	62 92	Bermuda, .....	4 50
Arkansas, .....	7 64	Canada, .....	3 00
Bahamas, .....	58	Jamaica, .....	105 98
Florida, .....	299 72	Trinidad, .....	6 00
Georgia, .....	50 17	Total, .....	1155 83
Illinois, .....	63 20	By balance, .....	277 46
Kentucky, .....	42 63		
Louisiana, .....	12 67		
Mississippi, .....	28 00		
Maryland, .....	3 20		
Missouri, .....	54 53		
New Jersey, .....	5 00		
New Mexico, .....	1 85		
North Carolina, .....	74 00		
North Dakota, .....	6 90		
Ohio, .....	52 95		
Pennsylvania, .....	12 75		
South Carolina, .....	20 94		
Tennessee, .....	149 64		
Texas, .....	28 67		
Virginia, .....	73 84		
West Virginia, .....	67 70		
Individuals, .....	149 16		
Total, .....	1433 29	Total, .....	1433 29
To balance, .....	277 46		

Report was accepted.

Report of Home Mission Treasurer, Evangel Office.

#### HOME MISSION REPORT

Receipts		Disbursements	
Alabama, .....	\$ 66 72	By Deficit last year, .....	\$ 686 94
Arkansas, .....	8 16	Alabama, .....	102 00
Colorado, .....	5 00	Arkansas, .....	35 25
Florida, .....	231 18	Colorado, .....	2 00
Georgia, .....	79 99	Florida, .....	83 65
Illinois, .....	57 72	Georgia, .....	223 85
Kentucky, .....	68 58	Illinois, .....	56 00
Kansas, .....	3 80	Indiana, .....	10 25
Louisiana, .....	33 18	Iowa, .....	2 75
Maryland, .....	4 51	Kansas, .....	3 50

Mississippi, .....	27 93	Kentucky, .....	110 97
Missouri, .....	53 32	Louisiana, .....	36 25
New Jersey, .....	10 60	Maryland, .....	6 50
New Mexico, .....	1 12	Michigan, .....	17 50
North Carolina, .....	76 60	Mississippi, .....	65 25
North Dakota, .....	2 08	Missouri, .....	61 00
Ohio, .....	45 46	New Jersey, .....	1 00
Pennsylvania, .....	13 14	New Mexico, .....	4 50
South Carolina, .....	25 40	North Carolina, .....	76 35
Tennessee, .....	117 30	North Dakota, .....	2 50
Texas, .....	22 80	Ohio, .....	42 50
Virginia, .....	85 06	Oklahoma, .....	22 00
West Virginia, .....	38 99	Pennsylvania, .....	9 25
Individuals, .....	141 23	South Carolina, .....	33 00
		Tennessee, .....	357 39
		Texas, .....	78 75
		Virginia, .....	54 00
		West Virginia, .....	39 25
		Printing, .....	10 00
Total, .....	1219 77	Total, .....	2241 19
To deficit, .....	1021 42		
	2241 19	By Deficit, .....	1021 42

Report was accepted.

Report of Committee No. 4, Foreign Missions, H. A. Pressgrove, chairman.

We, the Foreign Mission Committee, hereby endorse the plan presented by former Foreign Mission Committees, and accepted by the General Assembly—that each church set aside the second Sunday in every other month, as a day to take offerings for the Foreign Mission work, and to stimulate interest in this work.

We further recommend that the Sunday School superintendents encourage the children on this line; and have a special march on the day the Missionary offering is to be taken, with suitable songs and exercises, and that the children be taught to give to this cause.

We recommend that the pastor, or some one appointed in his absence, give some stirring remarks on this subject, and that all pastors stir up their flocks on account of the laxity of missionary spirit in the Church of God.

H. A. Pressgrove, chairman.

Report was accepted.

Report of Committee No. 5, Home Missions, Alonzo Gann, chairman.

We, the Committee on Home Missions, beg leave to submit the following:

As we see no material changes necessary we wish to endorse the actions of the former Assemblies, and advise that the same practices be continued.

Faithfully, your servant,

Alonzo Gann, chairman.

Report accepted.

Report of Committee No. 6, Sunday School Interests, M. W. Letsinger, chairman.

MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

We, the Committee on Sunday School Interests, recommend the following in addition to the recommendations in the Fifteenth Annual Assembly Minutes.

First, we recommend that the Assembly authorize a leaflet published for a grade of children between the card class and junior class.

Second, that special effort be put forth to gather all church going people, young and old, into classes.

Third, we further recommend that special effort be put forth to organize Sunday schools in new places, and that a place be arranged on the ministers report blanks to report Sunday schools organized.

Fourth, that each superintendent interest his school in giving birthday offerings for the benefit of the orphans.

Fifth, we further recommend that each superintendent familiarize himself with the Minutes of the Assembly.

M. W. Letsinger, chairman.

Report was accepted with the exception of publishing leaflets for the grade between card class and junior grade. This point was left with the editor and publishing committee for decision.

The Church of God Evangel. Report of Publishing Committee, F. J. Lee, chairman.

He gave verbal reports as follows:

The committee decided that the present editor be retained. It has been a hard year but he has done his best, he and his staff.

Report accepted.

Publisher's Financial Report.

EVANGEL FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts		Disbursements.	
For Merchandise .....	\$ 30172.65	Brought forward .....	\$ 15657.70
Donations .....	2048.05	Merchandise .....	11994.42
Total .....	32220.70	(Includes purchase of paper of all kinds, books, envelopes, Bible cases, Bibles, etc.)	
		Expenses .....	23995.33
To Deficit .....	27180.57	(Includes hired help, repairs, postage, oil, gasoline, lights, motor power, etc.)	
Total .....	59401.27	Equipment .....	7753.82
		(Includes payments on machinery and fixtures)	
		Total .....	59401.27
		By Deficit .....	27180.57

Merchandise Account.

This does not include the expenses to prepare for selling.

The business alone.

Cash received .....	\$ 30172.65	Expenditures .....	\$35989.75
Cash paid out .....	11994.42	Total receipts .....	30172.65
Gain .....	18178.23	Deficit .....	5817.10
	Total: Indebtedness		

Intertype Number 1 .....	\$ 670.00
Intertype Number 2 .....	2758.00
Printing press, .....	1400.00
Job press, cutter, motor .....	1009.48
Deficit .....	27180.57
Total .....	32018.05

## Estimated Value of Publishing House Property and Equipments

Cutter, job press and motor .....	\$ 2275.00
One press .....	1100.00
One press .....	4000.00
Two presses and other equipment...	1250.00
Two Intertypes with equipment....	8000.00
One stitcher .....	175.00
One stencil machine .....	150.00
One addressing machine .....	175.00
Two addressing machines .....	84.00
Type metal .....	1500.00
Book machinery .....	800.00
Sundries .....	900.00
Paper stock, mdse., etc. ....	9000.00
Building, furniture, etc. ....	8000.00
Elevator .....	385.00
Total .....	37794.00
Total Value .....	37794.00

Total Indebtedness .....	33018.05
Gain .....	4775.95
Gain this year .....	4775.95
Gain last year .....	2434.04
Balance .....	2341.91

This \$2341.91 is gained this year above what was gained last year.

The Publisher made a few remarks about the indebtedness of the Evangel, suggesting that the paper carry some clean advertisements to help pay the indebtedness. After the Assembly discussed this subject for some time, the report was accepted and the subject of advertising was given over into the hands of the General Overseer and elders to be worked out.

Prayer by Assembly for Overseer and elders to make right decision.  
Dismissed at 12:00 M., benediction by A. J. Tomlinson.

Funeral service of Mrs. Sarah Dutton, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., was held immediately after dismissal:

1:30 P. M. Songs; Prayer by S. J. Heath.

Songs and concert prayer:

Publishing Committee for ensuing year selected. Same committee was retained.

General Overseer's Annual Reports:

Financial:—(1) Auditorium; (2) Orphanage; (3) Tithes; (4) Sunday School Tithes.

## AUDITORIUM ACCOUNT:

Cash received .....	\$ 12901.22
Cash paid out .....	36096.10
Deficit .....	23194.88

Cost of building up to date .....	\$ 36096.10
Cash received .....	12901.22
Deficit .....	23194.88

Report accepted:

## ORPHANAGE ACCOUNT:

Cash received .....	\$ 7981.08
Cash paid out .....	2916.92

Balance ..... 5064.16  
 Report accepted.

## TITHE REPORT.

Receipts.		Disbursements	
Churches .....	\$ 71207.32	Ministers .....	\$ 71113.60
Individuals .....	8350.31	Expenses .....	6561.51
		(Includes postage, fixtures, printing, office work, etc.)	
Total .....	79557.63	By balance .....	1882.52
Balance .....	1882.52	Total .....	79557.63
Total receipts .....		\$ 79557.63	
Total disbursements .....		77675.11	
Balance .....		1882.52	

The ministers have received all tithes paid in by the churches except \$93.72. The tithes of individuals have over paid the expense of the system to the amount of \$1788.80. Lots of folks pay tithes here that are not members of the church, but think it is right, and others pay here that are not ministers.  
 Report accepted.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TITHE REPORT

Brought forward .....	\$ 210.88
Cash received .....	402.60
Total .....	613.48
Cash paid out .....	383.10
Balance .....	230.38

Report accepted.

Note.—General Overseer gave the statement which the bookkeeper made concerning the reports, "Reports came out to a penny on every angle."

3:00 P. M. Prayer by congregation for Sunday School Interests in the Church of God.

Song, In the Sweet Bye and Bye.

Sunday School Interests, L. A. Richard, Pratt City, Ala.

Scripture referred to, Prov. 22:16. A few statements:

The Sunday school is supposed to be the nursery for the Church of God. This world is looking for us to tell them something; it is not all in jumping and shouting but we need Bible to prove our experiences. We want to be able to catch fish, not drive them away. Men must know how to be able to divide the Scriptures and silence gainsayers. We must prove to them that we have the Bible for everything we teach. None of us are as interested in Sunday school as we should be. People are in error today because they do not know the Bible. There is a way to train children until they love the Sunday school. They must have teachers who delight in training the children.

Sunday School talk, John L. Stephens, Tampa, Fla. He introduced his talk with a prayer.

Scriptures used, Eph. 3:25; Ecc. 11:9; Gen. 8:20-22; Lam. 3:27. A few notes:

We should get the Sunday school interests to heart and get under the burden. The way to begin things is to begin right. Create an interest in children, they don't know what they need. Train children right or they will learn the wrong thing.

Sunday School report, Geo. F. Walter of Fla.

Number Sunday schools organized .....	6
" " " visited ... ..	38

Number churches visited .....	42
" talks .....	139
" miles traveled .....	4,082
Expense of traveling .....	\$113.63
Freewill offerings .....	111.68
Amount received from headquarters ...	25.00
Total amount received .....	\$136.63

Geo. F. Walter.

Report was accepted.

Land L. Vaught spoke a few minutes on the interest of the Sunday school.

Dismissed at 4:15 P. M. by General Overseer.

6:30 P. M. Colored people's service.

Songs and prayer.

Concert prayer for sick and for God's blessings on the service.

Songs by colored people. Somebody's Wrong About the Bible; When the Train Comes Along.

Testimonies by colored people.

A Thirty Minutes Talk by Thos. B. Smith of Fla., after which Mamie

E. Richardson sang, There's Nothing Between.

A powerful sermon by J. D. Shaw of North Carolina.

Thos. J. Richardson gave an interesting talk also. This was followed by music, singing and shouting.

This was succeeded by wonderful altar service.

## Tuesday, November 8.

9:30 A. M. Songs: He Is a Good Guide; 'Twill Be Heaven for Me.

Prayer led by H. N. Bostwick.

Songs: O I Want to See Him; Home in Glory.

9:45 A. M. A few remarks by General Overseer.

We are here for the last day of the Assembly. Real love and fellowship have existed from the beginning up to the present hour. The presence of the Lord has been specially felt and recognized. I suppose every one, saint and sinner, has felt the presence of the Lord in some way. I believe we are closer together than when we came. As long as Israel kept up their annual feasts they got along all right but when they ceased to have their feasts they began to retrograde. So we must continue to have our annual gatherings. Their feasts were spiritual feasts and we have business. During the first part of our Assembly we had spiritual food but yesterday and today we have business.

10:00 A. M. The General Overseer presented the subject of the seventy elders which was referred to in his Annual Address and introduced by F. J. Lee in his discourse. A few remarks by General Overseer:

There has been a lame place among us in time past and we want to heal that lame place. We want to get everything in such perfect order that the gainsayers can't gainsay us. As has been explained more than once, a body of elders at Jerusalem were ALL present, indicating that at times only a part was present. It seems in studying the Scriptures that twelve and seventy go together. This was referred to in the Annual Address and Brother Lee's discourse and everybody felt good but this must be carried out in regular business order. The subject is now before you for discussion:

J. W. Culpepper.—For a month or two I have felt that this is Bible. I feel like we ought to accept it.

One brother said, I have been attacked by representatives of other

works on this line. My only answer has been, "We are striving to get up to all the Bible." I endorse this.

M. S. Lemons.—We decided we needed seventy others years ago. We conclude that the seventy are men of ability. I have decided that we ought to have them.

H. B. Simmons.—I think Brother Lee's talk was plain enough. Everybody looks pleased when some one mentions anything in favor of this. I think we ought to hasten on with the business.

This proposition was unanimously carried before the speaker could get to his chair.

The General Assembly fixed the sections of the seventy elders and length of term that each should serve. Full term, five years; second section, four years; third section, three years; fourth section, two years; fifth section, one year. Fourteen are to be appointed each year. Prayer of thanks and honor to God for such unity. Many bowed heads to floor.

Remarks by General Overseer:

The way the Lord is opening up His Word to our minds is marvelous. A marvelous spirit has taken hold on us and helps us to settle things. The spirit that surrounds us allows no dissenting voice. We are certainly walking softly before the Lord and I am sure we appreciate His presence.

Song by orchestra, The New Jerusalem. All praised the Lord, clapped hands and praised Him again. Orchestra music continued as praises continued for some time.

10:40 A. M. The subject of judges was presented before the Assembly. The General Overseer stated that this subject was previously referred to in his Annual Address and in a discourse by M. S. Lemons.

The General Overseer asked, "Is everybody in favor of this office being instituted?"

After a few explanations made by J. S. Llewellyn and M. S. Lemons, A. D. Evans suggested that the office of judges be passed on.

Prayer to see if this step is right.

After prayer Judges or Courts of Justice was unanimously carried.

The number of judges for state and of whom they were composed was mentioned. The number decided on was three.

M. S. Lemons suggested that the three be composed of state overseer, one or seventy and a local bishop of state. In case there is no bishop in state two of seventy may be appointed.

E. H. Marks suggested that M. S. Lemons' suggestion be accepted, which was unanimously carried.

Manner of appointment and length of term of office of these judges were presented.

General Overseer stated that the state overseer was one of the judges by virtue of his office.

E. L. Simmons suggested that the term of office be one year as that is the extent of time one knows where he will work.

J. S. Llewellyn approved the suggestion and recommended the following:

It should be left with General Overseer to appoint other two judges along with state overseer. General and state overseers may counsel together. General Overseer might appoint one for a special judge for special occasions, viz., in case a brother or other relatives of one of the judges be tried. Not confined to one state but may serve in other states as directed by those in authority.



