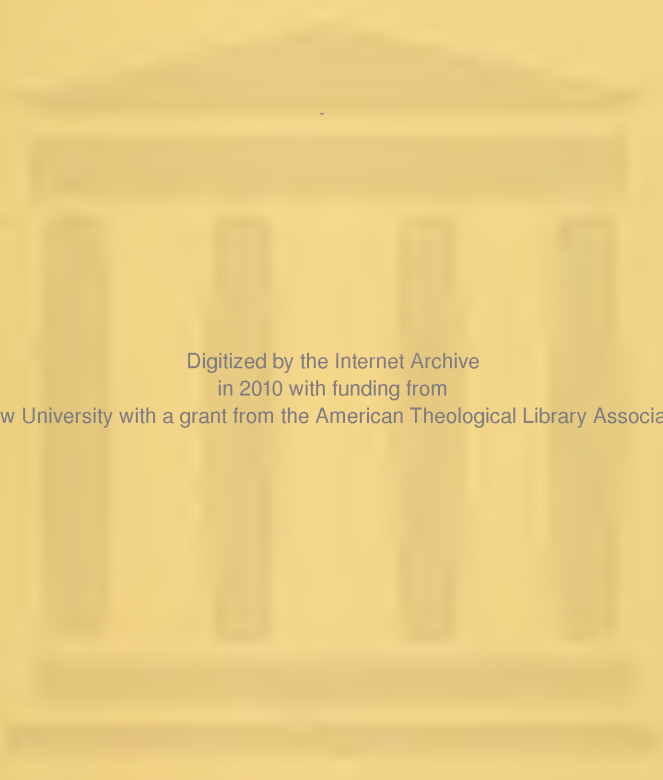




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C. E. Fuller, SECRETARY

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PART I.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

President —	Bishop Newell S. Booth, Ph.D., Elisabethville, Belgian Congo.
Secretary —	Rev. C. Edward Fuller. Mrewa, Southern Rhodesia.
Treasurer —	Rev. Per Hassing P. O Box 55 Umtali, Southern Rhodesia.
Statistician —	Rev. L. G. Blomquist P. B. 136 E. Salisbury Southern Rhodesia.

PART II.

A. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Board of Evangelism:-

M. J. Murphree, chm.	R. C. Gates, sec.	J. Chitombo
I. Kambarami	Mrs. C. W. Huie	H. Katsidzira
K. Eriksson	Miss I. Scovill	D. Mandisodza
B. Katsidzira	Miss E. Parks	Miss M. Taylor
Miss B Reitz	Paul Mutizi	L. G. Blomquist
Z. Mukombiwa	J. Maramba	Silas Chitiyo
Miss E. deVries	Ebson Zimonte	T. Marange
Silas Kasambira	Per Hassing	Philemon Dube

Board of Conference Claimants:-

1950	1951	1952
J. M. Rugayo	C. E. Fuller, chm.	H. I. James
Per Hassing, treas	O. Musingwini	L. G. Blomquist
Esau Muringapi	W. Mutenda	Jonah Kawadza
I. Kambarami	T. Machiwenyika	Enoch Chieza

Board of Hospitals and Homes:-

C. W. Huie	Moses Mparutsa	Dr. J. Sheldon
Mrs. Per Hassing	Miss M. Johansson	Mrs. C. E. Fuller
Miss Ruth Hanson	Miss M. Bjurstrom	Mrs. L.G. Blomquist
Miss A. Whitney, sec.	Thomus Marange	Enock Munjoma
Miss M. Taylor	O. Musingwini	

Board of Lay Activities:

All the district Lay Leaders, together with the District Superintendents.

Board of Ministerial Qualifications, Training, and Relations

H. I. James, chm.	C. E. Fuller	Titus Marange
K. Eriksson, Sec.	G. A. Roberts	Temus Marange
John Nduna, reg.	W. Bourgaize	T. A. O'Farrel
Per Hassing	Isaiah Darikwa	J. Chimbadzwa
Frank Jackson	Moses Mparutsa	

Board of Temperance

L. G. Blomquist, chm.	Jackson Rugayo	Samuel Chieza
Mrs. K. Eriksson	J. Chimbadzwa	Jonah Chitombo
Miss B. Reitz	R. Ngonyama	Silas Chitiyo
Enock Munjoma	Mrs. R. C. Gates	

Board of Education

C. W. Huie, chm. E. Chieza, sec. Miss E. Parks exec. sec

The Executive Committee is composed of the above officers and the chairman and secretaries of the sub-committees.

Religious Education Schools

M. J. Murphree chm
Miss S. King, sec.
Miss E. de Vries
Mrs. M. J. Murphree
Period Dube
O. Musingwini
E. M'tasa
Thomas Marange
N. Chigubu
Mrs. L. Blomquist
H. I. James

Miss L. Pfaff, chm
Miss M. Taylor, sec.
T. A. O'Farrel
Mrs. C. W. Huie
Miss F. Ellener
Enoch Chieza
Miss H. Wildermuth
Miss F. Hackler
I. Kambarami
R. C. Gates
John Nduna

Publications

C. E. Fuller, chm.
Miss I. Scovill, sec.
C. W. Huie
Miss L. Tubbs
Eric Munjoma
Martin Chieza
Jackson Rugayo
Miss B. Reitz
Ebson Zimonte
Dr. J. Sheldon
K. Eriksson
F. A. Jackson

Curriculum

C. E. Fuller, chm,
Miss F. Hackler, sec.
Miss F. Ellener
Miss L. Pfaff
Kenneth Choto
Miss L. Forest
O. Musingwini
C. W. Huie
Miss I. Scovill
Miss S. King
Isaac Kambarami

Community Life & Home M.Y.F.

E. Chieza, chm. Mrs. L. Blomquist, chm.
Miss L. Tubbs, sec. Mrs. K. Harper, sec.
Mrs. M. J. Murphree
Miss M. Taylor
Period Dube John Nduna
Martin Chieza Miss H. Wildermuth
J. Marange Jackson Rugayo
Miss B. Reitz M. J. Murphree
Thomas Marange Eric Munjoma
N. Chigubu J. Machiri
K. Harper Benjamin Mabiza
Mrs. B. Higgs

Commission on World Service and Finance

R. C. Gates, chm.	Paul Mutizi	Paul Chiwanga
Miss I. Scovill, sec.	Per Hassing	W. Bourgaize
C. W. Huie	D. Chitenderu	St. Andrews Lay
Johsoon Maramba	Jonah Chitombo	Delegate.

Commission on Worship and Music

Mrs. M. J. Murphree, chm.	Ebson Zimonte	H. Wildermuth
Obadiah Chimonyo	Jonah Machiri	Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell

Enoch Chieza	Miss M. Taylor	Mrs. B. A. Higgs, Jr.
Mrs. L. Blomquist	Miss S. Hervold	Mrs. J. Sheldon

Committee on Auditing

John Nduna, chm.	Amon Kajese	R. C. Gates
Jonah Chitombo	Luke Chieza	Miss I. Scovill
W. Mandisodza	Samuel Chieza	B. A. Higgs, Jr.

Committee on Investigation

M. J. Murphree, chm.	T. Marange	M. Muparutsa (sec)
C. E. Fuller, sec.	W. Bourgaize	John Nduna

Committee on Memoirs

J. Chimbadzwa, chm.	Miss L. Pfaff	R. Ngonvama
Jackson Rugayo	Nason Chigubu	Mrs. H. I. James
Mrs. M. J. Murphree	Luke Chieza	

Committee on Resolutions

Miss E. Parks	Miss S. Hervold chm.	Mrs. C. W. Huie
Amon Kajese	Miss H. Wildermuth	Isaac Kambarami
Miss F. Hackler	Mrs. K. Eriksson	Samuel Chieza

Committee on Interdenominational Relations

(The District Superintendents and the following:)

Titus Marange	Miss S. King	I. Munjoma
J. Chimbadzwa,	Miss R. Hanssen	D. Mandisodza
Kenneth Choto		Samuel Chieza

Committee on Student Loans and Scholarships

As Constituted by the Field Committee action

N. B. The district superintendents are ex-officio members of the Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES AND COUNCILS

African Christian Convention

Jonah Machiri, chm.	Missionary Advisors
Jonah Chitombo, ass. chm.	T. A. O'Farrell
Jonah Kawadza, sec.	Miss M. Deyo
M. Chiza, ass. sec.	
John Nduna, treas.	
Elias Jangano, ass. treas.	

African Missionary Society

Josiah Chimbadzwa, chm.	J. Nduna, sec.	J. Rugayo, treas.
J. Kawadza, ass. chm.	W. Bourgaize, adv. supt.	G. Chimbadzwa

Rukwadzano Rwe Wadzimai rwe Methodist Church

Northern Section	Officers	Southern Section
Mrs. N. Chigubu	Chairman	Mrs. H. T. Marange
Mrs. S. S. Chieza	Vice chm	Mrs. P. Machiri
Mrs. E. Munjoma	Secretary	Mrs. M. Mparutsa
Mrs. S. Munjoma	Vice Sec,	Mrs. W. Mandisodza

Treasure Mrs. E. Jangano
 Missionary Advisors: see District Appointments

Methodist Historical Society

T. A. O'Farrell, pres. Miss M. Deyo, sec.
 T. Marange, vice pres. E. L. Sells, archivist

Hartzell Training School Advisory Council

G. A. Roberts chm. J. Marange Supt. Old Umtali
 John Nduna sec. H. I. James Directresses of
 Titus Marange Head Teacher T.T. W. D. C. S.

Methodist Council

The District Superintendents.
 The Indian Missionary.
 European Layman elected by St Andrew's Church.
 Samuel Chiesa Titus Marange Miss M. Deyo

Representatives on the Christian Council of Southern Rhodesia

Delegates	Alternates
M. J. Murphree	Per Hassing
Josiah Chimbadzwa	John Nduna
C. E. Fuller	W. Bourgaize
Miss J. Pfaff	Miss L. Pfaff
St Andrew's Delegate	St Andrew's alternate

It is provided that the Bishop should replace delegates when it is possible for him to attend the Christian Council.

Methodist Youth Council

Mrs L. G. Blomquist Counsellor Shedman Jakarasi, Sec.

The Field Committee for (record)

Division of Foreign Missions Members:

M. J. Murphree chm.	Per Hassing	C. E. Fuller
C. W. Huie	W. Bourgaize	G. A. Roberts

Reserves

Miss R. Hanson	L. G. Blomquist
H. I. James	Mrs. C. W. Huie

Women's Division of Christian Service Members:

Miss S. King sec.	Miss E. Parks	Miss L. Pfaff
Miss I. Scovill		Miss B. Reitz

Reserves

Miss M. Taylor	Miss Ashby	Miss F. Hackler
Miss A. Whitney		Miss L. Tubbs,

Field Treasurer: R. C. Gates

African Members

Harriet Zwinoera
Mrs M. Mparutsa
J. Rugayo
E. Chieza
J. Chitombo
J. Nduna

Reserves

Mrs E. Zimonte
Nancy Ngonyama
M. Chieza
J. Kawadza
J. Chimbadzwa
S. Chieza

**B. Conference Roll
The Members of Conference**

Adkins, Lilburn E.	1925	Kenya (Missionary to another body)
Blomquist, L. G.	1940	P. B. 136, E. Salisbury
Bourgaize, Wilfred	1921	P. O. M'toko
Chieza, Luke	1934	Nyakatsapa From, Watsomba, Via Umtali
Chieza, Phillip	1927	Chiduku Church. Invazura
Chieza, Samuel	1927	Methodist Church, Salisbury
Chigubu, Nason	1942	P. O. 136, E. Salisbury
Chimbadzwa, J.	1926	Old Umtali
Chimonyo, Obadiah	1932	Gandanzara, P. O. Odzi
Chitombo, Jonah	1933	P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
Culver, Maurice E.	1944	150 5th Ave; New York 11, U. S. A.
Darikwa, Isaiah	1924	Arnoldine, P. O. Headlands
Eriksson, Kare	1943	Mutambara
Fuller, C. Edward	1930	P. O. Mrewa
Gates, Robert C.	1923	P. O. Mrewa
Hassing, Per	1937	Umtali
Huie, Carl W.	1946	Old Umtali
James, Henry I.	1907	Mutambara
Kajese, Amon	1942	P. B. 136. E. Salisbury
Kasambira, Silas	1932	Mutambara
Katsidzira, Benjamin	1924	Chiduku Church. Inyazura
Katsidzira, Hosea	1930	P. O. Mrewa
Khristmukti, I. B.	1938	(on furlough. India)
Machiri, Jonah	1933	Mt. Makomwe, P. O. Odzi
Machiri, Patrick	1930	P. O. M'toko
Mandisodza, David	1921	Mt. Makomwe, P. O. Odzi
Mandisodza, Wilson	1942	Old Umtali
Maramba, Johnson	1930	P. B. 136, E. Salisbury
Marange, Thomas	1923	(retired)
Marange, Titus	1924	P. Q. Box 55, Umtali
Mparutsa, Moses	1928	Muradzikwa, P. B Umtali
Mukombiwa, Zechariah	1926	P. B. 136, E. Salisbury
Munjoma, Enoch	1930	P. O. M'toko

Munjoma, Samuel	1942	Mutambara
Murphree, M. J.	1917	Old Umtali
Musingwini, Obadiah	1942	Muradzikwa P. B. Umtali
Nduna, John	1928	Old Umtali
Ngonyama, Reginald	1925	Old Umtali
O'Farrell, Thomas A.	1910	P. B. 55 Umtali
Roberts, George A.	1921	P. B. 136, E. Salisbury
Rugayo, Jackson	1930	P. O. Mrewa
Sells, Ernest L.	1921	P. B. 55, Umtali
Zimonte, Ebson	1942	P. O. Mrewa

Members on Trial

Chidzikwe, Josiah	1948	Penhalonga
Choto, Kenneth	1948	P. O. Mrewa
Jangamo, Elia	1948	Old Umtali
Makuto, Daniel	1948	P. O. Mtoko
Nyamukapa, Patron	1948	P. O. Mtoko
Roberts, Tudor	1948	(furlough) 150 5th Ave; New York 11

Ministers Members of other Conferences

Harper, Kenneth	Old Umtali
Jackson, Frank	Old Umtali
Mansure, Arthur	Commissioned-to be at Old Umtali
Roberts, Q. C.	(furlough) 150 5th Ave; New York 11

Other Missionaries of the Division of Foreign Missions

Mrs. L. G. Blomquist	P. B. 136, E. Salisbury
Mr. Herman Christian	Old Umtali
Mrs. Herman Christian	Old Umtali
Mrs. M. E. Culver	150 5th Ave; New York 11
Mrs. Kare Eriksson	Mutambara
Mrs. C. E. Fuller	P. O. Mrewa
Mrs. R. C. Gates	P. O. Mrewa
Mrs. B. A. Higgs, Jr.	P. O. Mrewa
Mrs. B. A. Higgs, Jr.	P. O. Mrewa
Mrs. Carl Huie	Old Umtali
Mrs. Frank Jackson	Mutambara
Mrs. H. I. James	Old Umtali
Mrs. A. Mansure	Old Umtali
Mrs. M. J. Murphree	Old Umtali
Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell	P. O. Box 55, Umtali
Mrs. G. A. Roberts	P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
Mrs. Q. C. Roberts	150 5th Ave; New York 11
Mrs. Tudor Roberts	150 5th Ave; New York 11

Mrs. E. L. Sells	P. O. Box 55, Umtali
Mrs. J. Thacker	150 5th Ave; New York 11
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Members of Women's Division of Christian Service

Miss Elma Ashby	1945	P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
Miss Marta Bjurstrom	1944	Old Umtali
Miss Marguerite Deyo	1938	Mutambara
Miss Evelyn de Vries	1942	African Girl's Hostel, Umtali
Miss Frances Hackler	1946	Old Umtali
Miss Signhild Hervold	1946	Mutambara
Miss Margit Johannsson	1947	P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
Miss Sarah King	1942	P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
Miss Ruby Laeger	1949	Old Umtali
Miss Edith Parks	1938	Old Umtali
Miss Jessie Pfaff	1929	Old Umtali
Miss Lois Pfaff	1945	Old Umtali
Miss Wilma Peterson	19	Old Umtali
Miss Beulah Reitz	1924	P. B. 136. E. Salisbury
Miss Ila Scovill	1924	Mutambara
Miss Mildred Taylor	1946	P. B. 136 E. Salisbury
Miss Lula Tubbs	1917	Mutambara
Miss Alice Whitney	1930	Old Umtali
Miss Helen Wildermuth	1944	Old Umtali

Special Workers

Cantrell, Miss Celia.	P. B. 136, E. Salisbury
De Bruijn, P. F.	Mutambara
Dugmore, Rev. Ernest.	M'rewa
Ellener, Fannie	P. O. Box 55 Umtali
Finlayson, R.	P. O. Box 55 Umtali
Forrest, Miss L. M.	M'toko
Martin, Miss Amy	M'rewa
O'Hara, A. J. A.	M'rewa
Reich, Mrs. W.	Old Umtali

Lay Delegates

Honde: Leonard Kasambira	Nyadiri: Nicholas Muskwe
Mrewa: Joshua Mushore	Jonathan Marange
Benjamin Mabiza	Philemon Goshe
Isaac Kambarami	Nason Madzinga
Jonah Kawadza	Wallace Matanha-
Roderick Kunyarimwe	nadzo
William Chieza	Old Umtali:
Silas Chitiyo	Enoch Chieza

Mtasa —Makoni:

Simpson Chim
 Stephen Chikwana
 Josiah
 Stephen

Marange—Zimunya:

John Katsaruware
 Frederick Chingwende
 Johnson Sachiti

M. Muchanyereyi

Umtali:

Mtoko: Mrs. E. Munjoma
 Mrs. S. Chieza

Mutambara:

Peried Dube
 Eric Munjoma
 William Mudende

PARS III DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Eleventh Session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference

First Day, Tuesday, August 23rd 1949.

