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# MINUTES

OF THE

25th Annual Assembly

OF THE

# Church of God

Over Which A. J. Tomlinson is General Overseer

Held in Central Ave. Tabernacle  
Cleveland, Tennessee

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*"Ye are come unto Mount Sion . . . and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and Church of the first born . . . and to the spirits of just men made perfect and to Jesus the mediator of the New Testament."*

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*"Put off thy shoes from off thy feet for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground"*

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## PREFATORY NOTES

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Assembly is now in the past, and now it becomes our duty to place the actions thereof and a brief description of the yearly feast upon the pages of history for future generations to scan and be benefitted thereby. It would be impossible to describe every thing and tell all of the happenings, but enough will be given to preserve the records and show that it was indeed a great feast for all who attended, and we trust many others felt the happy influences radiating therefrom.

We felt this year that this Assembly served well as a broadcasting station. The messages, the instructions, the business and the entire work were put on the air to be carried over the world through our hook-up of ministers and local churches which always serve to spread and put into practice the actions, recommendations and entire structural work.

We are indebted to the clerks of the Assembly for their painstaking in preparing the information contained in this pamphlet. By their skill and untiring efforts in keeping up with the scenes and acts of this great Assembly, the information contained herein has been made possible. While it is true that much was said by the many speakers, and many things observed by the clerks not written or noted, yet the business acts were kept accurately so they can be accepted as an official report of the same. And I wish to again thank the clerks for their assistance and service during the entire Assembly.

The attendance this year may have been a little less than last due to the slump in business that affected the whole nation more or less, and the drought that caused much distress in many sections. The registration books, however, show an attendance from a distance of 1,263, and the total of 1,512, nine less than last year. It is believed, however, that many came that did not register. And these records do not include the thousands that thronged the place both day and night.

The big tabernacle had been remodeled and enlarged making additional room to seat four or five hundred above last year, and every available space was taken at the night services, and was fairly well filled during the day sessions.

We now have the pleasure of sending out this small volume to its many readers and lovers with a heart full of praises to God for giving us His presence and power without which all would have been a failure. But with His presence and the assistance of all who contributed any aid we feel that this Twenty-Fifth Annual Assembly has been a glorious success.

The time for the next great Annual Feast—The General Assembly of the Churches of God over which A. J. Tomlinson is General Overseer, will be September 9-15, 1931.

A. J. TOMLINSON, General Overseer,  
Cleveland, Tenn., U. S. A.

# MINUTES

## OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

Over Which A. J. Tomlinson is General Overseer

HELD AT CLEVELAND, TENN., SEPT. 10-16, 1930

### INTRODUCTORY SERVICES

The people came in so fast on Monday and Tuesday that there was a good crowd at the open air service on Tuesday evening. The program of songs, music, testimonies, talks and instructions lasted about one hour and twenty minutes.

All day Wednesday the delegations arrived in groups by trucks, automobiles and on trains. The happy shouts and friendly greetings all told of real live people coming to the feast. By night multitudes thronged the place ready for the opening of the first and introductory service. The committees did faithful service all day receiving and housing the delegates.

At 5:15 p.m. a short open air service marked the beginning. Music in front of the Publishing House by the Miami Church of God Band. Prayer by Guy Marlow. On account of rain the program was not carried out completely.

The introductory service proper was opened inside the Big Tabernacle on the evening of the tenth of September, 1930. The piano music commenced at 6:15 p.m., furnished by Amy Ruth Sample. At 6:30 p.m. the Miami Church of God Band broke in with their contribution of music.

The General Overseer, A. J. Tomlinson, gavel in hand, was promptly at his post to preside at the time appointed. The glad free spirit that prevailed made everybody feel at home and happy.

The general organization was complete with every part and every person on tiptoe ready for service.

The Clerks—L. A. Moxley, Cora L. Randall, J. M. Stratton, Nora T. Augerson, R. M. Stover.

Registrars—Mamie A. Duggar, Elsie Montgomery, Lillian Berry, Pauline Kinser.

Book Stall and Post Office—A. D. Evans, Iris M. Evans, Leona Montgomery.

Reception—I. D. Bain, G. W. Durham, C. L. Taylor, A. C. McKeown, J. O. Hamilton, Mrs. I. D. Bain, Mrs. G. W. Durham, Mrs. C. L. Taylor, Mrs. A. C. McKeown, Mrs. J. O. Hamilton.

Entertainment—A. J. Lawson, A. D. Evans, H. J. Murphy, Will H. Brown, Inez Kinser, Edna Sample, Myrtle Davis, H. E. Gray, Raymond Lawson, James Gibson, Clifford Sample, Archie A. Tripp.

Ushers—Will H. Brown, M. A. Tomlinson, Herbert Cate, Bill Parker, H. L. Faulkner, C. A. Davis, Ernest Kinser, C. F. Stewart, Rube Whitlock, J. R. Smith, Archie Melvin, J. D. Williams, Clifford Sample, Andy Freeman, Hubert Gray, Homer Sample, S. L. Jones, Vesta Ledford, John Melton, John Wilson, Charlie McGowan, Truman Tarpley, Charlie Trew.

Superintendent of Campground—H. H. Irwin.

Song service started at 6:45 p.m. led by Guy Marlow, with Edith Tarpley at piano. The song book used was "Soul Stirring Songs."

The prayer service was divided into sections:

1. The song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," was led by Guy Marlow while the congregation was in a standing position.

2. At close of song all remained standing with one hand raised and all engaged in one mighty silent prayer to God for His presence during the entire Assembly. At the sound of Amen all were seated in perfect quietness.

3. One special prayer by C. H. Randall, of Ky.

4. Special song by M. B. R's. quartet.

5. Another special prayer by J. R. Moxley, La.

6. Another song by congregation.

7. Special Song by Avery and Ralph—"On Central Avenue."

7:25 p.m.—Introductory and welcome address, by Pastor H. J. Murphy. This was followed by M. B. R's. Quartet. String music and song by Maurice Curry and others.

7:45 p.m.—Big concert prayer. This sounded like the falling of many waters.

7:50 p.m.—Music by "Dyersburg Band." The congregation stood and offered special prayer for those who had been in car wreck, some of whom were injured.

8:00 p.m.—Big praise service for women only led by Clara Miller. One hundred and thirty-eight testified, songs, choruses, messages and interpretations and piano played under the power.

8:45 p.m.—Music by Miami Church of God Band.

8:50 p.m.—Big praise service for men only, led by S. P. Ford. One hundred and thirty-six men testified.

9:23 p.m.—Announcements by General Overseer. Music by Band. Big altar service with many in altar following an exhortation by General Overseer.

Adjournment.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:

5:30 a.m.—Sunrise prayer meeting led by J. H. King, of Ala. Many prayers, several testimonies, power fell. Great time with the Lord and each other.

8:00 a.m.—Piano music by Georgia Riggs.

8:20 a.m.—Song service led by J. O. Hamilton, Carra Lee Sellers at piano. Prayer by Geo. D. Wilson.

8:40 a.m.—Opening of Assembly by General Overseer. Scripture reading Rom. 12:1-11. Congregation stood with bowed heads while General Overseer offered prayer. General Overseer announced that the Assembly is now open and ready for business.

8:55 a.m.—Appointment of committees:

No. 1. Questions and Subjects—C. H. Randall, D. R. Holcomb, J. O. Hamilton, M. C. Harvey, J. R. Smith.

No. 2. Watchmen—W. R. Sexton, Tom Pentecost, Geo. D. Wilson.

No. 3. Adjustment—G. W. Durham, C. L. Taylor, S. P. Ford, F. J. Crowder, J. A. West.

No. 4. Ways and Means—S. O. Gillaspie, W. M. Lowman, E. C. Rider, J. W. Barker, Randolph Williams.

No. 5. Missionary—H. A. Tomlinson, E. T. Fowler, Guy Marlow, C. W. Risner, Geo. K. Nickell.

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No. 6. Sunday School—J. R. Moxley, W. T. Holland, J. N. Hurley, G. T. Stargel, J. W. Abbott.

No. 7. Assembly Expenses—I. D. Bain, V. R. Sherrill, Foster Young, J. P. Sullivan, Stanley R. Ferguson.

9:10 a.m.—Special prayer for overseers, their delegations and programs, by E. T. Fowler.

9:15 a.m.—Call of states and their response by songs, music, marches and display of banners. Bugle call as signal for all to be ready by Paul Hudson.

Louisiana—J. R. Moxley, Overseer. Six marched, six registered. Song, short talk by overseer, then he raced around over house and carried banner. Music, marched, carried banner. Reported that every county in the state had been visited with gospel message.

Maryland—W. R. Sexton, Overseer. Song, music, marched, carried banner. Four in march, seven registered. Talk by Overseer.

Michigan—F. F. Johnson, Overseer. Song, music, marched, carried three banners. Talk by Overseer. Five marched, four registered.

Minnesota—J. W. Barker, Overseer. Song, music, marched, carried banner. Talk by Overseer. Three marched, two registered.

Mississippi—E. C. Rider, Overseer. Song, music, marched, carried seven-teen banners. Talk by Overseer. Put gospel message in every county. Forty-five marched, forty-five registered.

Missouri—D. R. Holcomb, Overseer. Songs, music, marched, carried twelve banners. Talk by Overseer. Sixteen marched, fifteen registered.

New York—H. A. Tomlinson, Overseer. Songs, music, marched, carried four banners. Talk by Overseer. Seven marched, six registered.

North Carolina—C. L. Taylor, Overseer. Song, music, marched, carried twelve banners. Talk by Overseer. Forty marched, thirty-eight registered.

North Dakota—J. W. Barker, Overseer. Song, music, marched, carried banner. Talk by Overseer. Two marched, two registered.

Ohio—S. O. Gillaspie, Overseer. Song, music, marched, carried ten banners. Talk by Overseer. Twenty-seven marched, twenty-eight registered.

Oklahoma—I. D. Bain, Overseer. Song, music, marched, carried two banners. Talk by Overseer. Five marched, two registered.

12 m.—Noon.

1:00 p.m.—Pennsylvania—V. R. Sherrill, Overseer. Songs, music, march- ed, banifer did not arrive till later. Talk by Overseer. Three marched, three registered.

South Carolina—R. M. Stover, Overseer. Songs, music, marched, carried seven banners. Talk by Overseer. Twenty-four marched, twenty-five registered.

Tennessee—L. A. Moxley, Overseer. Songs, music, marched, carried thirty-six banners. Talk by Overseer. Carried gospel message into every county. One hundred and sixty-five marched, 741 registered.

Texas—J. N. Hurley, Overseer. Song, music, marched, carried three banners. Talk by Overseer. Five marched, five registered.

Virginia—W. M. Lowman, Overseer. Song, music, marched, carried thirty banners. Talk by Overseer. Seventy-one marched, eighty-two registered.

Virgin Islands—All stood and pointed in the direction of the Virgin Islands and said, "God bless Brother Farnham and his wife and all the rest of them."

West Virginia—F. J. Crowder, Overseer. Song, music, marched, carried two banners. Talk by Overseer. Ten marched, ten registered.

Alabama—W. T. Holland, Overseer. Song, music, marched, carried three

banners. Talk by Overseer. Forty-two marched, fifty-three registered.

Arkansas—J. T. Huddleston, Overseer. Song, music, marched, carried two banners. Talk by Overseer. Three marched, three registered.

Bahamas—Stanley R. Ferguson, Overseer. Songs, music, marched, carried two banners. Talk by Overseer and the others. Three marched, three registered.

China—Peter N. Johnson, Missionary. All pointed down toward China and said, God bless Brother and Sister Johnson and Brother Pitt.

Florida—J. O. Hamilton, Overseer. Songs, music, marched, carried twelve banners. Talk by Overseer. Forty-two marched, forty-six registered.

Georgia—J. F. Curry, Overseer. Songs, music, marched, carried eight banners. Talk by Overseer. One hundred and seven marched, 233 registered.

Illinois—C. J. Anthony, Overseer. Sickness prevented his being present. Song, music, marched, carried banner. Talks by S. O. Gillaspie and Jerry Miller. Seven marched, nine registered.

Indiana—M. C. Harvey, Overseer. Song, music, marched, carried four banners. Talk by Overseer. Twenty marched, twenty-four registered.

Kansas—C. W. Risner, Overseer. Song, music, marched, carried four banners. Talk by Overseer. Eight marched, nine registered.

Kentucky—C. H. Randall, Overseer. Songs, music, marched, carried eighteen banners. Talk by Overseer. Eighty-seven marched, 108 registered.

5:50 p.m.—Trumpet sounded the close. All stood and said, Amen.

Note—Almost one continuous outburst of joy, happiness, dancing, shouting and glorious outpourings the whole day through. Seven hundred and fifty-seven representatives in marches and 1,512 registered from twenty-five states and the Bahama Islands. The demonstrations of happiness and of the power of the Holy Spirit were beyond description. Indeed it was a wonderful day.

6:30 p.m.—Music by Dyersburg Church of God Band.

6:45 p.m.—Song service led by V. R. Sherrill, Edna Mae Sample at piano. Prayer by J. W. Barker, N. Dak. Songs. Big concert prayer. Special song by J. H. King song band.

7:10 p.m.—Ten minutes Big Scripture shower. One hundred and seventy-three persons arose and quoted a verse of Scripture from memory. Special song by Clara, Bessie, Beulah, Damie, Lucile, Edna.

7:35 p.m.—Ninety-fifth Psalm read by General Overseer and demonstrated by Clara, Damie and others on platform.

Special song, "On Central Avenue," composed by W. K. Gibson and sung by Avery and Ralph. Another special by Avery and Ralph. Music by Dyersburg Band.

7:45 p.m.—Music by Miami Band.

7:50 p.m.—Special song by M. B. R's. quartet.

8:00 p.m.—Evangelistic sermon by Nelle Williams, Miss. Exhortation and altar service by Huston Miller, Miss.

Great interest in altar service.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12:

5:30 a.m.—Sunrise prayer meeting, led by W. M. Goings. Songs and prayers in the good old way. Special songs and fifty-three testified. Victorious service.

9:15 a.m.—Song service led by J. P. Sullivan, Verna Hensley at piano. Prayer by D. R. Holcomb.

9:40 a.m.—Music by Dyersburg Band. Big concert prayer. Brother Randall spoke of the importance of all of the delegates being present to hear

the Annual Address, and present in all the services. Music by Dyersburg Band, special song by M. B. R's. quartet.

10:00 a.m.—General Overseer's Annual Address.

**GENERAL OVERSEER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS**  
**BEFORE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**  
**of the**  
**CHURCHES OF GOD**

**Introductory**

The time has passed so rapidly that it seems almost unbelievable that I have been a member of the Church of God of the last days more than a quarter of a century. I took the covenant on the thirteenth day of June, 1903. The minister raised the Bible in his hand and spoke softly but firmly as he asked me if I would take the whole Bible rightly divided as my guide and the New Testament as my only rule of faith and practice and walk in the light as it shined on my pathway. To this I assented and thus I entered into a perpetual covenant that has never been forgotten. I have not gone from mountain to hill, neither have I been carried about with every wind of doctrine that came along. From that time I have been fixed, settled, established. The grace of God has held me safely anchored through many severe storms. And this same grace and anchor have held me steadfast to the present time. "This one thing I do" has been my motto throughout these years of conflict.

