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PROCEEDINGS

The Twenty-fifth Annual Session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Cumberland Association of Tennessee was called to order by the president, Mrs. L. O. Burroughs, on Wednesday, August 22, 1945, at East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

Program Theme: "The Day Is at Hand."

Hymn: "Guide Me Thou Great Jehovah," led by Rev. Clarence Bowen.

Prayer: Led by Mrs. J. H. Oliver.

Devotional: "Let Us Put on the Armor of Light," conducted by Mrs. J. L. Welch, who pleaded for each member to put on whole armor of God to conquer the enemy of sin.

Welcome Address: Mrs. J. B. Smith.

Response: Mrs. Joe Reding.

Enrollment of following societies: Ashland City, Bethlehem, East Nashville, Cofers Chapel, New Hope, Olivet, West Nashville.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Business Resolutions: Mrs. Agnes Frazier, Mrs. Fannie Smith, Mrs. R. L. Ray.

Plan of Work: Mrs. J. B. Smith, Mrs. Fannie Polston, Mrs. L. C. Conatser.

Obituaries: Mrs. Dempse Teasley, Mrs. W. E. Marshall, Mrs. John Gower.

Nomination: Mrs. Joe Reding, Mrs. Walter Maxey, Mrs. J. L. Welch.

Petitions and Requests: Mrs. Horace Ragan, Mrs. W. M. White, Mrs. Oscar Todd.

Appreciation: Mrs. W. D. Bradford, Mrs. Anna Holt, Mrs. J. B. Parsons.

Enrollment: Mrs. G. B. Vanhook, Mrs. Docia Felts, Mrs. Baxter Harris.

Letters of Greetings from Mrs. Eunice Edwards, president of Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, and Mrs. Wesley James, president of Goodsprings Auxiliary, was read by Mrs. Burroughs.

Message of President—Mrs. L. O. Burroughs insisted that "The Day Is At Hand" for us to pray, be faithful stewards by ministering to the Mission needs and for rendering personal service.

"The Day Is At Hand to Increase Enlistment"—Mrs. Fannie Polston.

Report of Field Worker read and adopted.

Report of Corresponding Secretary read and adopted.

Hymn: "Marching to Zion."

Prayer: Rebecca Stewart.

Message: The Great Immigration—Rev. Clarence Bowen delivered an appropriate message and admonishd us that "The Day Is At

Hand" to move out from the shores that hinder and migrate to better shores of service.

Report of First Vice-President read and adopted.

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting read and approved.

Benediction: Rev. J. R. Davidson.

Adjournment for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Hymn: Work For the Night Is Coming.

Prayer.

Devotional: The Night Is Far Spent, conducted by Rev. J. R. Davidson, emphasizing the need for everyone to use the time and opportunities for God's glory and the advancement of His cause.

Minutes read and approved.

"The Day Is At Hand for Christian Education." Report of Second Vice-President given by Mrs. N. V. Williams. Report adopted.

"The Day Is at Hand for Mission Work." Report of Third Vice-President, Mrs. Huey Gower. Report adopted.

"The Day Is at Hand for Stewardship." Report of Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. H. W. Christian. Report adopted.

Recognition of ministers and words of greetings from the following: Rev. Clarence Bown, Rev. J. R. Davidson, Rev. R. B. Crawford, Rev. Huey Gower, and Rev. Halbrook.

"The Day Is at Hand for Personal Service." Report of Fifth Vice-President, Mrs. W. E. Marshall. Report adopted.

Report of Treasurer, Miss Mary Patton, read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituary read and adopted.

Memorial Service in memory of deceased members was conducted by Rev. R. B. Crawford reading a poem, and a solo, "Lead Kindly Light," sung by James Benney Smith, Jr., a moment of silent meditation and prayer led by Rev. R. B. Crawford.

Report of delegate to Cumberland Association read and adopted.

Interesting highlights of the National Woman's Auxiliary was given by Mrs. J. E. Frazier.

Verbal report of the Denominational Work in general was given by Rev. R. B. Crawford, Executive Secretary of National Association.

Report of Committee of Enrollment read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Petition and Request read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Appreciation read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Plan of Work read and adopted.

Report on Committee on Business Resolutions read and adopted.

Report on Committee on Nominations read and adopted except the nomination of Third Vice-President.

Mrs. J. R. Davidson was elected to serve as Third Vice-President.

Motion made and carried that the meeting adjourn to meet with Bethlehem Church on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1946.

Benediction—Rev. J. R. Davidson.

OFFICERS FOR 1945-1946

President—Mrs. J. B. Smith, 1407 Calvin, Nashville, Tenn.

First Vice-President—Mrs. H. W. Christian, Ashland City, Tenn.

Second Vice-President—Miss Marie Harris, Joelton, Tenn.