The Eleventh Session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of the Methodist Church convened at Old Umtali Mission, Southern Rhodesia, on Tuesday, August 23rd, at 7:30 P.M. following a preliminary day of the meeting of the Board of Education. Bishop Newell S. Booth, Ph D., opened the session with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

COMMUNION Service: The Communion Service was held in the Church at 7:30 p.m., conducted by the Bishop, assisted by H.I. James, T. A. O'Farrel, Benjamin Katsidzira and David Mandisodza.

Second Day, Wednesday August 24th, 1949.

DEVOTIONS:- Called to order by Bishop Booth at 8:30 A.M., the Conference sang "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing". Basing his message on Ephesians 3.17, the Bishop spoke on the first great theme in the Advance for Christ and His Church, namely **Faith in God** by which fears, worries, tensions, resentments, and other destructive dispositions can be supplanted with resultant peace, freedom, love and other blessings. Miss Pat Williams, American Board Missionary from Mt. Silinda, concluded the devotional period, singing "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

Second Day, Wednesday 24th August,

Roll Call:- The roll was called by the Secretary.

Excuses:- Were sent by the following, Murashwa Katsidzira, Miss Ashby, and the Rev. Hosea Katsidzira. The Conference voted that these excuses be accepted.

Election:- Wilson Mandisodza was elected Assistant Treasurer and Mr. K. Eriksson Assistant Statistician.

Excuses:- Mr. P. Hassing, Mr. H.I James and Mr. K. Choto were excused by the vote of Conference to attend to official business of the Church in Tanda,

Bar of Conference:- The Disciplinary Ruling on the Bar of Conference was accepted as sufficient.

Programme:- The printed programme was accepted as the official programme of the Conference.

Nomination Committee Report:- The nominations were presented and adopted by the Conference. The consolidation of the Board of Ministerial Training and the Committees on Conference Relations and on Accepted Supplies was ordered by Central Conference Action under the title of "The Board of Ministerial Training, Qualifications, and Relations,,

Introductions:- The Bishop presented as fraternal delegate, The Rev. Herbert Carter, Chairman of the Synod of the Methodist Church in Rhodesia, who in turn presented the lay delegate, Miss Sprakes and the Rev. Tabaziwa, African, Minister.

Greetings:- Telegrams were received from Mr. & Mrs. E.L. Sells, and Mr. & Mrs. M.E. Culver. Greetings were passed by the Bishop from Q.C. Roberts and the J.T. Thackers, Dr. & Mrs. Gene Smith, Dr. Raymond Archer, Miss S.L. McKinnon. Bishop & Mrs Springer, and Mrs Booth and Newell Booth Jnr., through Bishop Booth. The other Africa Conferences too, expressed greetings through Bishop Booth.

Through Mrs. James, Mrs. Howard, the former Miss Bevin and the Taylors sent greetings to their Rhodesian friends.

Introductions:- The Bishop's Secretary, James Christian, greeted the Conference and introduced his Father & Mother, Mr & Mrs Herman Christian. The Bishop presented all the new Missionaries, Mr & Mrs Christian, Mr & Mrs K. Harper, Mr & Mrs F. Jackson,, Mr & Mrs B. Higgs, Mr & Mrs K. Eriksson, Miss Marta Bjurstrom, and Dr & Mrs Sheldon. The new Missionaries responded to the welcome given by the Conference in the singing of the Doxology, by giving personal words to the Conference.

Transfers: Mr. K. Eriksson, full member of the Norway Annual Conference, was welcomed into the Rhodesia Annual Conference.

New Recruits:- Bishop Booth announced that certain new recruits are being commissioned for Rhodesia.

Returned Missionaries:- In the name of the Conference, the Bishop welcomed back the Rev. and Mrs. P. Hassing, the Rev. and Mrs. H.I. James, the Rev. and Mrs. O'Farrell, Miss L. Tubbs and Miss A. Whitney from their furloughs.

Miss Amy Martin:- Mrs. E. Fuller presented Miss Amy Martin, special worker at Mrewa, who was welcomed.

Greetings:- Greetings were ordered to be sent to Bishop & Mrs Springer, Miss Johnson, Mrs Ehnes (Dean of Rhodesian Missionaries) for, with Dr Ehnes, the new Church at Old

Umtali is to be named; the furloughed Missionaries, the Bishops, Brooks, Leddon, Bowen (Atlanta) and Northcott (Wisconsin) who have recently visited or plan to visit the Conference the Mission Field, as well as to the new recruits and to Miss Mullikin.

Recess:- Going into recess at at 10 a.m. the Conferenne reconvened at 10. 30 a.m.- singing "All Hali tbe Power of Jesus' Name."

Mrs John M. Springer: At the request of the Bishop, the Conference sang the last verse of the hymn in special honour of Mrs Springer, who had said "My suitcase is packed. When I go, let no sad song be sung." In remembrance of Mrs Springer, who "joined that Sacred Throng" this morning, the Conference bowed in silent prayer, followed by words of comfort and triumph read by Bishop Booth.

British & Foreign Bible Society: Mr P. Bevan was presented by the Bishop, and outlined the position of the B. & F.B. S. in regard to the Chimanyika Scriptures, and the Unified Shona Testament and portions. He promised the cooperation of the Society with the Church, in providing adequate Scriptures in terms of the agreement offered by our Conference in 1948. Reference was made to the Publications Committee of the Board of Education.

Superintendents Composite Report: C. E. Fuller read the report of the District Superintendents, and the report was received and referred to the appropriate Boards and Committees.

Director of Religious Education: Mrs M. J. Murphree reported the activities of the Director and of Sunday School Supervisors, making recommendations for the welfare of Christan Education. The report was received and referred to the Board of Education, directed to the Religious Educational Committee.

African Christian Convention: Daniel Neganje read the report of the African Christian Convention, and the African Missionary Society, noting the elections to these Societies. The report was received and referred to the appropriate Boards, Commissions, and Committee.

African Missionary Society: The African Missionary, the Rev. Daniel Maknto, requested the privilege of reporting on the Chikwizo Rebuilding and siting. This was referred to the Board of World Service and Finance for action.

The Advance: Bishop Booth outlined the Ministers, Programme in the Advance as requiring:

- (1) Preparation and Study
- (2) Emphasis on Dedication
- (3) Preaching Mission (Special October Stress)
- (4) Action in Christian Advance

One third increase in giving
Evangelistic Effort

Religious Education

(5) Preaching on the eight great Themes on Faith

November.....Faith in God

December.....Faith in Christ

January.....Faith in the Bible

February.....Faith in Love

March.....Faith in Prayer

April.....Faith in Immortality

May.....Faith in the Holy Spirit

June.....Faith in the Kingdom of God

The recommendations were received and referred to the Board of Evangelism.

Condolence: On the motion of the Rev. R. C. Gates, the Secretary was authorised to send a telegram of condolence to Bishop Springer. The telegram was dispatched.

Noon Devotions opened with the singing of the hymn, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" and were led by the Rev. Frank Jackson, who read from I Theosalonians I. verses 4 to 11 and spoke on "Life's Need of Quiet Places." After singing the hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer," the congregation received the benediction and went into recess at 12.30 p. m.

Third Day. Thursday, August 25th, 1949,

Devotions:—Called to order by Bishop Booth at 8.30 a. m., the Conference sang "For the Beauty of the Earth," under the leadership of K. Harper. After prayer and the reading of Ephesians 2: 11ff, Bishop Booth preached on the theme "Faith in Christ;" showing how forces that separate men from God and each other can be abolished, and peace made through Faith in Christ. Miss S. Hervold then sang "Under His Wing."

Journal:—On the motion of T. A. O'Farrell, seconded by M. J. Murphree, authorization was given to appoint a Committee to examine and pass on the Daily Proceedings in lieu of a daily reading thereof in the Conference Session.

Secretary of Literature and Stewardship:—Miss Beulah Reitz read her report, which, on the request of Enoch Chieza was interpreted into Shona. The report was received and referred to the appropriate Boards and Committees. (cf. part VI E)

Rukwadzano rwe Wadzimai:—(Northern Section) The Rev. S. Munjoma read the report of the Women's Society. The report was received with the addition of Dr. Sheldon's testimony to the help of the Rukwadzano in supplying thatch for the new Hospital unit. (cf. part VI E)

Commission on Worship & Music:—Mrs. M. J. Murphree read the report of this commission, with its recommendations. It was received as amended. (cf. part VI B)

African Missionary Society:—Daniel Makuto presented the report of the African Missionary Society and its work in Chikwizo. The report was received.

Translations:—On the motion of M. J. Murphree, it was voted that - in lieu of typed translation of the Board and Committee Reports, there be verbal interpretation of each by representatives of the several bodies reporting.

Interpreter:—J. Chimbadzwa was elected official Interpreter for the Conference.

Board of Evangelism:—R. C. Gates read the report of the Board of Evangelism, interpreted by J. Chitombo. Considered seriatim, the report was received. (cf. part VI A)

On *invitation* of Rev. Carter, it was voted to refer the matter of support of families by men living in Urbun areas within the Synod, to the Synod for cooperative action.

On *motion* of Rev. P. Hassing, the Conference voted to have the report printed. Mr. Jackson agreed to have it in the Ministers' hands at the close of the Conference Session.

Recess:—The Conference recessed at 10:30 a.m.

Led in the singing of "Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah" by K. Harper, the Conference reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Excuses:—W. Mandisodza and O. Chimonya requested to be excused to celebrate weddings of their parishioners. On the motion of E. Zimonti and seconded by J. Chimbadzwa the excuse was granted with the advice, that in future no weddings should be arranged by our ministers for the period of Annual Conference Sessions.

Commission on World Service and Finance:—Miss I. Scovill read the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance with recommendations for the assessments (see report). The report was referred back to the Committee for further study and report.

Religious Education:—Miss S. King read the report of the Committee on Religious Education, with E. Munjoma as interpreter. The report was adopted as a whole and ordered to be included in the report of the Board of Education. (cf. part VI A)

Schools:—The first eight items of the report on Schools were read by Miss M. Taylor and translated by E. Marange. These eight items were received as read.

Devotions:—The devotions were led by K. Harper. After singing "The Church's One Foundation", and the reading of Thessalonians 1, 5, Mr. Harper spoke on "Impressions of Missionary work and the Responsibility of the African Church and Missionaries for the Advance of the Kingdom of God in Africa,"

**Fourth Day Friday 27th Aug: 1949,
Minutes.**

Devotions:- Conference was called to order at 8.30 a.m. Worship began with the singing of the song, "He lives" and the prayer - hymn, "O Master let me walk with Thee" Bishop Booth read from Ephesians 2, verses 1 to 10 and spoke on the subject, "By Grace are ye saved." emphasizing the sharp contrast between Men's condemnation of outer expressions of evil and God's condemnation of inner evil. Antidote to this would be found in a faith in ourselves in each other, and in God - saving us for work. Mrs. Reich sang, in closing, "Jesus took my Burden".

Committee on Schools: The Unfinished portion of this report was read by Miss Taylor and Mr. Marange, and adopted as amended. (cf Board of Education Report - VI A)

The Methodist Council C.E. Fuller read the minutes of the Methodist Council Meeting as held at Mrewa on April, 28th, 1949.

Recess:- At 10. 05 a. m. the Conference recessed, returning at 10. 30 a.m.

Salisbury Church Situation: At the Bishop's request, C.E. Fuller reported on the development in the dissenting group in Salisbury and the establishment of the Independent Sect by those refusing to accept Synod or Conference or joint supervision in Salisbury. S. Chiesa interpreted the report.

The Methodist Council:- By the request from the floor, the Methodist Council minutes were summarised by the Conference Secretary and interpreted by S. Chieza.

Joint Literature Secretary and Work: The Conference approved the principle of joint work with the Synod in literature production and distribution, selecting the Committee on Literature bookroom comprising Miss B.Reitz, Frank Jackson, and M.J. Murphree and three representatives of the Synod (see part VI E)

Joint Theological Training: The item on a joint Bible School for the Ministry was referred to the Board of Ministerial Training, Qualifications and Relations for further study.

Personal Privilege:- The Rev. H. Carter, in bidding farewell to the Conference, stressed the United Spirit of the Church, especially in the Methodist Church throughout the world - for the saving of the people.

Devotions:—Mr. Barney A. Higgs, led the devotions. After singing "For the Beauty of the Earth" congregation was led to see how we might look beyond the "blanket of stars" and the stars themselves and get glimpse of Eternity.

Recess:- The Conference recessed at 12. 30 p.m.,

Fifth Day, Saturday, 27th August, 1949

Devotions:- At 8.30 a.m. the conference joined in singing "Hark ten thousand harps and Voices". Reading from Ephesians 1.15-23, Bishop Booth stressed the importance for Christian leaders to have a reputation for **faith and love**. The Scandinavian quintette, composed of the Rev. & Mrs L.G. Blomquist, The Rev. K. Eriksson, Mrs P. Hassing and Miss S. Hervold, sang "Though your sins be as Scarlet."

Board of Ministerial Training, Qualifications and Relations; K. Eriksson continued the reading of the amended report of the Board of Ministerial Training Qualifications, and Relations, which was then received (cf. part VI A)

Joint Theological School The matter of the Joint Theological School was raised, with the announcement that the Conference was not aware of its implications. After careful and detailed interpretations of the plan, followed by discussion of the influence of tobacco smoking staff or students in a joint training plan, the Conference deferred action pending further consideration.

Recess:- The Conference recessed from 10.12 to 10.35 a.m. Returning to session, the Conference sang the Shona version of "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and was led in prayer by the Rev. Luke Chieza.

Joint Theological School (Continued):- The Bishop proposed an amendment to the proposal of a Joint Theological School with a clause affirming a prohibition of smoking on the Old Umtali Campus and urging the same voluntary rule in the Synod School of Theology. On motion of J. Rugayo seconded by M.J. Murphree, it was voted that plans for Joint Theological training be abandoned in favour of our Methodist Theological School. Majority was for abandoning the Joint School plan by 32 to 27 on a secret ballot.

Commission on World Service and Finance The report of the Commission on World Service and Finance was read by Miss Scovill and was adopted with additions as in the printed report (cf. part VI B).

Curriculum Committee:- Miss Hackler read the report of the Curriculum Committee which was adopted as read and printed as part of the Board of Education (part VI A).

Joint Theological School:- Per Hassing moved that we reply to the Synod that we reject the proposal for a joint Theological School on the grounds of our insistence on abstinence from the use of tobacco. Mr. O'Farrell moved a substitute motion that a Committee be appointed to report on the reasons for our rejection of the proposal. The substitute motion was voted. On motion of Per Hassing, the Committee to state our reasons was stated to be the Committee on Interdenominational Relations,

The report of the Board of Ministerial Training, Qualifications, and Relations as amended in regard to the Joint Theological School, was adopted with a vote of 27 to 10, many members abstaining from the vote (cf. part VI A)

Devotions:- Following the singing of the hymn "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," and the reading of Luke 24, Iff, the Rev. K. Eriksson spoke of our being too busy to worship, too pre-occupied with our own affairs so that we find it easier to get a hot head than a burning heart. The last verse of the opening hymn was sung and the Conference recessed at 12.45 p.m. to return at 2. p.m.

Devotions: At 2. p.m. after singing in Shona "Jesus is your Friend" and "Sweetest name" and being led in prayer by Reginald Ngonyama, the Conference listened to the reading of Ephesians 1. and Bishop Booth's exhortation that we abandon the habit of boasting of our ability while evading responsibility;- and that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we accept our responsibility and confess inability apart from God's help.

Committee on Interdenominational Relations:- The report of the Committee on Interdenominational Relations was read by the secretary. After discussion of the proposals *seriatim* the report was unanimously adopted (cf. part VI c).

Methodist Council Report: The Methodist Council Report was received as amended (cf. part VI E).

Greetings:- Per Hassing presented greetings from our retired minister, Thomas Marange.

The Christian Council:- The Christian Council was represented the *Declaration of the World Council of Churches* and the *Declaration of Human Rights* by the United Nations Council, provided by the Council for distribution.

The General Conference Legislation:- The General Conference recommended amendments to the Constitution Nos. 3, 4, 5, No. 3 Enables Lay delegates of 21 rather than 25 years and over to be elected to General Conference. Vote 47. for; I aganst, carried.

No. 4. Enables Provisional Annual Conference to be represented in Jurisdictional Conference. Vote: 48 for 0 against, Carried.