Although I took the covenant at the time mentioned, there was no General Assembly of the Churches held until the twenty-sixth day of January, 1906, more than two and one-half years later. And this Assembly was called for the purpose of con-

sidering some important matters concerning the teachings and practices of the early Church that we might make sure of continuing steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship. And this is still our object. We want to continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, both among ourselves, and with those pioneer heroes who fought, bled and died for the cause they espoused. And we must be as loyal and true in our day as they were in theirs.

In our early years, I speak for myself, I did not know the prophecies of Scripture that pointed out the return of the Church of God as we know them now. About the only thing I knew was that the Bible was right and that it told of the Church having been built upon a rock and that the gates of hell should not prevail against it. I knew the name as the Bible gave it. I knew that others continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and that convinced me that we could do the same. And this I was determined to do in every particular as the light beamed on my pathway. It was not always easy for me to know as I should at that anterior date. But by the aid and leadership of the Holy Spirit I kept going on up the incline until by and by that the path marked out



by the prophets was brilliantly illuminated. O, how my heart leaped for joy as I was made to fully understand and know that we were only moving along in fulfilment of Scripture prophecies. And from that time until now a happy boldness has had full sway in my life and work. My work is not mixed with or hindered by doubts. My course is plain, and I can say with the apostle Paul, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy." (Acts 20:24).

The Scriptures show conclusively that the Church will return, be perfected, and that Christ will present it to Himself. And that it has already returned and we are members thereof we know full well. We are not looking for another. We do not hesitate to say this is it. I have heard many of our strongest workers make this statement. And now that it is here it becomes our duty to publish the fact so others can have access to the same joy with which we are thrilled. Many people have a wrong conception of the true Bible Church and this makes it all the more necessary for us to show them that they are in error, by teaching and instructing them as we are already doing continually. And it is our duty to teach them to observe all things Jesus commanded His disciples. And when they observe all that means, they will land in the Church just where His disciples were; and surely no one would attempt to say that His disciples were not members of the Church of God since they became the first members of His new institution.

I want it to be fully understood that we have not organized any new Church, but that we are simply continuing the work of the same Church

which was originally organized by our Lord. The only thing we are doing in connection with this wonderful institution is carrying it on in our day to fulfill prophecy. And since we have been chosen for this purpose why should we not feel highly honored and acknowledge our call as well as John the Baptist acknowledged His when he said, "I am not the Christ . . . . . I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias." And John was making preparation for the coming of Jesus and are we not doing the same thing at another time? And if there was need of some preparation being made for Jesus when He was to come as a little babe to be laid in Bethlehem's manger, why not abundantly more need of preparation for His coming when He is to present His Church to Himself and take it away with Him to that wonderful marriage, and magnificent supper, of which it is said that those who are called are blessed?

It may be that we have never fully awakened and realized the high and exalted position to which we are called and are actually occupying. It is a fact that our labors have fallen at the time of preparation as said the prophet Nahum. This fact cannot be successfully denied because at the time of the Nahum preparation the chariots shall be with flaming torches and shall rage in the streets and jostle one against another in the broadways. John the Baptist spake out boldly and stated positively that he was the one referred to by the prophet Isaiah. Then where is the wrong in us here today declaring that we are the people referred to by Nahum? When we know this is the time of preparation, and that God

has called us to the work just as surely as He called John the Baptist, I feel like we should rise up in the dignity of the position and acknowledge our high calling and thus more fully realize the powerful responsibility that is upon us.

My dearly beloved fellow-laborers who are in this presence today, and with whom I feel so closely joined and compacted, I want you to feel this responsibility as forcibly as I feel it. And I want us to get wide awake to our high calling in this time of preparation for the coming of our Lord, not as a babe of Bethlehem, but as the all-powerful head of the Church of which we are members. And by being members of the body of which Christ is the head surely ought to make us want to take a deeper plunge into the fellowship of the mystery that is hidden from

the masses. What a privilege! What an honor conferred upon us! Filling our place in prophecy as truly as John the Baptist—this indeed is the day of preparation.

Beloved, I wish I could make you fully understand me. I do not want you to think I am beside myself as I press this subject. There is much to be done and we are the people to do it. I am not looking to others. I feel the pressure and I want you to feel it, too. Doubtless you do feel it to an extent, and perhaps that is as far as I feel it, but at this Assembly I want us all to move up a notch if possible and get fully awakened to the responsibility the Lord is laying upon us. And I do not know of a body of people on earth that is charged with certain responsibilities that are upon us. O, God, help us now! O, God, help me now! I must be true! Indeed we must all be true!

#### Looking Back Over the Past Year

I never saw such a year for the Church as has just closed. The workers have worked in a manner that has made it a year of continual progress in the main. There have been oppositions and many difficulties in the way, but this is not surprising. These are to be expected every year, but little attention has been given them. Our work is too great and too important for us to stop long to give attention to things of that sort. Our business is to move forward regardless of oppositions and difficulties. We learned long ago that oppositions and difficulties can be overcome by steady advancement. And usually one of the best ways to overcome such things is to pay them but little attention as if they were scarcely noticed. The man or woman that allows such things to claim their atten-

tion enough to get worried or agitated or excited when they assert themselves usually get wounded more than those who pass them by almost unnoticed. I think we should train ourselves to go on with our work as if there was nothing in the way. Talking about oppositions and difficulties seems to have a tendency to make them appear larger and stronger than they really are.

I have noticed that the minister or pastor that thinks he can make no progress in his work as long as there is an "Achan in the camp" usually gets more trouble stirred up than he knows what to do with. I think our ministers should learn to be as wise as buzzards. It is said that when they alight on a carcass that has just died they stay around and wait for it to get tender. And the

courts of our land scarcely ever try a case until after the fever of excitement dies down. Some times the heat of excitement has become so intensive among our people when some one has been accused of committing a serious offence that they have undertaken to force the pastor to take some action by saying, "You must turn that person out or we will leave the Church." And hasty work sometimes has caused serious breaches that have made long time sores. This kind of hasty work is very unwise to say the least. And a pastor should be possessed with a sufficient amount of wisdom and calmness to prevent sudden eruptions or outbreaks. Disloyalty and wrongs need to be dealt with, but plenty of time should be taken to get it done in the Scriptural way. And when people are in a state of heated excitement is a good time to make serious mistakes.

But in spite of all the oppositions and difficulties that have arisen, the past year has been one of steady progress. The Lord has worked with us and confirmed the Word with signs following. Many souls have been saved, the sick have been healed, devils have been cast out, serpents have been taken up and handled successfully by the power of God. A goodly number have been added to the Church and a fair number of new churches put on the map.

This has been the greatest convention year we have ever had. Not only has there been a larger number of conventions held, but reports and observation show that the attendance at these state conventions has been much larger than any previous year. Taking it as a whole this statement is true and it should be a means

of encouragement to every state and overseer. The state conventions, however, have not all been well enough organized to get any thing like an accurate register of their attendance. There is room for big improvements in the conventions on this point as well as others also. But the conventions the past year have been wonderful, and all of the overseers with one exception were on their jobs and brim full of convention spirit and holy zeal for the Lord and the Church. Their programs were fine and their executive ability in the management of their conventions was much appreciated by the General Overseer. A few, however, will need to learn that they cannot be all the committees, all the ushers and all the other personnel of a convention. They will soon learn to draft other helpers to take some of the responsibility. Some have already learned this and had their organization fairly well completed so the responsibilities have been very equally divided.

It is a source of gratitude and pleasure to me now at the close of the year to know that every state where we had an overseer and the Bahama Islands had its convention. Another source of happiness to me is the fact that the General Overseer had the pleasure of attending every convention two or three days. Indeed I have never put over quite such a strenuous year in this respect. And God by His goodness and providences has the praise for making this possible. I am yet in a state of wonder over the whole thing. How could I do it? How did I do it, and at the same time keep up my office work so well? The success of it might be attributed to different causes, but first I give God the glory for giving

me good health, holding me up with supernatural strength to travel and work day and night. As much as possible I traveled to and from the conventions at night in order to give all the time I could to both the convention and office work.

I feel that God gave the strength to undergo the strain, although to me it did not seem to be much strain. Very seldom was I even tired. Another cause I think in keeping up my work should be attributed to good organization of my staff of assistants and efficient workers in the different departments at the headquarters office. Had I not had stalwart dependables there it would have been impossible for me to be away so much. And this should be a fact well appreciated by the Church at large, which I believe it is much more than has been expressed in words. We do an enormous amount of work at headquarters that could not be done as it is without the aid of skilled and efficient workers of which I am grateful and with whom I am highly pleased.

As I am briefly reviewing the work of the past year I feel I owe this Assembly some information concerning the work done by myself. I have attended the twenty-six conventions beginning with the twenty-fourth of February and ending with the twelfth of August. During that period of time I traveled in twenty-nine states, a part of the Atlantic ocean and the Bahama Islands. I traveled in day coaches of trains, in buses, automobiles, steam ships and on foot. The record shows that I traveled enough miles since last Assembly to more than reach around the world and that I made a distance of 26,155 miles, besides the many miles I traveled on the platforms as

I paced back and forth while delivering the 314 messages. And I think it is wonderful the way my voice held up during the months when I was on the platforms so much of the time. I will give you the number of discourses each month during the busiest convention period—March, 47; April, 57; May, 50; June, 63; July, 53. This makes an average of one and two-thirds messages a day for the five months. Besides this I worked in the office two or three days and nights each week more than half the time.

I suppose I am learning how to be more economical each year. I am very careful about spending the money I receive. I never buy any extra knick-knacks. I purchase the food I have to have and never any extras between times. I feel like every dollar I get is precious and I make it go as far as possible. I give to the Church work freely and gladly. During the convention campaign I have contributed in nearly all the collections and rarely less than a dollar, and sometimes five, besides giving larger amounts on special occasions. Not having taken the time to make an accurate count of the gifts to the different activities of the Church an estimate shows around \$500.00. My total receipts for the year from all sources amounted to \$2,715.15. My disbursements, which includes railroad fare and other expenses aside from my home expenses such as food, clothing, etc., and gifts to the Church in collections and other ways, amounted to \$1,331.98. This leaves a balance of \$1,456.77. And subtracting the \$500.00 I probably gave to the Church activities would leave a balance of \$956.77 for my home expenses and other obligations.

It would probably be in place here

to state that besides all of the work described above I have prepared messages and notes for the paper and done other work toward keeping the paper going, dictated thousands of letters, attended to the examination of ministers and kept close watch over them, assisted the overseers what I could, prepared leaflets of instructions to assist the work of the big business program and pushed it with all my might, selected and appointed the commissions as provided for by the last Assembly, and perhaps a thousand other things pertaining to my work as editor and publisher of the paper and as General Overseer, and superintendent of the United Bible Institute.

I give this bit of information about myself and the work I have done, not to boast, but because I feel I owe it to the Church in general. Since I am the Lord's servant and yours also, I feel I should give you a brief

report of my work so you may know I am giving my full time of 365 days in the year, and all of my strength and energy to the one business and nothing else. Even my beloved wife takes the care and responsibility of our home and keeps it up so that my whole time can be spent for the Church.

It is a source of happiness and consolation to me to be able to finish up the year's work with victory, and now meet the beloved overseers, ministers, workers and members in this annual feast. And although much has been done during the year, and the workers have been faithful, doubtless we all feel we have not been able to accomplish as much as we desired. And especially do I say for myself that my aspirations have demanded much more. But I feel happy because the year has closed out with real victory and success.

### Our Big Business Program

Since our Big Business Program is of such vast importance and far-reaching in its effect I feel that emphasis should be placed upon it again this year. It was originated at the time we were passing from the reconstruction period of Church work to real constructive work. We were much cheered and inspired as we took the final step and passed over the line, bidding good-bye to the reconstruction period and good morning to the constructive order. The ministers and most of the membership seemed to accept the change and make the advance gladly and willingly. And there has been enthusiastic progress made in a general way. As we were passing the Rubicon that day a prophecy fell from the

lips of one of the vanguard in the following language: "Since we are now passing from the reconstruction stage in our program, we bespeak for us an increase of interest, enthusiasm and ability to perform." And true enough this has actually been fulfilled. There has truly been a fine increase of interest in Church work, a great increase of enthusiasm and holy zeal, and a moderate but powerful increase in ability to perform on the part of many. And very few, if any, have attempted to impede the progress of the big business program or raise objections thereto. Surely God is protecting it and urging it along. Have you forgotten what was said on that memorable day that we crossed over the Rubi-

con? A reminder by repeating the words spoken may be in place here. This immediately followed the prophecy of the increase of interest, enthusiasm and ability already referred to. Now listen,

"And who would want to throw a block in the wheels to impede our progress by raising objections or presenting some side issue to divert the interest from the construction work of the Church and our proposed big business program? Surely that man is not here, and if he should be lurking in the shadow nearby I would remind him of the Uzzah of the Bible who undertook to steady the ark when the oxen stumbled."

And this warning is still held out for the protection of God's order. And any one yet who might think of undertaking to block or hinder the constructive program previously outlined had better heed the warning and play hands off lest a repetition of the Uzzah experience might be the result of his daring project. But I do not think any one will undertake this now at this period of its successful operation. For truly much of the big business program is already in successful operation. The Women's Missionary Band work has made wonderful strides. They have made themselves highly commendable and praiseworthy. I shall not attempt to say all the good words about them at this time of which I think they are worthy. But I am certainly well pleased with them.

I wish also to mention the State Overseers Pay Association which is an additional work for the Assembly Band Movement introduced in 1916. In the Big Business Program is also included a revival of that Band movement. I cannot say that this State Overseers Pay Association

has met with as much enthusiastic support as the Womens Missionary Band work, but it is very important and must not be allowed to trail in the dust. I feel that it must be properly organized and boosted. This problem can and must be mastered.

Then there is the Victory Leaders or young peoples organization. In many places these meetings have grown and developed nicely, but the full and complete plans have not been matured. We have visions of larger and better methods for the operation of this department of Church work. I feel sure that our young people will become a mighty factor in Church extension work in the near future. It is my purpose now to mention it only briefly as a part of the Big Business Program. More will be done to assist in developing this department at the proper time.

I wish to refer briefly to the other departments originally mentioned in this Big Business program. The first is every local church a kind of hub or headquarters from which workers may go out every direction at intervals as opportunity affords like the spokes from the hub of a wheel. Such work as this will always build up the local or home church. The pastor should give proper attention to this kind of work and open mission stations round about and have regular appointments arranged for his new workers who may develop into ministers later on. I wish here and now to send out a note of encouragement to this work. A regular corps of personal workers might be sent out occasionally to distribute tracts, visit families, sing and pray in the homes, hold cottage prayer meetings, etc. This kind of work might well come under the head of Church Extension Work ac-

ording to the gospel of St. Mark where he records the beautiful and wonderful words of Jesus who said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." And this must be done because it has been commanded by Jesus the great Head of the Church. And this command comes to us because Jesus said again to His disciples, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." And this carrying the gospel to every creature is one of His commands.