Alonzo Gann suggested that M. S. Lemons' suggestion as to whom the judges would consist of be accepted:

Assembly adopted M. S. Lemons' suggestion as to whom the judges would consist of and E. L. Simmons' and J. S. Llewellyn's suggestions as to length of term and manner of appointment.

Adjourned at 12:10 P. M. with prayer by A. J. Tomlinson.

### NOON

1:30 P. M. Songs; prayer by John Burk.

Two pieces of music by orchestra, followed by singing of the words. Young People's Auditorium Fund; amount contributed \$456.13; expenses, printing and mailing, \$14.23, balance \$441.90.

In token of the appreciation of what the young people have done all stood and clapped their hands.

2:00 P. M. General Overseer's Annual Report, Statistical.

#### ALABAMA

48 Churches  
1646 Members  
3 Bishops  
49 Deacons  
47 Evangelists  
37 Churches have pastors  
17 Divided into classes  
8 Have young peoples meeting  
28 Have Sunday Schools  
1594 Attendance in Sun. School  
\$16,500.00 Approximate property value

3 Churches have pastors  
3 Have Sunday Schools  
180 Attendance in Sun. Schools  
1 Plot of ground.

#### CANADA

1 Church  
14 Members

#### COLORADO

3 Churches  
43 Members  
1 Church has pastor

#### ARKANSAS

16 Churches  
375 Members  
1 Bishop  
5 Deacons  
17 Evangelists  
10 Churches have pastors  
2 Divided into classes  
10 Have Sunday Schools  
321 Attendance in Sun. Schools  
\$2,200.00 Approximate property value

#### FLORIDA

77 Churches  
2286 Members  
20 Bishops  
45 Deacons  
62 Evangelists  
59 Churches have pastors  
27 Divided into classes  
6 Have young peoples meeting  
58 Have Sunday Schools  
1243 Attendance in Sun. Schools  
\$54,890.00 Approx. property value

#### BAHAMA ISLANDS

22 Churches  
320 Members  
3 Bishops  
15 Deacons  
16 Evangelists  
19 Churches have pastors  
2 Divided into classes  
1 Has young peoples meeting  
5 Have Sunday Schools  
151 Attendance in Sun. Schools  
\$3,793.00 Approximate property value

#### GEORGIA

61 Churches  
2070 Members  
14 Bishops  
23 Deacons  
81 Evangelists  
45 Churches have pastors  
30 Divided into classes  
7 Have young peoples meeting  
40 Have Sunday Schools  
1715 Attendance in Sun. Schools  
\$24,845.00 Approx. property value

#### BRITISH WEST INDIES

3 Churches  
100 Members  
2 Evangelists

#### ILLINOIS

14 Churches  
306 Members

7 Bishops	MICHIGAN
10 Deacons	2 Churches
12 Evangelists	52 Members
14 Churches have pastors	2 Evangelists
8 Divided into classes	1 Church has pastor
2 Have young peoples meeting	1 Church has Sunday School
13 Have Sunday Schools	30 Average attendance in S. S.
771 Attendance in Sun. Schools	
\$31,150.00 Approx. property value	MISSISSIPPI
INDIANA	44 Churches
2 Churches	1523 Members
42 Members	5 Bishops
2 Deacons	10 Deacons
3 Evangelists	31 Evangelists
1 Church has pastor	35 Churches have pastors
1 Divided into classes	16 Divided into classes
2 Have Sunday Schools	1 Church has Y. P's. meeting
50 Attendance in Sun. Schools	32 Churches have Sun. Schools
	1,112 Average attendance in S. S.
KANSAS	\$6,618.00 Approximate property value
1 Church	MISSOURI
23 Members	11 Churches
1 Church has pastor	306 Members
KENTUCKY	11 Evangelists
32 Churches	9 Churches have pastors
1262 Members	8 Churches divided into classes
2 Bishops	1 Church has Y. P's. Meeting
9 Deacons	9 Churches have Sun. Schools
35 Evangelists	296 Average attendance in S. S.
27 Churches have pastors	\$1,300.00 Approximate property value
12 Divided into classes	NEW JERSEY
2 Have young peoples meeting	1 Church
21 Have Sunday Schools	36 Members
977 Attendance in Sun. School	1 Church has pastor
\$11,535.00 Approx. property value	1 Church has Y. P's. meeting
LOUISIANA	1 Church has Sunday School
8 Churches	15 Average attendance in S. S.
441 Members	\$4,500.00 Approximate property value
2 Deacons	NEW MEXICO
4 Evangelists	3 Churches
8 Churches have pastors	55 Members
6 Divided into classes	3 Bishops
2 Have young peoples meeting	1 Deacon
8 Have Sunday Schools	4 Evangelists
309 Attendance in Sun. Schools	1 Church has pastor
\$1,713.28. Approximate Property value	1 Church has Y. P's. meeting
MARYLAND	3 Churches have Sun. Schools
2 Churches	51 Average attendance in S. S.
71 Members	\$2,500.00 Approximate property value
4 Deacons	NEW YORK
3 Evangelists	1 Church
2 Churches have pastors	17 Members
1 Church has Y. P's. meeting	1 Church has Sunday School
2 Churches have Sun. Schools	60 Average attendance in S. S.
58 Average attendance in S. S.	

## NORTH CAROLINA

31 Churches	1 Bishop
775 Members	11 Evangelists
9 Bishops	11 Churches have pastors
3 Deacons	3 Churches divided into classes
40 Evangelists	1 Church has Y. P's. meeting
24 Churches have pastors	7 Churches have Sun. Schools
6 Churches divided into classes \$9,400.00	295 Average attendance in S. S.
3 Churches have Y. P's. meeting	Approximate property value
21 Churches have Sun. Schools	
747 Average attendance in S. S.	
\$23,560.00 Approximate property value	

## NORTH DAKOTA

2 Churches	
33 Members	
3 Evangelists	
2 Churches have pastors	
2 Churches have Y. P's. meeting	
2 Churches have Sun. Schools	
61 Average attendance in S. S.	
\$3,600.00 Approximate property value	\$54,203.50 Approximate property value

## OHIO

10 Churches	
343 Members	
1 Deacon	
12 Evangelists	
6 Churches have pastors	
4 Churches divided into classes	
1 Church has Y. P's. meeting	
7 Churches have Sun. Schools	
261 Average attendance in S. S.	
\$2,900.00 Approximate property value	\$3,400.00 Approximate property value

## OKLAHOMA

8 Churches	
138 Members	
2 Bishops	
2 Deacons	
6 Evangelists	
1 Church has pastor	
2 Churches have Sun. Schools	
35 Average attendance in S. S.	
\$1,000.00 Approximate property value	\$7,350.00 Approximate property value

## PENNSYLVANIA

2 Churches	
70 Members	
11 Evangelists	
2 Churches have pastors	
1 Church has Y. P's. meeting	
1 Church divided into classes	
1 Church has S. S.	
25 Average attendance in S. S.	
\$291.37 Approximate property value	

## SOUTH CAROLINA

16 Churches	
492 Members	

## TENNESSEE

85 Churches	
3397 Members	
31 Bishops	
52 Deacons	
78 Evangelists	
72 Churches have pastors	
37 Churches divided into classes	
10 Churches have Y. P's. meeting	
66 Churches have Sun. Schools	
3,000 Average attendance in S. S.	
\$54,203.50 Approximate property value	

## TEXAS

19 Churches	
557 Members	
7 Deacons	
7 Evangelists	
15 Churches have pastors	
8 Churches divided into classes	
13 Churches have Sun. Schools	
480 Average attendance in S. S.	
\$3,400.00 Approximate property value	

## VIRGINIA

23 Churches	
669 Members	
1 Bishop	
10 Deacons	
28 Evangelists	
22 Churches have pastors	
11 Churches divided into classes	
2 Churches have Y. P's. meeting	
16 Churches have Sun. Schools	
611 Average attendance in S. S.	
\$7,350.00 Approximate property value	

## WEST VIRGINIA

27 Churches	
602 Members	
2 Bishops	
14 Deacons	
16 Evangelists	
21 Churches have pastors	
9 Churches divided into classes	
1 Church has Y. P's. meeting	
11 Churches have Sun. Schools	
641 Average attendance in S. S.	
\$5,850.00 Approximate property value	

## AGGREGATION

470 Churches last report	7 Increase over last report
28 Decrease in 1921	252 Deacons last report
133 Churches established in 1921	263 Deacons this report
575 Churches this report	11 Increase over last report
105 Increase over last report	476 Evangelists last report
14,606 Members last report	542 Evangelists this report
1,744 Decrease	66 Increase over last report
5,702 New members in 1921	281 S. S. last report
18,564 Members this report	384 S. S. this report
3,958 Increase over last report	103 Increase over last report
99 Bishops last report	9,217 Average Attend. last report
106 Bishops this report	15,000 Average Attend. this report
	5,783 Increase over last report
\$202,929.69 Approximate value of local church property last report	
265,199.65 Approximate value of local church property this report	
62,169.96 Approximate increase over last report	
75,000.00 Approximate value of Auditorium	
40,000.00 Approximate value of Publishing House	
6,000.00 Approximate value of School Building and Dormitory	
12,000.00 Approximate value of Orphanage, Houses and land	
265,199.65 Approximate valuation of local church property	
398,199.65 Approximate valuation of all property owned by the Church of God	

The General Overseer made a few remarks in which he mentioned a written constitution: Some of them are:

The elders in council with General Overseer have concluded there is need of a constitution for the Church of God. Remember this is not setting forth any laws or creeds that are binding us. We are only setting forth that which we have been practising for years.

The General Overseer then read the constitution which was drawn up by the General Overseer and elders in council.

## CONSTITUTION PREAMBLE

We, the Church of God, the ministry and membership of the General Assembly of the Churches of God in conference assembled at Cleveland, Tenn.

In order to form a more perfect union, establish the principles of Theocratic Government, set forth the teaching, principles and practices as heretofore interpreted by the General Assembly as further herein provided and for the general welfare of its membership; do ordain and establish this constitution for the General Assembly of the Churches of God.

### ARTICLE 1.

#### Purpose of Organization

Section 1. This organization is and shall be known as the General Assembly of the Churches of God.

Section 2. The object and purpose of this organization is to propagate the doctrine, principles and practices of the

Church of God, as set forth in the New Testament, as interpreted by the legally authorized officials of this organization, which interpretations may be found in the minutes of the annual sessions of the General Assembly, also filed at the business headquarters of the Church of God.

Section 3. To promulgate rules and regulations to govern the local churches of said organization, and otherwise promote the general interest of the General Assembly.

Section 4. To search out the Bible plans of government and discipline and interpret the same.

Section 5. To provide a general government in which is vested full power and authority to dictate and promulgate rules and regulations from time to time to govern the local churches composing said Assembly.

Section 6. To provide a general convocation for the mutual fellowship, spiritual development and general welfare of its membership.

## ARTICLE 2.

### Membership

Section 1. The Membership of the General Assembly is and shall be composed of all the local churches as recorded in the minutes of said Assemblies.

Section 2. When a new church is set in order by any legally authorized minister of the Church of God, this new church as a product of his labor becomes a member of the General Assembly and shall be subject to the government, teachings, principles, and practices as promulgated from time to time by said General Assembly.

Section 3. No local church shall withdraw from the General Assembly as a whole, but such individual members of said local church who may become disloyal or otherwise disorderly, shall be dealt with and excluded from membership in such local church.

## ARTICLE 3.

### Government

Section 1. The government of this organization is and shall be Theocratic in form, as interpreted by its officials.

## ARTICLE 4.

### Officers.

Section 1. The officers of the General Assembly of the Churches of God are and shall consist of General Overseer; general

secretary, council of twelve elders and other seventy elders, presbytery, state overseers and trustees.

**Section 2.** The duties of the General Overseer shall be the general supervision of all the work of the general Assembly, and to sit as chairman of said Assembly when in session.

**Section 3.** The duties of the general secretary shall be to keep a careful record of the General Assembly, and act in conjunction with the General Overseer in execution of any and all legal documents authorized by the General Assembly.

**Section 4.** The duties and powers of the council of the twelve elders shall be to consider all questions that may properly come before them pertaining to the general interest and welfare of the Church of God. It is, and shall so be understood, that the twelve in conjunction with the General Overseer shall be the supreme council.

**Section 5.** The duties of the seventy elders shall be to faithfully represent the government and teaching of the Church of God in their various fields of labor, and to sit in joint session with the twelve in the Assembly to make final decisions on all questions that shall come before said Assembly.

**Section 6.** The twelve elders and the seventy elders together with the General Overseer be understood and so construed to be the official Assembly while in joint session, which shall have full power and authority to designate rules of government, teachings and principles for the local churches, those present to constitute a quorum.

**Section 7.** The duties of the trustees of the General Assembly is and shall be to hold in trust all property belonging to the General Assembly for the full use and benefit of said Assembly, and to see that no property or part of the same shall be converted to any other use than that which is in harmony with the plan and purposes, government and teachings of said General Assembly.

**Section 8.** The presbytery and their duties:  
The General Overseer and the state overseer shall constitute the presbytery in the respective states or provinces, who, after all investigations necessary and other proceedings provided and authorized by the General Assembly shall have full power and authority to license or ordain candidates for the ministry.

It is further understood that it shall be within the power of the presbytery to take final action in revoking the license or ordination of any minister for any reason or cause satisfactory to themselves.

**Section 9.** The duties of the state overseer is and shall be to

have the oversight of his state or 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 lieth in his power. In short, oversee every interest of the work in his territory.

**Section 10.** The term of all officials shall be fixed by the General Assembly while in session.

**Section 11.** Any official is subject to impeachment for an offence rendering him unworthy of the position that he occupies.

## ARTICLE 5.

### Judicial

**Section 1.** There shall be a supreme judicial body composed of seven of the twelve elders who shall decide all matters which shall properly come before them, whose decision shall be final.

**Section 2.** There shall be a judicial body who shall sit in the various states where churches are established, to consider all matters coming under their jurisdiction, said body shall be composed of the state overseer, one of the seventy elders, and one bishop.

**Section 3.** It shall be the duty of the board designated in section 2 of this article to examine all candidates for the ministry, and if found satisfactory they shall refer them to the presbytery for license or ordination.

**Section 4.** It shall be the duty of the board designated in section 3 of this article to try all ministers for any offence committed within the state were they shall convene; if, for any reason their decision should be unsatisfactory to either of the litigants, he shall have right to appeal to the body mentioned in section 1 of this article.

**Section 5.** It is and shall be within the power of the local church to try its members for any offence contrary to the government, teaching, principles or practices of the Church of God. Their jurisdiction, however, is limited to lay members only.

**Section 6.** No business conference or any act shall be legal unless presided over by a legally authorized moderator.

**Section 7.** Any lay member of the local church who has been tried for any offense and convicted and excommunicated who, for any reason, may feel that he has been improperly or illegally dealt with, shall have the right to appeal from such decision to the body set forth in section 2 of this article. And if, for any reason, he may be dissatisfied with

the decision of this body, he shall have right to appeal to the body set forth in section 1 of this article.

Also if there be a litigation between two or more members of a local church, and if, for any reason, they be dissatisfied with the decision of the local church, they may have a right to appeal to the board set forth in section 2 of this article, and if, for any reason, they should be dissatisfied with the decision of the board set forth in section 2 they may have right to appeal to the board set forth in section 1 of this article.