No.5. Enables the Bishops of Central Conferences to have membership in the Council of Bishops with power to vote. Vote : 47 for, 1 against. Carried.

Committee on Community Life and Homes : Read by Miss L. Tubbs and E. Chieza, the report of the Community Life and Homes Committee was considered *seriatim* and adopted as amended. (cf Board of Education. Part VI A).

Methodist Youth Fellowship : The Report of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, read by Mrs. K. Harper, was received and adopted as read (cf Board of Education Report).

Publications Committee: The report of the Publications Committee, read by Miss F. Hackler, was received and adopted (cf Board of Education Report).

Rukwadzano-Southern Section: The report of the Southern Section of the Rukwadzano was read by Mrs. M. Mparutsa and adopted by Conference. (cf Part VI E).

Recess: The Conference recessed at 4 : 30 P. M., returning by common consent at 4 : 55 P. M.

Accepted Supply Pastors: The recommendations of the Board of Ministerial Training, Qualifications, and Relations with regard to Accepted Supply Pastors were read and adopted as printed under that Board (cf. Part VI A).

Board of Hospitals and Homes: Dr. John Sheldon read the Report of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, assisted by P. Nyamukapa. The Report was adopted (cf. Part VI A).

Board of Temperance: Read by Miss B. Reitz, assisted by P. Nyamukapa, the Report of the Board of Temperance was adopted with amendments as in the Printed Reports (Part VI A).

Editor of the Umbowo: Through the generosity of Frank Jackson the salary of an Editor of the **Umbowo** is guaranteed. On motion of Frank Jackson, the Conference elected Martin Chiza as Editor.

Conference Treasurer's Report: Per Hassing, treas., read his report, which was adopted as read (cf. Part A).

Board of Lay Activities: Enoch Chieza and Martin Chiza read the Report of the Board of Lay Activities which, with ammendments as printed, was adopted (cf. Part VI A).

Recess and Closing Words: After an appeal by Bishop Booth to the Conference to take the consequences and responsibilities which our actions have entailed, especially in regard to the appointment of a minister to Salisbury and the plans for a denominational Theological School, etc.; the Conference went into recess at 6 : 40 P. M.

Sixth Day:—Sunday, August 28th, 1949

Morning Worship 9 a.m.:—In the morning service, Bishop Booth used the Scripture lessons from Eph. 4:1-3, 17-32; 5. 1-2, 8-17; and preached on "Walking with God worthily."

Memorial Service 11 a.m.:—A memorial service was conducted for Mrs. Raginold Ngonyama with a message by the Rev. J. Chimbadzwa.

Missionary Service:—Under the African Missionary Society, a service was held at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. J. Rugayo preached and the African Missionary, the Rev. Daniel Makuto outlined the work in Chikwizo.

Evening Testmony Service:—At 7:30 p.m. Bishop Booth conducted a Testmony Service at the Chapel. Testmonies were given on the subjects (1) "That for which I am most thankful," (2) "Christ dwelling in the heart" (3) "Saved by Grace," and (4) "What we wish from God." The Bishop spoke on these subjects as a personal testimony. A Missionary choir and Enoch Chieza assisted by singing special selections.

Seventh Day:—Monday, August 28th, 1949
Minutes

Devotions:—Reconvening at 8:30 a. m. the Conference sang "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" and other hymns. The Rev. T.A O'Farrell led in prayer. After reading Ephesians 1: 3ff, Bishop Booth spoke on the sealing by the Holy Spirit of Truth and Security for the person of faith. Through the Spirit we may have power and the Presence of God.

A quintette, composed of Enoch Chieza, Martin Chiza, Samuel Munjoma, Josiah Chidzikwe and Elia Jangano, sang "Lord I want to be a Christian" and "Jacob's Ladder".

Lay Leader:—District Lay Leaders were confirmed and Conference Lay Leader, Enoch Chieza was elected.

Presentation:—Miss A. Miller, Missionary of the Angola Conference, was presented by the Bishop.

Auditing Committee:—The Auditing Committee Report was received and adopted. By Conference action the *Umbowo* books were ordered to be subject to the Conference Auditing Committee.

Station Books:—On motion of O. Musingwini it was ordered that station accounts be subject to definite audit. This was amended by motion of T. A. O'Farrell - that these should be presented to the Field Committee. Amendment and Motion were adopted by the Conference.

Statistician's Report:—Rev. L.G. Blomquist read the Statistical Report. It was received with provision for the addition of certain supplementary reports as in the printed report. It was voted on motion of M. J. Murphree that future statistics include the figures on Central Schools and Medical units (of Statistics part VIII).

Statistical Blanks:—On motion of the Secretary, it was ordered that Blanks be provided for use in Quarterly Conferences in order to accustom the Pastors to the use thereof and to assist in securing accurate reports.

Recess: Conference recessed at 10:00 a.m. and returned at 10:30 a.m. when Hymn Choruses were sung under the leadership of the Rev. K. Harper.

Student Loan Fund:—The reconstituted Student Loan Fund Committee, comprising the work of the former Student Loan and Scholarship Committees, and now under nomination and election by the Field Committee, presented its report, read by Miss E. Parks, interpreted by S. Chieza. The report was received and adopted as amended, that there be a regular plan agreed upon by the student for repayment to the Loan Fund through the medium of his employer. (cf. Report part VI C)

Board of Conference Claimants:—Jonah Kawadza read the report of the Board of Conference Claimants. It was received and adopted as read. (cf. part VI A).

Moving of retired Ministers:—It was voted to refer the costs of moving retired Ministers to the Commission on World Service and Finance.

Hartzell Training School Advisory Council:—John Nduna read the report of the Council and it was adopted as amended. (cf. VI E)

Memoirs:—Miss L. Pfaff read the memoirs to Lulu Kasambira, Mrs. Chidzikwe, and David Mukombiwa. Mrs. H. I. James read a memoir to Mrs. John M. Springer. These were received in silent prayer. (cf. VI C)

Journal:—Rev. H. I. James for the Committee on the Journal reported having examined the minutes and found them correct. The Secretary was named editor of the Journal.

Resolutions:—Miss E. Parks read the resolutions, which were approved as amended. (cf VI C)

Devotions:—Terminating the business session at 12:10 p.m. the Conference joined in the dedication of *James Paul*, son of the Rev. & Mrs. Frank Jackson, whom Bishop Booth baptised.

Devotions:—Reconvening at 4:45 p. m. the Conference sang the Shona version of "What a Friend we have in Jesus," and John Nduna led in prayer.

Board of Ministerial Training; Qualifications & Relations:—The recommendations for the retirement of the Revds. Isaiah Munjoma and Zechariah Mukombiwa were approved. Conference stood in honour of these retiring Ministers, who were given the opportunity to address the Conference (cf VI A)

Board of Conference Claimants:—The recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants that Isaiah Munjoma and Zechariah Mukombiwa receive their annuities as from Oct. 1, 1949 was approved (cf VI A).

Commission on World Service and Finance:—An amendment to the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance to provide for the moving of retired members was passed, (cf VI B)

Fraternal Delegate:— On motion of the Treasurer, the Conference ordered the payment of expenses for the Fraternal Delegate of the Synod from the General Administration Fund.

Recess:— It was moved to adjourn and to reconvene at the call of the Bishop. Conference adjourned at 6. p. m.

8th Day, Monday. August 30, 1949.

Devotions:— At the call Bishop, Conference reconvened at 8: 30. a.m. After singing the hymn "Love Divine all Loves excelling," the congregation was led in prayer by the Bishop, who then read Ephesians 5: 10-20, 23, 24, and spoke on the dual theme the "Shield of Faith" and the essential coupling of "Love with Faith."

Minutes:— On motion the Conference voted that the Journal Committee be empowered to pass on the minutes without further reference to the Conference.

Journal:— On motion of H. James the Secretary was elected to edit and publish the Journal, and to make such alterations as may be necessary for correctness and uniformity, without changing the meaning of any action of the Conference; and that the published copy, properly certified by the President and Secretary, be the Official Journal of the Conference.

Excuse:— Patrick Machiri was excused to attend a prearranged wedding on the recommendation of his Superintendent, Rev. P. Hassing.

Greetings:—Greetings were ordered sent to Thomas Marange and Hosea Katsidzira.

1950 Conference:— Invitations were received to call the Annual Conference Session of 1950 at Arnoldine Farm (Mrewa District.) Nyadiri and at Old Umtali. It was finally voted to meet at Old Umtali.

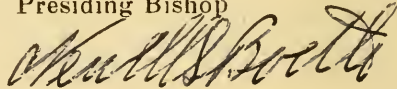
Appointments:— Bishop Booth read the appointments, and the Conference stood in testimony of its dedication to the call to its task, while Miss Pat Williams sang "My Task."

Adjournment:— The Eleventh Session of the Rhodia Annual Conference adjourned *sine die* at 10 a. m. Tuesday, August 30, 1949.

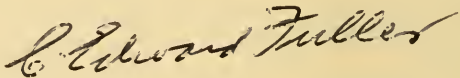
Certificate of the President and the Secretary

This certifies that this volume of the Eleventh Session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of The Methodist Church held at Old Umtali Mission, Southern Rhodesia, from Aug. 23rd to 30th 1949, is a complete and correct record of the proceedings and reports (which are published in part VI) and as such was adopted by the action of Conference as its official record.

Presiding Bishop



Secretary



Old Umtali
Southern Rhodesia
August 30, 1949.

I LOVE THE TRIAL

I love the trail!

Within the depth of the great forest
Where rubber vines and parasites loop up
And down like serpents of a former age;
Where crystal waters leap from mossy beds
And chase each other over silvery sand and fern trimmed rocks
How joyous there to slake the thirst
And eat the frugal, well earned lunch:
I love the trail.

I love the trail!

Though mile on weary mile is through tall grass
Armed with the million piercing spears
And tsetse flies that thirst for blood,
Along the narrow, twisting, crooked path,
Each sudden turn concealing stump or stone
To throw us from our wheels or trip our tired feet;
And wherein lurks the elephant and ugly buffalo:
Aye, even so, I love the trail.

I love the trail!

We needs must wade at times the rivers swift
And slimy, treacherous swamps with fever laden air;
Anon we plod through miles of blinding sand
On treeless vleis until our parched tongues
No word can speak, and vision becomes blurred:
When happily some poor huts appear, we drink our fill
Of dirty water from a dirty native gourd-
And yet I love the trail.

I love the trail!

Around our fire at close of day,
Sit squatted on their haunches nearly naked forms
Of men and women, little children, too,
In some mean, filthy, verin-swarming kraal-
And hear, with mouths agape, the amazing tale
How God so loved the world: a Cleansing Fount
Where sins may disappear and there come forth
New lives, new life and resurrection power.
Ah, yes! I love the trail!

Helen E Springer

PART IV DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

The Business of the Annual Conference

The Minutes of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of the Methodist Church held in *Old Umtali*, Southern Rhodesia, from *August 23rd to August 30th, 1949*, Bishop *Newell S. Booth*, presiding.

Part I. Organization and Introductory Reports

1. Who are the Officers of the Conference?

Secretary	<i>C. E. Fuller</i>	Assistant	<i>E. Zimonte</i>
Treasurer	<i>Per Hassing</i>	Assistant	<i>W. Mandisodza</i>
Statistician	<i>L. G. Blomquist</i>	Assistant	<i>K. Eriksson</i>
2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated? *No.*
3. Are the Officers handling funds bonded? *Referred to the Commission on World Service and Finance.*
4. What is the report of the program committee as to the hours of the sessions, the bar of the Conference and the program?

Private program accepted as official. The Bar of Conference was set according to disciplinary ruling.
5. Who are the members of the Boards and Committees?
 - a. Board of Ministerial Training, Qualifications and Relations?
 - b. Committee of Investigation?
 - c. Committee on Finance? *See Commission on World Service & Finance.*
 - d. Board of Missions and Church Extension?
 - e. Board of Education?
 - f. Board of Temperance?
 - g. Board of Lay Activities?
 - h. Board of Medical Activities?
 - i. Board of Evangelism?
 - j. Board of Conference Claimants?
 - k. Committee on Resolutions, Objectives and State of the Church?
 - l. Auditing Committee?
 - m. Other Committees?

See Part II List of Boards Commissions and Committees.

6. a. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader: *Enoch Chieza*
 b. What is his report? *See Board of Lay Activities Report.*
 c. Who are confirmed as District Leaders?
Mrewa Jonah Kawadza Mutambara Enoch Ciwadzwa
Honde L. Kasombira Old Umtali Enoch Chieza
Mtoko H. Mafunga Mtasa Makoni Dixon Mtasa
Nyadiri Job Tsiga Umtali
7. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts and suggestions for the work of future? *See Reports part VI E.*

Part II Pertaining to Ministerial Relations

8. Having made enquiries as to the life and character of the members of the Conference, does the Board of Ministerial Training Qualifications and Relations recommend passing their character? *Yes*
9. Who are the accepted supply pastors? *See Report of Board of Ministerial Training, Qualifications and Relations.*
10. What accepted supply pastors now under full time appointment are taking the Conference course of Study? *None.*
11. Who are recommended to take the course for reception on trial?
Simon Kowo Nason Madzinga, Davison Chikosi
John Nemaungwe Henry Mafunge
12. Who are received on trial? *None.*
13. Who remain on trial?
 a. In the studies of the first year? *Tudor Roberts*
 b. In the studies of the second year? *Keneth Choto*
Patron Nyamukapa, Daniel Makuto, Josiah Chidrikwe
Elia Jangamo.
 c. In studies of the third year? *None.*
14. Who on trial are discontinued? *None.*
15. Who are admitted into full connection? *None*
16. What full members are in studies
 a. the third year? *None*
 b. Of the fourth year? *Carl W. Huie.*
17. What full members have completed the studies of the fourth year? *None*
18. Who have been elected and ordained deacons?
 a. as Local preachers? *None*
 b. as Conference members in the course of study? *None.*
19. Who have been elected and ordained elders?
 a. as Local Preachers? *None.*
 b. as Conference members in the course of study? *None.*

20. Who have had their Conference membership terminated?
None.
 a. By voluntary location?
 b. By involuntary location?
 c. By withdrawal?
 d. By judicial procedure?
21. What ministerial members have died during the year?
None.

Disciplinary Questions 3

22. What ministers have been retired?
 a. this year? *Isaiah Munjoma and Zechariah Mukombiwa*
 b. Previously? *Thomas Marange.*
23. Who have left without appointment to attend school?
None.
24. What other personal notation should be made?
L. E. Adkins, appointed by another missionary society without annuity claim.
K. Eriksson, transferred to the Rhodesia Annual Conference from the Norway Conference, class of 1943, ordained elder in 1947, transfer effective 1949.

Part III General Business

25. What are the reports of the Boards and Committees and secretaries of the Conference? *See Part VI Reports.*
26. What is the report of the Conference Statistician? *See Report, Part VIII*
27. What is the report of the Conference Treasurer? *See Report, Part VI D*
28. What is the report of the Auditing Committee? *Books audited and correct. See Report Part VI*
29. What is schedule for minimum support for pastors? *See Conference Uniform Wage Scale*
30. What apportionments of Conference funds are recommended by the Finance Committee?
 a. for Conference Claimants? *Pastor 2-10 0 annually*
Circuit 5 0-0 annually
 b. for World Service? *Free Will*
 c. for Episcopal Fund? *1½ of Pastor's salary.*
 d. for General Administration Fund? *assessed on membership.*
 e. for Central Conference Fund? *assessed on membership.*
31. What are the objectives of the Conference for the coming year? *See various reports, as adopted by Conference.*
32. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?
Old Umtali,

PART V

THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE RHODESIA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

Note: —

Bold type — Members of Conference
 Italics — Members on Trial
 Roman — Missionaries and Accepted Supply Pastors
 (...) — Teachers and other workers.
 Numbers after the names of members and missionaries indicate the number of consecutive years of the appointment.