Another part of the Big Business Program to which I wish to refer is reaching every county in every state we now occupy with the glorious gospel message—"teaching them to observe all things." One overseer came to the Assembly last year who stated this had been done in his state. As a token of "well done thou good and faithful servant," a badge of honor was fastened on the lapel of his coat. I have heard of others who have mastered their states in the same manner this year. Others have been working hard to the same end and will eventually reach the last one. This is fine, and I expect to still keep encouraging and urging this work on until it is finished. Can't afford to think of any thing else. Failure in doing our duty in this respect is not a word written in our vocabulary. Instead of failure is success. Instead of retreat is charge. Instead of defeat is victory.

A story is told of the great Napoleon Bonaparte and his drummer boy on one occasion that I think will assist in explaining my feelings about our work. The battle was going hard against the general and he was about to give over to defeat. Having reached the conclusion that he was beaten he decided to retreat and save his

men if possible. "Beat a retreat," cried the brave general to his drummer boy. But there was no response—the drum remained silent. Again came the orders, "Beat a retreat gamin!" This time there was a response but not by the drum. It was the boy who cried out and said, "Sire, I do not know how to beat a retreat, but I can beat a charge. O! I can beat a charge that will make the dead fall in line, I beat that charge at the Pyramids, I beat that charge at Mt. Tabor, I beat it again at the bridge of Lodi, may I beat it here?" At this the stern general cried out to one of his chief officers, "We are beaten, what shall we do?"

"Beat them," was the reply.

The drummer boy beat the charge. Desaix, the chief officer, waved high his sword, and the day was won.

If soldiers can make an extra charge and win the day, we can do it, too. We have not entered into this Big Business Program to retreat. The fight is ours, and we are not fighting a losing battle, it is one of victory. Jesus has not told us to do something that can't be done, therefore we will order another charge and win. A few lines from the pen of Alice Ames are very appropriate here:

"Put it through! Put it through  
The good work and the true,  
Believe you can do it  
If it's up to you,  
Give your head and hand to it.  
Life is in doing—  
In strongly pursuing  
The race, for the shining goal  
Clear to your viewing.  
To the work then brave heart!  
Put it through! Put it through!

And to every country in the world!  
This is another section of our Big Business Program. And with this

statement comes a buoyancy that convinces me that we are equal to the task. Faith says we can do it. Courage says we will do it. Boldness presses right into the fight without waiting long enough for doubts to creep in and destroy our courage. Then we must not think of the work being too much for us any more than David thought of Goliath being too much for him. To many in Israel, no doubt, it looked like a wild venture for David, who was only a stripling of a youth, to run toward that big giant warrior, but on, on he ran and all of you know the result. It may look like a wild venture for us to run toward this giant undertaking—that of delivering the message, “Teaching them to observe all things,” to every creature, but let us this day rise to the full heights of courage and determination and say to this giant task in the words of David to Goliath,

“Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

“This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

“And all this assembly SHALL know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give you into my hands.”

**NOW LISTEN CLOSELY,  
EVERY ONE OF YOU UNDER THE  
SOUND OF MY VOICE.**

“And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.” (1 Sam. 17:45-48).

And by the help of the Lord this giant work must be done and finished. And we are the people to do it. Then if it takes turning wild in the eyes and estimation of the people let us turn wild and push into it as no others can be expected to do.

The only thing further that I wish to say in connection with our Big Business Program, is that in my judgment it should be continued without any changes except a more vigorous prosecution of all departments. I have been urging this at all of the conventions and I feel like doing it here. I do not object to changes in a system when changes will make it better, but since we are running on so well, and the Lord is working with us like He is, thus putting His approval upon the entire system, I prefer that no changes be made. And changes have a tendency to bewilder our people for a while and then sometimes it has taken nearly a year to get them accustomed to a practice, and about the time we got it to working well, another change was made. I wish to say again that I recommend no changes in our general system this year, but rather recommend that we continue the present system and as already stated prosecute every department in every detail more vigorously. Doing this as already outlined and described will put our people into a splendid line of co-operation. It may be necessary to add some further explanations and instructions so that every member may better understand his duty, but this can be done



without any special action of the Assembly. It may be good also to make a few additions as supports or stays to bolster up some of the weaker parts, but such as these are not changes. Then let us all pull together and work hard to make every department count for what it is worth.

### Interesting Information

Last year, under the head of Interesting Information, I gave some figures showing the number of sermons, the number of converts, the number added to the Church, etc., during the year. I was sincere in thinking it was interesting, and I still believe it was to many. Now I want to add another chapter under the same heading and make a comparison so all may know what we have been able to compile from the monthly reports sent in by the treasurers of the local churches and the ministers, besides other information that we are able to give to show whether or not there has been any progress made during the year.

It is not my purpose to go into detail and tell all that has been done in all of the different departments and activities of the Church, but only a limited amount of information that I think may be the means of encouraging our workers and perhaps serve to stimulate every one and make them all feel like pressing on into the work for another year with more zeal and courage. I wish this also to be the means of impressing upon every one the importance of the monthly reports as required by the reporting system. If some of you have failed to report, then you have withheld valuable information that cannot be given in my annual report. If you do not give me the reports then my reports will be that much lame, deficient and incorrect. And I have a deep desire that all may at least get a glimpse of my embarrassment when any of the reports are not

forthcoming. That is, by some failing to get their reports in, renders me unable to make my reports accurate.

The treasurer and Publishing House business manager will give the reports of money and of the Publishing House interests, but my reports furnish information of growth or deterioration. Besides making reports to the Assembly the government at Washington requires reports of this kind each year. And if I can't get reports of all of the work done by our churches and ministers then I am compelled to make my reports proportionally less than they should be, which cannot make the showing of our work that we deserve. May I make another appeal to all ministers and all local churches to make their monthly reports regular and accurate? I have been insisting at the conventions the past year that if any treasurer could not or would not make these reports, that he should be replaced by one that could or would do the work faithfully. And I want to insist on this today before this Twenty-Fifth Annual Assembly. And the ministers that do not report—well I have not reached a conclusion as to what should be done with them. But I'll say this much, that a failure to report a few months certainly does have a tendency to make us feel that they are gradually disqualifying themselves for the ministry, because when they do not report we can't keep from wondering if they are losing interest or perhaps leaning away from the Church and toward some

other institution. Since this is a day of windblowing doctrines, when no reports come for a while it gives cause to wonder if another has been caught away by some poison gale.

Beloved, do you think I am saying too much about this? Do you think I am too insistent on having the reports prepared with accuracy and sent in promptly? But I am happy to say that there are many that are always prompt, and the reporting system has been observed by a larger number the past year than any previous year. And many have always been so prompt that if they should fail to report I would know at once that something serious had happened.

Now to the information as compiled from the reports:

The number of sermons reported the past year amount to 24,921, an increase over last year of 3,052. Number converted, 4,078, an increase over last year of 1,076. Number sanctified, 2,406, an increase over last year of 810. Number baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, 1,584, an increase over last year of 522. Number baptized with water, 1,225, an increase over last year of 279. Number of additions to the Church, 2,036, an increase over last year of 630.

The reports show 2,036 increase in membership which is a number not to be despised, but I wonder what became of the 2,042 converts that did not become members of the Church. Have they been allowed to slip away unprotected and lost? Or have they been captured by some other wind of doctrines and probably gobbled up by some institution that will put poison in them and thus cause their spiritual death? Or still worse, if any thing could be worse, have they been let go to increase the forces of

some body of people whose delight is to fight against us or knife us in the back at every opportunity? Indeed I think this a question that should be taken into serious consideration in the face of a sketch of history of the early Church which reads, "And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved." Does not this show that the fish should be strung as fast as they are caught? If they did it then should not we do it now? And are we not falling short of teaching them to observe all things if we do not do it? And if we fail here does it not show we are not quite up to the apostles' doctrine and fellowship as we should be? This is mentioned here for serious thought and perhaps a more strict observance later on if such can be.

There has been an increase also in the ranks of our ministers. Since last Assembly eighty-one have been added to the list, with several recommended whose examinations have not been completed but will be shortly. This number is eleven below the increase last year, but the number pending will more than make up this shortage, and the most of these, I believe, are actively engaged in the ministry now.

At the Assembly a year ago I gave the amount of tithes received by the treasurer for the past five years. The figures then showed a steady increase every year except one, with the year then closed, September 1, 1929, showing the largest amount of all which was \$6,107.79. This information was given to show our people the progress that is being made in tithe paying. And this splendid increase of tithe paying was taken as a good sign that our people are getting more thoroughly settled and

established in the Church and its doctrine. This has been a source of gratification and encouragement, as well as a means to increase confidence in the entire government and system of the Church.

This year the treasurer will be able to report a still larger amount received which seems almost incredible when the slump in the business world has crippled industry and thrown so many of our people out of employment and injured the business of those engaged therein. This fair increase over last year under the existing circumstances is another source of much gratification, and shows that our people are living true to the Church in a time of adversity as well as when business is more prosperous. I wish I could utter in words some of the pentup feelings of commendation that are hid away in my breast to all the faithful members. And while the amount which is \$6,706.84 has been insufficient to supply all the departments which the Assembly designated, yet it is the small increase of \$601.05 over last year. And to have increased any under the circumstances this year should be considered a great gain.

Another set of figures that I want to add in this chapter can be designated as missionary money. At the Assembly held Sept. 9-15, 1925, the treasurer's report showed receipts for foreign missions to the amount of \$200.65. At the next Assembly in 1926 the receipts for missions were \$324.42. The next year in 1927 the report showed \$426.52. Then in 1928 the amount slipped up to \$832.86. At that Assembly the Womens Missionary Band project was instituted as another help to the Church. At the following Assembly in September 1929 the missionary receipts jumped

up to the nice little sum of \$2,137.42. And now this year the treasurer's report will show the sum of \$3,681.78, a gain over last year of \$1,544.36.

Do you consider this steady yearly increase of foreign mission money interesting information? This, too, is good proof that the Church is steadily increasing in its support of all of its activities. And since this is true, it is surely a sign that its membership is becoming more steadfast, more firmly settled and more interested in its progress. A steady increase in missionary interests as shown for the past six years will soon put the Church on the map in many foreign countries. And God speed the day that its beautiful doctrine of "Teaching them to observe all things" may "drop as the rain . . . . and distill as the dew" in many climes and countries of the world.

In connection with the missionary interests I believe it will be interesting information to state here that the requirements of the 1929 Assembly with reference to missionary collections and drives have been carried out. The two foreign missionary drives were made, one in October 1929 and one in March 1930. The exact results of these drives are unknown because of the manner in which the money came to the treasurer. The money was often mixed with the second Sunday collections and not specified by the senders. But about all that can be said is that these drives brought fairly good results.

Another requirement of the 1929 Assembly was that there should be a missionary collection taken at each state convention. I have personal knowledge of this having been done

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in every convention. I am able also to give the amounts collected at each convention as well as the total. I herewith give the states and amounts in order as the conventions were held. The New York church, however, got their collection a few days before the convention. But I give it along with the others:

Bahamas, \$7.94; Florida, \$85.10; New York, \$50.00; Georgia, \$13.56; Louisiana, \$25.00; Texas, \$10.26; Alabama, \$17.13; Tennessee, \$32.72; Ohio, \$31.63; Michigan, \$16.04; West Virginia, \$20.32; Arkansas, \$11.40; Oklahoma, \$10.00; North Carolina, \$23.00; South Carolina, \$3.39; Indiana, \$7.00; Kentucky, \$63.32; Virginia, \$40.45; Illinois, \$10.00; North Dakota, \$8.30; Minnesota, \$10.00; Kansas, \$8.28; Missouri, \$10.73; Maryland, \$16.00; Mississippi, \$25.16; Pennsylvania, \$9.52. Total, \$566.25.

Another point of interest that should be mentioned is the action of the Assembly last year which instructed and authorized the General Overseer to select and appoint commissions in each state to study the problem of support for the State Overseers in conjunction with the General Overseer and to work for their support also. I feel it my duty to report to this Assembly that this business was given attention and appointments made in most all of the states. Besides the good work done by these commissions I have been able to gather much good information which I believe will assist greatly in mastering the problem of the support of our overseers. This year, however, has only been a trial and unless the Assembly rescinds the act, which I earnestly hope it will not do, the General Overseer will continue the line of work with hope of hearty

co-operation by all concerned until the victory is completely won. By order of the Assembly the time of service of the commissions expires with this Assembly, but I shall proceed to select others or perhaps retain some who were appointed last year, and go on with the work.

The Assembly also authorized the selection of a missionary secretary. This selection was made and most of you are aware of the appointment of Clara T. Mabe, of Virginia, to fill this position. Many of you have read her valuable articles in the White Wing Messenger. And these articles have been a source of much assistance to many of the sisters according to statements that I have heard made. I have found Sister Mabe fully able to do all I expected of her the past year. She has rendered valuable service in many ways which I will not attempt to enumerate now, but I want her to know that her splendid service is appreciated, and I believe she has laid the foundation upon which a great structure will soon be erected that will tell wonderfully for our missionary work. And during her short term, and the first of its kind, Sister Mabe has endeared herself to the people with whom she has formed acquaintance and those to whom she has ministered in her official capacity. Her term of office expires with this Assembly, but there are already demands for her reappointment which speak well for her. But this matter will be given attention at the proper time.

We are one point short yet in connection with the office of Missionary Secretary, and that is provisions for her support. Like George Washington, the first president of the United States of America, Sister Mabe has served the first term free—and great

honor to her for it. But it is in my mind to find some plan to provide for the Missionary Secretary so she can travel extensively and assist the local bands in the different states

and organize in all the local churches that have not yet been organized. Just how this support shall be provided is not for me to discuss now, but I fully believe some good plan will be worked out.

#### . Emergency Fund

In touching the money problems as I am about to do at this time I do not wish to interfere with the system as practiced the past year. And the tithe system, I would be afraid to offer any suggestions or changes whatever. However, I do want to encourage its observance as has been practiced for these several years. And in order that our people may reap the benefits and blessings that accompany tithe paying I want to still lift my voice strong in its favor. And, too, I wish to insist on every member paying tithes in regular order as heretofore authorized and explained by the Assembly.

I desire to make brief mention of our regular Second and Fourth Sunday collection days. These days were selected and set apart by the Assembly for the purpose of raising money for our missionary interests, and to assist in the support of the state overseers. The second Sunday has been known as the Second Sunday Missionary Collection Day for years. The latter is of more recent origin, but it is now known as our Fourth Sunday Collection Day for the State Overseers. I feel it is my duty as General Overseer to recommend and insist that these special collection days be observed by every local church. The pastors and deacons should take special interest in carrying out the provisions thus made by the Assembly and not just merely make mention of the fact when the

day comes, but there should be strong exhortations and appeals made for good big collections. And in case the collections seem too small, an additional effort should be made to increase them.