## ARTICLE 6

### Finance

Section 1. It is and shall be recognized as an accepted principle, and a part of God's financial plan that all the membership shall pay tithes of their net earnings or income.

Section 2. It is and shall be ordained that the tithes are for the support of the ministry only.

Section 3. For the love of the gospel and the general welfare of the Church it shall be the duty of the membership to make free-will offerings from time to time as the needs may require.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of all persons intrusted with finance belonging to the Church of God for any purpose, as treasurer of said church, to deposit the same in a reliable bank to the credit of the Church of God.

Section 5. The power to regulate and operate the financial system shall be vested in the supreme council.

## ARTICLE 7

### Education

Section 1. A Bible Training School shall be maintained as long as advisable, for the education of our ministers and workers, which shall include the extension department of the Bible Training Correspondence Course and any other educational pursuits that the General Assembly may from time to time deem necessary.

## ARTICLE 8

### Amendments

Section 1. As the work of this organization progresses, and the number of Churches increase, the General Assembly may create new and other positions and fill them as needs may require.

Section 2. This constitution may be amended by a unanimous agreement of the official Assembly in any regular session.



After General Overseer read the constitution he asked the Assembly if they wanted it reread or if they wanted any explanation.

Following the reading were a few questions, explanations, and deep consideration, after which T. A. Richard suggested that the Assembly accept the constitution as a whole.

It was unanimously agreed to accept it.

General Overseer said, "In order to show our appreciation of His presence and it seeming good to us and the Holy Ghost, let us all kneel before the Lord and reverence Him."

All knelt and thanked the Lord.

After prayer all stood and praised God while the orchestra was playing. The General Overseer exclaimed, "BEHOLD WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT!"

#### APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS

Alabama, W. S. Wilemon.	Missouri, E. L. Pinkley.
Arkansas, John Burk.	New Jersey, T. S. Payne.
Bahamas, Milton Padgett.	New Mexico, J. A. Davis.
Colorado, O. R. Rouse.	North Carolina, Geo. T. Brouayer.
Florida, E. J. Lee.	North Dakota, J. W. Barker.
Georgia, S. W. Latimer.	Ohio, W. G. Rembert.
Illinois, S. O. Gillaspie.	Oklahoma, B. H. Doss.
Indiana, F. W. Gammon.	Pennsylvania, W. M. Rumler.
Kentucky, C. H. Randall.	South Carolina, J. W. Culpepper.
Louisiana, H. B. Simmons.	Tennessee, M. W. Letsinger.
Maryland, Paul Walker.	Texas, H. N. Scoggins.
Michigan, Efford Haynes.	Virginia, F. J. Crowder.
Mississippi, H. A. Pressgrove.	West Virginia, E. L. Simmons.

Prayer for state overseers, by General Overseer. A portion given:

O God, in reverential silence, we bow before Thee. We have just read the appointment of state overseers for the coming year. We realize the great responsibility that is settling down upon them. God make them able for the task. Please let the spirit of the position come upon them. We pray God to give each one of them a special anointing for the coming year. New responsibilities are coming upon them, make them able for them. O God, I want Thy benediction to rest upon us all. We ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Report of Committee No. 2, Grievance, Milton Padgett, chairman.

We, the Grievance Committee, have investigated all grievances brought before us and everything was adjusted and settled in perfect harmony.

Milton Padgett, chairman.

Report was accepted.

Report of Committee No. 3, Watchmen, John Burk, chairman.

As watchmen we have watched carefully and found a few things out of order but got them adjusted alright.

John Burk, chairman.

Report was accepted.

4:00 P. M. Business part closed.

Song, I'm Finding Glory All Along the Way.

Talk by John Hockersmith, Scripture reference, Eph. 6:10-19. He spoke principally on the need of faith and endurance.

6:30 P. M. Songs; prayer by W. A. Walker.

Talk by General Overseer.

7:00 P. M. Two minute free-for-all talks.

Thirty minutes talk, N. B. Osban, Georgia. Text, Prov. 22:1.

8:00 P. M. Going to the Field for Service, F. J. Lee. Text; John 4:35. References, Hosea 10:12,13; Matt. 9:36; Psa. 126:5,6; Isa. 6:8.

A few notes from the discourse:

Jesus had meat to eat that the world did not know of. The Lord will feed us if we get in the field of righteousness. God doesn't want us to be taken up with the world so much, He wants us to be about our Father's business. As we are nearing the coming of the Lord the fields are getting white for harvest. We should not wait three or four months. Do not wait till the winter is over. Go now! Go now! Go into it from this Assembly.

Turn with me to Luke 9:57,58, where we read of a certain scribe who said he would follow the Lord, but when Jesus told him that the birds of the air had nests and the Son of man had no place to lay His head, you never hear of this man again. He could have been a great preacher but he could not endure hardships. Again Jesus said to another, Follow me, but he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. His father was not dead yet, he wanted to stay at home with his father until he died. Jesus told him to go and preach. God doesn't want us to be about home so much. Go now! The King's business requires haste because the grain will get so ripe we can't do anything with it. Let us pray for labourers! Let us pray for helpers!

Orchestra played, God Be With You Till We Meet Again. As orchestra departed, they were playing a piece of music. Congregation bid good bye.

Dismissed at 10:00 P. M. with prayer by M. S. Lemons.

#### 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 apostle's 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 falls 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.

Meeting 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 of 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 ironclad 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 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 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.

#### ADVICE 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 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, ear-rings, 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 keep 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 advice are given by those who are watching for your soul as they that must give an account (Heb. 13:17) and it is hoped they will be received in the same meek gentle spirit in which they are given.

That every member, and especially every minister, should be a "paid up" subscriber and an earnest worker for our church paper, the CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL.

#### 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.

To secure the location of every church in the state and keep a record of same.

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 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.

**TITHES**—Examples. Tithes are to be paid on net income. The following examples were prepared in 1917 and entered in the minutes of the same year.

#### 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 expenses 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 per cent. 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.

Total profit .....	\$200.00
Total expense .....	48.50

Net income .....	\$151.50
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 per cent. They declare a 12 per cent. dividend which gives to C. \$120. He pays the tithe of this which is \$12.00.

C.—A. who own 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 per cent. profit which is \$1,000. 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, upkeep 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 carefare 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.

250 doors at \$1.50 per door .....	\$375
250 doors at \$0.90 per door .....	225

Income per week .....	\$150
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, carfare \$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.

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.

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.

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD TEACHINGS

Below are given some of the teachings that are made prominent.

- 1 Repentance—Mark 1:15; Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19.
- 2 Justification—Rom. 5:1-9; Titus 3:7.
- 3 Regeneration—Matt. 19:28; Titus 3:5.
- 4 Born again—John 3:3; 1 Pet. 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—Matt. 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 Enduement of Power for Service—Matt. 3:11; Luke 24:49-53; Acts 1:4-8.
9. The Speaking in Tongues as the Evidence of the Baptism, with the Holy Ghost—John 15:26; Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:6.
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; Matt. 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—Matt. 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.—Matt. 24:27,28; 1 Cor. 15:51,52; 1 Thes. 4:15-17.
- Second. To reign on 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—Matt. 25:46; Luke 18:30; John 10:28; Rom. 6:22; 1 John 5:11-13.
21. Eternal Punishment for the Wicked. No Liberation nor Annihilation—Matt. 25:41-46; Mark 3:29; 2 Thes. 1:8,9; Rev. 20:10-15; 21:8.
22. Total Abstinence from all Liquor or Strong Drinks—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, ear rings, lockets, etc.—Isa. 55:2; 1 Pet. 3:3; 1 John 2:16.
27. Against members belonging to lodges—Matt. 5:34; John 18:20; 2 Cor. 6:14-17; Jas. 5:12.
28. Against members swearing—Matt. 5:34; Jas. 5:12.



## Alabama

W. S. WILEMON, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Alabama City	140	F. L. Early	Alabama City
2 Anniston	73	Lillie Tabret	Anniston
3 Antioch	55	R. S. Burroughs	Buhl
4 Bethel	12	M. C. Hunt	Arkadelphia
5 Boaz	9	W. H. Suttles	Boaz
6 Bridgeport	30	Arvie Gothard	Bridgeport
7 Carbon Hill	97	J. E. Anthony	Carbon Hill
8 Chavies	7	J. N. Griffin	Chavies
9 Corinth	36	Ida Dodson	R. 1, Kennedy
10 Crumleys Chapel	* 35	Hulon Preston	R. 2, Heflin
11 Dixiana	21	Mina Morton	Dixiana
12 Dora	138	Shellie Wilson	Dora
13 Empire	99	Mary Brasfield	Empire
14 Fair View	8	S. O. Musgrove	Delmer
15 Florence	5	A. C. Kephart	N. Florence
16 Fosters Chapel	25	Zona Jones	R. 5, Oneonta
17 Friendship	* 5	S. A. Dantzler	R. 2, Georgiana
18 Fyffe	* 35	T. A. Durham	Fyffe
19 Glidewell Hill	13	T. E. Bynum	Cropwell
20 Helicon	77	R. E. Denson	R. 1, Arley
21 Holly Springs	11	W. L. Reynolds	Carrollton
22 Huntsville	* 6	B. C. Maddox	507 Church St., Huntsville
23 Hurricane	37	W. M. Blake	R. 7, Heflin
24 Jacksonville	54	C. J. Ford	Jacksonville
25 Kimberly	122	Tom Johnson	Beltona
26 Magnolia	15	Alpha Maness	Thomaston
27 Mentone	46	J. D. Robinson	Mentone
28 Montgomery		Pearl Rushing	49 Covington St., Montg.
29 Mt. View	* 29	W. W. Childers	R. 1, Falkville
30 Mt. Zion	41	W. J. Ridgeway	R. 2, Altoona
31 Murrays Chapel	21	Ed Williamson	R. 1, Springville
32 Natural Bridge	* 19	Millie Statum	Natural Bridge
33 Nauvoo	78	Lula B. Boyles	Nauvoo
34 New Georgia	21	W. H. Carroll	R. 2, Addison
35 Palestine	43	Jack Samper	Red Bay
36 Pell City	18	Dora Lee Brooks	Pell City
37 Piedmont	* 14	Rosa Doyal	Piedmont
38 Pratt City	47	Lydia Munn	714-3rd St., Pratt City
39 Ragsdale Creek	* 14	W. D. Calvin	Hamilton
40 Rocky Branch	8	C. Brewer	R. 10, Cullman
41 Sharon	7	W. G. Jarrell	7422 Underw'd. Ave., B'ham.
42 Sibleyville	* 11	W. L. Cates	R. 3, Warrior
43 Spring Valley	19	Mrs. Homer Gargis	Tuscumbia
44 Sunny Side	20	Grace Rice	R. 2, Tuscumbia
45 Town Creek	24	Joe McSpadon	Town Creek
46 Trafford	27	Maggie Niblett	Trafford
47 Vina	9	L. V. Miller	Vina
48 Wannville	60	Louise Freeman	Wannville
49 Zion	8	Lina Fowler	Wedowee

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## BISHOPS

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| 1 Ellis, J. B., Cleveland, Tenn. | 3 Simpson, Z. D., Tuscaloosa    |
| 2 Robinson, R. S., Mentone       | 4 Wilemon, W. S., R. 5, Oneonta |

## DEACONS

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Alford, Chas. W., Salem        | 26 Johnson, Thomas M., Kimberly     |
| 2 Allen, James M., Corinth       | 27 Johnson, D. L., Alabama City     |
| 3 Barnett, Ollie T., Springville | 28 Lantrip, Francis T., Dora        |
| 4 Browning, W. C., Shiloh        | 29 Martin, Henry, Shiloh            |
| 5 Burroughs, Paschal, Salem      | 30 Miller, Samuel, Fyffe            |
| 6 Burroughs, Jno. C., Antioch    | 31 Murray, Wiley, Alabama City      |
| 7 Campbell, Henry, Walls Chapel  | 32 Parris, G. H., Helicon           |
| 8 Canaday, Fee C., Indio Mines   | 33 Parris, Lucius L., Helicon       |
| 9 Childers, Geo. T., Mt. View    | 34 Preston, W. H., Crumleys Chapel  |
| 10 Cornutt, Henry, Alabama City  | 35 Reynolds, W. L., Holly Springs   |
| 11 Creel, Chester V., Dora       | 36 Ridgeway, Russell, R. 2, Altoona |
| 12 Creel, Ira                    | 37 Roach, A., Kimberly              |
| 13 Davis, W. E., Fulton Springs  | 38 Simpson, M. D., Ethelsville      |
| 14 Denson, S. I., R. 1, Arley    | 39 Stone, William T., Dora          |
| 15 Duke, R. L., Pratt City       | 40 Taylor, Hosea M., Kennedy        |
| 16 Durham, T. A., Fyffe          | 41 Tolbert, Marion, Blount Springs  |
| 17 Early, F. L., Alabama City    | 42 Trotter, W. T., Warrior          |
| 18 Ellis, E. M., R. 5, Oneonta   | 43 Varnes, Geo., Bridgeport         |
| 19 Ellis, E. A., R. 5, Oneonta   | 44 Walden, L. T., Alabama City      |
| 20 Franklin, J. A., Pratt City   | 45 Westbrook, Albert, Empire        |
| 21 Gilly, J. C., Bridgeport      | 46 Williamson, J/ F., Springville   |
| 22 Guthrie, Frank, Lewisburg     | 47 Williamson, Ed., Springville     |
| 23 Holmes, Rufus, M., Piedmont   | 48 Wilkins, Chas., Helicon          |
| 24 Hyde, Ahas, Carbon Hill       | 49 Wright, V. B., Altoona           |
| 25 Jackson, Elijah, Alabama City |                                     |

## EVANGELISTS

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| 1 Abbot, J. W., Red Bay                      | 18 Jarrell, Lee Ora, 2422 Underwood, Birmingham        |
| 2 Berryhill, C. E., Spring Valley            | 19 Lane, Lydie, Walnut St., Anniston                   |
| 3 Brooks, D. R., Dora                        | 20 McCoy, Otis, Carbon Hill                            |
| 4 Brown, Jno. W., Spring Valley              | 21 Miller, Henry T., Mentone                           |
| 5 Cox, O. A., Dora                           | 22 Nance, Horace, Alabama City                         |
| 6 Danehower, Gertrude, 1317 F. Ave., Ensley  | 23 Newman, Etta, Jacksonville                          |
| 7 Douglas, J. S. A., Empire                  | 24 Reynolds, C. B., R. 2, Box 19, Salem                |
| 8 Duke, Minnie, Pratt City                   | 25 Rouse, L. G., 1019 Sooy St., Knoxville, Tenn.       |
| 9 Edmonds Albert, Natural Bridge             | 26 Simpson, Mary L., Empire                            |
| 10 Ellis, Asa L., Sapulpa, Okla.             | 27 Snider, Lucy, Empire                                |
| 11 Gallups, R. M., Pell City                 | 28 Tate, J. M., R. 4, Jacksonville                     |
| 12 Hall, Bunyan, 508 Pine St., Anniston      | 29 Tollison, O. H., 254 Briggs Ave., Greenville, S. C. |
| 13 Hartline, J. M., R. 1, Chavies            | 30 Watson, Esther, R. 2, Vincent                       |
| 14 Hartline, Bettie, R. 1, Chavies           | 31 Watts, Stella, Box 424, Lepanto, Ark.               |
| 15 Hosmer, Sarah, 2014-26 St., Birmingham    |  |
| 16 Hayes, Foster, R. 3, Warrior              |  |
| 17 Jarrell, W. G., 7422 Underwood Birmingham |  |