ORDER OF APPOINTMENTS:

Honde District
 Mrewa District
 Mtoko District
 Mutambara District
 Nyadiri District
 Old Umtali District
 Umtali (comprising)
 Umtali District
 Marange—Zimunya District
 Mtasa—Makoni District

HONDE DISTRICT

Superintendent	John Nduna, 7
Pastor	D. Katsidzira,
Gatse	L. Kasambira,
Mandeya	L. Muniyiwa, 1

MREWA DISTRICT

Superintendent;	C. E. Fuller, 3
District Evangelist:	R. C. Gates, 2
Sunday School Supervisor:	<i>Kenneth Choto, 2</i>
African Asst. School	<i>Kenneth Choto, 2</i>
Superintendents:	Ebson Zimonde, 2
	(Matthew Magarimba)
Secretary	(Miss Amy Martin) 2
District Womens' Work	Mrs. E. Fuller, 3
	Mrs. R. C. Gates, 1

District Youth Work Mr: & Mrs. B. A. Higgs, Jr., 1
 District Scouting: (A. J. A. O'Hara,) 1

MREWA MISSION

Mrewa Church Pastor **Jackson Rugayo, 1**
 Youth Directors Mrs. B. A. Higgs, Jr., 1

Central Primary School:

Principal: **C. E. Fuller, 3**
 Head Master (Ernest Dugmore,) 3
 Academic Teachers (A. J. A. O'Hara,) 2
 (Mrs. E. Dugmore,) 3
 (Amos Chiuake)
 (Austin Mkandawire)
 (Ben. Mabiza)
 (Dixon Mpili)
 (Elia Makombeese)
 (Isaiah Gutsa)
 (Joel Gwara)
 (Kenneth Ngqasi)
 (Lazarus Mandizha)
 (Samuel Tsopotsa)

Boys' Industrial
 Director:

B. A. Higgs, Jr. 1
 (Elijah Motsi)
 (Jonah Nyemba)
 (David Matiquitte)
 (Size Sitole)

Girls' Industrial
 Director

Mrs. R. C. Gates, 1
 (Beltas Chingwena)
 (Elizabeth Kaitano)
 (Eunice Chieza)

Boarding Dept.
 Supervisor
 Boys' Master
 Girls' Mistress

Mrs. C. E. Fuller, 3
 (Ben. Mabiza)
 (Maggie Chikore)

Sub-Primary School

(Martha Mabiza)
 (Daniel Mukusha)

Medical Work

Mrs. C. E. Fuller, 3
 (Mrs. K. Ngqasi)
 (Lazarus Makore)
 (Constance Shana)

Scouting

(A. J. A. O'Hara)

Agriculture

(Amos Sibanda)
(Caanan Mutuma)

MREWA EAST CIRCUIT

Pastor and African Assistant Sup't in schools **Ebson Zimonte 2**

Assistants to the Pastor: Peter Kananuhwa 2
 Jotham Resinamunje 2
 Jonah Kawadza 1

Teachers: Chiguri: Sam Shoko, Lydia Zimonte, Archie Makuto, Suzanna Tekanande, David Huni; Chinhenga: Newton Madzimbamuto; Chitate: Lovemore Chitenga; Dapandowe: Wellington Chigumadzi; Gumbanjera: Nicodemus Mutuma, Goldwell Nkunika, Jacob Tsoka, Davison Mushapaidze, Ellen Siyawamwaya, Lamech Tinyaraya; Jacobs to be supplied; Jekwa: Timothy Chinganagana; Karamazondo; Ernest Mujuru and Arthur Kananuhwa; Mrewa Kraal: Stephen Munyukwe, Henry Makonde, Eznod Zaranyika, Newton Mashaire; M'tisi: Horatius Kananuhwa, David Chitombo, Reggie Manyange, and Silas Guto; vacancies to be supplied.

MREWA NORTH CIRCUIT

Pastor: to be supplied

Assistants: Eastern Section: Moses Hunidzarira 2
 Western Section: Isaiah Tsopotsa 2

Teachers: Chingono: Silas Chibisa; Dandara: Morrison Munakandafa, Crispen Chiworeso; Kambarami: Sito Simango, Baxton Chikore, Rachael Mukonorwi, Noah Chibanda; Mhembere: William Mufunya, Enos Mujuru; Muchinjike; Noah Chimbadzwa, Alice Choto, Nicholson Chitsenga, Bernard Kaseke; Inyagui to be supplied; Nyamashatu: Enos Museiwa, Jairus Mugani, Jossiah Nhende, David Nhunhama; Rupange: Gilbert Mango, Eliad Kapenzi, Anna Ndaradzi, Matututu: Ebbie Machiya, Matthew Mandaza; Zaranyika: Zxon Mlota, Michael Chabvundura, David Takawira, Bothwell Nhende. Vacancies to be supplied.

MREWA SOUTHERN CIRCUIT

Pastor: **Hosea Katsidzira 11**

Teachers: Chamapangu; Shadreck Nyemba, David Mvula, Lillian Nyemba, Keresiay Mufunde, Annas Muchekanga; Chamaswozwe: Nathaniel Ndarose; Chaanetsa: Lota Hokata, Pivah Chifeva; Darangwa: Nesbit Kambarami; Alick Mwandira and Blutsio Kaswowa; Gororo Zacchaeus Tafirenyika; Hokodzi: George Shaba, David Chirima, Eunice Mufunde; Mahpanga: Weston Mutare; Nyamutumbu: Isaac Kambarami, Alfred Chipuka, Timothy Mutemi, Emily Sitole, Rogers Nhamuro, Banniah Chikore, ... ; Shamu: Sandres Nyati, Zengenene: Peter Pawandiwa, Tamai Matinde; vacancies to be supplied.

Mrewa District continued

HEADLANDS CIRCUIT

Pastor: **Isaiah Darikwa, 9**

Teachers: Arnoldine: William Gutai, Ella Mujeni, Nason Chiri-
ma, Johannes Gowa; Chigudu: Kenneth Musuka, Ernest Chi-
kore, Weston Chimboza; Magura: William Kawadza, Eliah
Chidzikwe; Mupfure: Fanny Bala; vacancies to be supplied.

CHIKORE TANDA CIRCUIT

Pastor: Silas Chitiyo 2.

Teachers: Chikore: W.S. Misi, Gibson Mufema; Tanda: Titus
Mufunde, London Mufunde, Joseph Dzikiti, Agnes Bwawa,
Joseph Mudzengere. Vacancies to be supplied.

M'TOKO DISTRICT

Superintendent **W. Bourgaze 11**

SOUTH CIRCUIT

M'toko Church. Pastor **Patrick Machiri 1**
Asst. (Henry Mafunga)

M'toko Central Primary School.

Head - Mistress. (Miss L. M. Forrest)

Asst. (S. A. Chirimuta)

Assistants (Gershom Chasokela)

(Henry Mafunga)

(Simon Magkagto)

(Mekiah Chawapiwa)

(Elia Katsande)

(Jonah Dingani)

(Peter Kanoyangwa)

(Bessie Bere)

(Leah Kacidza)

(Freddie Chipendo)

Teachers: Chitekwe: Stephen Kundishora, Juliet Mhembere,
Constance Munamate; Cimkopa: Obed Nyerenyere; Muswai-
re: Elisha Mvududu, Douglas Mvududu, John Mapambiro,
Katsakunya: Benjamin Mango, Lawrence Mwawawa; Tsiga:
Khama Machakaire; Mudzonga: Gladman Faku, Evelina
Faku, Ambrose Matsika, Maud Nyakudanga.

NORTH CIRCUIT

Minister-in Charge. **Enoch Munjoma 17**

Teachers: Chatisa: Leonard Chibanda; Chifamba: Eliah
Chikoto, Beulah Manyati; Katsande: Kaduta Hwenye; Ka-
were: Kerry Kafamba, Joseph Chiripanyanga; Kowo: Conrod
Manyande, Elizabeth Molalapata, Clara Chibanda.

M'toko continued

Minister-in Charge-

Patron Nyamukapa 1

Teachers: Makosa: David Mdzengerere, Sarota Kanjanda, Grace Chapfika, Esnod Kativu; Masango: Lovemore Macingura, Amos Mangwande; Madimutsa: Philip Chifodya, Jairos Usayi; Musane: To be supplied. Mazarura: Joseph Chipuriro, Herbert Mutize, Idah Pemba, Sophia Chibanda; Masande: Aaron Nyakabao; Nyamkoho: Wilson Swowera, Jaji Jinga.

AFRICAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY CHIKWIZO RESERVE

Minister - in - Charge.

Daniel Makuto 2

Teachers: Chikwizo School. Leonard M'tengo; Miriam Matanhire; Magrete Chawora, Paul Chabvuta.

MUTAMBARA DISTRICT

Superintendent

H. I. James, 2

Mutambara Mission, P. O. Mutambara

District Missionaries

Kare Ericksson, 2

Mrs. K. Eriksson, 2

Superintendent of Schools

Kare Ericksson 2

Assistant Supt. of Schools

(Period Dube)

Sunday School Supervisor

(Period Dube)

MUTAMBARA MISSION

Church

H. I. James, 2

Samuel Munjoma, 1

Directress of Girls Work

Marguerite Deyo, 3

Central Primary School

Principal

H. I. James, 2

Academic - Head Mistress

Ila M. Scovill, 2

Signhild Hervold, 3

(P. F. de Bruijn)

(E. Munjoma)

(E. Mataure)

(E. Makonde)

(D. Kasambira)

(A. Gowera)

(Charit Togorira)

(Rebecca Nyika)

(Inga Mutari)

Industrial (Girls)

M. Deyo, 4

(Gideon Chimbadzwa)

(Grace Mutambara)

(Joyce Mwaswodza)

Industrial (Boys)

H. I. James 2

(Richard Mutambara)

(Ernest Sisimayi)

(John Mukwada)

Mrs. H. I. James, 2

Ruth Hanson, 3

(Dessie Katsidzira)

(Leah Mtomboni)

(Lois Rugayo)

(Sarah Mhere)

(Clara Padenga)

Women's Work

Medical Work

Mission Secretary

Mrs. H. I. James, 1

MUTAMBARA WEST CIRCUIT

Pastor: **Silas Kasambira, 4**

Teachers: Mutambara Reserve: Lewis Tsododo, Philemon Sitole, Joyce Kuperu; Esther Mutizi; Elizabeth Matyorauta, Bealur Mukonde; Dunhu: Earl Marembo, Charles Mvundura; Nyambeya: Muza Chiturumana, Esnoth Maringehosi; Matendeudze: Aaron Hlahla, Bessie Ciwadzwa, Ellen Joyce Mudzondo; Cronley: Philip Tofa Marjorie Nyauhanda Mudima; Shingayi Mandikutse Timothy Mudzondo Matsororo: Jonah Mhandu.

MUTAMBARA EAST CIRCUIT

Pastor: **Silas Kasambira, 4**

Teachers: Nyanyadzi: Jotham Catema, Frances Catema, Artwell Munjoma, Rosemary Mutambara, Naome Mufuti; Esther Gundhlanga; Cakohwa: Edward Makukunzwa, Jessie Makukunzwa, Alma Rakabopa, Tamori Muriro, Moses Munvisa; Rupisi: Philip Sitole; Necitina: Fred Neshisi Mugomo: Sikwenyu Nenohwe.

SHINJA CIRCUIT

Pastor: **Silas Kasambira, 4**

Evangelist: Thomas Kamsono.

Teachers: Shinja: Samuel Muzulu Ngariende Katsonga Ciramba: Lyman Mhlambo Grace Munakandafa Cayemiti: Poul Kadzutu Bvumbura: Fara; Mandikutse.

ZIMUNYA SOUTH CIRCUIT

Pastor: **Moses M'parutsa, 1**

Evangelist: Maxim Mutambanengwe,

Evangelist: Enoch Ciwadzwa,

Teachers: Munyarari: Josiah M'butsa, Mai M'rutsa, Jennie Marembo, Esnoth Manjengwa, Reginald Mwedzi, Arnold Murangwa; Citora: Gladman Munyamana, Nyika Munjoma, Abishel Ciwadzwa, Estella Cingwaro; Murari: Nathan Ndidzano, Ruth Ndidzano; Dambakurimwa: James Manjengwa, Grace Pedzeni; Mamwere: Harry Munyama, Esnoth Chirau, Dessie Mucuru, Dzobo: Nason Mawondo Buller Munyama Clara Tengende Joyce Munyama; Deremwe: Richard Chikosi, Mavis Chidembo, Ruth Dzinemarira, Priscilla Mukumbi,

NYADIRI MISSION.

Superintendent	G. A. Roberts 3
Mission Secretary	Mrs G. A. Roberts
Church Minister	G. A. Roberts 3
Associate	Jonah Chitombo 2
Co- Educational School	
Principal	G. A. Roberts 3
Vice- Principal	Miss S. King 5
Headmistress	Miss Mildred Taylor 1 (Miss Celia Cantrill) 2 (Nicholas Muskwa) (Able Mvududu) (William Marima) (Bennie Jamba) (Aleck Chapata) (Miriam Kamba) (Madinga Cassella) (Flora Maringanisi) (Langton Chikukwa) (Sophia Muhambi) (Matilda Chieza) (Wallace Mrewa) (Elisha Murasiranwa) (Oswald Muradia)
Washburn Memorial Hospital	
Medical Officer	Dr. John Sheldon 2
Nurses	Miss Elma Ashby 5 Miss Margit Johansson 2 (Miss Grace Buttfeld) 2 (Miss Jocelyn Karonga) (Miss Ruth Mangarara) (Titus Kuture) (Mrs. Mutare) Mrs. J. Sheldon
Technician	
Baby House	
Medical Treasurer	

NYADIRI DISTRICT.

Superintendent	L. G. Blomquist 2
Assitent Supt. of Schools	(Philemon Gosha)
Jeans Teacher	(Jonathon Marange)

NYADIRI EAST CIRCUIT

Pastor	Jonah Chitombo 2
Evangelist	Abel Huzorewa
Teachers: Chindenga:	Nason Kaseke, Josiah Chitembe;
Gurure:	Nason Madzinga, Marita Chingwena, Bertha Mupaya;
Kagande:	David, Nyakaban: Evans Mutongweso, Ona Chicca;
Nyamakope:	Paul Chimbhanda, Richard Mvududu;

UZUMBA SOUTH CIRCUIT

Evangelist: Timothy Chirimumimha

Teachers: Chitimbe: Eddie Tsiga, Head-Teacher & in charge of Church. Mrs Tsiga, John Mupswairo Dennie Cenga, Isabella Zimonte, Dinah Masosonere; Kaseke: Samuel Musandrii Thomas Kamba; Zanga: Philemon Muparanga; Chikwara; Marilyn Chimbganda, Mary Chirimumimba; Machechera: Elliot Jijita, Eveson, Mutanga, Joseph Dzempha.

UZUMBA SOUTH CIRCUIT

Pastor: Nason Chigubu, 8

Evangelist: Julius Kadzingisi

Teachers: Chikuhwe: Jorneck Karonda, Onius, Coleman Chiutsi, Lamech Mutsisi; Mashambanaka Ribson Hodzi, Miller Matsiku; Matsenga: Solomon Zuze: Chipfunde:

NYADIRI CIRCUIT.

Pastor: Johnson Maramba, 1

Evangelist: Paul Mutisi

Teachers: Chidodo: Solomon Katiyo, Dinah Nyakabau; Karimbika: Gezani Hlambasi, Ruth Pendeke Manyika: Albert Hlekisana, Mrs Hlekisana; Matsoma Molalapata, Ngoni Patanka Agnes Nyakabau, Lydia Musakwa, Lancelot, Mugabe: John Chingwenure; Musanhi: Gilbert Mlota, Gibson Sawanhu: Grace Kandemiri Mupaya: Gurure;

MARAMBA-PHUNGWE CIRCUIT

Pastor Amon Kajese, 8

Evangelists: Enoch Makuto

Noah Muskwe

Teachers: Guyu: Dorcas Majese; Dindi: Noah Nyakabau: Hopeful Makuto; Maramba: Joseph Gondo; Kafura: Tabitha Katsande.

 OLD UMTALI DISTRICT

Supt. M. J. Murphree

Old Umtali Church
Theological School

J. M. Chimbadzwa, 4

M. J. Murphree 4

J. M. Chimbadzwa 4

Mrs. M. J. Murphree 4

Arthur Mansures, 1

Mrs. A. Mansures, 1

Secondary School Acting Head master	C. W. Huie 1 Edith Parks 1 Frank Jackson 1
Hartzell Training School Principal	C. W. Huie, 2
Teacher Training Dept. Head Teacher	Lois Pfaff, 2 (Mrs. W. Reich) (Enock Chieza) Mrs. V. M. Huie 2 Miss Hackler 1
Central Primary Dept. Head Teacher	(E. Mutasa) R. N. Ngonyama 16 J. Nduna, 8 Until Jan. 1 (E. Matara) (S. Chimbadzwa) (D. Maringanise) (M. Chitakatira) Miss Peterson Mrs. Mansures
Practising School	(E. Maramba) (J. Mawoyo) (Daniel Neganje)
Agriculture Dept.	(Ashford Bepete) (F. Chiorah) (H. Dube.)
Carpentry Dept.	(Elliott Sukuma) (Eben Chimbadzwa)
Building Dept.	Mr. H. Christian Mrs H. Christian (P. A. Makoni)
Handcrafts Dept.	(Junius Mucini)
Women's Work	(Mrs. J. M. Chimbadzwa)
Medical Work and Orphanage	Alice Whitney, 2 Sister Marta Bjorstron 2

Old Umtali' continued:

Fairfield Girl's School

J. Pfaff, Director 3
 Lois Pfaff, 2
 Miss Peterson 2
 Miss Parks
 Miss Hackler
 (Annie Mutepfa)
 (Erica Darikwa)

Rhodesia Mission Press

Manager

Treasurer

F. A. Jackson, 2
 Mrs. F. A. Jackson 1
 (H. Maringanise)
 (Chazireni E. Nkomo)
 (Maphion Njopera)
 (Caleb Zisengwe)
 (Justin Mukeredzi)

PENHALONGA CIRCUIT

Pastor *Josiah Chidzikwe.*

Teachers: Penhalonga: Wilson M'manga, James Mlaka, Rosemary Sauramba, Agnes Marima, Leah Maradzapasi; Battery Spruit: Mica Mutsigira, Wonder Mutsago, Jonh Ranga, Elias Rujuwa; Rutsenza: To be supplied; Odzi: Kenneth Mukoyi, Elias Chikodzi, Fannje Mutsikamahwe; Glenda: John Matengambiri.

