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PROCEEDINGS

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Cumberland Association of Tennessee, was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. B. Smith, on Wednesday, August 21, 1946, at Bethlehem Church.

Program Theme: "Advancing with Christ."

Hymn: "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," led by Rev. Clarence Bowen.

Prayer: Led by Rev. Clarence Bowen.

Devotional: "The Battle is not yours, but God's," presented by Mrs. Noah Tuttle, admonishing all to hide the word of God in our hearts, and to put on the gospel armour as Christians and seek His guidance and help for fighting God's Battle.

Mrs. J. W. Maxey extended a hearty welcome to all and Mrs. Mary Welch graciously responded.

Prayer: Rev. Huey Gower.

Enrollment of the following societies: Ashland City, Bethlehem, Bethel, Cofers Chapel, East Nashville, West Nashville, and Sylvan Park by delegates and Olivet by letter.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Resolution Committee: Mrs. Huey Gower, Mrs. W. E. Marshall, Mrs. J. R. Davidson.

Plan of Work: Mrs. H. W. Christian, Mrs. Fannie Polston, Mrs. N. V. Williams.

Petitions and Requests: Mrs. J. W. Maxey, Mrs. Nellye Eatherly, Mrs. Lena Frazier.

Obituary: Mrs. C. F. Read, Mrs. Floyd Swann, Mrs. Effie Wilson.

Appreciation: Miss Mary Patton, Mrs. W. G. Boyd, Mrs. Oscar Todd.

Nominating: Mrs. Mary Welch, Mrs. L. C. Canaster, Mrs. J. W. Boyte.

A very heartsearching message was brought by the President pleading for fruit bearing members, with more love in homes, communities, state and nation and more love to God expressed in service to His cause and thereby producing a more valuable auxiliary member.

Recognition of ministers, and words of greetings from the following: Rev. Carlus Craft, Rev. Ernest Craft, Rev. Clarence Bowen, Rev. Noah Tuttle, and Rev. Huey Gower.

Report of the 4th Vice President was read and adopted.

Report of 2nd Vice President was read and adopted.

Duet—Mrs. N. V. Williams and Mrs. W. G. Boyd.

Rev. E. A. Craft delivered an appropriate message to Auxiliary members, encouraging them to continue their work and pledging his support.

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting was read and adopted.

Adjournment for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Hymn: Lead On, O King Eternal.

Devotional: "The race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong." Mrs. Welch urged that all members render whatever service they can and God will bless your efforts and to avoid making excuses when called on to render service for the Master.

Solo—Mrs. Noah Tuttle.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of Treasurer was read and adopted.

Report of 3rd Vice President was read and adopted.

Miss Nelda Bracey made a statement at this time that she is called as a missionary to India and requested prayer that she might always do God's will.

Report of the 1st Vice President was read and adopted.

Report of the 5th Vice President was read and adopted and a motion was made by Mrs. W. E. Marshall that an offering be taken for Bro. Scott, Pastor of Bethlehem Church, who was seriously ill in the hospital. Motion was passed and an offering in the amount of \$36.25 was taken and given to Bro. Scott.

Report of Obituary Committee was read and adopted.

Memorial service in memory of deceased members was conducted and Mrs. N. V. Williams and Mrs. W. G. Boyd rendered a duet.

Report of Corresponding Secretary was read and adopted.

Report of delegate to Cumberland Association was given and adopted.

An oral report of the National Association was given by Mrs. Fannie Polston.

Report of Committee on Petition and Requests read and adopted.

Report of Appreciation Committee read and adopted.

Report of Plan of Work Committee read and adopted.

Report of Resolution Committee read and adopted.

A motion was made and adopted that the president appoint two women to compile the history of Women's Auxiliary.

Mrs. W. D. Ray and Mrs. Mary Welch were appointed.

Report of Nomination Committee was read and adopted.

Motion made and approved that we reserve two days for convention next year.

Rev. Clarence Bowen conducted a very effective worshipful period of meditation after which motion was made and approved that the meeting adjourn to meet with Bethel Church on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in August 1947.

OFFICERS OF 1946-1947

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

First Vice-President—Mrs. H. W. Christian, Ashland City, Tenn.,
Route 3.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. Charles Sublett, 3204 Long Blvd.,
Nashville, Tenn.

Third Vice-President—Miss Rebecca Stewart, Ashland City, 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—Mrs. George Van Hook, Ashland City, Tenn.

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

Treasurer—Mrs. L. O. Burroughs, 4020 Colorado Avenue, Nash-
ville, Tenn.