## Arkansas

JOHN BURK, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1. Cherry Valley	14	Rossie Kirby	Cherry Valley
2. Haynes	23	F. C. Danehower	Haynes
3. Higden	32	Mayme Allison	Higden
4. Imboden	34	Ella Peck	Imboden
5. Lepanto	22	M. K. Brooks	Lepanto
6. New Castle	20	Clabie Dickerson	Forrest City
7. Omaha	20	J. M. Joung	Omaha
8. Pangburn	28	Thomas Cooper	Pangburn
9. Piggott	9	Flossie Walker	R. 4, Piggott
10. Pinetree	15	L. A. Harris	Pinetree
11. Poplar Grove	55	J. A. McCullar	Poplar Grove
12. Roosevelt	27	F. M. Martin	Steprock
13. Truman	22	Maggie Basham	Truman
14. Tyronza	28	R. R. Martin	Tyronza
15. Velvet Ridge	18	R. W. McCauley	R. 1, Ball Knob

## BISHOPS

1. Jenkins, A. L., Poplar Grove.

## DEACONS

1. Aaron, W. R., Tyronza  
 2. Allison, Joe, Tyronza  
 3. Carlton, Clarence, Poplar Grove  
 4. Martin, R. R., Tyronza  
 5. McCullar, J. A., Trenton

## EVANGELISTS

1. Brooks, William H., Walnut Grove  
 2. Coats, W., Poplar Grove  
 3. Danehower, G. F., 1317 F. Ave., Ensley, Ala.  
 4. Danehower, Jesse, Haynes  
 5. Gee, Flora E., Tyronza  
 6. Gullett, Med N., Truman  
 7. Johnson, William V., Velvet Ridge  
 8. Lay, Lester, Trenton  
 9. Ledford, W. A., Tyronza  
 10. Lovelace, Edward O., Higden  
 11. McFadden, Verrie, Pangburn  
 12. Mead, E. M., Omaha  
 13. Monroe, S. S., Imboden  
 14. Montgomery, Francis, Imboden  
 15. Myers, Joda V., Pangburn  
 16. Resser, John, Omaha  
 17. Rudesilo, Frank J., Velvet Ridge

## Bahamas

MILTON PADGETT, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1. Bight	* 36	Leticia Moree	Bight, L. I.
2. Blackwood	6	Victoria Curry	Blackwood, Abaco
3. Clarence Town	15	Georgiana Major	Clarence Town, L. I.
4. Coopers Town	35	Arabella Sanders	Coopers Town, Abaco
5. Current	* 13	Hattie Griffin	The Current
6. Fox Hill	* 23	Diana Ferguson	Fox Hill, N. P.
7. Green Turtle Cay	25	Howard Lowe	Green Turtle Cay
8. Long Bay Cays			
9. Majestic Point	8	James Southerland	Devil's Pt., Cat Island
10. McQuinn	* 5	Prince Martin	Devil's Point, via Port Howe
11. Millers	8	Julitta Miller	Miller Point, L. I.
12. Millington		Chas. Bowe	Millington, L. I.
13. Nassau	76	Eugenie E. Eneas	Meadows St., Nassau, N. P.
14. New Bight	* 11	J. M. King	New Bight, Cat Island

15. Nichols Town	* 4	Lillian L. Ceruti	Nichols Town, Andros Island
16. Old Bight	* 12	Inez McMims	Old Bight, Cat Island
17. Patience Stockdell		Maude Oliver	Majestic Point
18. Pleasant Bay		Albert Rohmin	Pleasant Bay
19. Port Howe	4	Blanche Curtis	Port Howe, Cat Island
20. Point View	* 1	Alexander Williams	Devil's Pt., via Port Howe
21. Simms	10	Victoria Deal	Simms, L. I.
22. Tarpum Bay	18	Daisy Hope	Tarpum Bay, Eleutheria

## BISHOPS

1. Eneas, W. V., Nassau, N. P.	Abaco
2. Franks, W. R., Coopers Town,	3 LaFleur, David, Miami, Fla.

## DEACONS

1. Bevans, Richard D. E., Fox Hill, N. P.	10	Nesbitt, Prince,	Coopers Town, Abaco
2. Butler, W. M., Fox Hill, N. P.	11	Russell, David A.,	Coopers Town,
3. Ferguson, J. L., Fox Hill, N. P.		Abaco	
4. Fowler, Francis, Nassau, N. P.	12	Saunders, Benjamin,	Coopers Town, Abaco
5. Fox, W. A., Nassau, N. P.			
6. Jarrett, W. A., Fox Hill, N. P.	13	Thompson, Frank A.,	Nassau, N. P.
7. Mallory, John B., Nassau, N. P.	14	Williams, Randolph,	Nassau, N. P.
8. McQuay, Charles, Nassau, N. P.	15	Williams, Alexander,	Cat Island
9. Miller, Robert, H., Coopers Town, Abaco			

## EVANGELISTS

1. Darville, Lawrence R., Bight, L. I.	4	Oliver, Herman
2. Lowe, John A., Green Cay, Abaco	5	Sanders, Joseph E., Coopers Town, Abaco
3. Major, Lewis J., Clarence Town, Abaco	6	Sawyer, Geo., L., Nassau, N. P.
	7	Taylor, F. G., Nassau, N. P.

## British West Indies

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1. Davis Town	* 30	Eliza Harris	St. Annes Parish, Jamaica
2. Kingston	* 31	J. M. Parkinson	26 Oxford St., Kingston, Jamaica
3. West Melon	*	Emilie Daughters	West Melon

## EVANGELISTS

1. Parkinson, J. M., 26th Oxford St.,	Kingston, Jamaica
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## Canada

No overseer appointed

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1. Scotland Farm	* 14	Jas. M. Inlah	Scotland Farm, Manitoba

## Colorado

O. R. ROUSE, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1. Alcreek	24	Don Padilla	Alcreek
2. Pueblo	* 13	Ida Biffle	1713W.14th St., Pueblo

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3. **Tobasco** \* 21 **Chas. Burrell** **Tobasco**

### Florida

F. J. LEE, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Alachua	13	R. J. Hadsock	R. 4, Alachua
2 Alva	17	Laura Dodd	Alva
3 Arcadia	33	Ione G. Moore	Arcadia
4 Avon Park	* 25	M. T. Whidden	Avon Park
5 Baldwin	14	Raymond Bell	Baldwin
6 Bassenger	11	Jennie Campbell	Okeechobee
7 Bell	14	Leon Thomas	Bell
8 Boyd	17	C. L. Wheelus	Boyd
9 Branford	140	H. F. Harris	O'Brien
10 Buena Vista (col.)	8	L. O. Smith	1816-5th Ave., N. W., Miami
11 Bushnell	22	Mrs. D. Tidwell	Bushnell
12 Cedar Keys	9	Nardy Collins	Cedar Keys
13 Center Hill	26	H. E. Whitten	Center Hill
14 Chokoloskee	28	Ellen Lopez	Chokoloskee
15 Citra	26	Mabel Jenkins	Citra
16 Clara	9	Mrs. S. Jackson	Clara
17 Clermont	5	Rhoda Woodall	Clermont
18 Cleveland	* 18	Ned Newell	Cleveland
19 Coconut Grove	6	J. W. Carey	Coconut Grove
20 Coconut Grove col.	9	Anna Knowles	Coconut Grove
21 Corinth	13	J. L. Westberry	Jennings
22 Cortez	15	Letha Garner	Cortez
23 Cuiler	21	Minnie Rhoden	Glen St. Mary
24 Dania	4	Rebecca Smith	Dania
25 Duck Pond	15	Thomas Mosley	R. 1, Maxville
26 Ft. Lauderdale, col.	56	Francis Pratt	Ft. Lauderdale
27 Ft. Meade	39	Texas Albritton	Box 425, Ft. Meade
28 Ft. Myers	74	R. S. Fussell	Ft. Myers
29 Ft. Pierce	14	N. I. Smith	Ft. Pierce
30 Ft. White	22	Mrs. P. E. Taylor	Ft. White
31 Gifford	5	Janie Johnson	Gifford
32 Hallandale (col.)	15	J. O. Stracham	Hallandale
33 Hardville (col.)	34	Ziph Ambrose	434 N. W. 17St., Miami
34 Hudson	31	Walter W. Gause	Hudson
35 Jacksonville	16	Belle Anderson	315 B May St., Jacksonville
36 Jacksonville (col.)	7	Edw. S. Jones	412 Grovers Ave., Jacksonville
37 Jasper	19	J. F. Williams	Jasper
38 Jupiter (col.)	3	Bessie Frinks	Jupiter
39 Key West	13	Ida Weech	1217 White St., Key West
40 Labelle	11	A. E. Thomas	Labelle
41 Largo	58	R. M. Meares	Indian Rock
42 Levyville	19	W. C. Graham	Chiefland
43 Linden	44	D. B. Fussell	Webster
44 Manatee	33	Arch Williams	Box 211, Manatee
45 Marco	23	Hattie Tomlinson	Marco
46 McAlpin	10	Lula Gardner	McAlpin
47 Miami	31	C. H. Padgett	45 N. W. 9th St., Miami
48 Miami (col.)	200	J. D. Williams	Miami
49 Moore Haven	41	G. W. Howell	Moore Haven

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50	Morris Chapel	14	Rosa L. Agner	R. E., Live Oak
51	Mount Zion	29	W. H. Meeks	R. A., Live Oak
52	Okeechobee	11	E. S. Akins	Box 97, Okeechobee
53	Orlando	25	H. P. Scott	Orlando
54	Orlando (col.)	14	H. W. Spleights	Orlando
55	Parish		Van Williams	Parish
56	Perry	44	D. H. Brown	Carbur
57	Pine Grove	6	W. M. Austin	Ft. Meade
58	Pleasant Hill	* 8	Allice Willis	Live Oak
59	Powell	* 14	C. W. Brown	Powell
60	Rockhill	29	Nettie Baker	R. A., Brooksville
61	St. Catherine	15	S. C. Williams	St. Catherine
62	Sanford (col.)	49	Evalyn Carter	Sanford
63	Sopchoppy	* 9	Mrs. J. M. Roberts	Sopchoppy
64	Tampa	128	F. M. Waldron	2807-18th Ave., Tampa
65	Tarpon Springs	64	J. C. Tharp	Tarpon Springs
66	The Oaks	23	G. L. Watson	Turkey Creek
67	Tucker	33	G. O. Mahon	Tucker
68	Wauchula	49	C. A. Edenfield	Box 807, Wauchula
69	West Lake	24	Layton Sowell	Jennings
70	West Palm Beach	* 14	R. P. Moree	W. Palm Beach
71	W. Palm Beach, col.	20	Ophelia Grant	923-3rd Ave., W. P. Bk.
72	Wildwood	28	Jannie Williams	Wildwood
73	Williston	58	P. W. Chesser	Williston
74	Winter Garden	62	Meater Lee	Winter Garden
75	Wimauma	78	Mrs. W. S. Caruthers	Wimauma
76	Zolfo	35	H. A. Licht	Zolfo

## BISHOPS

1	Barnett, E. M., Arcadia	9	Simmons, E. E., Ft. Myers
2	Johnson, R. P., Branford	10	Simmons, H. B., Kentwood, La.
3	Marks, I. H., Tarpon Springs	11	Smith, Thomas B., 1941 N. W. 5th Court Ave., Miami
4	Martin, W. M., Linden	12	Stephens, J. L., 2803-18th Ave., Tampa
5	Padgett, Milton, Miami	13	Tarver, William, St. Petersburg
6	Padgett, C. M., Miami	14	Thomas, Z. R., Buhl, Ala.
7	Self, Joseph A., Miami		
8	Simmons, E. L., 1709-18th Ave., Huntington, W. Va.		

## DEACONS

1	Alderman, Mathew, Boggy Creek	16	Fussell, R. S., Cleveland
2	Austin, W. M., Pine Grove	17	Hadsock, R. J., Alachua
3	Baldree, J. I., Williston	18	Hughey, O. P., Bradentown
4	Barrey, Fletcher, Pleasant Grove	19	Ingram, John, Miami
5	Blanton, James G., Largo	20	Kerce, S. W., Providence
6	Bradley, J. M., Branford	21	Mann, J. F., Chicora
7	Brown, W. F., Chokoloskee	22	Martin, J. N., Tampa
8	Budd, Geo. G., Zolfo	23	Mearns, R. M., Largo
9	Cannon, J. E., Marco	24	Merritt, Evan C., Linden
10	Carey, J. W., Coconut Grove	25	Mora, Joseph, Tampa
11	Chesser, B. A., Williston	26	Morgan, W. H., Linden
12	Clark, Rufus E., Linden	27	Pararo, C. T.; Helen
13	Cook, G. T., Bradentown	28	Philips, W. J., Tampa
14	Culmer, G. H., Hallandale	29	Pierce, J. H., Anclote
15	Days, Hampton, Miami	30	Pringle, L. E., Wimauma

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| 31 Skinner, Abraham, Fort Myers  | 38 Swan, H. W., Raleigh          |
| 33 Smith, A. C., Jacksonville    | 39 Tharp, J. C., Tarpon Springs  |
| 33 Smith, J. R., Miami           | 40 Waldron, F. M., Tampa         |
| 34 Smith, L. F., Pleasant Grove  | 41 Walker, James R., Marco       |
| 35 Smith, Robert, Largo          | 42 Westbrook, L. W., Tampa       |
| 36 Sumner, I. M., Wimauma        | 43 Whidden, Willoughby, Tasmania |
| 37 Summerall, Williams, Tasmania | 44 Williams, J. A., Alva         |