MUNDENDA CIRCUIT

Pastor **Wilson Mandisodza 2**

Teachers: Chikanga: To be supplied; Jenya: London Chidzikwe, Mervis Chieza, Roselyn Makoni, Marara: Ezekiel Matongo, Luke Chidzikwe. Mundenda: Wilson M'awanga, Sambadzai Muceka, Morris Nduna, Martha Matsikinvere. John's Village: Hester Kapenzi.

UMTALI DISTRICT

Superintendent: **Per Hassing, 2**

UMTALI

Director of Religious Education,

responsible for Umtali African work **T. A. O'Farrell 1**

Associate Pastors, Hill Top Church **T. A. O'Farrell, 1**

Umtali African School

Titus Marange 16

Head Master

(R. Finlayson.) 2

Ass't.

(Fannie Ellenner.) 2

Teachers: Washington Malinga, David Maramba, David Pedzeni, Philip Marima, Helda Chimbadzwa, Joyce Chimonyo, Lena Masaka, Alexander Nyatsantsa, Elijah Nyandoro, Caddy Ruwende, Dezilliers Tembo, Aaron Makoni, Emma Mandisodza, Woodruff Gondora, Silas Mutambanengwe, Ruby Chikukurudzi, R. Takaringofa, Reubon Munowonyi, Frederick Nyerende, Dinah Nyamondera, William Mugwagwa, Philemon Dengu, Agnes Kanogoiwa.

St. Andrews Church and
Coloured and Indian work:
African Girls Hostel:

E. L. Sells' 1
Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell, 1

MARANGE ZIMUNYA CIRCUIT

Superintendent of Schools:
Assistant Supt. of Schools:
Zimunya North Circuit

Per Hassing, 2
(Jasper Machiri)

Pastor:
Evangelist:

Obadiah Musingwini, 1
Daniel Chitenderu

Teachers: Bvumba: A. Bapete and, Chitakatira: Martin Nyagura, Harry Matondo, Clara Munyama, Lea Nyagura, ...; Dangare: Lional Zimunya, Ethel Muzaeni, John Mutepfa, Ruby Mukwedeya; Gwese: Simpson Mtanga, Abisha Nemaconde, Ethen Muradzikwa Emmie Katchisi; Muradzikwa: Aaron Mutonho, Reuben Chitenderu Ella Meatshelwa, Victor Manjoro, Willie Kaserare, Lois Munyama, Garoline Meatshelwa, Angelina Cadebinga; Zonga: to be supplied.

MARANGE NORTH CIRCUIT

Pastor:
Evangelist:

David Mandisodza, 6
P. Mavisa
J. Mutsago

Teachers: Chipfatsura: E. Nyambawaro, A. Chigayo, E. Mutsage S. Dube, and 3 teachers to be supplied; Chirinda: C. Chada, H. Kazomba,; Gonongone: T. Musarandega; Mafrarikwa: Noel Dambudza, Lois Nderere, Beatrice Sebanda; Mandiambira: Aaron Sitole, Jonathan Masaka, Ethel Macenge; Mushunje: Edward Machiri, Shayichen Majecha, Caleb Mundeita, Freddie Makina, Mathilda Sabure, Bingitta Machiri; Musiringofa: John Maswaure, D. Munyama, N. Dlakama; Achnashee: Saul Madzirashi, and one to be supplied.

MARANGE SOUTH CIRCUIT

Pastor:
Evangelist:

Jonah Machiri, 3
John Mapindu

Teachers: Mt. Makomwe: Jonas Sakala, Ellem Mukuze, Peter Saungwene, Agnes Muradzikwa, Jennie Kastaware, Oscar Matabanadzo, Catherine Machiri, Emilia Machiri; Matanda: Dennis Mudede, Eddy Magwere, Lois Mudede, Beulah Cingono, Elia Munyongo, Eshmael Mushonje; Musasi: H. Madondo, P. Mavatu; Maswaure: J. Chikonzo, P. Mawondo, A. Munyongo; Mutimbu: H. Kaserera, Mai Nyamhondea, K. Matanda; Mutsago: W. Maziti, A. Mutsago M. Chieza; Nzenga: Penganai Dube, Casper Makoni.

MTASA - MAKONI DISTRICT.

Superintendent	Per Hassing 2
Superintendent of Schools & District Evangelist	K. Harper, 1
Women's work	Mrs K. Harper, 1

CHIDUKU NORTH CIRCUIT

Evangelist: **Benjamin Katsidzira** .1

Teachers: Cigwedere : Johan Dangirwa; Cinyadza; John Jijita, Eneti Jijita, Clever Cimene, Enock Mandisha; Ciunya: to be supplied Cizawana : Booker Muzuru, Margaret Murahwa, Edison Mudziya, Isaac Mandiwidza Dowa Divison: to be supplied: Gurure: Josiah Cirikuutsi, Rudolph Matongo, Rebecca Kanyangarara, Monika Mukeredzi, Edson Mubimbana-dze, Foren Gurure. Inyazure: to be supplied: Madzonga: Philemon Mazaiwana; Musungambere : to be supplied Masedza: to be supplied; Mnkari: to be supplied, Muziti: Clement Kanongoni, Jennie Chitungo Emilie Kapfumvute, Ila Mazaiwana, Ephraim M'yambo, Thomas Sambo, Maud Jijita; Rukweza : Cephaz Mukwawaya, Lovemore Jangano, Catherine Nhliziyo, Nancy Cimene; Rusape: to be supplied;

CHIDUKU SOUTH CIRCUIT

Pastor: **Philip Chieza** 1

Teachers: Chiduku : Josiah Makonde, Patrick Mukwawaya, Reuben Mupingo : Cigora: Samuel Matongo: Citenderano: Mubanani Bangwayo, Clara Musowa, Lovemore Cigumba, to be supplied; Romsley Estate: B. Sitole; Sharara : Mathew Mataranyika Josiah Mabvira, Esnath Muzorewa, Renah Kuwanda, Ernest Bwawa, Elton Mawaro, Oliver Mundondo.

GANDANZARA CIRCUIT

Pastor: **Obadiah Chimonyo** 6

Evangelist Cikuruwo :Zaccheus Kurewa, David Nyamhukuto, Teachers Conrad Maenzanise, Regginah Mwanandimai; Gandanzara : David Machiri, Naboth Gandanzara, Esther Nkomo, Alice Necironga, Zephaniah Bera, Leig Ranch : Bonnie Kuzinga, Time Mutisi; Ndingi: Ezekiel Makunike, Anniah Mwandambira, Gideon Murungu, Eunice Kufakubesu; Mukahana: Amos Marisa, Wilson Mashikeni; Martha Mawondo, Ellen Murauro, Alice Mukambacase; Tswikiro: Isaiah Kuwana, Jennet Mwandambira, Jane Chimonyo; Sherukuru : Elisha Kuwana, Kenneth Maisworewa, Katherine Kurewa; Zuze; Peter Bwawa, Lea Hodora, Josiah Kurewa, David Radzokota, Mishack Mukambacaze, Justin Dube.

NYAKATSAPA CIRCUIT.

Pastor: **Luke Chieza 1**

Teachers: Buwu: Gospel Chingaru, Gibson Tiriwepi; Maguwa: Reuben Mupunga; Nyakatsapa: James Chirpamberi, Columbus Nduna, Abisha Chiunda, Willis Makunike, Zachariah Mandizera, Leah Chimbadzwa, Eliza Muranda, Virginia Chikodzi, Amanda Mutambanengwe, Rosie Sitole, Mary Makunike; Nyamokwarara: Josiah Maswa, Kenneth Shenje, Robin Mwandiyera, Sebastian Chidzere; Rupinda: Weston Tauro, Mrs. W. Tauro, Aaron Mutinhiwa, David Ruwonde, Samuel Hlaha; Samanga: Gilbert Rakabopa, Tenuison Muchineutē, Egbert Maringanise, Josiah Muumbe, Zumbunu: Amos Karumbidza, Webster Chimbadzwa; Zinyembe: Gideon Kasambira, Itai Mutasa, Winnie Masunda.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTES.—

Minister Rhodesia Congregation, Johannesburg.	To be supplied
The United Methodist Church, (Conference Staff) Salisbury. Superintendent Pastor.	C. E' Fuller 1 Samuel Chieza, 1
The Africa Christian Advocate Area Associate Editor Conference Associate Editor Mission Correspondent Editor Sunday School Literature Concession Registrar Missionary to Indian population Missionary to another Society without annuity claim, member of Old Umtali Quartely Conference	C. E. Fuller 2 Miss E. Parkes 2 R. C. Gates 2 Mrs. M. J. Murphree 2 The Mission Treasurer I. B. Kristmukti 1
Fraternal Delegates to Synod (alternate)	L. E. Adkins 11 W. Bourgaize 3 C. E. Fuller 2 J. Chitombo 2 Miss S. King 3 E. Chieza 1
Secretary of Literature	Miss Beulah Reitz 4 Esther Mahlanga 2 Stephen Shamu 2 Miss E. Parks 4 R. C. Gates 1
Secretary of Education Secretary of Evangelism Secretary of Women's Bible Training and Evangelism Director of Religious Education Assistant M. Y. F. Counsellor Secretary M. Y. F. Language Study	Miss L. Tabbs 1 Mrs M. J. Murphree 2 Elias Jagnano Mrs. L. G. Blomquist 4 Shedman Jakarasi 1 All 1st term Missionaries.
On Furlough	Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Sells, Mr. & Mrs. Q. C. Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. J. Thacker, Mr. & Mrs. M. E. Culver, Mr. & Mrs. Tudor Roberts, Miss J. Pfaff.

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A. REPORTS OF BOARDS

1. Board of Conference
Claimants

1. We recommend the payment of thirty shillings per quarter to Job Gondora.

2. Since last Annual Conference the following amounts have been expended by the Ministers, Pension Fund:

to Thomas Marange £21-13-4
to Mrs. Kapenzi £14-0-0

3. The balance at present in the Ministers, Pension Fund amounts to £4,400-2-3

4. Amendment: We recommend that Isaiah Munjoma and Zechariah Mukombiwa be granted regular retirement allowance as from October 1st, 1949.

C. E. Fuller, chm.

Jonah Kawadza, sec.

**2 BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee on Religious
Education**

Board of Education -1

1. It was voted that Mrs. Murphree head a committee which she is to select from Old Umtali to arrange for the translation and adaption of Bishop Booth's book, "Serving God in the Sunday School."

2. It was voted that the Sec. of Literature be asked to select from Advance literature what is suitable and useful for translation and publication into Shona.

3. We are in agreement with the suggestion of the Central Conference that a series of Sunday School lessons to be used in all of our Conferences be prepared. We commend for consideration the cycle of lessons as prepared by the South Africa Sunday

School Association, which system is being initiated in our Rhodesia Annual Conference beginning 1950, and we submit Mrs. Murphree's adaptation for 1950, providing that the copyright permission be extended to the other Conferences of this area.

4. It was voted ask the Director of Religious Education to work with the Director of Audio-Visual Education to prepare a full statement for the Field Committee to send to the Board regarding the needs in the Conference for Audio Visual aids.

5. The announcement that Bishop Booth is having a set of the booklets on "Our Faith" which have been prepared for the Advance sent to "The Library in care of the Head Teacher" of each of the Schools in the Conference, was received with appreciation. It was recommended that District Superintendents, pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, Sunday School and day school teachers plan for the widest possible use of these booklets which are to be the property of the schools for their use in religious education.

Recommendations Regarding Sunday School Work.

1. That since so many backward steps are taken by the Sunday School between the visits of the Supervisor, and in order that the Sunday School may receive its rightful importance in the Church program, we urge that all parents take a greater active interest in the Sunday School as they visit their stations.

2. That District Superintend-

ents and pastors give the S. S. Supervisor a place on the Quarterly Meeting program, thus helping to establish the S. S. as an important part of the Church program.

3. That when employing teachers the Superintendents and Directresses should emphasize the fact that we, as a Methodist Church, are not here to teach only the three "R's" but that the fourth "R" should be capitalized and head the list as being the most important.

4. That at the planning Conference with the teachers at the beginning of the year, the Sunday School work should receive consideration and that the teachers should be helped to realize their opportunities and responsibilities in this field.

5. That Districts and Circuits should plan short courses for Sunday School leaders who are not in the teaching professions, especially such courses as will help local Sunday School Superintendents to work with the day teachers.

6. That members of the RRW use their talents and influence in the Sunday School, especially in the instruction of girls and children. Also, that the Sunday School period be reserved for Sunday School and that no other departments of the Church use the time for other services.

7. That renewed efforts be made to organize the existing Sunday School and that attendance cards should be kept

8. That in order to assist families to attend worship services together that wherever possible the main Church services

be held in the morning and Sunday School for all in the afternoon.

(b) That in towns, where the adults are not free to attend the morning Church service, Sunday School be held in the morning and Church in the afternoon.

M. J. Murphree chm;
S. King sec.

Committee on Schools Board of Education

1. The recommendation that Central Primary Schools be opened and closed in the middle rather than at the end of the week has been taken up with the proper authorities. The government will allow variations in the school calendar if there is a good reason, provided that the school is in session the required number of days per term and that applications for variation be made through the Circuit Inspector.

2. We reaffirm our request to the Mission Board that they send us, for the Teacher Training Dept. teachers trained in primary methods and especially those with experience in rural schools.

3. The recommendation that female teacher's salaries be raised is receiving attention from the government at the present time.

4. Since assistant superintendents should have a minimum qualification of J.C. and since much experience is valuable in this work we encourage those who desire this position to make it their life's work.

5. We reaffirm the recommendation that Mr. Enoch Chieza prepare for distribution among our teachers an article which will embody the substance of his message to the Board of Education in 1948 regarding the great need for teachers of strong moral and religious character.

6. We recommend that better seating accommodation be provided for in the kraal schools so that habits of dishonesty maybe discouraged.

7. We recommend that more stress be placed on physical exercise and recreation outside of school as an aid in promoting more wholesome relationships between boys and girls.

8. We recommend that an accurate record be kept of all school funds and the head teachers or regularly constituted local school committees and district superintendents assume this responsibility.

9. We recommend that there should be cooperation in limiting the acceptance of pupils from other districts as a means of lessening moral dangers in travel.

10. We urge the students applying for entrance into other schools be recommended by their principals. At some places forms have been provided whereby principals may list those they recommend and if individual applications come in from those who are not listed by the principal they should be refused.

11. The need for increased facilities for Teacher Training has long been one of our most

urgent needs. Now that the government has ruled that no new Std. V men teachers shall be continued in the work after January 1951, the need is even greater. Therefore we again urge that staff, buildings, and equipment for additional classes in T. T. be considered as a high priority.

12. We request the Mission Board to seek young missionary candidates still in high school or universities who will prepare for educational work in primary schools as well as for ministerial work so that our district workers can speak with confidence in school as well as in church affairs.

13. We continue to urge that Post Primary Industrial Training be provided in our Conference as soon as staff and facilities can be secured.

14. We heartily support the recommendation from the superintendents report that none of our work should be so large and institutionalized as to miss the central aim of inspiring Christian character in all phases of school life.

15. It has been recommended that a school for albinos be merged into the Arnoldene Farm School at Headlands. There seems to be adequate ground and basic staff at this particular place for the Albino School. If such a school were started as a separate unit rather than merged with another school it is thought that many superstitions might be aggravated in the area, also that psychological reactions might arise if these

children are put into a group by themselves.

L. Pfaff chm
M. Taylor sec.

Committee on Publication Board of Education

1 We desire to express our appreciation for the work that Mr. Beven has done in securing the promise of an edition of 15,000 Chimanyika Testaments for our people.

2. We request that Mr. Jackson as an extension of his work in the publishing and distributing of books, be authorized to establish a book room in connection with the Umtali church and school, selling religious and educational books.

3. We recommend the printing of the revised edition of the Tucece, including the Primer lessons prepared by Mrs. Huie.

4. We urge preparation of a Study for the Rukwadzano under the leadership of Miss Tubbs in accordance with the directives laid down by the Central Conference and subject to the approval of the advisors and leaders of the Rukwadzano, and we request the early publication of the course.

We request the Commission on Hospitals and Homes to prepare lessons in Hygiene and Sanitation, Mothercraft and Sex Education.

5. We approve of the pub-

lication a booklet on Temperance and Gambling prepared by Miss Reitz.

6. That Miss Reitz be authorized to consult with the United Society for Christian Literature about the publication of Daily Light and Pilgrim's Progress.

7. That each Centre be requested to furnish copies of its own Teaching plan for St. Luke, the Acts, and The Old Testament Stories in order that a Committee may be able to draw upon these materials for an official scheme for each book.

8. Conference Journal

a. That in the appointments the teachers in a circuit be listed in paragraph form in order to save space.

b That the Memoirs and Roll of the Dead be continued as before.

c. That the Historical section be included in the report the first year of each quadrennium

9. That the chairman of the Board of Education be asked to appoint someone to prepare a teaching plan for the actions of the Central Conference for our Lay Leaders.