I also feel it necessary to call attention to the state budget debt as it is called. I feel like offering words of commendation to the state overseers and their workers for the efforts put forth the past year to pay out their allotments. And I wish to encourage every state to keep on until every dollar is paid. I do not think any state should give up and quit because I am sure they want to do their part and will feel better when they have accomplished the job they undertook to do. Some of the states have paid out in full, and I am sure no state will want to let another state outdo it in this business.

And some of our people have made pledges that have not been paid. Unexpected misfortunes have overtaken some of them, but I am sure they will all want to pay these pledges just as soon as fortune turns their way again. A debt owed by our people is never too old to pay and should never be forgotten until it is all paid off and squared up. The only trouble in the delay of paying these pledges and the state paying their quotas is the accumulation of interest caused by delay. When the budget was made up the extra paying of in-

terest was not taken into consideration. But if all the states will make up their quotas and all who made pledges will pay them it will relieve the strain so much that I think the balance can be raised with only a slight effort. So as General Overseer I feel I should urge all the states that have not paid up their quotas to still press on and on until every cent is paid. And those who pledged should do the same.

There is one thing about our money problems that I think should have our attention. Since the Assembly has barred the treasurer from shifting one fund to assist another in time of emergencies it has worked a hardship on our treasurer and has been a source of embarrassment to him many times. I do not question the wisdom of the Assembly in placing this bar upon him, but I feel that some steps should be taken to relieve this situation. I therefore recommend that some consideration be given to creating a sinking or emergency fund from which the treasurer can draw and switch as emergencies arise. Some times the missionary fund is short and sometimes the tithes fund is short as well as some of the other funds he handles. And having a special fund that can be shifted any where will bring great relief in times of emergencies.

There are many different ways such a fund can be created, but I will not discuss the ways now. I am only recommending that the creation of such a fund be given deep and careful consideration. This fund

could be used to take care of the interest which may accumulate from further delay of the states paying their quotas. Then there are always unexpected demands that have to be met. I earnestly hope that this Assembly will give this subject as much attention, as it deserves. And I hope it may not be passed over too lightly, because I am of the opinion that this is very important for the progress and best interests of the Church in general.

Quite often appeals from worthy sources come to us at headquarters for small or large appropriations, and sometimes for loans to help put some worthy cause on its feet. As we are situated now we are always forced to reply to such that we have no funds from which we can draw.

This fund could be placed in the hands of the treasurer with a special committee chosen by the Assembly to direct its use. And this fund could be used as a kind of mission fund at times to assist in opening up new fields in the states wherein we have no work. Already this year I have opportunity of thrusting men into new states if we only had a little ready money to advance till the work gets far enough along to be self-supporting.

I am only mentioning these places where such a free fund could be used if it was only available. And without discussing it further I will add that I think I see a plan that could be followed in its creation that would work no hardship on any one, neither would it interfere with the gathering of any of the other funds.

### Co-operation

I wish to insert a chapter on co-operation. This means that everybody helps. One drop of water is of

such little value that although you are quite thirsty and a drop of water should fall on your hand you would

make no attempt to drink it. But when many thousands and billions of them are put together they make the broad rivers and the mighty oceans. A few lines from our old school books assist in showing what little things put together can make.

"Little drops of water, little grains of sand,

Make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land."

In one of our Womens Missionary Band meetings the report showed that the sisters by their strenuous efforts during the previous month had raised the sum of \$5.00. I got the secretary to make a few figures for me. I said, five dollars is not much, but suppose 500 churches should raise five dollars each, how much missionary money would we have each month? After she had made a few figures she replied, \$2,500. I told her to multiply that amount by twelve and see how much missionary money we would have for a year. When she had done the figuring she gave the total of \$30,000.

Now I wish to turn this around and see how the five dollars could be made up by nickles, dimes and twenty cents each. One hundred women at five cents each would make five dollars. Fifty women at ten cents each would make five dollars. Twenty-five women at twenty cents each would make five dollars, ten women at fifty cents each would make five dollars. Five women at one dollar each would make five dollars. And what woman is there in the Church that could not go out almost any day in the month and get a nickel from twenty neighbors and friends for missions? And just think what co-operation will do when everybody works at it. Five women

soliciting one day in every month and only getting five cents from each of twenty people will make five dollars. And only five women in each of five hundred churches do the work and raise \$2,500 a month and the enormous sum of \$30,000 a year. And this is what co-operation will do.

Now let us get down to real business a few moments. In going over our list of churches I find that we have 213 in good working order that send in their reports which show they are alive and have a workable force. If each church would raise the \$5.00 per month this would give the sum total of \$1,065 per month. Then for twelve months at this rate would lift the sum to \$12,780. And this is what co-operation will do. And I want every one in this presence today to get a glimpse at least of what a mighty force can be created by steady and hearty co-operation—every one helping a little.

Now turn the picture and look at the other side. This \$1,065 per month would support ten missionaries in ten different countries and furnish each one with \$100 per month. And if these ten missionaries only delivered fifteen messages per month, or one every other day, "teaching them to observe all things," that would make one hundred and fifty full gospel messages every month and 1800 messages of Church of God doctrine a year. And this is getting right down to where we can do it with the necessary co-operation and proper organization.

And not only do we want co-operation in money matters, but also in all of the activities of the Church—in the Sunday schools, in the Womens Missionary Bands, in the local church band work and State Overseers Pay Associations, in our prayer

meetings, preaching services, and revivals. Co-operation! What is it? The act of working jointly together. This is what keeps the trains from crashing into one another on the railroads. This is what builds the great skyscrapers in New York City. This is what built King Solomon's temple where he had 3,600 overseers. Every overseer had his part of the work to bring up. This is what it is going to take to get the Church fully prepared so it can be presented to the King when He comes. Our Big Business Program in which we are so enthusiastically interested will have to be carried out by co-operation. Great battles are fought and victories are won by the powerful hand of co-operation. Our Assemblies are made successful and thousands are wonderfully edified, blest and

thrilled by co-operation. Indeed it is what we want. It is what we must have to win. But this also means that every one should stay in his own place and never try to get in the space occupied by another. My feet are to keep their place on the ground, my head stay on my shoulders, my eyes in their sockets, every part in its place and every organ healthy and at work. Co-operation, thou art a jewel of greater value than gold, rubies or diamonds. By thee we will conquer the world and put the gospel of "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" into every home, county, state and country of the world. O, thou fair one, come with us and oil our machinery, stroke us in love with thy fair hand. Yes, co-operation! Co-operation!

#### Getting Ready for Our Lord's Return

Never in my life have I felt such a hurry in my spirit to get ready for the coming of the Lord as I have this year. Ever since the watch night service I have felt myself speeding up. I have surely caught the spirit expressed by the prophets when they made mention of certain ones running like it was a time to hurry. Jeremiah states that "One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another." Habakkuk tells of a vision that may point down to our time and says,

"And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

"For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."

All of these verses are surely pointing out a time of hurrying. And I think that time has come. And while the world is hurrying and scurrying along at such a rapid rate of speed I find myself hurrying along with them, but not in the same kind of business that causes their hurry. On the trains I am with them, and on the steamships I am compelled to eat at the same tables, sit with them on the decks, and have to bunk with them in the same state rooms. I am so sure that we are living at a time pointed out by the prophets, and that I have my place to fill in the rush that I feel perfectly at home with the rushing throng that moves along so rapidly toward the time of the end of this age. The Lord by a vision to Daniel points out this speeding throng when he says,

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the



words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." (Dan. 12:4).

If this prophecy is not being fulfilled now I do not know what it will take to fulfill it. Surely the to and fro running time has come. With the thousands of railroad trains rushing every direction loaded with passengers; the ever increasing number of automobiles and buses rushing over the highways; the ships of the sea chasing across and over every square mile of sea water all over the world; the net work of street cars and interurbans; the elevated and subway trains that run like the lightnings and the increased number of airplanes all carrying their loads of passengers, surely no one can doubt this being the time of the fulfilment of Daniel's prophecy that many shall run to and fro.

I scarcely need to mention the increase of knowledge, because this is apparent every where. People do not grow up in ignorance any more. Even with no schooling, knowledge is obtainable by mingling with others. The radio, graphophone and other modern ways of acquiring knowledge, besides the schools, colleges, universities and the entire school system furnish a means for increasing knowledge. Every thing now is pointing to the end of the age, and surely it must be very near. And this gives cause for the hurry feelings we have.

Truly there is much to be done and it will require much speed to get all accomplished that is marked out in God's program. The gospel of the kingdom that is to be preached in all the world for a witness is to be hurried on and this work finished. The Church is to be perfected so as

to measure up to the certain specifications. His house (the Church) must be filled. His bride is to make herself ready. The virgins are to be prepared and ready. They that have the hope of being like Jesus when He makes His appearance are to purify themselves, even as He is pure. The two armies with banners are to march out into the limelight triumphant. The sound of the trumpet and the shout, and the archangel voice shall be heard. The dead saints shall come forth from their graves singing. The living saints shall be changed into their glorified bodies in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. There will be thrills on top of thrills when that notable day arrives. And surely we are now on the very verge, and in the time of the preparation or the time for getting ready.

The people of the world are coming on with their part of the program and we must not be behind with our part. The airplanes, the dirigibles, the automobiles, the street cars, the highways, and all of the latter day inventions are in fulfilment of Scriptures. And as I run to and fro with the millions of others I feel pressed to tell what is our part of the program. And many are ready to receive it, although I feel that I have not yet been able to make it as impressive as it should be made. But I am doing my best and the Lord is giving me strength to do my duty in this respect. And I am convinced that our people are getting away from the plea of weakness that has been so prevalent in the past. They are rising up on tiptoe with Paul and beginning to exclaim with him, "I can do all things through Christ that strengtheneth me." And I feel sure we are making some gains in leaving the swamps of feebleness and

entering the highways of strength and nobility.

I cannot think that those who rise to meet the Lord in the air will be one whit behind the Israelites in strength and fleetness when that great army of many thousands marched out of Egypt under the leadership of Moses in perfect order and harnessed up. Of them it was said,

"He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes." (Ps. 105:37).

"And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness." (Ps. 105:43).

To me, this is a wonderful picture or type of the evacuation of this world for a short period of time by the Lord's chosen—His Church. I do not know the exact length of time that it took Moses to prepare, train and get the people ready for marching orders, but there are some reasons for believing that he was with them for several months and perhaps years, teaching, training and getting them ready for the journey. But the record shows that they went out in good order and all were strong and happy. A few verses of Scripture might be added here to help show the training and drilling that they must have had before leaving, and that they did not go out promiscuously and unorganized.

"These are that Aaron and Moses, to whom the Lord said, Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies." (Ex. 6:26).

"And it came to pass the self same day, that the Lord did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies." (Ex. 12:51).

"These are the journeys of the

children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron." (Numbers 33:1).

"And the children of Israel went up harnessed (five in a rank) out of the land of Egypt." (Ex. 13:18).

The dictionary meaning of the words "army and armies" is as follows: "A body of men trained and equipped for war, and organized in regiments, brigades, or similar divisions under proper officers."

The record shows that there were about six hundred thousand men on foot besides children, and a multitude of others besides their flocks and herds and very much cattle.

Just here it might be well to insert a short description of the way Israel got into Egypt at the first. The story of Joseph and his becoming governor and laying up corn in Egypt and sending for his father and the entire family so he could take care of them through the years of famine gives it complete. Then I wish to put in here a few verses to show God's promise to Israel.

"And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac.

"And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I.

"And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:

"I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes." (Gen. 46:1-4).

Now the special point in this to which I wish to refer is the one where God promised to make of

Israel a great nation. And the word "nation" means "the people of a country united under the same government." This is more proof that they were definitely organized and trained as an army under Moses although the full law was not given them until they arrived at Sinai. If it is true that the going out of Egypt is a type of the rapture of the Church when the Lord comes to present it to Himself, then we have abundance of proof that the Church must be well organized so every one will be in his place when that thrilling moment comes. And it is certainly true that there will be thrills on top of thrills when that notable day arrives. And getting ready is our job now. Adding here two verses of Scripture will surely give force to the analogy already given. And I do not think these two verses can be repeated too much.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." (Matt. 24:44).

"Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary." (1 Cor. 12:22).

This last verse is not given to show that God wants his little ones to remain feeble. But it is expected that while they are necessary they should wax strong and get ready along with the stronger ones so they will not remain feeble. But every member of the body is necessary and should fall in line and get well trained and ready for marching orders upward. And it is going to mean much more to turn our eyes heavenward and begin stepping upward instead of horizontally on the ground as Israel marched out of Egypt and across the Sea. And perhaps the Red Sea is a type of the great upward space

through which we are to pass with no footing and no hand holds. But to traverse this space will be no more to us than crossing the Sea on dry land was to the army of Israelites. I know our God makes ways where there are no ways. This has been demonstrated in many instances. But God requires obedience and good organization to perform His mighty works as pointed out in the Scriptures.

Now concerning getting ready for this master move upward is no light thing. It was no little thing for Moses to get the Israelites ready for their flight from Egypt. It will surely require no less effort, persistence, patience and perseverance to get people ready for the flight upward from this world to the place of the marriage of the Lamb and the great supper that will be fully prepared upon our arrival. I fear our people have been looking upon this upward flight as more like a dream than a blessed reality. I think it is time now to get down to business and go into real hard training—and every member, too, lest somebody is left out. I have witnessed some things recently that put a kind of a sacred fear upon me which has put in me a deeper determination to perform my part well in this great drama. Yea, I dare not fail; I must not fail; and by God's help I will not fail. Surely no one will ever again undertake to turn traitor or stir up rebellion to hinder our progress in such a wonderful time as we are now living. If there is any thing in types and shadows it might be well to consider some more of these that are calculated for us upon whom the ends of the world are come.

A kind of a holy, reverential fear has come over me just now. I hesi-

tate a moment to put the words into this message that I was about to add. But they are words given by Paul and since they are for the last days they surely belong here. But here is the cause of the pause in a few words. Moses had those in his great armies that were all the time fearful of their leader and seemed to want the reins of government. And every time one sprang up destruction came upon him and those who had rallied to his standard. Then I thought how this might be applied in our preparation for the coming of the Lord and our organizing and training for the flight upward from this world to meet our Lord in the finest of order somewhere up in the sky as He has appointed. But since I feel pressed to add Paul's words I will do so with a prayer to God in my heart that they may not be snatched away from their proper meaning by unbelieving and incredulous minds or turned to the wrong purpose. I am sincere. I am honest and want to simply fill my place as faithfully as others have done in the past. But now please read and let Paul's words sink into your hearts and reap the benefits thereby as intended by him.

"I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: (He knew positively what he was doing.)

"But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast-away. (Paul surely had some of the same kind of feelings that are upon me as I quote, or probably I should say, perhaps I have similar feelings to his at that time).

"Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that

all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

"And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

"And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

"And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them! and that Rock was Christ.

(Now again here comes more of the cause for the feeling and it is serious with me).