## EVANGELISTS

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| 1 Baxter, W. A., Bacom Point                                 | 22 Jones, Jeremiah, Sanford                           |
| 2 Brown, M. F., Cortez                                       | 23 Jones, Lula L., Clear Water                        |
| 3 Campbell, Levi, Larkins                                    | 24 Keen, S. A., Largo                                 |
| 4 Chesser, P. W., Williston                                  | 25 Ladd, Beulah B., Zolfo                             |
| 5 Chesser, H. L., Williston                                  | 26 Mixon, R. L., Okeechobee                           |
| 6 Crews, Thomas, Venus                                       | 27 Morris, J. P., R. 8, Branford                      |
| 7 Curry, John H., Ft. Lauderdale                             | 28 Murphy, Rosa B., Tampa                             |
| 8 Davis, F. D., Harriman, Tenn.                              | 29 Peoples, G. W., Williston                          |
| 9 Dryman, R. E., Manatee                                     | 30 Pressgrove, Bertie (Jullerat),<br>Cascilla, Miss.  |
| 10 Everett, Sampson, R. 2, Box<br>439A, Jacksonville         | 31 Sanders, W. R., Lock Box 445,<br>Brooksville       |
| 11 Ford, L. A., Gardner                                      | 32 Sapp, A. M., Perry                                 |
| 12 Gaines, Geo., Tarpon Springs                              | 33 Sapp, G. C., Box 563, Sanford, Fla.                |
| 13 Gillet, Mrs. H. L., Cleveland,<br>Tenn.                   | 34 Scott, Daniel, 1941 N. W. 5th<br>Court Ave., Miami |
| 14 Hadsock, W. R., Chokoloskee                               | 35 Shirley, Issac, Zephyrhills                        |
| 15 Hadsock, Perry W., 1801-10th<br>Ave., Huntington, W. Va.  | 36 Simmons, Ella, Ft. Myers                           |
| 16 Hadsock, Bertha M., 1801-10th<br>Ave., Huntington, W. Va. | 37 Simmons, Florence, Kentwood, La.                   |
| 17 Hargrove, Arthur, 418-Burkhart<br>St., Parkersburg        | 38 Smith, Lewis O., 1816 5th Ave.,<br>Miami           |
| 18 Hazellief, Geo. W., Ft. Pierce                            | 39 Smith, Alford H., 1932 N. W. 5th<br>Ave., Miami    |
| 19 Hazellief, Wilbur, Okeechobee                             | 40 Tharp, Zeno C., Cleveland, Tenn.                   |
| 20 Jeffords, Maggie, Haylow, Ga.                             | 41 Williams, E. W., Box 43, Wauchula                  |
| 21 Johns, Johnnie, Tarpon Springs                            |   |

## Georgia

S. W. LATIMER, Overseer

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Atlanta	135	Louis Purcell	Decatur
2 Augusta	50	Addie Harris	St. Luke St., Augusta
3 Berryton	58	Jim Nelson	Berryton
4 Bethel	101	G. S. Scott	Lake park
5 Bridgefond	56	J. H. Cook	Hazlehurst
6 Broxton	15	Mrs. B. R. Robinson	Broxton
7 Brunswick	10	Gertrude Ferguson	Norwick St., Brunswick
8 Carters Chapel	26	Mrs. Lela Chesser	R. 2, Surrency
9 Cohutta Springs	40	Mrs. L. Henson	Crandall
10 Columbus	33	Luther McGuyll	2601 1/2 Ham Ave., Columbus
11 Crane Eater	91	J. L. B. Poarch	R. 2, Calhoun
12 Dahlonaga	43	Mrs. Hughes Moore	Dahlonaga
13 Dallas	30	W. A. Wigley	Dallas
14 Dalton	30	A. M. Williams	No. 1, Tyler St., Dalton
15 Doerun	* 27		
16 Davisboro	13	Bessie Lord	R. 2, Sandersville

17	Douglasville	* 12	B. H. Parker	
18	Ellijay	18	M. A. Lunsford	Ellijay
19	Fairmount	18	Nina L. Shope	Ranger
20	Fender	22	O. G. Brown	Fender
21	Fitzgerald	58	Emma Weaver	300 E. Suannee, Fitzgerald
22	Harmony	29	J. M. Tow	Natal
23	Hartwell	46	Hattie Whitehead	R. 5, Hartwell
24	Haylow	32	A. G. Bennett	Haylow
25	Hazlehurst	34	Geo. W. Ray	R. 2, Hazlehurst
26	Jesup	66	J. B. Sewell	Jesup
27	Kennesaw	44	C. M. Moore	Kennesaw
28	Kibbee	5	G. J. Barfield	R. 1, Vidalia
29	Lagrange	* 30	Mattie Batts	811 Grant St., Lagrange
30	Lindale	71	Paul H. Millican	Lindale
31	Lithonia	*	A. N. Bell	R. 2, Stockbridge
32	Manor	18	W. C. James	Manor
33	Marietta	* 10		
34	Matthews	27	Buna Arrington	Matthews
35	Molena	*	G. A. Bishop	R. 2, Molena
36	Moniac	23	J. O. Yarbough	
37	Mt. Lebanon	27	Thurman White	R. 4, Blairsville
38	Mt. Zion	17	R. H. Mayor	R. 1, Blairsville
39	Mountain City	32	W. J. Ledbetter	Mountain City
40	New Home	40	S. B. Gainous	Whigham
41	Oconee	10	Maude Johnson	R. 1, Oconee
42	Odessa	16	Adell Oneal	Gordi
43	Odum	79	L. L. Bowen	Jesup
44	Offerman	34	J. L. Sinclair	Offerman
45	Quartz	17	Lula York	Quartz
46	Quitman	22	J. T. Hughes	Quitman
47	Rabun Gap	* 3	Victoria Fisher	Gastonia, N. C.
48	Rising Fawn	27	J. N. Hartline	Rising Fawn
49	Rome	32	Nellie Sutton	506 W. 11th St., Rome
50	Rossville	42	Chas. L. Griffith	Rossville
51	Sonoraville	19	H. E. Dellinger	R. 2, Rydal
52	Spring Place	77	Bertie Coker	Chatsworth
53	Sylvester	16	Murtie Hampton	R. 1, Sylvester
54	Texas Valley	16	J. H. Davis	Armuchee
55	Thomaston	13	Mrs. Laura Woods	Thomaston
56	Toonigh	60	Mrs. Elsie House	Lebanon
57	Valdosta	50	Vinie Clark	Valdosta
58	Varnell	17	Dave Chambers	R. 4, Tunnel Hill
59	Wareboro	14	Mrs. Addie McDonald	R. 4, Waycross
60	Whitestone	20	W. M. Chester	Cleveland, Tenn.
61	Zirkle	33	J. B. Manning	Zirkle

## BISHOPS

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|---|--|----|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Boehmer, E. J., 2524 Gaut St.,<br>Cleveland, Tenn. | 6  | Latimer, S. W., Spring Place  |
| 2 | Culpepper, E. B., Lake Park                        | 7  | Middlebrook, T. J., Atlanta   |
| 3 | Culpepper, J. W.                                   | 8  | Murray, J. W., Valdosta       |
| 4 | Fritz, P. F., S. Norfolk, Va.                      | 9  | Padgett, John C., Lake Park   |
| 5 | Heath, S. J., Hazlehurst                           | 10 | Rodgers, W. H., Augusta       |
|   |  | 11 | Rodgers, Jesse, Mountain City |

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## DEACONS

1	Brown, P. A., Cleveland, Tenn.	13	Padgett, J. A., Lake Park
2	Culpepper, J. F., Lake Park	14	Philips, Marion, R. 1, Blairsville
3	Evans, J. R., Rossville	15	Poarch, J. L. B., Calhoun
4	Fowler, T. E., Atlanta	16	Purcell, W. L., Decatur
5	Griffith, Charlie, Rossville	17	Ray, Albert T., Hazlehurst
6	Kell, Meade, Mountain City	18	Reynolds, J. D., Atlanta
7	Ledbetter, W. J., Mountain City	19	Scott, J. T., Lake Park
8	Looney, T. J., Lindale	20	Setser, W. T., Toonigh
9	Mathis, W. O., Lindale	21	Simpson, Ed, Pittsburg
10	McGlamery, J. R., Blairsville	22	Stepp, R. S., Crandall Springs
11	Mosteller, L. B., Resaca	23	White, Robert L., Berryton
12	Owens, A. D., Armuchee	24	Culpepper, C. A., Lake Park

## EVANGELISTS

1	Aldridge, W. W., Columbus	34	Looney, Moses A., Rising Fawn
2	Andrews, C. P., Lagrange	35	Lunsford, J. H., Suches
3	Baldree, D. F., Jacksonville, Fla.	36	Lunsford, W. L., Chattanooga
4	Bearden, Allen, Fitzgerald	37	Lynch, Mary, Columbus
5	Bohannon, Lottie	38	Mathis, Ida, Lindale
6	Bostwick, H. N., Marietta	39	Mashburn, Charles B., Atlanta
7	Bowers, W. D., Dallas	40	Mathis, Henry M., Jesup
8	Buckalew, Mattie, Trion	41	Maulden, J. C., Hartwell
9	Calloway, T. J., Atlanta	42	Maulden, J. O., Hartwell
10	Cantrell, Sidney, Crandall	43	McDavid, Mable, Valdosta
11	Collins, B. P.	44	Miller, Frank, Mountain City
12	Cross, Milo P., Calhoun	45	Miller, Nellie, Mountain City
13	Cross, Lettie M., Calhoun	46	Miller, Anderson
14	Culpepper, D. C., Lake Park	47	Mingledorff, B. I., Atlanta
15	Daniel, S. C., Atlanta	48	Mitchell, S. R., Finleyson
16	Devlin, John W., Shaw	49	Moore, E. L., Arcadia, Fla.
17	Duncan, Fannie, 1822 Broad St., Augusta	50	Mullinix, J. T., Lagrange
18	Fisher, W. H., Gastonia, N. C.	51	Murphy, Henry J., Manor
19	Gaines, Vesta, Lindale	52	Osban, N. B., R. 2, Hephzibah
20	Gossett, Charlie, Box 171, Truman, Ark.	53	Pope, Mattie E., Fitzgerald
21	Gray, Willie, Rossville	54	Rodgers, Nettie, 1749 St. Luke St., Augusta
22	Green, A. D., Augusta	55	Rouse, Mary D., Hephzibah
23	Hackney, P. W., Bridgeport, Ala.	56	Rushin, Mrs. P. R., via Cleveland, Tenn.
24	Hanvey, Nettie M., Hartwell	57	Scott, Guss, Lake Park
25	Harris, C. L., Valdosta	58	Scott, John, Lake Park
26	Heath, Annie J., Hazlehurst	59	Sewell, J. B., Jesup
27	Heaton, J. W., Hartwell	60	Short, Edd, Lagrange
28	Hipps, John A., Hazlehurst	61	Stover, S. D., Harmony
29	Horton, J. K., Columbus	62	Taylor, J. H., R. 2, Sandersville
30	Johnson, Ed, R. 6, Greenville, S. C.	63	Tucker, Mrs. S. E., Atlanta
31	Kinsey, J. W., Berryton	64	Underwood, James L., Abbeville
32	Lee, Sallie O., Gastonia, N. C.	65	Walker, Mannie, Augusta
33	Livingston, W. M., Offerman	66	Whitehead, Myrtle V., Hartwell

## Illinois

S. O. GILLASPIE, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Bompas Creek	39	Raymond Baley	R. 10, Olney

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2 Carmi	44	Anna Hisson	Carmi
3 Eldorado	190	H. A. Caraway	Eldorado
4 Harrisburg	53	R. Y. Milligan	Dorrisville
5 Honey Comb Rock	28	Nora Milligan	Herod
6 Johnston City	77	Thos. Smith	1409 Monroe St., Johnston City
7 Lawler	22	Frank Wallace	Junction
8 Lawrenceville	37	Walter Peters	Lawrenceville
9 Logan	41	Marion Joplin	Logan
10 Marcoe	17	Walter Bean	R. 9, Mt. Vernon
11 Mt. Vernon	18	Joseph Dare	Bell St., Mt. Vernon
12 Ridgeway	25	Lewis Smith	Ridgeway
13 Sesser	101	Ruby Scott	Sesser
14 West Frankfort	91	Sarah Bowyer	West Frankfort

BISHOPS

1 Attey, John, Frankfort	4 Ford, Tony S., Carmi
2 Barnett, D. T., Eldorado	5 Gillaspie, S. O., R. 10, Olney
3 Tilden, Robert A., Mt. Vernon	6 Yates, John O., Logan

DEACONS

1 Caraway, Henry A., Eldorado	6 Kline, G. W., West Frankfort
2 Hammers, Wesley, Logan	7 Nuding, John F., Bompas Creek
3 Harman, C. W., Bompas Creek	8 Sanders, Walter E., Eldorado
4 Hudgins, Charles D.	9 Sells, Ed, West Frankfort
5 Johnston, James W., Eldorado	10 Summers, W. A., Eldorado

EVANGELISTS

1 Brafford, W. M., Box 591, Sesser	6 Milligan, W. J., Dorrisville
2 Carlile, William T., 824 High St., Eldorado	7 Milligan, T. J., Equality
3 Harwood, Floyd, Box 481, Carmi	8 Oglesby, Graham, Box 481, Carmi
4 Joplin, Stanley, Johnston City	9 O'neal, Prushan, 901 State St., Eldorado
5 Miller, Jeremiah, Dorrisville	10 Taylor, Charles L., Sturgis, Ky.

Indiana

F. W. GAMMON, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Evansville	33	Wm. Gist	19 Park St., Evansville
2 Gas City	9	Cecil Hopel	Jonesboro

DEACONS

1 Majors, Robert H., Evansville
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Kansas

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Sherwin Jct.	23	Lewis Richardson	Anderson, Mo.

Kentucky

C. H. RANDALL, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Ages	6	S. W. Ball	Ages
2 Big Clifty	8	Josie Hicks	2113 W. M. St., Louisville
3 Brandenburg	29	Hark Thompson	Brandenburg
4 Central City	16	Laura Nunley	Central City
5 Christopher	26	Lucy Collins	Christopher

6	Corbin	42	Bertha Blankenship	Corbin
7	Elizabethtown	7	Katie Meredith	Elizabethtown
8	Fonde	34	Joe Daniel	Fonde
9	Fordsville	21	Elbert Hill	Fordsville
10	Grangertown	48	Nora Markham	R. 3, Sturgis
11	Hartford	26	Mrs. Beatrice L. Ellis	
12	Hazard	82	Daniel Baker	Hazard
13	Hazelgreen	52	G. B. Tackett	Hazelgreen
14	Louisville	80	L. A. Ray	212 S. 18 St., Louisville
15	Mission Fork	16	Mittie Wylie	Berea
16	Moorman	23	Mrs. Leslie Dwire	Moorman
17	Morganfield	19	Chas. D. Wiley	Morganfield
18	Mt. Zion	19	Raymond Thompson	Crestwood
19	Quicksand	64	Beulah Huff	Quicksand
20	Ravenna	11	Gravis Daniels	Ravenna
21	Render	44	C. W. Ward	McHenry
22	Rothwell	26		
23	Saldee	43	Clara Gambill	Saldee
24	Salem	92	Ola Wilson	Horse Branch
25	Shamrock	60	Chas. Christian	Shamrock
26	Somerset	86	W. Nelson	Somerset
27	Stithon	46	Martin Dowdell	Vine Grove
28	Waltersville	12	Henry T. Withers	Clay City
29	Wess	20	M. A. Tapscott	Wess
30	Willisburg	63	Nellie Hendrix	Willisburg
31	Winchester	63	Bertie Stephens	201 Magnolia St., Win.
32	Windyville	17	Leslie Albro	Caneyville
33	Wrigley	48	Willie H. Whitt	Wrigley

## BISHOPS

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|---|----------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Randall, C. H., Dahl | 2 | Rembert, W. G., Circleville, O.<br>483 East Main St. |
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## DEACONS

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|---|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| 1 | Caine, Daniel T., Blanche       | 6 | Ping, James, Wesley's Chapel |
| 2 | Christian, Chas. C., Beans Fork | 7 | Pruitt, W. H., Corbin        |
| 3 | Davidson, Arle M., Quicksand    | 8 | Ray, Luther A., Louisville   |
| 4 | Hale, Elias M., Wesley's Chapel | 9 | Silvers, Lee, Somerset       |
| 5 | Nelson, W. T., Somerset         |   |                              |

## EVANGELISTS

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|----|------------------------------------|----|--|
| 1  | Abbott, J. F., Somerset            | 16 | Hood, Joseph M., Willisburg                    |
| 2  | Beagle, C., S. Lebanon, Ohio       | 17 | Larrison, Lewis, 51 Hiss St., Winchester       |
| 3  | Bohrman, Flora, Louisville         | 18 | Lockard, Charles E., 218 S. 16 St., Louisville |
| 4  | Carpenter, A. A., Cleveland, Tenn. | 19 | Marlow, Guy, Fordsville                        |
| 5  | Cox, Matt, Fonde                   | 20 | McQuinn, Chas. S., St., Helen, Ky.             |
| 6  | Craven, Virgil D., Bardstown       | 21 | Miller, Martha J., Hazard                      |
| 7  | Daniel, James, Fonde               | 22 | Miller, Nora, Winchester                       |
| 8  | Daniel, Joseph H., Fonde           | 23 | Mooney, Jesse                                  |
| 9  | Dickerson, C. S., Christopher      | 24 | Muncy, J. A., Berea                            |
| 10 | Edwards, Ida, Elizabethtown        | 25 | Wilson, Oliver                                 |
| 11 | Edwards, G. B., Elizabethtown      | 26 | Wilson, Lee, R. 2, Caneyville                  |
| 12 | Ford, S. P., Moorman               | 27 | Wiley, Jim, Berea                              |
| 13 | Gambill, G. W., Saldee             |    |  |
| 14 | Hall, Lucy, Burnside               |    |  |
| 15 | Hill, Nellie                       |    |  |

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H. B. SIMMONS, Overseer.