10. That a committee be appointed to assist Mr. Fuller and to pass on a Membership Manual for publication.

11. We approve of the publication of the Life of John Wesley by J. Rugayo, subject to the approval of the manuscript by Jackson and J. Chimbadzwa.

C. E. Fuller, chm.

I. Scovill, sec.

**Committee on Curriculum
(Board of Education)**

**1. Uniform Bible Lesson
Plans:**

A. It is suggested that the following be used in the Bible Curriculum of our schools:

1. Sub A, Sub B, and Std. I: Mimeographed copies of Bible Lessons from the Gray Scheme be taught until this scheme can be revised.
2. Std. II: The Unified Shona edition of the Gospel of Luke be taught
3. Std. III: The Unified Shona edition of The Acts of the Apostles be taught.
4. Std. IV.: The Old Testament Stories be taught (See 1948 Conference Journal, page 78, The Curriculum Committee Report, item, number 4).

B. It is further suggested that schemes be drawn up to be used with the above lessons by those who use the lessons during 1950. These schemes are to be presented to committees at the next conference to be used in the selection of schemes which can be published for general use.

II. Village School Administration:

A. It is suggested that the Native Education Department be asked to prepare, in connection with the handbook, such information that can be taught to the teacher training

students which will aid them in keeping village school reports.

B. We insist that there be closer supervision, by the superintendents, of school equipment, and that stricter accounts of the equipment be required from the teachers.

III. Community Education:

It recommended that the publication committee publish and distribute to all teachers and Pastors of our conference a simple statement of our educational policy in terms of a curriculum for our community educational program.

IV. Adult Education:

A. It is suggested that we request the Native Education Department to change the regulation for enrolment in Class D Community School, from a minimum of 15 to a minimum of 10 students.

Where possible it is recommended that needle work and cookery be included in the curriculum for women and older girls.

B. We recommend that the women of the Rukwadzano be encouraged to assume the responsibility for voluntary work in carrying out regularly appointed classes in homecraft and training of principles of Christian Family Life. (See Report of Sub-committee on Home and Com-

munity Services, 1949 African Central Conference minutes, pg. 46.)

V. Teacher Training:

Because we note great improvement in the Christian spirit among the recent graduates from our teacher training institution we wish the teacher training curriculum to continue to stress Biblical and religious training by which teachers will be better prepared for Bible teaching and service to the Church and the Community.

VI. Social Action and Recreation:

A. We urge that each section promote a vacation training course which teachers may attend for training in: leading scouting, wayfaring, and recreation. And that, wherever possible, a definite program of social and recreational activity should be carried out.

B. We recommend various athletic sport, indoor games—especially games for which equipment can be made, be included in the program. Also African folk games that are compatible with Christian Character should be encouraged.

VIII Music.

We urge the encouragement of the creation of new music and the adaptation of African and foreign music to the religious and the recreational

needs of the people. We would also like to encourage the development of the use of native instruments.

C.E. Fuller, chm.

F. Hackler, sec.

**Community Life Committee;
(Board of Education)**

The Nyadiri District had a successful Bible Institute for women during the past year. Christian mothers appreciate this opportunity for study and it is hoped that other Districts will be able to hold these Institutes during the coming Conference year. The following is the Committee for womens' Bible Institutes:— Miss L. Tubbs, Miss B. Reitz Mrs M. E. Culver (When she returns from furl), Mrs Blomquist, Mrs Titas Marange, and Miss Hervoldt, Mrs. Martin Chiza and Mrs. Jenet Choto.

Because of the increase of divorce among the members of the Church we request the reprinting of Items No. 1, 2 and 3 of last years report which deals with this subject. (referto Conference Journal 1948 Page 78).

Miss Parks brought a report concerning investigations on the making of wills. Because of the many native customs involved a new committee consisting of Miss Parks, Mr. Chieza and Mr. Chiza, was asked to see the native Commissioner concerning the making of wills. This is to be done as soon as possible in order

that action can be taken at this conference.

A request from the African Christian Convention concerning the care of widows were as follows:” We move that the relatives of the deceased brother must keep the family so that the mother is free to marry another man at any time. Money and other properties to be kept for and used for benefit of the family. Our recommendation is as suggested by the Quarterly Conference of Nyadiri Central Church:- We see that increasingly there will be a large number of Christian widows left with small children. Unless the church provides some means of caring for them, many will be forced into being inherited by heathen relatives. We would suggest a plan of providing at some mission center a place for Christian widows and their small children where they can be given land to cultivate. We ask for consideration in this urgent problem and that such a plan be adopted. We request the Bishop to appoint a committee to investigate the plan for care of widows at Mt. Selinda Mission and to work out detailed plans for such a project before next Conference. Chairman & Secretary of the Committee were appointed as this special Committee.

The African Christian Convention request our Quarterly Conference to get in touch with their members working in urban areas who leave

their families at home unsupported, and to try in every possible way to remind them of their Christian obligations which they pledged at marriage.” We heartily support this request and urge all quarterly conferences to follow it up with definite support. We also ask that they secure from Miss Tubbs a sample of the letter used with success for this purpose in the Mutambara District.

We request that the recommendations from the sub committee on Home and Community Service at the African Central Conference be approved and printed in our Conference report. We recommend that the Committee for Womens Bible Institutes be requested to work a Course of Study for the Womens Society, following suggestions adopted at African Central Conference (cf. Central Conference Journal 43)

We recommend that the Christian Convention and the Rakwadzano take up the problem of excessive expenses in marriage celebrations.

We recommend that a request be sent in the name of the Rhodesia Conference to the Native Commissioner of Salisbury asking protection for girl students alighting from trains and busses when travelling to and from school. Also that each school in an area provide a married escort for girls, various schools of each area pooling efforts so that an escort be at hand to accompany girls waiting for trains and busses. We also

recommend that railways be approached for special, lighted coaches to carry students to and from school at holiday periods.

We recommend that a request be sent in by our Conference Secretary to the city councils and mine managers within our Conference area, requesting that all excessive drinking be checked and that all sale of intoxicants to minors be prohibited.

We request that the scholarship fund be used to send to JanHafmeyer School of Social Work some one who will, upon his return, supervise recreation and sports for our people in the Umtali Location.

E. Chieza, chm.

L. Tubbs, Sec.

**Methodist Youth Fellowship
(Board of Education—6)**

Advisor's Report :

As the missionary advisor of the M. Y. F., I have tried to follow the work in the different places. The interest has been great, and the young people are happy to take their part. Letters have been sent to youth in other countries, and we are glad for this contact with other M. Y. F. groups. Material has now been received from America for use with the M. Y. F. Programme.

In January, from the 5th to the 9th, we had a good youth conference at Nyadiri which gave good support to our work.

Since our secretary has been in school the most of this year, it has been impossible

to do as much as we wished.

The work is still growing, and our hope is high for the development thereof in the future. We ask God's blessing and guidance for M. Y. F. and its service among the young people.—Maj-Stina Blomquist.

District Reports :

Mrewa reports having started the work by forming 17 societies to care for 43 stations, choosing leaders and adult counsellors with the approval of the ministers. The assistance of teachers, especially Amos Chinake and Lazarus Mandizha, has brought the work forward.

Marange-Zimunya District held a leaders' meeting at Nyika, with between 200 and 300 youths attending. The emphasis of the work has been evangelistic, and there has been training for leadership.

Mutambara has seen great improvement in the M. Y. F. movement from the start, liked by both adult and youth, and it is hoped that the movement will accomplish a lot of good. In the stations it has been recommended that meetings be held on Sunday mornings before the Church Service.

M'tasa—Makoni District is now watching the M. Y. F. work in 14 stations, where they are assisting in the Advance for Christ and in community service. In July a Circuit M. Y. F. meeting at Nyamukwarara (Mtasa Circuit) brought together 800 young people, many of them being saved at the meeting.

Umtali, where M. Y. F.

began in May, the leaders were dedicated in June. They call for definite leadership training. Parents are interested. The Hostel girls have Sunday evening services with means of enjoying special music and self expression, with testimony to Christ.

Mtoko, 2 M. Y. F. groups are organized, and the movement is beginning.

Nyadiri saw the beginning of M. Y. F. this year, with high interest. Two Sunday evenings in the month are given to its meetings. Groups of youths go out to help villages, collecting wood and thatch for windows, etc. Girls of M. Y. F. are providing flowers for the Church on Sundays.

Old Umtali In its second year of M. Y. F., Old Umtali has 2 Junior, 2 Intermediate, and 2 Senior groups. They financed the sending of their chosen delegate to Nyadiri Training Conference. They are working on all phases of the M. Y. F. programme, Worship and Evangelism, Community life, World Friendship, and Recreation. Many practical efforts showed their desire for Christian service. Their thanks go to Dr. Ruth Bartholomew for her guidance and help.

**Recommendations of the
M. Y. F. Committee meeting
August 24, 1949**

1. We recommend that Shedman Jakarasi become the

new Conference Secretary of youth work to take the place of Richard Chikosi. His expenses shall be provided for by M. Y. F. offerings and the money we have on hand in the treasury.

2. We recommend that another M. Y. F. Training Conference should be held the first of next year at Mutambara January 5th through the 8th.

3. We recommend Eric Munjoma as Conference Treasurer of the M. Y. F.

4. It has been recommended to send to America for more literature for the M. Y. F. programme. 1. 50 Programme Quarterlys 2. Old magazines such as Highroad and Classmate. 3. 100 Pamphlets called "Memo on Methodist Youth Fellowship."

5. It has been recommended that the M. Y. F. Commission Books; Community Life, World Friendship, Worship and Evangelism, and Recreation should be revised to fit village life and translated into Shona by Eric Munjoma, Ebson Zimonte and Mildred Taylor. This material shall be added to the other pamphlet that was prepared at the Nyadiri Training Conference. More games and suggestions shall be added to the booklet prepared by Dr. Bartholomew before it is reprinted.

Mrs. Blomquist chm.
S. Jakarasi, Sec.

3. Board of Evangelism

1. We express appreciation for the good work of the Wabvui bands. We recommend that the chairmen of these bands be elected by the Quarterly Conference and consider that the Wabvui should be composed of full church members only.

We regard the Wabvui as under the direction and control of the Quarterly Conferences and subject to the suggestion and leadership of our African ministers. All-night meetings we regard as unwise.

2. The annual review of local church membership asked for by the African Christian Convention is already provided in our church discipline. Stewards and other leaders are not permanent officers, but are elected on an annual basis.

3. We recommend that Christian literature be provided for patients in hospitals and leper camps, prisoners in jail, and farm laborers, and suggest that our Sunday School lessons might be one type of literature so used.

4. We urge that our Ministers get into touch with those members working in urban areas who leave their families unsupported at home, and remind them of their Christian vows and obligations taken at the time of marriage.

5. Attention is invited to the following items from the Central Conference minutes which we fully indorse:

"We continue to recognize the effectiveness of church

revivals and camp meetings as a means of evangelism. Well organized campings utilized the method of house to house visitation by teams of laymen and laywomen, special prayer, and every member - win - one have netted great results."

6. We recommend the adopting of the following program of Advance for Christ and His Church:

1. Period of preparation and study.

2. Dedication.

3. October: Preaching Missions.

4. Program of action.

a. Increase the giving of our church by a third.

b. Personal evangelism.

c. Religious education.

5. November to June: Preaching program on eight themes:

November—Faith in God.

December—Faith in Christ.

January—Faith in the Bible

February—Faith in Love.

March—Faith in Prayer.

April—Faith in Immortality

May—Faith in the Holy Spirit.

June—Faith in the Kingdom of God.

7. We reemphasize the program of evangelism as printed in the 1948 Conference minutes and urge our members to give it their attention.

8. Again we emphasize the value of the following as evangelizing agencies:

The Class Meeting, Rukwadzano, Youth Fellowship and Sunday Schools.

M. J. Murhree, chm.

R. C. Gates sec.

4. Board of Hospitals and Homes

This Committee asked Dr. Sheldon to investigate the possibilities of securing material for Visual Aids in connection with our Health Teaching Program.

We wish to re-emphasize the importance of giving a place in our School of Nursing Curriculum to Religious Education.

It is recommended that the taking of some responsibility toward the support of the two Homes in our Conference for motherless babies be considered by the African Missionary Society. Mr. Daniel Makutu was asked to bring this subject before the President of the African Missionary Society, with the view of placing it on their agenda for their next meeting.

The prayerful interest and material contribution of the Rukwazano, Sunday School Groups, and others toward our work in caring for motherless babies is deeply appreciated. Also, appreciation is expressed to those who assisted in the repair of huts at Washburn Memorial Hospital.

We wish to emphasize the need for the spirit of christian service among the people using the medical facilities of the Mission. Our hospitals are for the Africans and those who enjoy its privileges ought to recognize their responsibilities to its maintainance.

The subject of African nurses, salaries was given serious consideration. Dr. Sheldon was asked to make an investigation, of salary scales at other Mission hospitals. If, after this investigation he con-

siders the scale in our hospitals should be changed, we should act accordingly

C. W. Huie, Chm.

A. Whitney, Sec.

5. Board of Lay Activities

Recommendations :

1. In view of the danger of employing or keeping the teachers who have fallen into sin, this Board asks the Conference to discuss the matter and make a permanent rule of restriction to the advancement of this act.

Amendment: (moved by M. J. Murphree): We should not have more schools and classes than can reasonably be staffed with Christian teachers.

Amendment to the Amendment: (moved by C. E. Fuller): The Pastor, together with the Stewards of the Church and School concerned, shall send their signed request for the removal of a teacher guilty of serious wrong doing to the Superintendent in charge.

2. That the Conference revise the rules which are not in the Discipline, and make a booklet of such :- such rules as "the cake and the cutting of same", use of crown, and wedding veil, and other matters of such type which may be found in previous Journals.

3. That time be given to the leaders of Church organizations to give reports for their particular activities (a circuit report for each organization) to the Quarterly Conference.

4. That, since questions have

sometimes come up at stations about teachers who have left without the knowledge of the Church leaders, we request the District Superintendents to notify the Church leaders of the transfer of the teachers.

5. That the attention of the District Superintendents and others be drawn to paragraphs 1, 2, 5, and 6 of the Report of this Board in 1948 (cf Journal 1948, p. 74), with the request that they be put into practice.

6. That the Superintendents try to choose 1 or 2 married and experienced teachers with good character to help young teachers at Umtali School. If married teachers are not available a good single aged teacher with good character may be appointed.

7. That a closer cooperation between Superintendents, Ministers, Teachers, and other Church Leaders be promoted to prevent such habits as Sunday Sports, Secular Sunday Concerts etc.

Enoch Chieza, sec.

Board of Ministerial Training, Qualifications and Relations

1. C.W. Huie has completed his studies in the third year of the study-course.

We recommend that he be advanced to the fourth year.

2. Kenneth Choto, Josiah Chidzikwe, Patron Nyamukapa, Elia Jangano, and Daniel Makuto have completed their studies in the first year.

We recommend that they be advanced to the studies of the second year.

3. Tudor Roberts remains in the studies of the first year.

4. a. The following men duly recommended by their Quarterly Conferences, were accepted into the Theological School from the beginning of 1950.

b. In case any other candidates should apply before the School-year begins, the Principal of Theological School together with any other three members of this Board was asked to consider their applications, Simon Kwo, Nason Madinga, Davison Chikosi, John Nemaungwe, Henry Mafunga.

5. We recommend that the course of study for Local Preachers and Accepted Supply Pastors in our Annual Conference be kept, as it meets all the requirements set down in the suggestions from the Central Conference.

6. We recommend that examination in this course be held at the Quarterly Conferences, duly conducted by the District-Superintendent, and that a report be sent to this Board.

7. We recommend that the course of study for Exhorters, as suggested by the Central Conference, be adopted for use in our Annual Conference.

8. We recommend that the term "Accepted Supply Pastor" shall imply only Local Preachers who are giving their full time to pastoral work in the circuit or at the Station to which they have been appointed.

9. Substitute Motion: By conference vote, 32 to 27 we reject the proposal for a joint Theological School with the Synod. The reasons for our rejection to be prepared and communicated

to the Synod by the Committee on Inter-denominational Relations.

10. The following Examiners for the European Conference course of Studies were appointed:

1st year.

Bible Commentary L. G. Blomquist.

Teaching of Jesus K. Eriksson
Religions of Mankind C. E. Fuller

Devotions and Discipline of the Methodist Church H. I. James
Collateral Reading R. C. Gates.

10. Examiners continued:

2nd Year.

Bible Commentary T. A. O'Farrell

Psychology of Religion P. Hassing.

Minister's Workshop M. J. Murphree

Collateral Reading R. C. Gates

3rd Year

1. Bible Commentary C. E. Fuller

2. Christianity H. I. James

3. Christian Education. K. Harper

4. Preparation and Delivery of Sermons M. J. Murphree
Collateral Reading R. C. Gates

4th Year

1. Bible Commentary T. A. O'Farrell

2. Principles of Christian Ethics L. G. Blomquist

3. Relevance of the Bible C. E. Fuller

4. According to Paul K. Eriksson

5. Minister Teaching Religion K. Harper

Collateral Reading R. C. Gates

11. We recommend the following

Accepted Supply Pastors:

Honde

Davison Katsidzera

L. Kasambira.

R. Muniya

Mrewa

Isaiah Tsopotsa

Jotham Resinamundzhi

Moses Hunidzarira

Peter Kanonuhwa

Silas Chiteyo.