"But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. (And who has already been overthrown in the wilderness, and who else may be before we get fully ready for the rapture? And I fear for a repetition or application of Heb. 12:15-17 for those who fail or draw back now as well as some who have already drawn back).

"Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

"Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

"Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

"Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

"Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." (1 Cor. 9:26, 10:11).

If this is not some warning and

admonition given by Paul direct to our time and the people of our day I surely do not know for what else it was intended. And since he declares it is for those upon whom the ends of the world come I am inclined to take it seriously. We are surely nearer the ends of the world than any other people that have ever lived. And I think it means us and now. But who is going to be so fickle and unstable as to want to kick out of the harness and despise government now at this important hour in the great drama of God's workings to show His power and glory to the inhabitants of all the worlds in His universe? It would seem that Miriam, Zimri, Core, and all the others with them that rose up against Moses would not have done so, but they did. And the consequences were appalling, terrifying and frightful. And this calls for a few verses from Jude that tell of some things going to fall upon some in these last days who have perhaps already, and will rise up against constituted Scriptural authority and despise and reject government and those in authority while we are hurrying on with our organizing, training and getting ready for the coming of our Lord after His Church. Please read and consider well:

"Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion (Refuse to submit to Heb. 13:17 and many others), and speak evil of dignities.

"Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

"But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute

beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

"Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. (Gainsaying means that Core spake against Moses and opposed him as recorded at Numbers 16:1-35. This should be read right here in connection with this part of the message to show the seriousness and real danger there is in rebelling or speaking against dignities—those over you in the Lord as shown at Heb. 13:17 and elsewhere.)

"These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, (That is, they will come right into our meetings and take an active part in our services and act like they are one with us and then go out and reject government and refuse or despise dominion, and speak evil of those in authority after the Bible order. And such people are doomed to some kind of destruction, because Jude says they will perish. This is indeed a horrifying situation, but if people will persist in having their way and refuse government they will have to take the consequences and we cannot prevent it.) feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds (Eph. 4:14); trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

"Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever." (Jude 8:13).

Jude certainly puts up a dark picture concerning people who undertake to meddle where they have no business and try to oppose the right and proper authority and govern-

ment. But while such people are foaming out their own shame and suffering the vengeance of an offended God as was the case with Core and his company, we go right on with our work, getting everything in order so as to be ready for the Lord's return.

I think I never saw it quite so clear. And this view the Lord is giving me through the Scriptures and by the Spirit illuminating the pages, makes me all the more interested and zealous in performing my part in getting ready for the return of our Lord and the thrills it will bring. It seems that every message I deliver puts me into the work a little deeper and stronger. I am carefully watch-

ing every thing and every move, as well as testing the whole by the Scriptures from which we dare not, yea, must not swerve. And as I close this chapter I wish to emphasize the importance of our being strong for the Lord's service in these last days and all should remember that getting ready for the Lord's return is our job now. And this getting ready does not only mean that we shall spend our time in trying to make ourselves better and keep away from the world, but it means that we shall spend our time and means in spreading the gospel message in all the world for a witness, and get perfectly organized and fully equipped for the journey besides.

### Conclusion

Before closing this address I wish to emphasize a few points to which I have already briefly referred. I am afraid that I have not made them sufficiently clear and impressive to get them into your hearts. And I wish to state here that I am not delivering this message today merely because it has been a custom, or to fill up space, or to make a display of eloquence, but I am doing it because my heart is filled with enthusiastic interest in the work into which God has called us. My whole soul is in it. I have repeatedly stated that every drop of blood in my veins was for the Church of God and its interests. And this means that my full strength, mind and soul is in it because God has put it there. But my vision has been extended this year in many respects and my capacity for understanding has been enlarged. And I feel I must give you, my precious fellow-laborers, the benefits derived therefrom to assist in making

you far greater in ability to engage in the mighty work that is before us, and which we must perform. Will you bear with me a little longer that I may unburden my heart to you so that the tremendous responsibility I feel may be properly and proportionately distributed among you?

I fear that we are not fully awakened to a sense of who we are and the obligations and responsibilities under which we are placed by being what we are as God's chosen for the work of the last days. The prophet Isaiah has repeatedly told us to awake and put on strength and I feel that this should not be delayed any longer. We must, we must say goodbye to a state of lethargy, to half-hearted interest, to an inclination to put off doing work that we know should be done, and rush into the ranks of service as if we are being refreshed by the good early morning breezes that are always healthful and invigorating.

Now come with me into a certain secret chamber that contains a wealth of sacred and extremely important information. You all know that Jesus has told us to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Judging by the way we have been doing our work in the past I fear that we have not taken this as seriously as we should. We have pitched our tents, built church houses, rented halls and sent out invitations to the people to come, and this is all well and good, but where is the town or city or even the community that all the creatures have come to hear the message? There has been some house to house visiting, but when have any of you instituted and organized a regular house to house canvass to take the message to every creature?

I appeal to you my friends and fellow-workers—Do you think Jesus means what He says? And listen again, notice with care, coming direct from the very Jesus that is the great head of the Church—the General of the army giving orders and a powerful and sweeping command—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, . . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." And you all know that is a direct command to us down here in the end of the world.

This has been referred to as a giant undertaking, and so it is, but are we to be excused because the work seems too great for us? Can't we do great things? And this is my reason for emphasizing or enlarging upon this subject. I want our people to be more thoroughly awakened from their slumbers. O, that this

message may be so far reaching in its effect this day as it is put on the air in this powerful broadcasting station—the Twenty-Fifth Annual Assembly of the Church of God, that it will affect and awaken every member whether they are here or there. And this is not asking too much because we all know that we are told that God "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

After having gone over this subject thus far I feel that it has scarcely been touched. But it can and will be amplified as the sound or influence is carried abroad by our hook up of radio stations which is our ministers and local churches. I tell you I feel this thing. And we must expand and enlarge our capacity by organized effort until we can do exactly what Jesus has commanded us to do. O, we must not hesitate any longer. From this great Assembly we must go forth with renewed energy, zeal, courage and determination. And this going to every creature is in harmony with the illustration given by Jesus when He said,

"Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

"And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

"And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

I think also that Paul's example of teaching publicly and from house to house, warning every one night and day with tears for three years should be taken seriously, and put into practice by our pastors and workers. And especially should this be em-

phasized and amplified to our workers when Paul entreats or commands in the following strong manner:

“Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.”

This personal house to house work could be done quite extensively by a thorough organization of the local church bands for which the pastors are largely responsible. What a mighty army of workers can be mustered into service by wide awake pastors as they train the band leaders and the band members for personal and house to house canvasses. Car loads of literature in the form of tracts and papers can be slipped into the homes Sunday afternoons and other times, and a few words of cheer spoken by the visitors. And besides getting the message of “teach-

ing them to observe all things” to every creature this kind of service would help the members engaged therein to keep their experiences bright and glowing. O, there are a thousand ways to get this wonderful message to every creature! It will only require a sufficient number of willing workers to accomplish this tremendous task.

Now having literally poured out a portion of the contents of my heart to you, in this message, and with a feeling that I will always have your loyal support and hearty co-operation in putting our powerful Big Business Program into operation and keeping it moving and increasing in speed, and with a heart full of love to every one radiating and flowing in every direction, we will now stand and sing our battle hymn that has been such a blessing to so many at this special time in the Assembly for years.

### AT THE BATTLE'S FRONT

I've enlisted for life in the army of the Lord,  
Though the fight may be long and the struggle fierce and hard,  
With the armor of God and the Spirit's trusty sword  
At the front of the battle you will find me.

Chorus:

Hear the tramp! tramp! tramping of the army,  
The triumph shouting, the foe we're routing;  
Hear the tramp! tramp! tramping of the army,  
Marching on to victory.  
I'm in this army, this glorious army,  
And the God of the battles will defend me,  
I'm in this army, this glorious army,  
At the front of the battle you will find me.

With the banner of love and of holiness unfurled,  
Full salvation proclaim to a sinful, dying world;  
Tho' the darts thick and fast from the enemy be hurled,  
At the front of the battle you will find me.

Is your name, friend, enrolled with the loyal ones and true?  
Will you dare now to stand with the Saviour's faithful few?  
Will you join with me now and the covenant renew?  
At the front of the battle you will find me.



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Note—During the delivery of this message there were several outpourings, demonstrations, messages and interpretations. At times the Overseer inserted further explanations and teachings as he laid down his manuscript and soared out into the depths of the subject. At times the people were swept off their feet by the demonstration of power and outpourings of the Holy Ghost. Following the singing of the Battle Hymn the music broke in and the people shouted, danced and roared out the praises of God. Dismissed for noon at 12:35 p.m.

1:30 p.m.—Song service led by C. W. Risner, Nell Thomas at piano. Prayer by G. T. Stargel. All stood and engaged in another big concert prayer.

2:00 p.m.—General Overseer gave a message. A few excerpts follow:

“The apostle John said little children love one another.”

“Getting ready for the coming of the Lord the most essential thing in these last days.”

“The Church must get ready. The Lord is not coming after individuals, but He is coming after the Church. When He comes, somebody is going to be ready.”

“You can't hurry the Lord to come but we can hasten unto His coming.”

“The Lord did not wait till Noah got the ark ready to send the flood, but Noah had to hurry to get ready before the flood came. It took work to get the ark ready, so it is going to take work to get the Church of God ready for the rapture.”

2:40 p.m.—Business. Treasurer's report, A. J. Lawson.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sept. 1, 1929, to Sept. 9, 1930

	Receipts	Disb'mts		
Tithes brought forward				
Sept. 1, 1929 -----	\$ 62.16			
Tithe receipts this year --	<u>6,706.84</u>			
Total -----	\$6,769.00	\$6,686.84	bal.	\$ 82.16
Mission brought forward -	\$ 19.15			
Mission receipts this year	<u>3,681.78</u>			
Total -----	3,700.93	3,577.33	bal.	123.60
Assembly e x p e n s e s				
brought forward -----	\$ 2.51			
Assembly receipts this				
year -----	<u>610.04</u>			
Total -----	612.55	298.11	bal.	314.44
Court -----	.90	8.00	def.	7.10
Tabernacle -----	265.45	318.22	def.	52.77
Budget -----	642.79	690.35	def.	47.56
Extension -----	<u>88.40</u>	<u>295.41</u>	def.	<u>207.01</u>
Total receipts, all funds -----	\$12,080.02			
Total Disb'mts all funds -----		<u>\$11,874.26</u>		
Balance Sept. 9, 1930 -----				\$205.76

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**ASSETS**

Office fixtures and printing supplies -----	\$ 200.50	
Total Assets -----	\$ 200.50	\$ 200.50

**LIABILITIES**

Budget payable -----	\$4,301.51	
Accounts payable -----	130.86	
Total liabilities -----	\$4,432.37	\$4,432.37
Total liabilities over assets -----		\$4,231.87

**TABERNACLE INDEBTEDNESS**

Total indebtedness -----	\$3,415.00
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Note—This report was tabled until the Investigating Committee selected by the Assembly a year ago reported.

2:50 p.m.—Business. White Wing Publishing House financial report, A. D. Evans, Business Manager.

**WHITE WING PUBLISHING HOUSE FINANCIAL REPORT**

August 31, 1929 to August 31, 1930

Bank balance, August 31, 1929 -----	\$ 12.37
Total cash receipts for merchandise, subscriptions, borrowed money and donations -----	14,522.68
Total -----	\$14,535.05
Expended for merchandise and operating expenses -----	\$14,234.85
Balance in bank August 31, 1930 -----	\$ 300.20

**ASSETS**

Cash in bank -----	\$ 300.20	
Due from customers -----	2,873.32	
Inventories merchandise -----	3,174.14	
Inventories supplies -----	336.35	
Furniture and Fixtures -----	1,543.80	
Total assets -----		\$ 8,227.81

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable -----	\$5,189.63	
Notes payable -----	2,095.00	
A. D. Evans (loan without note) -----	548.00	
Total liabilities -----		\$ 7,832.63

Total assets over liabilities -----	\$ 395.18
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Note—This report was tabled until the report of the Investigating Committee selected at the Assembly a year ago was given.

3:00 p.m.—The Investigating committee reported concerning the records of the treasurer, A. J. Lawson, read by L. A. Moxley, chairman. The report follows:

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After careful and prayerful consideration, we, your Investigating committee, beg to report as follows:

We met here in Cleveland on August the 28th for the purpose of starting our work as demanded by last Assembly.

First, we started on the treasurer's records, and in order that this Assembly may know something of the amount of work done by us on his records of the past year only, we will say that we have checked 7,124 items from his day book, 846 check stubs and canceled vouchers, and through his ledger and bank book for the entire year.

We have found some of the canceled vouchers missing which should have been kept with the records.

Furthermore, we have found that the books for this Assembly year were closed on Sept. 8th instead of Sept. 1st as has been the custom heretofore, and as a result of which \$341.05 has been received, thereby making the \$200.00 balance available for A. D. Evans.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. MOXLEY,  
WILL H. BROWN,  
J. H. VANCE.

Note—It was explained afterward that the missing vouchers were some checks that had been given recently and had not yet returned, and that this should be no reflection upon the treasurer.

This report of the Investigating committee was accepted by the Assembly in regular order.

The treasurer's report which had been tabled was then taken up and reread by the General Overseer. After some questions were asked and some discussions followed and explanations given, this report also was accepted in regular order.

A discussion arose concerning the date the treasurer should close his books and make his report for the Assembly. The first day of September was finally decided upon by the Assembly.

4:40 p.m.—Music by the Miami Church of God band while congregation stood. Adjournment by the General Overseer.

5:00 p.m.—Victory Leaders parade. Music by the Miami Church of God Band near the front entrance to the Publishing House. State Overseers formed in double line on Publishing House lawn just back of the All States Spruce. As the General Overseer called the states in alphabetical order the young people formed in line of march with their faces eastward. When all were in position W. M. Lowman offered a prayer in behalf of the young people. Then followed a special number by the M. B. R's. quartet. As the music started the long line of paraders began to move. The paraders carried their banners and all seemed happy and gay as they marched back and forth in the street until all were formed in good order in front of the Publishing House. When this was done Guy Marlow, Colonel Bunn, Mamie A. Duggar and Leona Montgomery formed in a line in front of the Band and Publishing House with their faces toward the street where the paraders had assembled. Prayer by Leona Montgomery. Three minutes very interesting and instructive talk by Mamie A. Duggar. Three minutes talk by Colonel Bunn which was full of interest and instruction. Closing prayer by Guy Marlow. One hundred and eighty-seven young people were in the parade, and it is believed that this program greatly encouraged the young people and made a good impression on all who witnessed the scene and heard the good talks that were given.

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6:15 p.m.—Piano music by Frances Johnson.

6:30 p.m.—Song service in charge of Paul Hudson and the young people, Frances Johnson at the piano. Prayer by S. P. Ford. Power fell upon young people on platform. Great blessings fell upon many.