## Louisiana

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Bogalusa	19	Will McManus	721 Ave. D., Bogalusa
2 Dunn	85	Walter B. Crider	Dunn
3 Franklinton	12	Oddie Reese	Franklinton
4 Kentwood	119	S. W. Hurst	Kentwood
5 Line Creek	37	Mollie Rabarn	
6 Morgan City	46	Eugenie Robicheaux	Box 243, Morgan City
7 Onville	48	Alpha Core	Onville
8 Shepherds Fold	48	Oscar King	Covington

## DEACONS

1 Hurst, S. W., Kentwood	2 Wilson, E. W., Kentwood
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## EVANGELISTS

1 Haynes, Bertha, Kentwood	4 Thompson, J. W., Box 243, Morgan City
2 Robinson, Bently C., Covington	
3 Stewart, C. C., Dunn	

## Maryland

PAUL WALKER, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Pine Ridge	55	Harold J. Long	R. 1, Princess Anne
2 Princess Anne	19	Geo. S. Davis	Princess Anne

## EVANGELISTS

1 Mullikin, Clara, Trappe	3 Werner, Louise, Richmond, Va.
2 Walker, Emma J., Princess Anne	

## Michigan

EFFORD HAYNES, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Bessemer	12	Mrs. John Zaleska	Bessemer
2 Detroit	38	H. S. Randall	659 Alexandrine Ave., Detroit

## EVANGELISTS

1 Day, Leslie T., Wayne	2 Day, Loren D., Cedar
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## Mississippi

H. A. PRESSGROVE, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Bude	16	Mrs. J. O. Newell	Bude
2 Byrds Chapel	37	Oscar McManus	R. 2, Meadville
3 Cagles Cross Roads	24	Maud Medlin	Dublin
4 Calaho	22	M. C. Collier	Catchings
5 Chapel Hill	43	S. A. Wigginton	R. 2, Dennis
6 Coffeerville	25	R. D. Morgan	Oakland
7 Cotton Mill	23	Mora Edwards	Starksville
8 Davis Chapel	19	J. F. Heard	Merigold
9 Fame	9	Bell Arnold	Waltho
10 Friendship	102	J. I. Bell	Charleston
11 Jacob's Tabernacle	43	H. R. Jacob	R. 6, Liberty
12 Jayess	3	S. V. Reeves	Jayess
13 Johnson	12	T. M. Johnson	Summit
14 Jones Chapel	27	H. L. McCain	Lodi
15 Magee	11	R. C. Fortenbory	Magee
16 Marie	50		

17	McColl	27	Tallie Lofton	R. 1, McColl Creek
18	Morgantown	51	J. F. Morgan	Morgantown
19	Moorehead	12	Roy Nevels	Moorehead
20	Mt. Carmel	16	John W. Magee	Morgantown
21	Mt. Olive	16	William Mitchell	Tomnolen
22	Mt. Sinai	63	J. B. Beard	Foxworth
23	Nettleton	9	Elsie Montgomery	R. 2, Nettleton
24	New Bethel	81	Modena Holland	Sapa
25	Norfield	15	Abney Carney	Camp 16, Norfield
26	Oak Grove	63	L. S. Grissom	Red Bay, Ala.
27	Old Field	14	L. L. Vaughn	Walthall
28	Pates Temple	43	T. E. Collier	Red Bay, Ala.
29	Pickwick	56	Myrtle Malone	Cheraw
30	Pilgrim Rest	28	Mrs. Lou Lamb	Artesia
31	Pisgah Springs	11	Lula Collins	Eupora
32	Rienzi	3	Joseph Williams	R. 4, Rienzi
33	Richburg	28	Mrs. G. T. Etheridge	R. 3, Box 124, Hattiesburg
34	Shady Grove	33	H. S. Hains	Cascilla
35	Smyrna	17	Russell Bronson	R. 2, Cascilla
36	Stonefield	130	W. S. Simpson	R. 1, Holcomb
37	Summer Set School H.			
38	Taylor's School H.	44	A. P. Parker	Reid
39	Thorn	61	Sallie Kirkpatrick	Thorn
40	Tilghmans Chapel	24	Cora R. Tilghman	Hardy
41	Union Grove	26	Archie Parker	Mooreville
42	Walker School H.	19	A. J. Stockton	Eastman
43	William Springs	54	J. O. Rushing	Stewart
44	Winona	9	Jesse K. Blaylock	Winona

## BISHOPS

1	Churchill, C. A., Sapa	4	Raney, W. E., Cleveland
2	Pressgrove, H. A., Cascilla	5	Rider, E. C., Morgantown
3	Priest, J. T., Brookhaven		

## DEACONS

1	Baker, L. O., Cascilla	6	Harris, Harmon S., Shady Grove
2	Bell, J. A., Friendship	7	Morgan, Tom, Friendship
3	Cox, Thomas,	8	Morgan, G. W., Mt. Sinai
4	Dubois, Ollie A., Cascilla	9	Rushing, Joe, Jayess
5	Funderburk, B. O., Oak Grove	10	Simpson, E. K., Cascilla

## EVANGELISTS

1	Adams, Pearl, Coffeerville	12	Moxley, J. R., R. 1, Mooreville
2	Byrd, Eula Mae, Sapa	13	Mullen, Robert C.,
3	Clegg, Sallie, Matatiston	14	Musselwhite, Jefferson B., R. 1, Cascilla
4	Coats, Charles, Cascilla		
5	Dollahite, D. W., Box 263, Ken- ton, Tenn.	15	Oswalt, Jesse
6	Dunaway, Quinnie	16	Priest, Clara E., Brookhaven
7	Dunn, Grover, Eupora	17	Sims, Cecil M., R. 1, Stewart
8	Hamilton, J. O., Morgantown	18	Smedley, Sidney, R. 2, Dallas
9	Lentz, J. C., R. 3, Dennis	19	Smith, James R., Morgantown
10	Lovette, Nellie V., Belleontaine	20	Thornhill, J. L.,
11	McNabb, Walter, R. 1, Box 92, Sandy Hook	21	Washam, Eathom, Eupora
		22	Wigginton, J. E., Dennis
		23	Williams, Grant, Bude

## Missouri

E. L. PINKLEY, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1. Bonne Terre	33	T. F. Blackwell	Bonne Terre
2. Brighton	24	J. W. Scraggins	Brighton
3. Broseley	22	Bell Duke	Broseley
4. Cantwell	97	John Golden	Desloge
5. Chitwood	52	Paul Webb	Chitwood
6. Couch	11	Marvin L. Biffle	Couch
7. Lamar	28	Frank Manning	Lamar
8. Mt. Grove	29	A. J. Holtzhansen	Mountain Grove
9. Oglesville	8	William J. Reed	Quin
10. Oak Grove	8	Logan H. Leach	Mountain Grove
11. Sikeston	16	John Combs	Sikeston

## EVANGELISTS

1. Baney, Jno. B., Mountain Grove	6	Lane, Luther W., Broseley
2. Bankes, C. E., Perkins	7	Risner, Clydons W., Couch
3. Biffle, Marvin L., Couch	8	Simmons, David W., Brighton
4. Durbin, Mathew H., Lamar	9	Viney, J. M., Chitwood
5. Gilbreth, Love, Chitwood		

## New Jersey

T. S. PAYNE, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1. Woodbury	36	A. S. D. Taylor	30 Nelson Ave., Woodbury

## New Mexico

J. A. DAVIS, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1. Albuquerque	10	Lucy Hart	Albuquerque
2. Corrupe	5		
3. Raton	24	Teofila S. Chavez	Box 746, Raton

## BISHOPS

1. Chavez, T. F., Raton	Trinidad, Colo.
2. Padilla, Juan, 1221 Main St.,	3 Rouse, O. R., Raton

## DEACONS

1. Hammond, James M., Raton
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## EVANGELISTS

1. Chavez, Teofila, Raton	3	Garcia, J. N. c/o Ferdinand Garcia, Sampson
2. Creekmore, W. E., Albuquerque		

## New York

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1. Ridgewood	17	H. A. Tomlinson	2429 Linden St., Brooklyn

## N. Carolina

GEO. T. BROUAYER, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1. Alarka	8	Della Coggins	Erastus
2. Albemarle	7	Moss Callcutt	Albemarle
3. Alagoods	12	Florence Woolard	Washington

4. Beaufort	9	Mrs. Maggie Conaway	Beaufort
5. Belmont	35	J. A. McCarn	Belmont
6. Biltmore	18	Eula Laughter	Asheville
7. Bogue	19	Eula Dennis	Bogue
8. Broad Creek	16	M. O. Salter	Newport
9. Canton	39	Julia Clark	Canton
10. Charlotte	10	C. L. Freeman	307 E. 13 St., Charlotte
11. Clyde	17	James Snyder	Clyde
12. Duke	53	Mary Hudson	R. 3, Box 118, Dunn
13. Erastus	7	Della Coggins	Erastus
14. Fayetteville		Rason Wheeler	Fayetteville
15. Gastonia	84	Dulcenia Davis	Gastonia
16. Gastonia (col.)	12	L. J. Moore	Bradley Ave., Gastonia
17. Kannapolis	36	R. L. Reid	Kannapolis
18. Lillington	9	Mack Harrington	R. 3, Lillington
19. Lifiden	8	L. S. Walker	Linden
20. Momeyer	8	W. L. Bass	R. 2, Nashville
21. Pisgah's Top (col.)	57	O. H. D. Shaw	R. 3, Dunn
22. Prentiss	* 8	J. E. Henson	Prentiss
23. Princeton	24	Ella Howell	Princeton
24. Ravensford	14	Nellie Jones	Ravensford
25. Rockingham	14	Beatrice Dunn	
26. Shelby	33	C. W. Baker	Shelby
27. Spring Hope	50	J. M. Mullen	Bunn
28. Steadman	43	John Nunnery	Steadman
29. Sunburst	* 18	Julia Wiggins	Sunburst
30. Tusquittee	70	Zoah McClure	Hayesville
31. Washington	31	F. D. Hardee	Washington
32. Whittier	12	R. H. Wood	Whittier

## BISHOPS

1. Brooks, James H., Alarka	5	Richardson, Thomas J., 1700 6th Ave., N. W., Miami, Fla.
2. Davis, John A., Tusquittee		
3. Hopkins, E. D., Cullowhee	6	Smith, E. C., East Bank, W. Va.
4. Messer, W. R., Gastonia	7	Stallings, W. M., Kannapolis

## DEACONS

1. Brindle, G. C., Kirkland Creek	3	Parker, James, Hayesville
2. Hass, J. A., Kannapolis		

## EVANGELISTS

1. Brantley, Arvie M., Spring Hope	20	Hurley, John N., Gen. Del. Evansville, Ind.
2. Brown, Irwin B., R. 1, Newport		
3. Burnett, William M., Sunburst	21	Hurley, Maggie, Gen. Del. Evansville, Ind.
4. Cherry, S. R., Washington		
5. Coggins, Columbus G., Erastus	22	Jones, Chancey C., Cleveland, Tenn.
6. Caldwell, H. L., Sunburst		
7. Corn, Jesse F., Hayesville	23	Lockhart, Harris, Gastonia
8. Cox, Otto, Charlotte	24	McKay, Stephen, Dunn
9. Crisp, A. L., Washington	27	Paramore, J. H., Washington
10. Davis, Henry, R. 3, Box 62, Dunn	26	Peters, Bessie L., Shelby
11. Dawson, W. H., Canton	27	Richardson, Mamie E., 1700 6th Ave., Miami, Fla.
12. Deans, Clemon H., Middlesex	28	Shaw, John D., Dunn
13. Evans, Barkley B., Coeburn, Va.	29	Smith, Jessie, Pruden, Tenn.
14. Hampton, J. C., Hayesville	30	Stallings, J. T., Kannapolis
15. Hardee, Fred D., Washington	31	Walker, William P., Bryson City
16. Harris, Iva, Gastonia	32	West, Jesse A., R. 1, Duke

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|----|-----------------------------------|----|---|
| 17 | Heffner, Eva, Gastonia            | 33 | Woodall, Julia, Star R., Roseboro             |
| 18 | Hicks, Bartley L., Covington, La. | 34 | Woodard, Joseph D., 700 Slocum St., Goldsboro |
| 19 | Howell, Luther M., Princeton      |    |   |

**N. Dakota**

J. W. BARKER, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Golden Valley	26	Ella Van Deventer	R. 1, Dodge
2 Red Butte	8	James H. Eagle	Ree

**EVANGELISTS**

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|---|--------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Barker, Joseph W., Dodge | 3 | Walker, Paul, Princess Anne, Md. |
| 2 | Cook, Chas., Dodge       |   |                                  |

**Ohio**

W. G. REMBERT, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Akron	50	J. C. Costy	R. 20, Box 43, E. Akron
2 Chillicothe	* 22	W. M. Lovensheimer	495 E. Main St., Chillicothe
3 Circleville	39	Martha M. Wagner	483 E. Main St., Circleville
4 Columbus	31	James M. Parry	795 Hoover St., Columbus
5 Marietta	17	Emma Thornton	Marietta
6 Middletown	114	Chas. Huff	317 S. Clinton St., Middletown
7 Richmondale	* 21	W. E. Case	Richmondale
8 South Lebanon	29	Myrtle Neely	S. Lebanon
9 Toledo	28	J. E. McFarland	703 Palmwood Ave., T.
10 Walbridge	9	Celia Haley	Walbridge

**DEACONS**

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| 1 | Groves, James H., 781 Jefferson Ave., Chillicothe |
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**EVANGELISTS**

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|---|---|----|---|
| 1 | Allen, James W., Akron                      | 6  | Rollins, Floyd W., Box 330, Parkersburg, W. Va. |
| 2 | Burkhart, J. B., 308½ S. Main St., Fostoria | 7  | Stoneburner, Mrs. S. E., Columbus               |
| 3 | Huff, Russell, Middletown                   | 8  | Wallace, Shelby F., 1053 Bellows St., Akron     |
| 4 | Ingram, J. H., Hamilton, Bermuda            | 9  | Weaver, Bertha, Walbridge                       |
| 5 | Moreland, D. R., 107 N. 24th St., Kenmore   | 10 | Wilson, Jeff, 207 Crescent Ave., Middletown     |
|   |   | 11 | Cotton, Lorena                                  |

**Oklahoma**

B. H. DOSS, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Ada	12	Willie Howard	Ada
2 Broken Bow	* 10	Roxie Atteburgy	Broken Bow
3 Crescent	* 22	Tom Countess	Crescent
4 Kenefic	9	Masel Fine	Kenefic
5 Lawton	29	Oelia Peppin	Lawton
6 Sapulpa	40	J. W. Buckley	Sapulpa
7 Tishomingo	31	Laura Suther	Ravina
8 West Tulsa			

**BISHOPS**

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| 1 | Doss, B. H., Sapulpa |
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## DEACONS

- 1 Buckley, James, Sapulpa      2 Pritchard, J. C., Tishomingo

## EVANGELISTS

- 1 Hockersmith, John, Sapulpa      2 Pritchard, Virgil, Sapulpa

## Pennsylvania

W. M. RUMLER, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Gamden	8	Cora Green	1322 S. 34th St., Philadelphia
* 2 Philadelphia	78	Francis L. Vreen	1622 Waverly St., Phila.