Mtasa-Makoni

Amos Karumbidza

Patrick Kanongoni

Aaron Machiri

Samuel Matongo

I. Kuwana

G. Rakabopa

B. Mujuru

M. Mataranyika

Elisha Kuwana

P. Mazaiwanano

John Jijita

Jonah Dangiwa

Jonah Chirikuntsi

Marange Zimunya

Martin Nyagura

Nathan Ndidzano

Aaron Sitole

R. Mukwekweseka

Gibson Makaure

John Masaure

Saul Madzirashe

Paul Mabisa

Mutambara

Thomas Kamusona

Enoch Chiwadza

Nyadiri

Titus Katiyo

Paul Matizi

Enoch Makuto

Umtali

Philemon Dube

12. Amendment: We recommend that the Revds Isaiah Munjoma and Zechariah Mukombiwa be given retired relations.

13. Amendment: It was recommended that the ages of all the African Members of the Conference be ascertained by the Treasurer and that the information be recorded in the Minutes.

H. I. James, chm
K. Eriksson, sec.

7. Board of Missions

See African Missionary Society.

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8. Board of Temperance

The Board of Temperance recommends:

1. That the Church calendar be printed in the Conference Journal, and the third Sunday in February be designated as Commitment Day, with a special service and the use of the commitment cards as recommended in the 1949 report. Miss Reitz and Mrs. Murphree appointed as a committee to prepare a church calendar before the close of Conference.

2. That local units of the International Organization of True Temperance be organized by the Ministers of each circuit of our church.

3. That the M. Y. F. be urged to place special emphasis on Temperance teaching with particular attention of the observation of Commitment Day, and that it be remembered that Temperance instruction includes temperance in all things, together with abstin-

ence of the use of tobacco and of the practice of gambling, as well as the use of alcoholic liquors.

4. That the Director of Religious Education prepare Temperance Sunday School lessons for each quarter with power to determine the dates for these lessons except for the fixed date of the third Sunday of February, which is known as Commitment Sunday.

5. That Superintendents of schools and ministers should set a time, however brief it might be, for special instruction on Temperance whenever visiting the schools of their districts to the end that Temperance instruction might be definitely endorsed by them in the eyes of the people, and to check to see that the Temperance organizations are actually functioning.

6. That the Editor of the Umbowo Hwe Ukristu be requested to select a Temperance editor to be responsible for providing material for a special Temperance section as a regular feature of the Umbowo.

7. That the 1948 recommendation be repeated, to seek the cooperation of all Boarding Schools in interesting their Students in a Drawing Competition in the making of Temperance posters for printing and distribution among our people, prizes to be given, 5/- for the best poster, 2/6 for the second best, and 1/- for the third, such prizes to be provided by the Board of Temperance. The chairman

of this Board is authorized to do all possible to promote this project.

L. G. Blomquist chm.

B. H. Reitz, sec.

B. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS

Commission on World Service and Finance.

1. We recommend the following Conference assessments:-
 - a. Episcopal Fund $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of pastoral support.
 - b. Conference Administration £70.
 - c. Accepted Supply Pastors' Relief - 6d. on the pound of every Accepted Supply Pastors' salary paid by the Circuit.
 - d. General Administration Fund - £20.
 - e. Central Conference Fund £40.
 - f. Conference Journal £45.
 - g. Conference Secretary - £15
 - h. Conference Treasurer - £3
 - i. Travel to Conference - £30
2. The Committee recommends:
 - a. That the following amounts be taken from the Regional Conference Fund:-

Travel to Ministers' Institute	£28. 10. 3.
Conference Journal	£46 9. 9.
 - b. That the following be taken from accumulated Conference assessments:-

Conference Journal	£16. 12. 11
Strong Room	£18
Ministers' Pension Fund	£59. 10. 1
3. We want to remind the

District Superintendents that the Conference funds should be sent to the Conference Treasurer during the month of May each year, and that the ministers should remind their District Superintendents about their pension fund at that time.

4. We approve the action taken by the African Missionary Society in choosing the delegation to select a new site for the Chikwizo Mission Station and suggest that the District Superintendent be included on the committee and that the committee be empowered to act.

Chairman, Mr. Gates
Secretary, Miss Scovill

Commission on Worship and Music

August 25, 1949

1. We suggest that the main church service be held as early as possible so there will be ample time for the remaining services.
2. We urge ministers to start on time.
3. We suggest that the ministers appoint a suitable person who will take the responsibility of leading the hymns of the worship service.
4. We suggest that the services be approximately one hour in length.
5. Since Music plays such an important role in worship, we recommend that the Superintendents make a new effort

to encourage music to be taught in the school for the betterment of the music in our churches. We further recommend that the music instruction be included in the planning conferences.

6. We suggest that ministers seek new opportunity to have hymn sings for the purpose of learning new hymns.

Mrs. M. J. Murphree, chm.
Kenneth Harper, sec.

C. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Committee on Auditing

The books of the following have been audited and found to be correct and in order:

- 1 The Conference Treasurer.
2. African Missionary Society. Funds on hand:
In Post Office Saving £ 485-8 4
In Cash £ 28-2 2½
£ 513-10-6½
3. African Christian Convention. Funds on hand:
In Post Office Saving £ 63-12-6
4. Rukwadzano rwe Wadzimai Funds on hand:
In Post Office Savings £ 451-11 6
In Cash £ 0-10-0
5. Chikwizo Station for the period of October 28, 1948, to July 25, 1949: The balance on hand is £ 2-14-5½
R.C. Gates Chairman
A.C. Kajese Secretary

Committee on Interdenominational Relations

1. We recommend that in receiving a number from denominations with which the Methodist Church does not have reciprocal relations, it be our policy to receive a full member only after such a person has severed relationship with the organization of which he or she was a member, and shall have demonstrated satisfactory faith and life for six months to the receiving Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Church.

2. Further, we recommend that a member wishing to be transferred to a denomination with which the Methodist Church does not share reciprocal relations will not be given a letter of transfer, but a letter of withdrawal.

3. We recommend that the Conference accept the proposal, with one ammendment, that a minister be appointed to Salisbury for the programme of the United Methodist Church. The ammendment, in accord with the intention of the Proposal, agreed upon by the Methodist Council, is that "the Superintendent appointed by the Conference be listed as a consultative member of the staff."

4. Ammendment: We recommend that the following reasons be given to the Methodist Synod for our refusal to cooperate with them in a Joint Theological School:

1. The Conference rule on the use of tobacco.
2. The lack of agree-

ment on one place for the location of a joint school.

H.I. James acting Chm
K. Eriksson acting Sec.

3. Committee on Investigations No Report

4. Committee on Memoirs See Part IX

5. Committee on Resolution

We came with the prayer in our hearts, "Lord, we want to see Jesus." Through our morning devotions led by our Bishop, we looked into a mirror, saw a picture of ourselves and not a very nice one. An unforgiving spirit, lack of faith and confidence in God and other people were evident, but we saw a Cross behind, giving out sufficient power to create us into new beings worthy and ready to fulfill our Master's calling. We thanked God Almighty that He thus spoke through His servant, our capable Bishop.

We regret that Mrs. Booth was unable to attend our conference this year. However we thank God that she chose to stay with the Springers during Mrs. Springer's last days. We know she must have been a comfort to them.

As new missionaries have been arriving at our different stations during this year, our hearts have been gladdened and encouraged indeed. But when on the first day of conference,

in response to Bishop Booth's invitation, these new recruits took their place at the front of the chapel a great surge of emotion swept us all. There stood thirteen new workers from three nations, Norway, Sweden and U. S. A.

We are truly thankful to God for this sign of Advance, but great as it is, the need in Rhodesia is so great that we urgently request the Advance to continue (See list Supt's Report).

Furloughs come and go, and always we look forward to seeing again at conference time those who have returned during the year. The group this year includes Rev. and Mrs. Gates, Rev. and Mrs. O'Farrell, Rev. and Mrs. James and the Misses Tubbs and Whitney.

However the group of missionaries has also been made smaller by those who have gone on furloughs the past year: Miss Jessie Pfaff, Rev. and Mrs. Q. C. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Thacker, Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Culver, and Mr. and Mrs. Tudor Roberts. In addition to these Rev. and Mrs. Howard Buies and Shirley and Miss Ruth Bartholomew who have been with us for a year returned to their homes. We wish to express not only our regret at their going but also our appreciation for their service while with us.

And there's another group of people. At every station in our conference they are with us. At Mtoko it is Miss Forrest, who with her en-

thusiasm and interest in her work has contributed much to the success of the school and Christian community life. At Nyadiri Miss Cantrell has quietly but surely slipped right into the hearts of the Missionaries and African people alike. Also it is there that Miss Buttfield is honored and loved for her public health work. Mr. O'Hara at Mrewa has won adoration and respect by just being himself. He is doing excellent work in the field for which he was employed, but equally as much appreciation is felt for the many extra jobs he sees that no busy superintendent would ever find time to do. Jobs like mending the screen to keep the cat out, or tidying the workshop. His scouting is also muchly appreciated. The Dugmores again receive our thanks for their untiring devotion to and interest in the work at Mrewa. And of course there is Miss Martin with her untiring efforts and interest in our work there; and who has been tirelessly working on the Reports in order to secure an early publication of the Journal. The Finlaysons and Miss Ellener have made their contribution felt in the Hill Top School in Umtali this year. At Old Umtali Mrs. Reich, with her evangelistic zeal, her talents in music, and her excellent professional qualifications, has given much. The deBrijn family at Mutambara has long been with us and we cease to think of them other than "One

of us." Words do not express our thanks to these fraternal workers in Gods vineyard.

We are happy to have received Miss A. Miller from our work in Angola, Miss Pat Williams (with her wonderful voice) from the Mount Selinda Mission, Mr. Carter and Miss W. Sprakes from the Methodist Synod, Mr. P. Bevan from the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the government inspectors, Mr. Davis and Mr. Stuart, discussed school matters in connection with our mission program.

We note that among our ministers homes during the conference year that Christian weddings took place. We wish a happy life and truly Christian homes to the new families.

During this conference year the babies which were born among the families of our ministers are as follows: To Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Culver, a baby girl, Tara Elyssa. To Mr. and Mrs. T. Roberts, a baby girl, Katherine Loise. To Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Munjoma, a baby girl, Maurin Eudora. To Rev. and Mrs. J. Chidzikwe, a baby girl, Margaret Tonatseyi. To Rev. and Mrs. K. Choto, a baby boy, Moses Tigere. To Rev. and Mrs. D. Musingwini, a baby boy, Muchenje Victor. To Rev. and Mrs. Nason Chigubu, a baby boy, Bartholomew. For these babies we thank God and we hope that they will be brought up to be members of His Kingdom on this earth.

We gratefully record our

appreciation of the visit of Dr. and Mrs. Smith, Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. Their congenial and warmly fraternal presence with us was a joy to Africans and Missionaries alike. Our thanks go to Mr. Frank Jackson and his staff of printers for their excellent and prompt response to our need for their services.

The days at Old Umtali have been a time of spiritual upbuilding. We give our hearty thanks to the conference hostess, Mrs. Murphree, for her skillful planning and guidance before and throughout the conference week. Baba Maciwenyika and Baba Mutsago and their group of boys fully deserve a word of thanks for doing their part in kitchen and in the dining hall. And the hostesses in whose homes we have been so comfortably kept have done a wonderful job. To all entertainers at Old Umtali we say:

Thousand thanks be unto you,
Who gave us friendship,
shelter,--stew.

If we might express a wish for another conference it would be that a separate room could be made available where people at anytime during conference would find silence for prayer.

S. Hervold, chm.

F. Hackler, sec.

Student Loan Committee

It is recommended that the funds for the "Area Scholarship" in the future be considered as a

Loan Fund and be handled by the same rules as the "Student Loan Fund" as follows:

Purpose: The aim of both of these funds is to assist worthy African students whose purpose is to continue their education beyond Std. VI in order to return to serve in the Methodist Conference in Southern Rhodesia.

Loans: Money shall be loaned only to students who are the members of the Methodist Church in good standing and who are considered to be worthy of assistance. These loans shall cover school fees only and shall be paid directly to the Principal of the chosen school, and he shall be requested to make his receipt in duplicate, one to be given to the student and the other to be returned to the Treasurer of the Fund. No Funds shall be given directly to the student himself. The student who accepts such a loan shall sign a contract promising to abide by these rules.

Furthermore, there is to be a plan agreed upon by the student in advance for repayment to the Loan Fund through the medium of his employer.

Further, it is understood that the Treasurer is not authorized to pay out funds unless the student has been recommended by the Committee.

Repayments: After completing his schooling, the student is expected to return to work in the Methodist Conference at the current rate of salaries paid similarly qualified persons. In the first year of his service he shall repay not less than the amount he borrowed the first year not less the second year,

than he borrowed the second year, etc. However, the loan can be repaid as quickly as he wishes. It is expected that the student shall work in the Conference no fewer years than he received help, and it shall be required that shall remain in the service of the Conference until the loan is repayed in full unless he is discharged from such service. Further, if he is discharged for any reason whatever he shall still be responsible for the repayment of the loan.

In case the student should die before the loan is repayed, it is clearly understood that repayment is not expected, and that his parents or other relatives are not considered responsible.

Applications: Application forms may be secured from any District Superintendent, or Principal of our central schools, from the secretary of the Student Loan Fund. Each applicant must be recommended by his District Superintendent. The completed forms must be in the hands of the secretary of the Student Loan before conference if the applicant wants to receive a loan for the next year. High priority will be given to those who, without the loan, would find it impossible or very difficult to attend school.

In case the student wishes to secure a loan several years in succession, he shall make out a new application each year and on it indicate how many years he has received a loan.

Each June the secretary of the Student Loan Fund shall write to the Principal of each school attended by a student with a

Student Loan and ask for a report on both his character and scholastic record. In case of a poor report on either item this loan will not be renewed.

The District Superintendents and teachers recommending students for these loans are urged to recommend only those of good character, ability to do the work attempted, and in real need of a loan. When loans are given to those who do not need or do not deserve them, other worthy students are denied help.

Since the rules for the Loan Fund are being altered this Conference, the secretary of the Fund will send to each District Superintendent and to the Principal of each of our central school new application forms with the new rules. All application forms must be in the hands of the secretary not later than October 1. No applications received by the secretary after that date will be considered.

The secretary of the Fund will also send copies of the new application and rules to all who have already applied for Area Scholarships and Student Loans so that they may reapply if they wish to under the new conditions.

We recommend again that Student Loan Day be observed throughout the Conference on Sunday Oct. 19, or at another time, and we request a generous response to replenish the Loan Fund so that many worthy students may be helped.

For information, the Student Loan Committee is made up of:

Principal of Hartzell Training School

Headmistresses at Nyadiri and Mutambara
 Conference Treasurer
 African Pastor at Mtoko
 Kenneth Choto.
 There is still available some money £275-0-0 in the Crusade

Scholarship Fund for students wishing to attend school in The Union. Those desiring such a scholarship should write direct to the secretary of the Fund for information.

Edith H. Parks
 (Secretary)

D. REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TREASURER

The following is the Financial Statement and Report of the Conference Treasurer covering the time from September 21, 1948 to August 20, 1949. September 21, 1948 is the date of the audit before the books were turned over to the present treasurer.

	Received	Expended
Central Conference	£ 21. 12. 11	£ 103. 3. 0
Conference Assessments	28. 7. 7	
Epsicopal Fund	19. 19. 9	56. 18. 2
Ministers Conference Travel	7. 9. 11	3. 0. 0
General Administration Fund	10. 16. 7	25. 3. 0
Invested in Government Bonds		300. 0. 0
Preachers' Institute Mrewa 1949		28. 10. 3
Retired Workers' Fund, interest	2. 10 0	
Savings returned to teachers		76. 14. 9
Ministers' Pension Fund		
From the Circuits £ 112.10.0		
" " Ministers 67.10.0		
"Interest 66 19.6	246. 19. 6	35. 13. 4
Students Loan Fund	186. 14. 10½	70. 5. 11
Conference Administration	28. 17. 7	18. 4. 0
Amsterdam Delegate	70. 2. 3	
Accepted Supply Pastors, Relief Fund		
From Circuits £ 34. 4. 9	47. 14. 9	10. 10. 0
" Interest 13. 10. 0		
Conference Secretary	8. 11. 10	
Conference Journal	8. 11. 10	
Conference Treasurer	1. 8. 11	3. 13. 0
Bank Charges		4. 3
Bishop N.S. Booth	10. 0. 0	
Mtasa - Makoni District	100 0 0	100. 0. 0
	<u>£ 799. 18. 3½</u>	<u>£ 831. 19. 8</u>

Funds on hand uninvested	£	479.	6.	3½
Invested in Board of Pensions, Chicago		688.	1.	0
Invested in Government Boards and Stock		3,720.	0.	0
Invested in Rhodesia War Certificates		336.	0.	0
Due from Preachers' Institute		28.	10.	3
Due for Amsterdam Delegate		29.	17.	9
Due for Conference Treasurer		2.	4.	1
Due from Students Loan Fund		50.	0.	0

Total Assets

£ 5,333. 19 4½

Conference Liabilities

Central Conference Funds

£ 20. 11. 11

Conference Assessments

94. 2. 11½

Episcopal Funds

19. 1. 9

Regional Conference Funds

75. 0. 0

Ministers' Conference Travel Fund

4. 9. 11

General Administration Fund

10. 16. 7

Retired Workers' Fund

22. 10. 0

Savings Uncalled For

7. 16. 1

Ministers' Pension Fund

4,400. 2. 3

Student Loan Fund

123. 13. 6½

Conference Administration Fund

10. 13. 7

Accepted Supply Pastors' Relief Fund

477. 17. 1½

Conference Secretary

8. 11. 10

Conference Journal

8. 11. 10

Loan Account

50. 0. 0

Total Liabilities

£5,333. 19. 4½

Per Hassing

Conference Treasurer

August 22, 1949

E. SUPERINTENDENTS

Composite Report

The District Superintendents of Rhodesia Annual Conference

Bishop, Fellow Members and Associates in the Rhodesia Annual Conference:

In place of over 20,000 words in the read reports and 16,500 in the printed reports

of the Superintendents in 1948, we have been asked to give one brief composite report. From about 18,000 words from the Superintendents, we seek to condense all into an understandable and brief report totaling 6000 words.