Third Vice-President—Mrs. J. R. Davidson, 3618 Westbrook Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Fourth Vice-President—Mrs. Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tenn.

Fifth Vice-President—Mrs. W. E. Marshall, 310 Oceola Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Recording Secretary—Miss Rebecca Stewart, Ashland City, Tenn.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. B. Harris, 1730 Arthur Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Treasurer—Mrs. Huey Gower, 5107 Elkins Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Delegate to State Association—Mrs. George Vanhook, Ashland City, Tenn.

Delegate to Cumberland Association—Mrs. W. M. White, 1718 Arthur Avenue, Nashville 8, Tenn.

REPORTS

Report of First Vice-President

No. meetings presided over	6
No. new members	30
No. active members	121
No. members suspended	29
Present enrollment	153
Average attendance	86
No temperance leaflets distributed	105
No. temperance programs given	8
No. good tracts, magazines, etc., distributed	965
No. of members making phone calls	54
No. of members mailing cards and letters	73
No. of members making personal visits	14
Work done to bring back absentees	66

MRS. FANNIE POLSTON, First Vice-President.

Report of Second Vice-President

Activities sponsored for F. W. B. education interest	2
Students assisted	2
No. vacation Bible Schools conducted	3
No. Young People's organization	1
Young People's activities sponsored	3
No. special studies of manual	1

MARIE HARRIS, Second Vice-President.

Given by MRS. N. V. WILLIAMS.

Report of Third Vice-President

Missionary programs held	7
Tracts and leaflets on Missions distributed	75
Mission gifts	\$117.23
Week of Prayer observed	Yes
Average number attending	8
Mission study classes	4
Number attending	44

MRS. HUEY GOWER, Third Vice-President.

Report of Fourth Vice-President

Stewardship reading circles conducted	3
Books read	2
No. reading books	19
No. of tracts and other stewardship literature distributed	355
No. stewardship programs held	8
No. stewardship talks	16
No. of new tithers	3
No. of tithers in societies	44
Stewardship study classes conducted	4
Stewardship books studied	4
No. enrolled in classes	66
No. of 100% members	13

MRS. H. W. CHRISTIAN, Fourth Vice-President.

Report of Fifth Vice-President

(Four Societies Reporting)

No. engaged in personal service	33
No. assisting in soul-winning	38
No. visiting sick	48
No. distributing garments	36
No. carrying trays and baskets	14
Special orphanage programs	2
Toys for children in T. B. Hospital given and cards to men and girls in service sent.	

MRS. W. E. MARSHALL, Fifth Vice-President.

Report of Corresponding Secretary

Letters mailed	5
Post cards mailed	4
One long distance telephone call to Ashland City.	

Society Honor Roll

According to markings and expressing—1. East Nashville;
2 Olivet.

A-1 Societies—Ashland City, Cofer's Chapel, Olivet.

Report of Committee on Obituaries

We, your committee, wish to submit our resolutions:

Whereas, it has pleased our all-wise God to call to their reward our beloved members, Miss Patesnif, Mrs. Clouse and Mrs. Ed Murphy, we, the members of your committee, realizing our loss, submit the following resolutions:

First—That we bow in humble submission and due recognition to His holy will in calling the spirit of our beloved ones home to be with Him.

Second—That we extend to their families our deepest sympathy and may they find comfort and peace in Him who said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

MRS. D. E. TEASLEY.

MRS. W. E. MARSHALL.

MRS. J. B. GOWER.

Report of Resolutions Committee

We, your Committee on Resolutions offer the following resolutions to this body for your consideration:

1. That the 1946 financial goal for the Cumberland District Woman's Auxiliary be the Fifty-Thousand Colaborers Band Plan as launched by the National Auxiliary Convention. Each member of every auxiliary is urged to subscribe to the \$1.00 per month membership and to use her influence in enlisting every member of her church to subscribe to the \$1.00 monthly membership. However, for those auxiliary members who are unable to take the \$1.00 monthly memberships, other memberships are provided for them. The responsibility for the carrying out of this plan rest with the four vice-Presidents.

2. Believing that the lasting support on missions depends on deep-rooted knowledge of what has been accomplished; be it resolved, that each Auxiliary put on a church wide School of Missions so that every one may see and know what Free Will Baptists are really doing in extending God's Kingdom, and that the Third Vice-President be requested to make definite plans for the school, using the leaflet "Information and Inspirational Facts About Free Will Baptist Missions," prepared by Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., as one of the text-books. We urge the free distribution of these leaflets in every church and community.

3. That all of us here assembled agree to plead with our churches and members to acknowledge their responsibility to God by giving Him at least one-tenth of their income for His cause.