7:00 p.m.—Short message on healing by Bessie A. Wilson. General healing service followed. Special prayers for those not present. Many came forward for healing which were anointed and prayed over. Many handkerchiefs were anointed and sent to those who were sick. It was a powerful service. Music by the bands. Great time with the Lord. Miami Jubilee girls gave a selection. Hickman quartet gave two numbers.

8:25 p.m.—Song by Foster Young, followed by offering for Assembly expenses. Brother Young then brought the evangelistic message. Geo. K. Nickell exhorted and made altar call. Many came forward. Great altar service.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:

5:30 a.m.—Sunrise prayer meeting led by J. M. Parker. Prayers, songs, testimonies, shouts, and a general good time. Great outpourings of the Spirit while the people shouted, danced and rejoiced in the Lord.

8:45 a.m.—Piano music by Amy Ruth Sample.

9:05 a.m.—Song service led by J. R. Kinser, Edna Mae Sample at piano. Prayer by G. W. Durham.

9:30 a.m.—Ministers special conducted by the General Overseer. The following questions were asked and answered.

1. How many Bishops present? Answer, 38.

2. How many Deacons present? Answer, 15.

3. How many male Evangelists? Answer, 54.

4. How many female Evangelists? Answer, 42.

5. How many have spent the entire time in the ministry the past year? Answer, 72.

6. How many have held down a regular job and preached some, too? Answer, 42.

General Overseer delivered a short message for instructions and inspiration.

10:40 a.m.—White Wing Messenger hour. Special song—"King Needs Workers"—by Hickman quartet. Four White Wing Champions on speakers platform. Each made a talk about White Wing. Forty-six workers on lower platform and twenty-six more new workers joined them. Music by band while workers took subscriptions in congregation. Made the goal of 100 during the Assembly.

Note—This goal was almost if not fully reached.

12:00 m.—Noon. All stood while General Overseer offered closing prayer.

1:45 p.m.—Song service led by J. M. Stratton, Verna Hensley at piano. Prayer by J. D. Price, of Ky.

Before the business was taken up there was a call for prayer by the General Overseer who stated that the wrong spirit is trying to get into the Assembly. Volumes of prayer were offered, interspersed with music and short talks and exhortations by the General Overseer. This fight against wicked spirits continued for an hour or more. The General Overseer declared we must have the victory so we can go on with our work with liberty and freedom. The climax was reached in a manifestation that laid Brother Gillaspie on the floor as dead as if to show that the spirit that had undertaken to interfere in the Assembly work would be crushed and buried. Much

prayer was made for those who had allowed the wrong spirit to dominate them. General Overseer stated that the same spirit that wrought havoc in 1922 had undertaken to work in this Assembly, but he was determined it should be defeated this time. It was pretty well subdued after much prayer and the pleading of the blood until the business could be resumed.

3:00 p.m.—Missionary Committee called to report and take charge. The chairman, H. A. Tomlinson, stepped to the pulpit and led the song, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," and many joined in with much feeling. Invitation for volunteers who were willing to go to foreign fields if God should call resulted in about 150 willing workers coming upon the lower platform. This was a deep feeling ceremony that brought many tears as they sang "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."

Bibles were placed in convenient places and the large audience marched around by sections and placed their offerings thereon. The offering was started when it was announced by H. A. Tomlinson, the chairman of the missionary committee, that the Jamaica tabernacle had sent \$100.00 for missions, whereupon he promptly laid this amount down. This was a glorious service and the Holy Spirit seemed to take charge and filled the people with missionary interest. Then came the North Carolina string band with the song, "Here Am I, O Lord Send Me," which added fuel to the missionary fire that was already burning. At the close of the song a holy hush fell upon all as E. T. Fowler asked God's blessings upon the offering.

3:45 p.m.—Report of committee No. 6, Sunday school.

#### REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE NO. 6

To the Twenty-Fifth Annual Assembly, Greetings:

We, your committee on Sunday school interests, have very prayerfully and thoughtfully considered the following proposals for your consideration:

1. We are convinced that the Sunday school is one among the most vital departments of the church and that every local church should have an organized Sunday school, and we, therefore, recommend that every church not having Sunday school organize a Sunday school at the earliest possible date even though there be only a few in number to begin with.

2. We heartily endorse and recommend the instructions of the 1928 Assembly in instructing that District Superintendents be appointed in each state, whose duty shall be to organize new Sunday schools, hold Sunday school conventions and see that every church has an organized Sunday school.

3. We recommend that the district superintendent's work in conjunction with the state overseer and pastors in getting Sunday schools in the local churches well organized and that the state overseer report at the next Annual Assembly the churches not having Sunday school.

4. We recommend that the pastors and superintendents of Sunday schools urge the importance of fathers and mothers attending Sunday school and bringing their children with them.

5. We further recommend that each Sunday school make special efforts to increase their attendance by sending out invitation bands among new people in the community and invite them to Sunday school.

Very respectfully submitted,  
 J. R. MOXLEY, Chairman,  
 W. T. HOLLAND,  
 J. N. HURLEY,  
 G. T. STARGEL,  
 J. W. ABBOTT.

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Immediately following the reading of the report J. R. Moxley, chairman, launched out into an instructive and inspirational Sunday school talk, at the close of which the report was accepted in regular order.

4:00 p.m.—Committee No. 7, Assembly expense, gave a report. After some discussion this report was referred back to the committee for further consideration.

4:30 p.m.—Adjournment.

5:00 p.m.—Big open air mass meeting—Womens Missionary Band parade to celebrate after two years of work.

The women formed in street in front of Publishing House. At the call of states in alphabetical order by the General Overseer, each State Overseer came forward with his state banner. The local church bands formed two abreast behind their Overseer with the leader and assistant leader in front. This plan was carried on in each state. The local bands carried banners, and some of them wore sashes and badges. It was an imposing scene and beautiful to behold as the column thus formed moved forward and marched to music. At a given time all stopped and remained quiet while the M. B. R's. quartet sang, "Walking With Jesus." The march continued back and forth in the street conducted by ushers while the strains of music by the bands rang out. At the proper time directed by the ushers the paraders were packed in the street, 231 in number, facing the Publishing House. By this time the Hickman quartet was in place on the Publishing House lawn. Clara T. Mabe, Missionary Secretary; Flora M. Bohrman, Sallie Clegg and Bertha Holcomb were in line in front of the brass band. The quartet sang "King Needs Workers." After this Sister Mabe introduced Sister Bohrman, who gave a very interesting three minutes talk. This ended, Sister Mabe introduced Sister Clegg, who gave a splendid three minutes talk. Then Sister Mabe spoke about three minutes. These talks were all bearing on the Band work and full of interest and instruction. At the close of Sister Mabe's talk she asked all the sisters to raise one hand and repeat the Lord's prayer in concert. This they did with a volume of expression that carried the meaning with it. Following this was a big concert prayer in behalf of the Johnsons and Brother Pitt in China, the Farnhams on the Virgin Islands and all the Bahama Island workers. As this sound died away Sister Mabe called upon Sister Holcomb to offer the closing prayer. As the prayer closed there was a powerful volume of "Amen" sounded out from the lips of all. And this was the close of the parade, but the influence of this wonderful Womens Missionary Band Parade will surely never die.

6:30 p.m.—Music by Dyersburg Church of God Band.

6:40 p.m.—Song service led by A. D. Evans, Edith Tarpley at piano. Prayer by Wm. Schneidmueller, of N. Y. Big concert prayer followed.

Missionary committee took charge. Brother and Sister Townsend sang. Brother Townsend made a talk and offered himself as a missionary to German East Africa. Guy Marlow read letters from our missionaries. Brother Marlow gave a talk to boost the missionary cause, sent envelopes over the congregation by the ushers, special song, "Crossing One By One," by Brother and Sister Townsend. Music by Miami Band while ushers collected the envelopes and brought them to the speakers platform. Music by Dyersburg Band, followed by prayer for God to bless the offering, by C. W. Risner.

Note—The amount of the two missionary offerings was \$434.31.

Song by the happy four.

8:20 p.m.—The message entitled, "Greater Zeal and How Shall We Obtain It?" by Beulah E. Miracle, Ky. This message was accompanied with much power and varied demonstrations. She introduced the message by singing, Zeal, Zeal, Zeal, etc. Defined the word zeal, but the greater zeal is when we are eaten up, she said. The way to get the greater zeal is to obey them that have the rule over you in the Lord. Follow in the footsteps of those who are leading—were some excerpts.

A few messages and interpretations were given during the discourse.

9:00 p.m.—Exhortation and altar service by Belle Edmister. A powerful altar service followed.

10:15 p.m.—All saints prayer for God to give great outpourings of the Holy Ghost all day Sunday, led by W. T. Holland and Alexander Williams and big concert prayer.

10:30 p.m.—Adjournment.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:

5:30 a.m.—Big Sunday morning prayer meeting led by Tom Pentecost. Special prayer for Sunday to be a great day. Display of enthusiasm in prayers, songs and testimonies.

8:50 a.m.—Piano music started. Ushers commenced early to seat men and women in their sixtieth year and over on lower platform. The final count showed fifty-four of these pilgrims.

9:15 a.m.—Song service led by Clara Miller, Beulah Miracle at piano. Ridgedale quartet favored the great congregation with a selection. Prayer by Homer A. Tomlinson while the vast congregation stood with bowed heads.

All who were in the car wreck were called to the speakers platform. It was an impressive scene with their bruises and bandages over their broken bones. L. A. Moxley told of the wreck and how they had refused medical aid when they were taken to the hospital in Chattanooga. He made an impressive talk and asked for an offering to help pay for repairing the big truck which would cost \$140.00. The offering amounted to \$73.43. Those in the wreck showed their appreciation of the help and sympathy thus manifested.

10:00 a.m.—Special song by the Hickman quartet. Big concert prayer. Congregation bowed heads in silent worship. Song by Ridgedale quartet, "Where We'll Never Grow Old." Short talks by Jerry Miller, 88; Perry Kimlin, not quite so old; Sister Tomlinson and several others of the group of aged pilgrims.

10:55 a.m.—Music by Dyersburg Church of God Band. M. B. R's. quartet came on with a selection.

11:05 a.m.—The General Overseer came on with the message—"Zeal—What is it?—Exceeding abundantly above—Up to the measure or beyond by the power of God. Zeal and courage blended." During the discourse Brother Stanley R. Ferguson came to platform, led S. O. Gillaspie and C. H. Randall to General Overseer, lifted up his hands, had the two brethren to hold them up, lifted General Overseer up in chair, placed Bible on his head, got bottle of oil and poured oil on the Overseer's head. Great rejoicing and power of God fell on congregation. After this demonstration the discourse was resumed. When the discourse closed Clara and Beulah sang, then the Dyersburg Band took up the strain while congregation stood. Many happy handshakes and great rejoicing.

12:20 p.m.—Adjournment.

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1:45 p.m.—Song service led by Guy Marlow, Carra Lee Sellers at piano. Prayer by L. A. Moxley. Songs by Battle Axe Bill and aids. Two songs by Miami Jubilee girls.

2:30 p.m.—Womens Missionary Band Work, Clara T. Mabe, Missionary Secretary. Her text was "Remember and Forget Not."

Note—At this service the big platform was filled with women representing the Womens Missionary Band.

3:00 p.m.—Miami Jubilee girls gave another number.

3:05 p.m.—Song—"What Will the Harvest Be?" Clara, Beulah, Damie.

General Overseer had big congregation to stand and lift up hands and pray for the sisters everywhere. This big concert prayer was as the sound of the falling of many waters.

3:15 p.m.—Short volunteer talks by sisters who were brim full of missionary zeal with Clara Miller in charge. During this part of the program the missionary zeal and fire was increased to a conflagration. One clerk described it thus: "My, how the missionary zeal did burn and the power did fall!"

Special song, "Go to the Harvest Field," by the J. H. King Alabama song band. Special song by Sister Smith and her workers from Florida.

3:30 p.m.—The North Carolina String Band gave a few selections both in music and songs. During this period there were messages and interpretations, great rejoicing, weeping and many demonstrations of missionary zeal. This was a time of mighty display of missionary interests.

4:00 p.m.—S. P. Ford came forward with his special songs and volunteer testimonies—"Such a short, fiery, spicey, testimony service in which many soldiers testified. A song and hand clapping which pulled the power from heaven. Great showers of blessings. Testimonies continued with great victory."

4:30 p.m.—Adjournment.

6:15 p.m.—Piano music by Carra Lee Sellers.

6:30 p.m.—Music by Dyersburg Band.

6:40 p.m.—Song service led by Paul Hudson, Frances Johnson at piano. Prayer by I. D. Bain.

7:15 p.m.—Collection for Assembly expenses by Assembly Expense Committee. Special song, "You Must Unload," by M. B. R's quartet. Music by Band while collection was taken.

7:40 p.m.—For thirty-five minutes there was a variety of songs, quartets, music and specials. Time of great rejoicing and general good feasting.

8:25 p.m.—Evangelistic sermon by Homer A. Tomlinson, followed by exhortation and altar service by Wm. Schneidmueller. Powerful altar service that continued late at night.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:

5:30 a.m.—Sunrise prayer meeting led by F. J. Crowder. Songs, many prayers, and thirty-seven testified. Profitable service.

9:00 a.m.—Piano music by Nell Thomas.

9:20 a.m.—Song service led by C. W. Risner. Susie Hudson at piano. Prayer by Howard Fisher. Big concert prayer. Special song by J. H. King Song Band.

10:00 a.m.—Short talks by Alex. Williams and Frank Cunningham, delegates from the Bahama Islands.



10:20 a.m.—Report about Gospel Boat and the Bahama Islands work by Stanley R. Ferguson. He told of clothing sent to help the poor, of \$378.23 having been sent for the boat, his hope of getting more and many things of interest. Congregation came forward by sections and shook hands with Brother Stanley as a token they would pray for him and the Island work. Many gave him money besides, which amounted to \$43.50.

11:00 a.m.—Reports of State Missionary Treasurers.

State	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Alabama -----	\$ 17.23	\$ 17.19	\$ .04
Arkansas -----	13.25	12.61	.64
Bahamas -----	43.38	36.62	6.76
Florida -----	126.09	110.11	15.98
Georgia -----	33.05	33.05	.00
Illinois -----	7.82	7.10	.72
Indiana -----	21.08	11.36	9.72
Kansas -----	17.21	17.21	.00
Kentucky -----	160.39	160.39	.00
Louisiana -----	19.67	19.67	.00
Maryland -----	30.53	29.43	1.10
Michigan -----	15.07	15.07	.00
Minnesota -----	39.15	39.15	.00
Mississippi -----	93.21	54.85	38.36
Missouri -----	29.97	29.97	.00
New York -----	378.91	378.91	.00
North Carolina -----	71.31	69.04	2.27
North Dakota -----	108.81	108.81	.00
Ohio -----	47.61	.00	47.61
Oklahoma -----	48.43	45.34	3.09
Pennsylvania -----	57.56	57.56	.00
South Carolina -----	6.89	6.94	Deficit .05
Tennessee -----	153.64	139.08	14.56
Texas -----	50.01	50.01	.00
Virginia -----	198.11	198.11	.00
West Virginia -----	18.27	18.16	.11

11:40 a.m.—Report of Committee No. 7, Assembly expenses.