## \* EVANGELISTS

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| 1 Cruse, Realiah, 1622 Waverly St., Philadelphia | 4 Joanson, Cora F., 1221 Cambridge St., Philadelphia |
| 2 Gowndy, John, R. 1, Havre de Grace             | 5 Johnson, C. W., 1221 Cambridge St., Philadelphia   |
| 3 Gowndy, India M. S., R. 1, Havre de Grace      | 6 Johnson, Walter, 1221 Cambridge St., Philadelphia  |

## S. Carolina

J. W. CULPEPPER, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Buffalo	16	Mary Stanley	Buffalo
2 Bunker Hill	22	H. G. Whittington	R. 1, Dillon
3 Columbia	30	Anna Bundrick	90 29th St., Columbia
4 Corinth	* 25	Spencer Smith	Westminster
5 Crow Creek	* 7	Will Rogers	R. 3, Central
6 Fork	19	W. G. Rogers	R. 1, Fork
7 Greenville	107	E. S. Davis	43 Wallace St., Greenville
8 Hamer	39	D. R. McLendon	R. 2, Hamer
9 Piedmont		E. F. Hicks	Piedmont
10 Pelzer	16	Mrs. J. A. Hanvey	16 Fuller St., Pelzer
11 Rich Mountain	7	Mrs. J. A. Hanvey	16 Fuller St., Pelzer
12 Rock Hill	37	G. W. Melton	Rock Hill
13 Seneca	17	Ada Rhodes	Seneca
14 Sharon	20	W. D. Childers	R. 1, Hickory Grove
15 Townville	20	J. M. Donald	Townville
16 Walhalla	94	L. J. Vollrath	West Union
17 Westminster	24	C. D. Donald	R. 1, Box 20, Townville

## EVANGELISTS

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| 1 Cooper, S. D., Greenville, S. C.          | 5 McGuffin, John Q., R. 5, Westminster |
| 2 Donald, Monroe, R. 1, Townsville          | 6 McHargue, Mary D., McCall            |
| 3 Gosnell, W. P., 33 Talley St., Greenville | 7 Stargel, G. T., Gastonia, N. C.      |
| 4 Hill, J. A., R. 4, Box 59, Marion         | 8 Whittington, H. L., Dillon           |

## Tennessee

M. W. LETSINGER, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Afton	13	Ellen Swaner	Afton
2 Alcoa	27	W. R. Anderson	Alcoa

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3. Armathwaite	20	Mrs. Belle Buck	Armathwaite
4. Bell Town	30	J. R. Thomas	Hyatt
5. Bellvue	13	Orissa Seals	Pikeville
6. Bone Cave	7	Anna Grissom	Bone Cave
7. Brayton	9	Tandy Brown	Brayton
8. Brockdell	56	Lewis Helton	R. 2., Pikeville
9. Bristol	26	Emma Lenard	Bristol
10. Bybee	39	J. H. Calfee	Bybee
11. Campaign	99	S. D. Walling	Campaign
12. Cannon's Chapel	9	Glena Dailey	R. 1, Mint
13. Carson Springs	20	Addie Clevenger	Newport
14. Cassville	20	Clara Heffner	R. 6, Sparta
15. Catoosa	18	Will Perkins	Catoosa
16. Cedar Hill	52	J. J. Whitehead	Talbott
17. Cleveland	300	Fred Chambers	Cleveland
18. Clines Chapel	8	H. M. Blazer	Newport
19. Coalfield	15	Will Fish	Coalfield
20. Copperhill	90	J. A. Tarpley	Copperhill
21. Covington	* 20	C. T. Willis	R. 3., Covington
22. Cookeville	18	Edna White	R. 9, Cookeville
23. Crab Orchard	54	W. M. McBride	Crab Orchard
24. Cranmore Cove	23	Mrs. W. E. Williams	R. 5., Dayton
25. Creston	8	Gip Barnwell	Creston
26. Daisy	26	Maggie Poe	Hixson
27. Dayton	183	G. C. Norris	Dayton
28. Dividing Ridge	101	G. W. Varnes	R. 1., Hixson
29. Dixon Spring	9	T. J. Gregory	Dixon Spring
30. Dunlap	19	Claude Kilgore	Montlake
31. Earls Grove	14	Ivie Clangon	Birchwood
32. E. Chattanooga	97	Walter L. Hindman	E. Chattanooga
33. Elizabethton	51	E. J. Samms	R. 3., Elizabethton
34. Fox Bluff	26	A. J. Skaggs	Fox Bluff
35. Grasshopper	30	Nola Dungan	Birchwood
36. Graysville	52	Anna Creesman	Graysville
37. Harriman	82	Mrs. F. D. Davis	Harriman
38. Helenwood	8	Josey Keeton	Helenwood
39. Highground	10	Hettie Myers	Brockdell
40. Hillview	35	James Walker	Tellico Plains
41. Hiwassee	75	Eva Green	R. 3., Greenback
42. Jasper	16	Lunar. Irvin	Jasper
43. Jefferson City	28	L. T. Underwood	Jefferson City
44. Johnson City	34	Maggie McCurry	Johnson City
45. Kelly's Ferry	23	Maud Lawson	St. Elmo
46. Kenton	13	Sam Warix	Kenton
47. Kinser's Tabernacle	39	Maggie Osment	R. 10., Cleveland
48. Knoxville	88	Geneva Varnell	316 Locust St., Knox
49. Lafollette	42	Alex Guy	Lafollette
50. Lenoir City	40	J. C. Martin	503 Bond St., Lenoir Co.
51. Liverwort	34	Thomas Milon	R. 1., Clarksville
52. Live Wire	9	Geo. Smith	R. 5., Lawrenceburg
53. Lone Oak	16	Tom Pearson	Pikeville
54. McMinnville	36	A. J. Durham	McMinnville
55. Memphis	17	D. M. Furr	Mallory Sta., Nashville
56. Mineral Ridge	16	Jane Brown	Ooltewah
57. Monteagle	7	Ellen McFarland	Monteagle
58. Morristown	59	Charles Graham	Morristown
59. Mt. Olive	52	Darius Bancroft	McDonald

60	Mt. Vale	11	W. E. Hill	Talbott
61	Nashville	14	John R. Hamilton	1405 Arthur Ave., Nash.
62	New Bethel	31	Sarah Pollard	Walling
63	N. Chattanooga	55	C. J. Fairbanks	408 Peak St., N. Chatt.
64	Old Cumberland	9	Chester Johnson	Brockdell
65	Pleasant Hill	24	Lue Brown	Pleasant Hill
66	Providence	31	J. M. Scarbrough	R. 1., Byington
67	Red Oak Grove	46	Willard Cranmore	Flat Top
68	Reed's X Roads	* 16	Dave Reed	R. 1., Grandview
69	Ridgedale	280	Sam Sanders	2510 Stuart St., E. Chat.
70	Ripley	31	Matt Goins	R. 2., Henning
71	Sale Creek	36	Walker Lyle	Sale Creek
72	Sevierville	44	Myrtle Henderson	Sevierville
73	Short Mountain	13	Mrs. R. S. Shurlock	R. 6., Smithville
74	Sobel	49	Allen O'Kain	Cheaphill
75	Soddy	44	B. L. Hoge	Soddy
76	Speedwell	20	Dit Yoakum	Speedwell
77	Sweetwater	27	Evin Floyd	Sweetwater
78	Townsend	8	Eliza L. Hicks	Townsend
79	Turtletown	18	Wilson Dale	Turtletown
80	Union Grove	15	Susie Longwith	R. 1., Charleston
81	Whitwell	76	J. C. Christian	Whitwell
82	White Bluffs	24	Camel McCutchen	White Bluffs
83	White Oak Flatt	26	T. M. Sensing	Charlotte
84	Whiteside	27	May Basham	Whiteside

BISHOPS

1	Brouayer, Geo. T., Kannapolis, N. C.	17	Llewellyn, J. S., Cleveland
2	Bryant, W. E., Cleveland	18	Letsinger, M. W., Jefferson, C.
3	Burk, John, Truman, Ark.	19	McClendon, T. M., R. 1., Point, Texas
4	Byerly, T. J., Dayton	20	McLain, T. L., Cleveland
5	Capshaw, W. A., Somerset, Ky.	21	Nelson, J. W., Dividing Ridge
6	Cross, W. H., Miami, Fla.	22	Payne, T. S., c/o Evangel O.
7	Gann, Alonzo, Atlanta, Ga.	23	Pinkley, E. L., Couch, Mo.
8	Green, General M., Crab Orchard	24	Richard, T. A., Nashville
9	Grisam, Chas. M., N. Chatt.	25	Scoggins, H. N., Box 193, Ladonia, Tex.
10	Haynes, M. S., Kentwood, La.	26	Tomlinson, A. J., 2524 Gaut St., Cleveland, Tenn.
11	Haynes, Efford, c/o Evangel O.	27	Trim, H. L., Olney, Ill.
12	Hockett, W. C., Norwalk, Calif.	28	Turner, Louis L., Dayton
13	Holcomb, D. R., Ft. Myers, Fla.	29	Underwood, J. C., Kannapolis, N. C.
14	Johnson, E. N., Seymour	30	Walker, W. A., R. 3., Madisonville
15	Lee, E. J., 1908 S. Watkins St., Ridgedale		
16	Lemons, M. S., N. Chattanooga		

DEACONS

1	Ballew, Joseph R., Soddy	8	Coleman, W. M., R. 3., Madisonville
2	Barrett, I. C., Cleveland	9	Cragg, E. S., Hyatt
3	Barney, Walter, Elizabethton	10	Cranemore, Willard, Red Oak Grove
4	Brabson, I. H., Jefferson City	11	Durham, G. W., McMinnville
5	Chambers, F. G., Cleveland	12	Earls, Lew, McDonald
6	Clowers, Elisha, Sweetwater		
7	Coleman, Jesse, Tellico Plains		

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| 13 Fairbanks, C. J., N. Chattanooga | 32 Manley, W. T., Chattanooga      |
| 14 Gentry, Charles, Sale Creek      | 33 McBride, W. M., Crab Orchard    |
| 15 Goins, Roddy, Jasper             | 34 Miller, C. R., Dividing Ridge   |
| 16 Gowin, Ben F., Graysville        | 35 Milom, Thomas, Clarksville      |
| 17 Graves, P. F., Kenton            | 36 Moore, Calvin, Victoria         |
| 18 Guy, Alex., Lafollette           | 37 Morgan, Elmer E., Cleveland     |
| 19 Hamilton, J. R., Nashville       | 38 Nelson, J. A., Soddy            |
| 20 Helton, W. C., Copperhill        | 39 Penney, Jas. T., Dividing Ridge |
| 21 Holder, H. N., E. Chattanooga    | 40 Prince, Charlie, Cleveland      |
| 22 Hughes, Jesse P., N. Chatt.      | 41 Sanders, Sam., E. Chattanooga   |
| 23 Hunt, W. M., Cleveland           | 42 Shoemaker, W. F., Whitwell      |
| 24 Jaco, John E., Campaign          | 43 Sutherland, James, Flat Top     |
| 25 Jones, William S., Soddy         | 44 Tarpley, T. A., Cleveland       |
| 26 Jones, Samuel, McDonald          | 45 Tarpley, J. A., Copperhill      |
| 27 Kephart, A. C., R. 2, Charlotte  | 46 Thomas, J. R., Hyatt            |
| 28 Lane, W. R., Dayton              | 47 Varnell, James R., Knoxville    |
| 29 Lawson, A. J., Cleveland         | 48 Walling, S. D., Campaign        |
| 30 Lovelady, H. B., Soddy           | 49 Whitehead, J. J., R. 2, Talbott |
| 31 Luttrell, C. C., Soddy           | 50 Wood, G. W., Cleveland          |

## EVANGELISTS

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| 1 Aiken, W. T., Harriman                 | 30 Gonla, Sarah E., Cleveland                    |
| 2 Aiken, Malinda, Harriman               | 31 Green, W. F., R. 3, Greenback                 |
| 3 Bales, Mrs. R. M., Jefferson C.        | 32 Griffith, Laura S., Daylight                  |
| 4 Beard, Spencer F., Campaign            | 33 Gunter, W. A., Evansville                     |
| 5 Biggs, D. A., Fountain City            | 34 Hamilton, Earl, R. 5, Hartwell, Ga.           |
| 6 Black, Will H., Cleveland              | 35 Hash, John, Rock Island                       |
| 7 Bower, J. C., Birchwood                | 36 Haun, Perry A., New River                     |
| 8 Bowker, Joseph R., R. 1., White Bluffs | 37 Haynes, Mrs. Clyde, Cleveland                 |
| 9 Brouayer, Delia E., Kannapolis, N. C.  | 38 Helton, Harmon, R. 2, Pikeville               |
| 10 Bryant, T. F., Copperhill             | 39 Henry, Clay, Whitwell                         |
| 11 Chambers, Nora, Cleveland             | 40 Hickman, Slater, R. 2, Hixson                 |
| 12 Clark, Jesse L., Cleveland            | 41 Hockett, Alice E., Norwalk, Calif             |
| 13 Cook, F. M., Dayton                   | 42 Holcomb, Bertha, R. 1, Ft. Myers, Fla.        |
| 14 Cotnam, Roy L., R. 6, Sparta          | 43 Holmes, Mrs. F. J., R. 3, Goins               |
| 15 Cotnam, Truman P., R. 6, Sparta       | 44 Howell, Mary, 713 Frances St., Key West, Fla. |
| 16 Cotnam, Ella, R. 6, Sparta            | 45 Jaco, Fannie, Campaign                        |
| 17 Cotnam, Ara, R. 6, Sparta             | 46 Jones, Luther E., Lafollette                  |
| 18 Coulter, Ralph, Dunlap                | 47 Lewis, D. C., Pikeville                       |
| 19 Dillingham, J. L., R. 2, Henning      | 48 Lively, W. H., Blue Diamond, Ky.              |
| 20 J. F. Dover, Watkins St., Ridge-dale  | 49 Martin, C. H., R. 2, Cookeville               |
| 21 Dryman, Pauline, Arcadia Fla.         | 50 McGowan, C. C., R. 1, Southside               |
| 22 Dunn, Curtis, R. 5, Dayton            | 51 McKeown, Alfred, Rossville, Ga.               |
| 23 Durham, Jesse M., R. 5, Mc-Minnville  | 52 McNew, J. H., Catoosa                         |
| 24 Evans, Avery D., Cleveland            | 53 Morgan, Charlie T., Wimauma, Fla.             |
| 25 Farmer, Jasper C., Ellijay, Ga.       | 54 Richard, Luther, Carbon Hill, Ala.            |
| 26 Gann, Maude, Atlanta, Ga.             | 55 Rush, Walter W., Casper, Wyo.                 |
| 27 Garrison, B. L., R. 1, Grandview      |  |
| 28 Gentry, Nancy Jane, Sale Creek        |  |
| 29 Goddard, Edd, Harriman                |  |