Delegate to Association—Mrs. J. W. Boyte.

REPORTS

Report of First Vice-President

No. members on roll.....	139
No. new members.....	13
No. members suspended and died.....	9
Present enrollment	132
No. temperance leaflets distributed.....	852
No. temperance programs given.....	3
No. good tracts, leaflets, papers, etc.....	1006
Total pieces of literature distribution	1858
No. members making phone calls.....	34
No. members making personal visits	48
No. members mailing letters and cards.....	42

MRS. H. W. CHRISTIAN, 1st Vice-President.

Report of Second Vice-President

Activities sponsored for F. W. B. young people.....	4
Activities for Bible College sponsored.....	2
Students in Bible College assisted.....	10
No. young women's auxiliaries	4
No. of girl auxiliaries	1
No. Mission Study Classes for young people.....	1
No. of Vacation Bible Schools	2
Special study of Guide Book conducted	2

"I have made two talks and organized one Bible Study Class for girls and mailed several cards and letters in interest of educational program."

MARIE HARRIS FELTS, Second Vice-President.

Given by MRS. N. V. WILLIAMS.

Report of Third Vice-President

Assistance given in making missionary program success.....	5
Tracts and other literature on missions distributed.....	1581
No. of special Missionary programs.....	8
Amount of special Missionary offering.....	\$236.40
No. of Auxiliaries conducting week of prayer.....	6
Average No. attending	12
Special days of prayer conducted	2
No. Mission study classes conducted	4
No. attending classes	30
Mission Reading Circles held.....	3
Books read	21

In addition, East Nashville reported that they gave shower for Willeys, book for Tommy, layette for Mrs. Dodd, and handkerchiefs shower for five lady missionaries. Ashland City sent a box to the Willeys valued at approximately \$25.00; Olivet sent box to Cuban

Missionaries, \$5.00; birthday box, \$4.08; and Jehoida Chest for Foreign Missions \$14.66 and Home Missions \$7.34. Reports from seven societies are included in this report.

MRS. J. R. DAVIDSON, Third Vice-President.

Report of Fourth Vice-President

No. tithers on roll beginning of year	63
No. new tithers	6
No. Stewardship programs held	8
No. stewardship study classes conducted.....	6
No. stewardship reading circles	4
No. stewardship books read	6
No. reading stewardship books.....	78
No. enrolled in study classes	54
No. subscribing to Co-Labors Band	28
Amount received through Co-Labors Band	\$246.40

MRS. FANNIE POLSTON, Fourth Vice-Pres.

Report of Fifth Vice-President

Special orphanage work done.....	5 gift boxes
Amount of orphanage donations	\$160.50
No. members engaged in personal service.....	42
Members assisting in cottage prayer meetings	17
Members making soul winning efforts.....	54
Members visiting the sick.....	95
Members distributing Bibles.....	9
Members distributing garments, trays and baskets to needy.....	125
Members helping in Red Cross, W.C.T.U. and community work.....	25

MRS. W. E. MARSHALL, 5th Vice Pres.

Report of Corresponding Secretary

I made 5 phone calls, mailed 15 cards and 3 letters and encouraged the subscribing to papers. I received only one Chart this year, it being from East Nashville Society.

MRS. W. B. HARRIS, Corresponding Sec.

Report of Obituary Committee

Since it has pleased our all wise God to call to their reward our beloved members: Mrs. Wesley James, Mrs. Lela Carigan and Mrs. Mag Bracy, we submit the following resolutions: 1st: That we bow in humble submission and due recognition to His Holy Will in calling the spirit of our beloved one home to be with him and 2nd: 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. C. F. READ

MRS. FLOYD SWANN

MRS. EDITH WILSON

Report of Resolution Committee

We, the committee on resolutions, wish to submit the following recommendation: That the convention appoint a historian for the purpose of writing the history of this auxiliary work since its beginning to the present time.

MRS. HUEY GOWER

MRS. W. E. MARSHALL

MRS. J. R. DAVIDSON

Report of Nominating Committee

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

PresidentMrs. J. B. Smith
First Vice PresidentMrs. H. W. Christian
Second Vice PresidentMrs. Charles Sublett
Third Vice PresidentMiss Rebecca Stewart
Fourth Vice PresidentMrs. Fannie Polston
Fifth Vice PresidentMrs. W. E. Marshall
Recording SecretaryMrs. George Van Hook
Corresponding SecretaryMrs. W. B. Harris
Delegate to AssociationMrs. W. M. White

MRS. MARY WELCH

MRS. J. W. BOYTE

MRS. CONASTER

Report of Appreciation Committee

On behalf of our convention, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the members of Bethlehem Church and Auxiliary members for their kind hospitality during the sitting of this convention, to the leaders and program committee whose untiring planning and working has contributed to the success of the convention, and to every one who has had a part on program or rendered any service, and for His presence and blessing through the entire service.