We, your Assembly Expenses Committee, beg to report as follows:

First, we recommend that each state be held responsible for the balance due on last year's budget, and that it be collected and sent in immediately.

Second, We recommend that the Third Sunday in August, 1931, be set apart for Assembly Expense Day, and that each local church take a free will offering on that day and send it to the Headquarters Treasurer for the expense of the next Assembly. We also advise that the General Overseer remind each local church of this fact in due time.

Third, We further recommend that free will offerings be taken at next Assembly to meet any necessary expenses.

Respectfully submitted,  
 I. D. BAIN, Chairman,  
 V. R. SHERRILL,  
 FOSTER YOUNG,  
 J. P. SULLIVAN,  
 STANLEY R. FERGUSON.

This report was read and accepted by sections and then as a whole in regular order.

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12:00 m.—Noon. Music by Dyersburg Band. Adjournment.  
 1:30 p.m.—Song service led by J. M. Stratton, Frances Johnson at piano.  
 Prayer by W. I. Campbell, Ala.  
 2:00 p.m.—Orphanage, Treasurer's report read by Nell Thomas. Other information given and a few talks and testimonies given by the Orphanage inmates and workers.

**MISSION ORPHANS HOME**

**Financial Report**

**August 30, 1929, to September 6, 1930**

**RECEIPTS**

Church donations, cash -----	\$ 723.97	
Church donations, dime banks -----	407.20	
From other sources -----	13,147.59	
<b>TOTAL -----</b>	<b>\$14,278.76</b>	<b>\$14,278.76</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Building and grounds -----	\$ 3,133.95	
Furniture, furnishings and equipment -----	752.10	
Investment, farming, cows, chickens -----	857.03	
Interest on loan, notes, fees, printing, stamps and miscellaneous expense -----	1,590.63	
Soliciting services, cars, truck and repairs -----	1,908.35	
Clothing, supplies for children and home, school expense, tools -----	514.27	
Groceries, fuel, feed for cows and chickens, can- ning supplies -----	2,819.50	
Salaries, all labor connected with home, live stock grounds -----	931.82	
<b>TOTAL -----</b>	<b>\$12,507.65</b>	<b>\$12,507.65</b>

**ASSETS**

Cash in bank -----	\$ 1,771.11	
Building furnished and equipped complete -----	50,000.00	
Canned fruit -----	540.44	
Coal -----	87.00	
Hay -----	500.00	
Cows and chickens -----	700.00	
Five barrels Flour -----	32.50	
Cars and truck -----	1,600.00	
<b>TOTAL -----</b>	<b>\$53,459.94</b>	<b>\$53,459.94</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Loan -----	\$ 9,500.00	
Frigidaire -----	560.96	
Furnace -----	700.00	
Office equipment -----	55.00	
Insurance -----	137.65	

Car and truck -----	411.00	
TOTAL -----	\$11,364.61	\$11,364.61
Total assets over liabilities -----		\$42,095.33

Respectfully submitted,  
Nell Thomas, Treasurer.

Report considered and accepted by the Assembly in regular order.  
3:00 p.m.—Missionary Committee report read by the chairman.

**MISSIONARY COMMITTEE NO. 5**

September 15, 1930

To the Twenty-Fifth Annual Assembly:

Greetings in the name of the Lord! Your Missionary Committee has the honor to submit for your consideration the following proposals which we believe are the sense of the Assembly.

1. We wish to place this Annual Assembly of the Church of God as wholeheartedly in favor of making a more vigorous missionary effort for both the home field and the work abroad.

2. We wish to continue the same plan for making offerings for the foreign missionaries at the Annual Assembly of the Church of God.

3. We recommend that there be two missionary funds designated as follows: The Foreign Missionary Fund and the Home Missionary Fund.

4. We recommend that we continue the plan adopted in the last Assembly regarding the raising of funds: That a missionary offering be taken on the second Sunday of each month, by all the churches one-half for the Foreign Mission work, and one-half for the Home Mission work.

5. We recommend that the Foreign Missionary Funds be forwarded to the General Missionary Treasurer at Cleveland, Tennessee, and be available for all our foreign missionaries on foreign soil. We recommend that the other half be kept in the state where raised.

6. We recommend that there be a State Treasurer selected by the State Overseer, with the approval of the General Overseer, and that the amount kept in the state be forwarded to the State Treasurer, immediately after the collection. This State Treasurer is instructed to keep careful records, and make sure reports are rendered in proper order and on time to the Annual Assembly. The General Overseer, the State Overseer, the State Treasurer will administer the Home Missionary Funds in each state.

7. We recommend that twice a year, October and March, a real drive be made for a large missionary offering for the foreign fields. This drive to be conducted from headquarters, under the supervision of the foreign missionary committee, with the aid of all the ministry, missionary bands, the White Wing Messenger and in other ways that will insure a large offering for the foreign fields. It would probably be well to have the business manager placed in charge of this drive, his work to be under the supervision of the Missionary Committee.

8. We recommend that there be a missionary committee appointed by the Annual Assembly to supervise the disbursements of the Foreign Missionary Funds. We suggest for this committee, A. J. Tomlinson, ex-officio chairman, the General Treasurer, William Schneidmueller, E. T. Fowler, J. R. Kinser.

9. It is further recommended that at each state convention a missionary offering shall be taken which shall be one-half for the Home Fund and one-half for the Foreign Missionary Fund.

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10. Also we wish to recommend and urge upon all churches who are in a position to do so, to take up additional offerings, wholly for the foreign field, or wholly for the Home Field, for the glory of God, and to the end that we may hasten unto the coming of the Lord!

11. As a further recommendation we urge that this is a year when we ought to open up new fields by sending missionaries from America to some foreign country, as for example, India. We recommend that steps be taken to prepare such missionaries as we hope to see the missionary offering increased to enable us to do this. We recommend that all outgoing missionaries should qualify before the Missionary Committee.

12. The Missionary Committee wishes to suggest that the work of the programs of the missionary bands shall be pressed with all vigor. We recommend that each State Overseer endeavor to appoint someone in his state who can advance the work of the Women's Missionary Bands in his state.

The Missionary Committee wishes to take this occasion to commend the Church of God for their notable stride in the missionary offering. It has shown a larger increase than any other department. This has not hindered in any of the work but rather helped it. We wish also to commend Clara T. Mabe, Missionary Secretary, from Virginia. We feel that her contributions to the White Wing Messenger have encouraged the Missionary Bands. We recommend that Sister Clare T. Mabe be continued as General Secretary for the Womens Missionary Band activities. We recommend that the names of all the leaders from the different bands be sent to Sister Mabe, and she by correspondence or visits shall promote the work of all the bands.

We recommend that her expenses be met by the different missionary bands by sending donations to her. This could be used for stationary, postage, etc., and in the event that she visit a particular church, the Missionary Band at such church could properly defray her expenses.

13. We especially recommend that each State Overseer be charged with the responsibility of pressing vigorously all the missionary programs of the state.

14. We favor a glorious missionary conference in Youngstown, Pa., about Decoration Day 1931, if the Lord tarries, to which delegates may come from all churches throughout the world, but making it particularly available to the churches in the North. We recommend that each church send at least one delegate or as many more as are in a position to defray their own expenses. We also recommend that each church send an offering for the Foreign Missionary work. It would be well if all the Missionary Band Leaders could be present for this conference. We recommend that on Decoration Day or the Sunday following a special extra offering be taken for the foreign missionary funds.

15. We wish to present the following resolutions:

The Church of God gathered at the Twenty-Fifth Annual Assembly at Cleveland, Tenn., wish to take this occasion to present greetings to our Missionaries in China, Peter Johnson, his wife Emily Johnson, and their little son Herbert, and to our beloved Brother Paul C. Pitt. We desire to express to them our hearty appreciation for their lives of sacrifice in that war-torn country. And we take cognizance of the fact that Tsinan, Shantung, has been the very crux of the civil war in China. In the midst of the war-torn country they have carried on not wavering, but with placid peacefulness and faithfulness. We heartily commend them for their faithfulness and we sincerely wish for them for this Assembly year the most glorious and healthy ministry that they have had.

We request that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to them by the General Overseer.

16. We also wish to offer this resolution:

The Church of God Twenty-Fifth Annual Assembly, Cleveland, Tenn., extend greetings to our beloved Brother C. A. Farnham and his wife, Lila Farnham, missionaries in the Virgin Islands. We especially wish to express our appreciation for their noble sacrifice in the four years of missionary work in the heat of the tropics, amid hurricanes, storms, sickness, superstition and ignorance on the Islands.

We take this occasion to assure these precious beloved missionaries of the Church of God, of our great love and joy in their noble sacrifice for the cause of the Church of God in these needy islands. The Annual Assembly extends to them the blessed hope that the Church of God shall stand with them more than ever before.

17. We take this occasion to send greetings to Rev. M. K. Kounnas who has established the Church of God in Europe in building a church at Athens, Greece, and Kyrenia, in the Isle of Cyprus in the very spot that the Apostle Paul made his missionary journey.

We rejoice in the work of Brother and Sister Kounnas and we thank God for their intrepid faith and their great courage and bespeak for them a glorious ministry this year and throughout the years to come. We send greetings and love to them as we think of them at this great gathering of the Twenty-Fifth Annual Assembly at Cleveland, Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE NO. 5,  
 HOMER A TOMLINSON, Chairman,  
 E. T. FOWLER,  
 C. W. RISNER,  
 GEO. K. NICKELL,  
 GUY MARLOW.

The report was considered and accepted by the Assembly in regular order.

Note—The acceptance of this report selects Clara T. Mabe as Missionary Secretary for another year, and that the names and addresses of all the local band leaders be sent to her. It also calls for a missionary conference at Youngstown, Pa., the 30th of May, 1931, to which the Band leaders and many others are invited, and all local churches are requested to send at least one delegate. This report also names the Missionary Committee as follows:

A. J. Tomlinson, ex-officio chairman; A. J. Lawson, general treasurer; Wm. Schneidmueller. E. T. Fowler, J. R. Kinser.

The report also calls for two special drives for Foreign Missionary offerings, one in October, 1930, and one in March, 1931. Said drives to be conducted from headquarters in charge of the Business Manager of the White Wing Publishing House under the supervision of the Missionary committee.

Other points covered by this report will be given attention and observed as required.

3:50 p.m.—Report of Ways and Means committee given by the chairman, S. O. Gillaspie. Before the reading of the report Brother Gillaspie spoke

briefly of some experiences, and his attendance of the Assembly since 1914. When he had finished speaking the report was read and accepted by the Assembly in regular order.

Cleveland, Tenn., Sept. 15, 1930

To the General Assembly of the Church of God:

We, your committee on Ways and Means, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. After praying and counseling we feel it best to leave the tithing system as heretofore practiced.

2. We also recommend that the states continue in their collection and payment of the Budget Debt as quotas heretofore made.

3. Concerning the pay for the State Overseers we recommend that the present system be retained for another year and prosecuted more vigorously.

4. We also recommend that no tithe money be used for examining or auditing the books of the business manager or general treasurer. If such audit be made, the General Assembly should make provision for the money used for that purpose.

5. We also recommend that the Editor and Publisher of the White Wing Messenger be allowed the sum of \$2,000 for the ensuing year as compensation. Assistant Publisher and Business Manager to receive \$1,350 for ensuing year as compensation. General Overseer's stenographer to receive \$850 as compensation for ensuing year. General Treasurer to receive \$800 as compensation for ensuing year. Rent \$500 for ensuing year. General Overseer's incidental expenses \$1,250 for ensuing year. Total \$6,750.

6. We, your committee on Ways and Means, have considered the need of a sinking fund to be used at headquarters in case of emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. GILLASPIE, Chairman,

E. C. Rider,

W. M. LOWMAN,

RANDOLPH WILLIAMS,

J. W. BARKER, Clerk.

4:15 p.m.—The General Overseer gave some warnings and admonitions concerning wrestling against the spiritual wickedness in high places, and casting down imaginations. (Eph. 6:12; 2 Cor. 10:5). This was prompted by words spoken by Brother Gillaspie and others. He warned against extremes and counseled to keep in the middle of the road. Advised carefulness in giving interpretations and saying the Lord showed so and so. It might turn out to be vain imaginations or influenced by wicked spirits that undertake to deceive. Interpretations and revelations are alright when they are alright, but we must be sure they are in harmony with the Bible, he said. This short message came with force and under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Many honest souls congratulated the speaker for the timely message. One special excerpt is given as follows: "I don't mean to let the devil take this Assembly and run off with it. I am here to save every one of you if you will let me."

4:30 p.m.—Adjournment.

#### BIG OPEN AIR ALL STATES PARADE

5:00 p.m.—Music Bands formed on Publishing House lawn. As states were called by General Overseer in alphabetical order beginning with Alabama, each State Overseer with his state banner in hand formed in street in front of Publishing House facing east and all local churches and bands

with their banners fell in behind him in order. Ushers managed the parade. When all were in place the bands played alternately as the paraders marched single file back and forth. This was a wonderful scene and made a deep impression on all who looked on as well as those in action. Mention was made of two armies with banners going out to meet the Lord. The parade was managed in a manner to bring all to a halt in due time in ranks facing the Publishing House. Four hundred and forty-three in the parade and 147 banners. The North Carolina string band gave a few selections that were very appropriate and impressive. The General Overseer spoke briefly about the importance of making special preparation for the coming of the Lord, and that not a hoof should be left behind. The State Overseers were called to leave their banners and form on the Publishing House lawn to witness the wonderful scene. They gave the host a glorious salutation as they shouted, Praise the Lord. The whole company joined in sending a big cheer of joyous praise up to heaven. The program was concluded with a prayer by Randolph Williams. But the picture of that scene will surely continue in the minds of all for many days hence.

6:30 p.m.—Music and social greetings.

6:45 p.m.—Song service led by Paul Hudson, Frances Johnson at piano. Prayer by Alexander Williams, Bahamas.

Song by colored people in charge of J. R. Smith. Special song by Sister Townsend. Assembly expense collection, committee in charge. Music while collection was taken. Song by North Carolina colored people.

7:45 p.m.—Red hot testimony service by colored people, Stanley R. Ferguson in charge. Special song by "Happy Four."

8:10 p.m.—Specials in songs, music, full heart outbursts of joy and spontaneous praises to God—Clara Miller in charge.

8:30 p.m.—Special songs by Miami Jubilee girls and one boy. Special song by M. B. R's. and Hickman quartet combined. Big concert prayer. Another double quartet selection.

8:50 p.m.—Evangelistic sermon by Stanley R. Ferguson, Bahamas. Exhortation and altar call by General Overseer. Last big victorious altar service. This lasted till a late hour in the night.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16:

5:30 a.m.—Sunrise prayer meeting led by C. W. Chasteen. Songs, prayers and fifty testimonies. Great meeting with demonstrations and rejoicing. Lois Guire brought in a new quilt her band had made and got a donation of \$2.17, making a total of \$10.17. The money went to the missionary cause and the quilt was given to Stanley R. Ferguson. A glorious closing out of the last big sunrise Prayer Meeting.