4. That in wrestling with our own local problems and obligations, we do not forget that the work in the lands beyond the sea is as much our responsibility and our obligation as the work in our churches.

5. That we urge all our people to pray earnestly and regularly for all our missionaries on the field and for all our denominational

leaders, that God may guide them and bless all their efforts done in His name.

6. That each Auxiliary only enroll for membership those who are not on Auxiliary organization rolls in other churches.

7. That the "Honor Page" be put back in the minutes.

8. That all offerings including orphanage, co-laborer band gifts and convention dues be sent monthly to the District Woman's Auxiliary Treasurer who is hereby instructed to send monthly these contributions coming to her from local Auxiliaries to the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention Treasurer.

9. That all orders for Woman's Auxiliary literature of any and all types be sent to the treasurer of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland Street, Nashville 6, Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. E. FRAZIER.

MRS. R. L. RAY.

MRS. FANNIE SMITH.

Report of Nominating Committee

We recommend the following people as officers for the coming conventional year:

President	Mrs. Nannie Smith
First Vice-President	Mrs. H. W. Christian
Second Vice-President	Miss Marie Harris
Third Vice-President	Mrs. J. R. Davidson
Fourth Vice-President	Mrs. Fannie Polston
Fifth Vice-President	Mrs. W. E. Marshall
Recording Secretary	Miss Rebecca Stewart
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Edna Harris
Treasurer	Mrs. Huey Gower
Delegates to Cumberland Association	Mrs. Alice White
Delegate to State Association	Mrs. George Vanhook

MRS. JOE REDING.

MRS. WALTER MAXEY.

MRS. J. L. WELCH.

Report of Committee on Appreciations

We, your Committee on Appreciations wish to submit the following report:

1. We offer our sincere thanks to this church and to all who had any part in entertaining this Convention; and those who helped in any way to make this Convention a success.

2. To all the members that were on the program, to Brother Clarence Bowen for his appropriate message, the program committee and officers we extend our sincere thanks.

MRS. W. D. BRADFORD.

MRS. ANNA HOLT.

MRS. J. B. PARSONS.

Report of Enrollment Committee

Ministers present	5
Officers	7
Delegates	12
Visitors	25
Total	49

MRS. GEORGE VANHOOK.

MRS. EDNA HARRIS.

MRS. DOCIA FELTS.

Report of Delegate to Cumberland Association

The Annual Session of the Cumberland Association met with Shady Grove Church, October 11-12, 1944, with Rev. E. A. Craft, Moderator. After enrollment of delegated body and appointment of committees, reports were read. The associational sermon was delivered by Rev. Craft. Bro. Paul Woolsey spoke in behalf of the Orphanage Wednesday afternoon, giving a report of the work and conditions in general, and emphasizing the need of a boys' dormitory. After the report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Rev. Damon Dodd introduced the 50,000 Collaborers Band which was launched at the National Association. Special music was rendered by students from the Bible College during the Association and Bro. Ennis spoke on the aims of the College. Rev. R. B. Crawford gave a very enlightening report concerning the work over the various states. During the Association several \$100.00 pledges were made in behalf of the Bible College. The next Association will convene at East Nashville Church. I was glad to have the privilege of representing this body at the Association and I hope that each of us will support all phases of the work during the coming year.

MRS. W. M. WHITE.

Report of Committee on Petitions and Requests

First, We, the Woman's Auxiliary of Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, wish to be reinstated as a member of this Convention.

Second: We, the Women's Auxiliary of Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church request that the Convention meet at the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church next year.

MRS. HORACE RAGAN.

MRS. W. M. WHITE.

MRS. OSCAR TODD.

Report of Field Worker

No. of Societies this year	9
No. of Young People's Societies	3
No. of Young People's Societies organized	1
Total number of organizations	12
No. of members of adult societies	148
No. of members of Young People's Societies	52
Total membership	200
Societies visited	2
Executives meetings attended	1
Letters mailed	11

MRS. L. O. BURROUGHS, Field Worker.

Report of Committee on Plan of Work

We, your Committee on "Plan of Work," recommend the adoption of the Plan of Work as outlined by the National Auxiliary Convention when in session at Middlesex, N. C., in July, 1945, it being the same as used in 1944, with the following changes:

(1) The Missionary Department is asked to foster in all churches Girls' Auxiliary (ages 12 to 17), Young Woman's Auxiliary (ages 17 to 25, unmarried women), and to present missionary facts to the entire church with literature and study classes and the Second Vice-President to foster and advance missionary education and other Christian training of our young people as presented in the book, "Working With Our Youth."

(2) That the tithe be a minimum basis of contributing, and that we faithfully continue the use of "Fifty Thousand Co-Laborers Band" and for a more intensive study of stewardship literature and the distribution of same as a means of spiritual growth.