56	Sensing, T. M., R. 3, Charlotte	63	Voiles, Nancy O., Lenoir City
57	Shepherd, Sallie A., c/o Evangelical Office, Cleveland, Tenn.	64	Walker, J. S., R. 1, Talbott
58	Shubird, Will A., Flat Top	65	White, M. H., R. 9, Cookeville
59	Teague, John R., Harriman	66	Wilcox, William, Lafollette
60	Trim, Flora E., Olney, Ill.	67	Wynn, D. C., R. 1, Hixson
61	Turner, Harriet, Whitwell	68	Yates, Lane C., 204 Whitney St., Johnston City.
62	Turner, Richard, R. 2, Daylight		

## Texas

H. N. SCOGGINS, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Bonham	21	Margarett Gayne	Bonham
2 Cherry Hill	34	Blanch Hunt	R. 3, Mt. Vernon
3 Clark's Chapel	* 53	Lillian Eskue	R. 1, Point
4 Hickory Grove	* 9	J. C. Peterson	Creek
5 Ladonia	39	Ernest Johnson	Ladonia
6 Lanus	33	May Davis	Dodd City
7 Lone Elm	56	Ella Pearlle Brown	R. 2, Dodd City
8 Lone Oak	25	Ouida Hayslip	Crockett
9 Lubbeck	22	Oda Zeiglar	R. A. Lubbock
10 Lyra	* 49	Jack Woodall	Lyra
11 Mt. Pleasant	15	Mrs. Maud Clark	Cason
12 Mt. Sterling	18	Rosa Davis	R. 8, Sulphur Springs
13 Paris	51	Mrs. Etta Silkwood	166 N. 17th St., Paris
14 Ranger	22	Miss Oris Hubbard	1102 Young St., Ranger
15 Shepherd's Chapel	9	Lenora Hayslip	Crockett
16 Shiloh	14	Ivy Land	Crockett
17 Thurber	31	Mrs. Marie Brock	Thurber
18 Trinity	15	Mrs. H. J. French	Trinity
19 Weatherford	9	Mrs. Maggie Hudson	Weatherford

### DEACONS

1 Anthony, Geo. E., R. 2, Ladonia	4 Hall, J. W., Thurber
2 Brown, Jas. M., Lone Elm	5 Jones, Robert, Crockett
3 Drake, M. E., Lyra	6 Rabe, Robert, R. 1, Point

### EVANGELISTS

1 Asher, George, Weatherford	den, Ark.
2 Asher, Della, Weatherford	5 Wood, S. J., R. 1, Mt. Vernon
3 Land, Jas. L., R. 4, Box 12, Crockett	6 Wood, Mrs. Jonnie Belle, R. 1, Mt. Vernon
4 Scarbrough, E. C., Box 194, Imbo	

## Virginia

F. J. CROWDER, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses
1 Altavista	25	J. B. Adams	Altavista
2 Austinville	4	C. H. Crockett	Austinville
3 Bedford	16	B. H. Fulton	910 Greenwood St., Bedford
4 Cliffview	43	Cora Bond	Cliffview
5 Coeburn	49	Ada Pack	Toms Creek
6 Cripple Creek	35	Edith Litteral	Cripple Creek
7 Danville	33	Joe Hundley	N. Main ext., Danville

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8	Foster Falls	33	Ida Smythers	Foster Falls
9	Glamorgan	15	Etta Lamison	Glamorgan
10	Guntton Park	38	J. R. Rosenbury	Max Meadows
11	Leesville	5	Mrs. O. S. Martin	Lessville
12	Lynchburg	54	Katie Sparks	Lynchburg
13	Marion	25	Lucy Kelly	Marion
14	Monarat	29	L. B. Frazier	Monarat
15	New Port	24	C. A. Price	Clinchfield
16	Parrott	21	J. W. Gibson	Parrott
17	Poplar Grove	38	Miss Flora Dean	Poplar Camp
18	Pulaski	46	Mrs. W. B. Davis	Pulaski
19	Ridgeway	6	J. W. Stratton	Ridgeway
20	Roanoke	67	Anise Niswander	R. 1, Roanoke
21	Shorts Creek	42	John Bays	Shorts Creek
22	South Norfolk	5	Mrs. N. C. Sykes	137 Bainbridge St., S. Norfolk

## BISHOPS

1	Crowder, F. J., Toms Creek	2	Gammon, Fuller W., Terre Haute, Ind.
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## DEACONS

1	Edmonds, H. J., Shorts Creek	5	Litteral, W. B., Cripple Creek
2	Frazier, Rufus J., Monarat	6	Smythers, M. A., Foster Falls
3	Hanks, E. L., Monarat	7	Stewart, C. W., Marion
4	Hanks, Curtis, Monarat	8	Turner, Leonard L., Shorts Creek

## EVANGELISTS

1	Davis, W. B., 615 Jackson Ave., Pulaski	10	Lowman, W. M., Box 258 Coeburn
2	Davis, Cynthia, Vise	11	Mahe, Clara, Schoolfield
3	Frazier, John H., Atlanta, Ga.	12	Niswander, David, Roanoke
4	Gammon, Eliza, Terre Haute, Ind.	13	Sexton, Robert M., Cliffview
5	Griffith, Ora B., Galax	14	Sparks, J. B., 3006 5th St., Lynchburg
6	Grubb, Robert, Ivanhoe	15	Stover, R. M., c/o Twin Mill, Roanoke
7	Hale, Vinnie, Fries		
8	Hanks, E. J., Box 138, Monarat	16	Vaught, Land L., Box 81, Oakvale, W. Va.
9	Johnson, Edmond D., Walbridge, Ohio		

## W. Virginia

E. L. SIMMONS, Overseer.

Churches	Members	Clerks	Addresses	
1	Barnabus			
2	Birch Run	5	W. M. Miller	Birch Run
3	Cedar Grove	31	Mrs. Nettie Jones	Cedar Grove
4	Chapmanville	13	Nettie Jeffry	Chapmanville
5	Colcord	15	Mrs. Ed. Frye	Colcord
6	Grown Hill	16	Jesse Huddleston	Box 24, Hansford
7	Dorothy	18	Will Perry	Dorothy
8	East Bank	8	E. C. Smith	East Bank
9	Garrison	13	J. G. Cowley	Garrison
10	Glatto	14	George V. Bray	Dott
11	Huntington	23	J. G. Clark	1306 18th St., Huntington
12	Kayser	30	Lena Rorabough	Garten
13	Leckie	24	Martha Badler	Leckie
14	Leone	32	Dock Gilman	Himler

15. Lester	20. Martha Arndoff	Glen White
16. Logan	107. Mrs. Bertha Frey	Logan
17. McDowell	13. Belle Worley	McDowell
18. Moundsville	14. Jane Montgomery	Moundsville
19. Mount Zion	5. Julia Bayes	418 Burch St., Parkersburg
20. Naugatuck	30. Perly Stepp	Naugatuck
21. Oakvale	36. E. L. Whitt	Kelleyville
22. Parkersburg	69. W. S. Mercer	Saunders Ave., Parkersburg
23. Ronda	9. Maude Jarrett	Ronda
24. Shrewsbury	19. Ida V. Lively	Box 14, Shrewsbury
25. S. Charleston	23. Bun E. Hicks	Spring Hill
26. Ward	* 7. G. W. Crowder	Ward
27. Williamstown	19. Sarah Daily	1220 Garfield Ave., Williamstown

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| 1. Cline, James, Elkhurst | 2. Rumler, W. M., Cedar Hill, W. Va. |
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| 1. Bowman, Ezra, Logan         | 9. Kersey, McDowell, Shrewsbury    |
| 2. Carter, Harry, Logan        | 10. Lively, Arthur, Shrewsbury     |
| 3. Cawley, James G., Garrison  | 11. May, O. R., East Banks         |
| 4. Christian, Arthur, Barnabus | 12. Peaxton, Cephas S., Shrewsbury |
| 5. Goodson, Floyd, Ward        | 13. Thomas, O. W., Oakvale         |
| 6. Haney, Osten, Kaymoor       | 14. Woodrum, Granison, Dorothy     |
| 7. Jeffery, Ray, Chapmanville  | 15. Young, Reese, Leckie           |
| 8. Jewel, D. C., Leckie        |                                    |

EVANGELISTS

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Bayes, Julla, Parkersburg         | 6. Middlebrook, John H., Garrison           |
| 2. Drummond, B. E., Monaville        | 7. Peck, Eli S., Parkersburg                |
| 3. Frey, Edgar, Box 661, Logan       | 8. Simmons, Ida L., Moundsville             |
| 4. Markum, Silas, Lenora             | 9. Wriston, Geo. W., Box 24, Jonalds Valley |
| 5. Middlebrook, Mrs. M. E., Garrison |   |

The Other Seventy

Complying with the requirements of the Assembly the General Overseer and Twelve Elders made the appointments of the "Other Seventy" as follows:

ONE YEAR TERM

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| 1. Capshaw, W. A., Cleveland, Tenn.      | 7. Messer, W. R., Kannapolis, N. C.     |
| 2. Churchill, C. A., Sapa, Miss.         | 8. Mullen, J. W., Holcomb, Miss.        |
| 3. Franks, W. R., Coopers Town, Bahamas. | 9. Padilla, Juan, Alcreek, Colo.        |
| 4. Grisam, C. M., N. Chattanooga, Tenn.  | 10. Raney, W. E., Charleston, Miss.     |
| 5. Jenkins, A. L., Trenton, Ark.         | 11. Smith, E. C., Parkersburg, W. Va.   |
| 6. McClendon, T. M., Point, Tex.         | 12. Smith, Thos. B., Miami, Fla.        |
|  | 13. Stallings, W. M., Kannapolis, N. C. |
|  | 14. Walker, W. A., Madisonville, Tenn.  |

TWO YEAR TERM

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| 1. Attey, John W., Frankfort, Ill.  | 8. Marks, I. H., Tampa, Fla.           |
| 2. Brooks, J. H., Alarka, N. C.     | 9. Middlebrook, T. J., Atlanta, Ga.    |
| 3. Byerly, T. J., Dayton, Tenn.     | 10. Pinkley, E. L., Couch, Mo.         |
| 4. Curtis, C. R., Cleveland, Tenn.  | 11. Rider, E. C., Morgantown, Miss.    |
| 5. Doss, B. H., Sapulpa, Okla.      | 12. Scoggins, H. N., Paris, Tex.       |
| 6. Ford, T. S., Louisville, Ky.     | 13. Simmons, E. L., Huntington, W. Va. |
| 7. Gammon, F. W., Terre Haute, Ind. | 14. Yates, J. O., Logan, Ill.          |

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## THREE YEAR TERM

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| 1. Priest, J. T., Brookhaven, Miss.   | 8. Rumler, W. M., Cedar Grove, W. Va. |
| 2. Randall, C. H., Dahl, Ky.          | 9. Simpson, Z. D., Tuscaloosa, Ala.   |
| 3. Rembert, W. G., Circleville, Ohio. | 10. Simmons, H. B., Kentwood, La.     |
| 4. Richardson, T. J., Miama, Fla.     | 11. Stephens, J. L., Tampa, Fla.      |
| 5. Robinson, R. S., Mentone, Ala.     | 12. Thomas, Z. R., Buhl, Ala.         |
| 6. Rogers, Jesse, Mountain City, Ga.  | 13. Turner, L. L., Whitwell, Tenn.    |
| 7. Rogers, W. H., Augusta, Ga.        | 14. Wilemon, W. S., Oneonta, Ala.     |

## FOUR YEAR TERM

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| 1. Burk, John, Barton, Ark.         | 8. Johnson, R. P., Bushnell, Fla.       |
| 2. Crowder, F. J., Max Meadows, Va. | 9. Martin, W. M., Orlando, Fla.         |
| 3. Culpepper, E. B., Lake Park, Ga. | 10. Murray, J. W., Valdosta, Ga.        |
| 4. Davis, J. A., Hayesville, N. C.  | 11. Nelson, J. W., Soddy, Tenn.         |
| 5. Eneas, W. V., Nassau, Bahamas.   | 12. Padgett, C. M., Williston, Fla.     |
| 6. Fritz, P. F., Norfolk, Va.       | 13. Padgett, J. C., Lake Park, Ga.      |
| 7. Holcomb, D. R., Fort Myers, Fla. | 4. Pressgrove, H. A., Charleston, Miss. |

## FIVE YEAR TERM

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| 1. Bryant, W. F., Cleveland, Tenn.  | 8. Letsinger, M. W., Jefferson, C. Tenn. |
| 2. Cross, W. H., Miami, Fla.        | 9. Padgett, Milton, Miami, Fla.          |
| 3. Culpepper, J. W., Lake Park, Ga. | 10. Richard, T. A., Nashville, Tenn.     |
| 4. Gann, Alonzo, Atlanta, Ga.       | 11. Rouse, O. R., Raton, N. Mex.         |
| 5. Heath, S. J., Hazlehurst, Ga.    | 12. Self, J. A., Miami, Fla.             |
| 6. Hockett, W. C., Norwalk, Calif.  | 13. Simmons, E. E., Fort Myers, Fla.     |
| 7. Hopkins, E. D., Cullowhee, N. C. | 14. Trim, H. L., Olney, Ill.             |

## Supreme Judges—Court of Justice

Provided by the Assembly and appointed by the General Overseer to serve till the Assembly in 1922.

M. S. Lemons, F. J. Lee, J. S. Llewellyn, T. L. McLain, S. W. Latimer, J. B. Ellis, E. J. Boehmer.

## State Examining Boards and Courts of Justice

These boards are authorized by the Assembly and appointments made by the General Overseer, to serve till the assembly in 1922.

Ala. W. S. Wilemon, R. S. Robinson, Z. R. Thomas.  
 Ark. John Burk, A. L. Jenkins, E. L. Pinkley.  
 Bahamas. Milton Padgett, W. R. Franks, W. V. Eneas.  
 Cal. O. R. Rouse, J. A. Davis, Juan Padilla.  
 Fla. F. J. Lee, J. A. Self, E. E. Simmons.  
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