9:30 a.m.—Song service led by J. P. Sullivan, Edna Mae Sample at piano. Prayer by J. A. West.

10:00 a.m.—Report of committee No. 1, Questions and Subjects, by C. H. Randall, chairman.

We, your committee on Questions and Subjects, wish to submit the following questions to be answered. We also ask that these questions and answers thereto be placed in the minutes.

We also recommend that no other questions be asked in the face of the

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Assembly. If there should be any questions to be brought before the Assembly we request that such questions be placed before this committee in writing with name signed.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. H. RANDALL, Chairman,  
D. R. HOLCOMB,  
J. R. SMITH,  
M. C. HARVEY,  
J. O. HAMILTON.

Questions:

1. What about women bringing children to the next Assembly and allowing them to play in building and around, causing much unnecessary noise?

Ans. Children should not be allowed to play around and make too much unnecessary noise.

2. Where should ministers, including bishops, deacons and evangelists, pay their tithes from money received from sources other than the ministry, such as crops, rents and manual labor?

Ans. Tithes from income from sources other than the ministry should be paid into the local church where ones membership is. Tithes from money received in the ministry should be sent to headquarters with the monthly reports.

3. Should anyone hold an office in the Church who does not pay tithes?

Ans. Not very long if the party has an income from which to pay tithes and willfully refuses.

This report was accepted in regular order.

10:10 a.m.— Discourse — Order, Organization, Government, of the utmost importance, by W. M. Lowman, Va.

This discourse was very instructive and met with hearty response from the hearers.

11:10 a.m.—Congregation arose and sang, "This Is Like Heaven to Me."

11:15 a.m.—Further report of the Investigating committee read by the chairman, L. A. Moxley.

After much prayer and careful consideration, we, your Investigating Committee, beg to report as follows:

We have carefully checked each item of stock in the Publishing House and all liabilities and assets belonging to the business and have found these things about as given in the Business Manager's report.

We have found that the White Wing Publishing House is paying \$500.00 a year rent, which is in addition to the \$500.00 set apart in the budget by the Ways and Means committee and paid out of the tithe fund making a total of \$1,000.00 a year.

We find from an estimate given to us by the Business Manager that the White Wing Messenger has lacked \$859.19 of paying its own way this year.

We have gone through all the books, checks, stubs, etc., and they all correspond.

Furthermore, we find that a new and up-to-date system of book keeping has been installed, which is far superior to the old system.

**Conclusion**

We find nothing in the records to indicate dishonesty and we therefore recommend that this Assembly crush the spirit and talk against A. J. Lawson and A. D. Evans and completely exonerate both of them. And to show our faith and confidence in them we hereby recommend that they be con-



tinued in office.

Furthermore we recommend that our ministers and workers and all members present in this Assembly make special effort to crush the sentiment that has risen against them on the field when they go back home.

We found no just cause for ordering an accountant to audit the books and we recommend that the balance of the \$300 set apart for the expense of the investigation and audit if necessary should be counted as any other money in the treasury and used in the regular channel.

We feel that we should honor these men for their faithfulness in helping to save the Church from wreck and ruin during the conflict. We furthermore recommend that this spirit which has undertaken to tarnish their good names should be resisted and crushed. And that the cloud put over them by false accusations should be lifted.

We therefore recommend that our people everywhere should rally to their support and let the love of God dominate in every heart, go to our fields of labor with zeal to make the coming year the most prosperous year of our lives and join in hearty co-operation to put the Church of God over the top. Hallelujah!

Respectfully submitted,  
L. A. MOXLEY, Chairman,  
J. H. VANCE,  
WILL H. BROWN.

This report was accepted by the Assembly in regular order.

Note—After the report was accepted Brother Moxley explained what the "about" in their report meant which made it perfectly clear and alright. Brother Vance stated that the committee did not mean to reflect upon Brother Lawson by their previous report, and if it was taken that way it was unintentional on their part and asked the Assembly to forgive them. Brother Evans expressed his pleasure at the good spirit the brethren showed and added that if you need any thing order it from the White Wing Publishing House and help the Church of God along.

Report of the Business Manager of the White Wing Publishing House that had been tabled was taken up and accepted in regular order by Assembly.

11:25 a.m.—Ordination service. Two Bishops and one Deacon. This was a brief but sacred service. The General Overseer was assisted by S. O. Gillaspie. After it was over the General Overseer asked the congregation to stand in token of happy congratulations.

11:40 a.m.—Report of Committee No. 3, Adjustment.

### REPORT OF ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE NO. 3

To the Assembly, Greetings:

We, your adjustment committee, have met in regular order with prayer, and we give the following report:

Only one matter of adjustment has come before us for consideration and as we have been unable to accomplish the desired results, we refer this matter to the General Overseer, A. J. Tomlinson.

Respectfully submitted,  
G. W. DURHAM, Chairman,  
C. L. TAYLOR,  
S. P. FORD,  
F. J. CROWDER,  
J. A. WEST.

Report accepted in regular order.

11:45 a.m.—The appointment of State Overseers read by the General Overseer.

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Note—In preliminary remarks the General Overseer expressed a hope that all would try to be satisfied as he felt he had done the best he could and reached the conclusion only after much prayer and careful consideration. He asked that there be no handclaps or showing in any way of approval or disapproval. There was profound silence as the long list of names was read.

1. Alabama—W. T. Holland.
2. Arkansas—J. T. Huddleston.
- 3. Bahamas—Stanley R. Ferguson.
- 4. China—Peter N. Johnson, Missionary.
5. Delaware—W. R. Sexton.
6. East Texas—J. N. Hurley.
7. Florida—J. F. Curry.
8. Georgia—M. E. Wilson.
9. Illinois—J. W. Abbott.
10. Indiana—M. C. Harvey.
11. Iowa—R. N. Cowger.
12. Kansas—C. W. Risner.
13. Kentucky—C. H. Randall.
14. Louisiana—J. R. Moxley.
15. Maryland—W. R. Sexton.
16. Michigan—F. F. Johnson.
17. Minnesota—J. W. Barker.
18. Mississippi—E. C. Rider.
19. Missouri—D. R. Holcomb.
20. Nebraska—J. A. Hamil.
21. New York—H. A. Tomlinson.
22. North Carolina—C. L. Taylor.
23. North Dakota—J. W. Barker.
24. Ohio—S. O. Gillaspie.
25. Oklahoma—I. D. Bain.
- 26. Porto Rico—C. A. Farnham, Missionary.
27. Pennsylvania—V. R. Sherrill.
28. South Carolina—Melvin Pittman.
29. South Dakota—H. R. Jacobs.
30. Tennessee—L. A. Moxley.
31. Virginia—W. M. Lowman.
- 32. Virgin Islands—C. A. Farnham, Missionary.
33. West Texas—J. M. Stratton.
34. West Virginia—F. J. Crowder.
35. Wisconsin—Guy Robinson.
36. Wyoming—J. A. West.

12:00 m.—Noon—Adjournment.

1:30 p.m.—Song service led by J. O. Hamilton, Georgia Riggs at piano. Prayer by L. N. McCoy.

2:00 p.m.—Report of committee No. 2, Watchmen.

### REPORT OF WATCHMEN COMMITTEE NO. 2

To the Assembly. Greetings:

We, your committee as Watchmen, beg leave to report the most perfect order and harmony ever manifested in the Assembly to our knowledge. One or two attempted heated arguments among our people but these were soon put down with good feeling among all.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. R. SEXTON, Chairman.

Report accepted in regular order.

2:15 p.m.—Installation of State Overseers. All present but one, not including the missionaries. General Overseer delivered a brief address and quoted a few verses of Scripture. A few excerpts are given thus:

"Do not require more of the saints with whom you come in contact than I require of you."

"As you go preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

"The word does not show that any one will reach the state of absolute perfection until a later day."

"I want you to know that I am counting on you."

All repeated Matt. 24:44 in concert thus: Therefore be ye also ready:

for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

General Overseer offered special prayer for the overseers. While all stood each one shook hands with the one next to him on either side as a token of good will and hearty co-operation. The congregation stood in token of love, respect and congratulations. Another prayer by General Overseer and this concluded the ceremony of inducting the overseers into office.

3:00 p.m.—Song, "Everybody Will Be Happy."

3:05 p.m.—"Going out from the Assembly with more fire, zeal and determination to win than ever before" was a subject for two discourses—Fred Johnson and L. G. Smith. These discourses were fiery and gave evidence of zeal and a determination to win which seemed to voice the sentiment of all present.

3:30 p.m.—Adoption of minutes and instructed local churches to consider, endorse and ratify business acts of the Assembly.

3:35 p.m.—Discourse—"Evangelists—Their work in opening up new fields is of great value to the Church. We should get under them with our prayers and means"—Guy Marlow. This was full of good instruction and encouragement to the Evangelists. He advised Evangelists to stay in their calling instead of settling down to pastor churches. Advised pastors to push the work of the State Overseers Pay Association so more home mission money could be available for the Evangelists in opening up new fields. Excellent discourse all the way through.

4:35 p.m.—The same editor and publisher was continued by acclamation and cheers.

4:40 p.m.—Closed business part of the Assembly—All stood while the General Overseer offered the closing prayer and formally announced the business closed.

4:45 p.m.—Adjourned by General Overseer.

6:30 p.m.—Music by a combination band of thirty-eight instruments directed by Paul Hudson.

7:00 p.m.—Song service led by Guy Marlow, Edith Tarpley at piano. Prayer by Guy Robinson.

7:15 p.m.—Collection for Assembly expenses by the Assembly expense committee.

Concert prayer for the sick.

7:35 p.m.—Two special songs by M. B. R's. quartet.

7:40 p.m.—Short talk by C. E. Townsend. He read and talked some in German as well as English. Special song by "Happy Four."

8:10 p.m.—Discourse—The Church of God, its work and responsibility according to God's program for the last days—C. H. Randall, Ky. This was a powerful discourse as the speaker dug deep into his subject. Responsibility is upon us to carry the gospel to all the world, he said. Nothing else to go to but the Church of God.

9:35 p.m.—Special song by two little girls. Special number by the Hickman Quartet.

9:40 p.m.—Special song by Clara and Beulah.

9:55 p.m.—Discourse—Fiery exhortation to spread out into New Fields and work hard another year—L. A. Moxley, Tenn.

10:15 p.m.—Last "hot shot" testimony service with S. P. Ford in charge. This was quick and powerful on the pop-corn order.

10:45 p.m.—Preachers big consecration service. This was an impressive scene as each minister reconsecrated to God and His service. General Overseer spoke a few words, then came the song by Avery and Ralph, "Jesus May Depend On Me." Silent prayer by all the ministers. Prayer in concert repeating after General Overseer. Consecration prayer by all in concert. Music by Band while ministers shook hands around as a token of good will and co-operation another year. When all were seated General Overseer offered special prayer for the ministers. Special song by M. B. R's. quartet. As the words of the song ceased all raised their hands and turned their faces upward and shouted in concert, **GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.** As this sound died away Edith struck the keys of the piano and all joined in singing "Joy, joy, joy," etc. This closed the ministers consecration service.

11:10 p.m.—Platform cleared, while preparations were being made for the closing scene. General Overseer, in a short speech, thanked all who had any part in making the Big Assembly a success for their assistance and co-operation. In this speech he mentioned the speakers, the singers, the musicians, the committees, the homes of Cleveland and everybody.

The closing scenes were soon over and while the large congregation stood quietly at that late hour, the General Overseer offered the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

11:55 p.m.—The last amen was said. Thus closed the great Twenty-Fifth Annual Assembly of the Church of God as the time crossed over the midnight hour.

A. J. TOMLINSON, General Overseer,  
L. A. MOXLEY, Chief Clerk,  
CORA L. RANDALL, Assistant Clerk,  
J. M. STRATTON, Assistant Clerk,  
NORA T. AUGERSON, Assistant Clerk,  
R. M. STOVER, Assistant Clerk.

### WORLD MUST BE EVANGELIZED

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

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

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

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

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

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

### INSTRUCTIONS—LOCAL CHURCH OFFICERS

1. Pastor when possible. It is necessary always to have some one selected as leader of the flock. It is the duty of the overseer of the state or province

to see that every local church in his territory has a pastor or leader.

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

Clerks 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. 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.

Note—This is not meant for an ironclad rule. A man not a deacon, or a woman may serve as treasurer.

It is advised that one person serve as both clerk and treasurer when it is convenient and satisfactory to the local church.

Each pastor, with the assistance of the deacons, if the church has deacons, should divide his members into classes of ten or twelve in each class and a leader over each class selected. These classes might be called prayer bands and each leader should keep in close touch with every member of his band like a Sunday school teacher her pupils. If any should move, the class leader should keep careful note of the place removed to and if it is too far to keep in touch with them in person, then communication should be kept up by correspondence. All of this is for the mutual spiritual, temporal and social benefit of the members. The pastor should keep in close touch with the class leaders and all the work.

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

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

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

#### ATTENDANCE

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

### ARRANGEMENT

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

A member who may have a living companion should not marry another under any circumstances even if divorced. Neither should a member marry anyone who has a living companion although such person may be divorced.

### REMEMBER

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

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

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

That every member and especially every minister, should be a "paid up" subscriber and an earnest worker for our church paper, The White Wing Messenger.

### DUTIES OF STATE OVERSEERS

Each overseer is 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 lies in his power.

To divide his state or territory into districts and place over each district an overseer as previously instructed and practiced. This is not an ironclad rule, but it is considered best when there are sufficient churches in a state to make it practicable.

To conduct district meetings at intervals during the year for the mutual benefit and help of all. Special instructions concerning the Church work should be given at these district meetings.

To hold one state convention when it is thought practicable each year in some part of the state most convenient for members from all the churches to attend.

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

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

To visit every district and church if possible and look after the interests in every way as a pastor over a large circuit.

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

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

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

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

### TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

Over Which A. J. Tomlinson is General Overseer  
Cleveland, Tenn.

The Church of God stands for the whole Bible rightly divided—The New Testament is the only rule for government and discipline. Below is given some of the 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 1:74, 75; 1 Thess. 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 Endowment of Power for Service—Matt. 3:11; Luke 24:49-53; Acts 1:4-8.
9. The Speaking in Tongues as the Evidence of the Baptism With the Holy Ghost—John 15:26; Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:6.
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 22:17-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-33.



15. Washing the Saints' Feet—John 13:4-17; 1 Tim. 5:10.
16. Tithing and Giving—Gen. 14:18-20, 28:20-22; Mal. 3:10; Matt. 23:23; 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.
29. Against the Divorce and Remarriage Evil—Matt. 5:32; Matt. 19:3-12; Mark 10:12; Luke 16:18; Rom. 7:2, 3; 1 Cor. 5:1-5, 13; 1 Cor. 6:9, 13, 16-18; 1 Cor. 7:2, 10, 11; Rev. 2:20-22; Acts 15:28, 29; Matt. 14:3, 4.

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