(3) That all annual reports to the Association be made on the report blank found in the book of programs in order to have a unified statistical record and that vice-presidents use forms like those found in "Manual of Methods."

(4) That all funds contributed by local Auxiliaries for all different phases of the national work are to be sent monthly through the proper channels to the W. N. A. C. Treasurer, who will forward all funds monthly to the Treasurer of the National Association.

MRS. FANNIE POLSTON.

MRS. NANNIE SMITH.

MRS. LOU CONASTER.

REPORT OF TREASURER

	Orphan- age	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Bible College	Unified Program	Convention Dues	Minutes
Ashland City .. \$	75.25	\$ 5.65	\$ 63.45	\$22.10	\$ 44.35	\$ 4.50	\$ 3.00
Bethel	12.00	5.00	12.00	12.00	18.00	4.00	3.40
Bethlehem	56.60	....	....	....	....	3.00	1.00
East Nashville.	43.50	....	27.80	23.17	24.50	28.00	....
Cofers Chapel..	10.00	....	....	....	34.00	10.00	5.00
New Hope	22.00	22.00	22.00	....	....	10.00	2.00
Goodsprings .....	....	....	....	....	18.40	2.40	3.00
Olivet	36.56	6.57	41.50	....	....	5.04	2.40
West Nashville .....	....	....	....	....	15.00	7.80	2.50
Totals	\$255.91	\$39.12	\$166.75	\$57.27	\$154.25	\$77.14	\$23.80

Receipts

Amount on hand first of year..	\$ 69.72
Received for following:	
Bible College	57.27
Home Missions	39.22
Foreign Missions	166.75
Orphanage	255.91
Unified Program	154.25
Convention Dues	77.14
Minutes	23.80
Jehoidia Chest (Olivet)	22.00
Superannuation	5.00
Building Fund	25.00
Total Receipts	\$896.06
Total Disbursements	787.95
Balance on Hand	\$109.11

Disbursements

Paid J. E. Frazier for following:	
Orphanage	\$255.91
Missions	202.97
Bible College	57.27
Superannation	5.00
Building Fund	25.00
Co-Labors Band	14.00
Unified Program	20.00
Paid Mrs. Polston for following:	
Co-Labors Band	58.00
Convention Dues	18.00
Jehoidia Chest Fund	22.00
Unified Program	58.00
Paid Mrs. L. O. Burroughs for Minutes	43.00
Paid Mrs. L. O. Burroughs for mailing Minutes	5.90
Total Disbursements	\$787.95

No. Members 1st Year	New Members	Reinstated	Inactive	Dropped	No. Present	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Education	Co-Laborers	Unified Program	Other	Total
						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
16	0	0	0	1	15	\$ 5.65	\$ 63.45	\$75.25	\$ 47.10	\$ 44.35		\$ 22.10	\$ 257.90
ASHLAND CITY													
Mrs. Melvin Eatherly													
11	3	0	4	1	14		14.13				54.00	27.59	95.72
ASHLAND CITY, Tenn.													
BETHEL													
Mrs. Floyd Swann													
33	2	0	19	2	29	5.00		33.00	12.00	23.00	7.75	33.13	113.88
Neptune, Tenn.													
BETHLEHEM													
Mrs. Walter Maxey													
22	10	0	4	3	29		18.23	46.00		27.00	50.00	45.85	187.08
Ashland City, Tenn., R. 1													
COFFERS CHAPEL													
Mrs. Oscar Davis													
2005 12th Ave.													
13	6	2	3	4	17	24.15	48.30	43.50	57.45			107.15	280.55
Nashville, Tenn.													
EAST NASHVILLE													
Mrs. J. B. Smith													
1407 Calvin Avenue													
12	0	0	0	4	8						22.00		22.00
Nashville, Tenn.													
GOODSPRING													
Mrs. Charlie Ford													
43	1	0	7	0	33	22.00	22.00	22.00	63.29		15.00	64.12	208.41
Pleasant View, Tenn.													
NEW HOPE													
Mrs. N. V. Williams													
Joceton, Tenn.													
14	0	0	0	0	14	6.67	34.84	36.56			28.00	29.46	135.53
OLIVET													
Mrs. Joe Reding													
Adams, Tenn., R. 1													
17	0	0	0	0	34	32.65		46.60			15.00	19.50	113.76
WEST NASHVILLE													
Mrs.													
Nashville, Tenn.													
181	22	2	37	15	193	\$ 96.12	\$200.95	\$302.91	\$179.84	\$ 94.35	\$191.75	\$348.90	\$1,414.82
Total													

Total		181	22	2	37	15	193	\$ 96.12	\$200.95	\$302.91	\$179.84	\$ 94.35	\$191.75	\$348.90	\$1,414.82
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