MARY PATTON

MRS. W. G. BOYD

MRS. OSCAR TODD

Report of Delegate to Cumberland Association

It was a great pleasure to represent this convention at the Association which met at East Nashville Church October 17, 18, 1945. Bro. E. A. Craft presided over the business session. Wednesday morning

was given over to the Presbytery meeting, Wednesday afternoon delegates were seated and committees appointed. Thursday, committees gave reports and miscellaneous business was transacted. Two new churches, Sylvan Park and Pleasant Ridge, were enrolled. The reports revealed that there are 3,062 active members, \$34,671.06 collected and \$28,224.79 paid out. There are 23 Sunday Schools, 12 leagues and 15 auxiliaries.

MRS. W. M. WHITE

Report of Petitions and Request Committee

Sylvan Park asks admittance to this convention.

The Auxiliary of New Hope, Bethel and West Nashville ask that the convention meet with them at the setting of the next convention, which request we refer to the delegated body.

MRS. J. W. MAXEY

MRS. LENA FRAZIER

MRS. NELLYE EATHERLY

Report of Committee on Plan of Work

We recommend that our convention adopt the Plan of Work as outlined in the Guide Book with the exception of the part of article six, that tithes and offering be sent to National Auxiliary Treasurer instead of National Association Treasurer, and that the allocation be made by the National Auxiliary Treasurer as follows: 40% Bible College, 30% Foreign Missions, 20% Home Missions and 10% Superannuation.

MRS. H. W. CHRISTIAN

MRS. N. V. WILLIAMS

MRS. FANNIE POLSTON

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts for Year 1945-46

Received from Miss Mary Patton	\$109.56
Received for Co-Labor fund	283.65
Received for Jehoida Chest (from Olivet).....	16.00
Received for Orphanage	273.42
Received for Home Missions	30.00
Received for Foreign Missions	56.70
Received for Convention Dues	48.00
Received for Minutes	16.00
Received from Cofers Chapel (on Jeep).....	10.00
Received from Olivet for Superannuation	5.00
Total Receipts from all sources.....	\$848.33

Disbursements

Paid out for Co-Labor Fund	\$299.65
Paid out for Orphanage	273.42
Paid out for Home Missions.....	30.00
Paid out for Foreign Missions	56.70
Paid to Winfred Davis on Jeep.....	10.00
Paid to J. E. Frazier for Superannuation.....	5.00
Paid to Duty Printing Co. for minutes.....	50.00
Paid to Mrs. Fannie Polston for convention dues.....	19.30
Postage and stamps	2.00
Withholding tax	1.50
Total	\$746.57
Balance in Treasury	\$101.76

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS.) HUEY GOWER, Treasurer

STATISTICAL REPORT

Name and Address Auxiliary Presidents	Aug. 1, 1945 No. Members	New Members	Aug. 1, 1946 No. Members	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Co-Laborers	Miscellaneous
ASHLAND CITY ----- Mrs. Melvin Eatherly Ashland City, Tenn.	17	--	15	6.00	20.00	30.00	49.50	117.45
BETHEL ----- Mrs. Floy Swann Neptune, Tenn.	14	--	14	---	---	30.00	15.00	---
BETHLEHEM ----- Mrs. J. W. Maxey Ashland City, Tenn.	30	4	32	---	---	---	---	---
COFERS CHAPEL ----- Mrs. Oscar Davis 2005 12th Ave. Nashville, Tenn.	29	9	37	---	---	24.00	50.00	134.80
EAST NASHVILLE ----- Mrs. J. B. Smith	14	2	14	---	---	---	135.45	30.00
NEW HOPE ----- Mrs. Docia Felts Joelton, Tenn.	56	10	66	24.00	24.00	24.00	11.75	---
OLIVET ----- Mrs. Joe Reding Adams, Tenn., Rt. 2	14	--	14	---	32.70	---	18.00	---
SYLVAN PARK ----- Mrs. J. S. Wall Colorado Ave.	10	1	11	---	---	---	---	---
WEST NASHVILLE ----- Mrs. Lou Conatser	27	3	27	---	---	24.00	20.00	90.25