Reports of advance, difficulties, problems, and plans cannot be omitted. Shall the

sermons be scratched out? To do so might stifle the God given impulse to nurture spiritual life. It must be included. May the clock be kind and slow.

In order that you may know where to sleep and where to wake, we will outline the plan of this report.

The Organization will be according to subjects rather than to districts. 1st, we will be thankful for *people*. 2nd we will speak of the *Work with Hands*. 3rd, we will deal with *Education*. 4th, we will think of *Medical Aid*. 5th we will be reminded of certain *Social Movements* among the people. 6th, we will consider the *Affairs of the Church* as a distinctly religious, evangelizing fellowship. That these are purely artificial categories goes without saying, and that they overlap is obvious; but we must have "organization" and this is it.

Under each division, where possible, the plan will be to note advances, failures, problems, then plans. If you know where to say "Amen," "Alas," "No No", or "Let's Go", we will be more than content with the effort.

PEOPLE

It is the desire of the Superintendents to thank God, the Bishop, the Board, and the Budding New Missionaries for the new hope in us all at the replenishment of our overworked and under-staffed personnel.

Old Umtali rejoices in the addition of the Carl Huie family drawn from Mutambara, the addition of Sister Alice Whitney returned from furlough, of Sister Marta Bjurstrom transferred from P.E.A, all deeply interested in their work. The Rev. Frank Jackson, preacher-printer, and his wife entered the printing shop before looking at their new home, and have been busy ever since. Hopefully, the people of Old Umtali look for the new Church and other buildings with the arrival of Mr. & Mrs. Herman Christian, who have left their successful business to help build the Work of God here. The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Harper, likewise new Missionaries, have arrived to do district work in the Mtasa Makoni District.

At Mutambara there was delight in the appointment of the Rev. & Mrs. H. I. James, veteran missionaries who, to the joy of their colleagues cancelled retirement to direct Mutambara's development. The coming of the Scandinavian family, the Rev. and Mrs. K. Eriksson, to take up district work gave courage, and the return of Miss Lulu Tubbs from a long furlough, ready for village visitation, caused rejoicing.

In the Northlands, Nyadiri welcomed Sister Marta Johanson, from Old Umtali, exulted warmly at the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. John Sheldon to take charge of the Hospital, saw the impetus to public health nursing given by the

return of Sister Buttfild from England, and was pleased with the services rendered immediately by Miss Cantrell, a new Contract Worker added to the staff.

Long understaffed, Mrewa drew hope from the coming of the Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Gates from furlough, though the Field Treasurership is to occupy almost all of Mr. Gates' time. Then the coming of a Contract Worker, Mr. A. J. O'Hara, from England, with his immediate and enthusiastic entry into teaching and scouting and handcraft brought relief. Finally the surprise appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Higgs, now ready to go to building Mrewa's new school facilities gave great reason for thanksgiving.

As pointed out by Mr. Murphree, many of these additions are but replacements, sometimes one gained for two lost. Some are transfers of workers from one place to another, or from one task to another. However, in the words of Mr. Huie, we say, "By eating plenty of the bread upon which all missionaries exist (*a hope for more workers*) we look forward to a new conference year with great anticipation.

There are problems of staffing. The *M'toko* superintendent working almost two terms without furlough or holiday, needs relief. *Nyadiri* calls for help in relieving the present district superintendent of classroom and industrial responsibilities, and others for educational work. *Mrewa* with

a vast district and the Principalship of the Centre vested in one missionary, asks for an educationalist to allow both jobs to be done efficiently instead of neither. *Old Umtaali* expects some, but needs more replacements and additional teachers to care for advanced training. *Mutambara* needs an agriculturalist. Such briefly, are the minimum of the missionary staff needed at once.

Every Station cries out for more and better trained African workers. Christian nurses who will love their work, their people, and their Lord more than the glamour and other attractions of city life, in government and commercial clinics are needed. Teachers, consecrated and well trained, some with highest academic qualifications are in demand. As Miss King states, "Should our young Africans who have been Trained as teachers, consecrate their lives to Christ's service and return from other pursuits to the schools as Bible-Women-Teachers, and Pastor-Teachers, thus freeing Missionary personnel for higher education, this situation would be greatly relieved."

We call upon the African Christians to challenge and to inspire their fellows to consecrated service, while we plead with the Church in the Home Lands to send forth more workers to dedicate their lives for Africa in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Work of Hands
There is true dignity in

labour which erects our buildings; ploughs, sows, cultivates, and harvests our crops; makes our clothes, and prints our literature, enhancing all of life. Lack of materials adverse weather conditions and other hindrances have obstructed, but not stopped the advance of our Church in the work of hands.

Agriculture has suffered much in a year of drought. *Mtoko* and *Chikwizo* have suffered famine, with no food to be purchased in the area. At *Nyadiri*, in spite of the diligent care of the pioneer agriculturist, G. A. Roberts, the rains were "so light that very little grass grew....grain came to nothing. Most of the seed planted scarcely sprouted and burned up by the heat of the sun. Both rivers.....are nearly dry." Attempts have been made through pumps (hand and oxpower) to water gardens. The report from Old Umtali is similar. Because of not getting rain at the proper time our mealie crop was very poor", Miss Wildermuth reports, and "our wheat yielded about half the usual amount." Lack of labour added to these difficulties.

Mutambara and *Mrewa* were happy in their harvests. At *Mutambara* the farm produced its usually fine fruits and grain crops. The people in *Mrewa* speak, with thanks to God for unusually good weather, and with praise to a tireless African agriculturist and loyal student-workers, of the greatest harvest in their memory.

In spite of the difficulty of securing permits and building materials, great activity has been reported.

Glenada Mission Farm residents (Old Umtali Circuit) have built a church rather than walk six miles to Odzi. Jenya also is ready to build a burned brick church to replace the one demolished by cyclone last year. At *Munden* plans are now being made to remodel and enlarge their church building. Hopes are now revived for the erection of the new church at *Old Umtali Centre* now that Mr. Christian has arrived with that aim in view.

The first unit of *Mutambara's* new school building, almost complete, requires more work before it will be opened for occupation. The Nurse's residence and a small Hospital addition are nearing completion, and the Church underwent enlarging operations to accommodate the growing congregations. 80,000 bricks have been made in the past three months for further work.

At *Mrewa*, the new dispensary, as yet unused as such, was remodelled and enlarged to make a residence for the new missionaries. A store-room has been added to and a single worker's residence is emerging. Immediately after the Field Committee a new building, ultimately to be a dispensary to replace the one now a residence, came into being and is used as the office of the Field Treasurer. Foundations have been laid for

a new reservoir, a wing to the industrial building and a new dormitory for which the Government has authorised a loan. Having used 70,000 bricks, the students have made a second lot, this time 50,000, and are eager to burn them, for they are the builders. They want to build.

The new missionary residence at *Nyadiri* made of their own bricks, is nearing completion. An old residence has been remodeled under the direction of the Women's Division, to accommodate a pair of domestic science rooms later to become infirmaries when the new dormitories are built. At the Hospital a Nurses' Training Centre is almost finished, providing classrooms, laboratories, and other essential space. Residences for boys and girls working at the new missionary home have also been erected and are ready for occupancy.

The people of *Nyamutumbu* built their own large cruciform burned brick Church, under thatch, and with cement flooring, all with their own work and contributions. At *Gumbanjera*, *Jekwa*, *Chamapongo*, *Magura*, *Mupfure*, and *Chikore* (Mrewa - Headlands District) new burned brick schools have been built, the large *Chikore School*, with asbestos roof purchased from local funds. The new burned brick Church at *Chigudu*, a fine cruciform structure, is being roofed with asbestos, and is to be dedicated soon after conference. A vast building programme is being

undertaken by Churches and schools throughout the *Mrewa District*, all on a permanent basis.

Typical of the spirit pervading many parts is that described by Mr. Blomquist at Gurure Church in the Nyadiri District, "People came walking up to the Church. But they were not the common type of Church visitors; they were not called this time for church service in the regular way. That irregular service soon started-25 old "wakuru" (adults-big folk) began to make bricks for the new church. This was the result of the faithful work of a teacher and a steward.....'Thank God for every one of these good workers. They have understood the meaning of stewardship."

A different type of work with hands, vastly important, is that of printing. *Rhodesia Mission Press* now announces the publication of the long looked for Hymnal, the near completion of Miss Reitz' Stories from the Pentateuch in Shona, and the planned revised edition of the Primer, Tucece.

Nevertheless there is much to be done. Buildings await construction, farms need cultivation, irrigation, and conservation. *Nyadiri* is crying for an adequate water scheme; a church and other buildings. *Mrewa* must have a new School and water for its boarding departments. *Old Umtali* needs Church and residences. *Mutambara* was granted first priority in askings for a water, power, and light plan.

Above any material need however, is the supply of Christian leadership in agriculture and industry. We must entrust the training of all our agricultural and industrial teachers to others. Naturally the best is not conceded to those who do not share in their training. Furthermore, with industry offering higher salaries than Government or Mission can offer, we face a problem of securing qualified Africans in the face of such competition for their services.

The infant, *Education*, long nursed at great sacrifice by its mother, the Church, has grown so large as to order its mother about, yet insists on being an overgrown suckling. This seems to be the dread not only in all parts of our Conference; but throughout the Colony.

Vast growth in enrolment, in numbers of teachers, in the standards of training, and in the type and variety of equipment and housing is reported. New schools, larger schools, more teachers! For example *Mtusa-Makani* District reports 29 Aided Schools, III teachers, 3474 student' one Std. IV class, and 17 Std III classes. Ten years ago there were not so many teachers and students in *all four districts* in the *South*. *Mrewa* district has 33 Aided schools, 8 Unaided schools, 140 teachers, 4176 students, 1 Std IV class, 13 Std' III classes; more than all the teachers and students in the North ten years ago. The total of these *two districts alone* indicates over 70 schools now as against 115 for the Conference in 1938, 251 teachers now against

181 in the whole Conference in 1938, and 7650 students in these two districts as compared with 7,768 in the whole Conference ten years ago. When the Statistical Report is available we shall probably see at least doubled figures in the Conference as a whole.

With but one single exception every ordained missionary is pre-occupied daily, not with the care of the churches, but the financing, supervision, equipping building, staffing and statistical reporting of our secular education.

With due regard to the lack of Christian experience and knowledge among many of our teachers, we affirm with Mr. Hassing, "We are grateful for the progress of our educational work and we do not forget that through our schools children get daily instruction in Christian faith and living. But we as an Annual Conference must be careful so we in our thinking and our action do not let the Church become an appendix to the School" To this we add the clear vision of Mr. Blomquist, who fears that the Church is so busy building schools that it neglects to build churches.

In *Mtoko*, 2 new schools have been established, one authorised, the other becoming so. *Mutambara* reports 2 new schools with new buildings at *Citima* and *Citoto*. In *Mangwende Reserve*, *Mrewa* District, 1 old school has been re-opened and 3 new ones established, while in *Tanda Native Purchase Area*, 5 churches are operating schools. Eight of these schools are self-supporting,

as is also one opened at Macheke.

The superintendent reports that at *Honde* both "Church and School activities are gradually modelling the life of the old and the young people into a shape which is more Christ like.

Marange-Zimunya reporting 10% increase in student and teachers this year, mentions the work of these schools in providing their own equipment, and glories in the improved work through the local School Committees made responsible for the school development,

The *Nyadiri* Superintendent stresses the importance and results of having Miss Hackler an educationalist, supervising the teaching in the village schools throughout the district. The professional touch is successful. *Central Primary Schools* could multiply their enrolment were there money, buildings, and teachers to care for the students.

Mutambara Girl's School accepted 125 boarders, more than their capacity, "because it seemed impossible to take less." Stds V & VI made and now wear their new blue skirts and white blouses as their Sunday uniform. Honours for the first term in cleanliness and neatness went to the Junior girls who, in a renovated former domestic science room, have spiritedly made an excellent dormitory. That the girls, working two afternoons a week, have made 30,000 bricks towards the new building programme is a testimony to their outlook.

Three sessions of school are being run daily at *Mtoko* where 450 students, three-fourths of

whom are day students, run a chequer-board schedule of academic, industrial, and recreational activities. They are now "reaping the benefit of starting last year a Standard V with teacher training in Sab A, enabling them to "supply the out-station schools with, suitable teachers." This, it is reported has created "happy friendship from top to bottom classes," and "helps to cement the bond between the Centre and Reserve"

At Mrewa, with 254 boarding boys and 130 boarding girls, all under trusted Africa Boarding Master Mabisa and Boarding Mistress Chikoore, together with a Prefect System, there is the attempt at self government with a minimum- yet strict discipline upon the part of the missionaries. The rich harvest and steady building Programme is due to trustworthy African teachers and loyal student working hand in hand with their missionaries. The girls are proud of their rust coloured uniforms which they made early this year for all Boarding girls. Development of Art under Mrs. Dugmore is promising.

Old Umtali reports that, "due to lack of workers, the industrial part of the programme has suffered most, but with the splendid cooperation of all those who labour in the "training of hands" they are edging forward. The question has been one of "adequate staffing and supervision" In the Fairfield Girls' School, 140 girls are enrolled, with much crowding and with four lady teachers. Insufficient help accounts for the temporary

closing of Takwirira Practice cottage.

With more applications than room, *Nyadiri* suffers the "Lack of Missionary and Africa staff," but enjoys the zeal, devotion and enthusiasm of the school Mistress and a "helpful and good" through inadequate staff. A smaller Girls Boarding enrolment is compensated for by the "scholarship and character of girls." The lack of staff too, "has been more than made up for by the whole-hearted cooperation of the lady teachers in the supervision of the boarding department as well as in the classes." and by the help of men "of the character of Baba John."

Teacher Training is carried on now only by Hartzell Training Department at *Old Umtali*. "There are 50 teachers in training, 22 of them are in senior class." Their problem, beyond that of material facilities, is one of constancy of staff.

From *Nyadiri* comes the word, "Little girls who don't know what they can do next year if they pass Standard VI this year, keep ever before us the crying need for *secondary* schools and *Higher Teacher Training*."

Mtoko reports "lack of equipment and lack of trained teachers are the great obstacles to satisfactory development and progress and in the education of the young the Christian character of the teacher is the most important factor."

There is no use criticising the quality of the teachers employed,

when we do not train sufficient for our schools. *Mrewa*, with two large Standard VI Classes is concerned about the future of three-fourths of the graduating class who, unable to enter teacher training, secondary schools, or industrial education in the overcrowded schools of the Government and of other Churches, and too young to teach, are limited by a meager quota at Hartzell. What is their future and that of the schools needing trained teachers?

The Superintendent of *Mtasa-Makoni* district pleads that "we need not only teachers who are able and willing to teach Standard IV in the Reserves, but also those who are able to act as Assistant Superintendents." Others confirm this need and the necessity of our Church providing more adequate facilities for teacher Training Secondary education not with sectional, but with Conference-wide needs in mind.

In reporting the Theological School at *Old Umtali*, the Principal calls their class a "Select group, experienced teachers and Christian leaders with equally fine wives revealing their dependability" as they enter the spirit and life at *Old Umtali* Mission. Now where the one Rhodesian to finish this year, will be appointed, with six districts needing ministers, is for Conference to say.

This educational report is clear in certain points:

1. Our Village schools need more and better supervision,

2. There is a need for increased number and quality of African Teachers and Supervisors.
3. Schools and teachers need the sense of security and continuity of steady and continuing appointment.
4. Facilities for Primary and Higher Teacher Training and Secondary Education as well as Post-Primary Industrial Training are in demand.
5. None of our work should be so large and institutionalised as to miss the central aim, noted by the *Mtoko* Superintendent and others, of stimulating the Christian character of the Teacher.

MEDICAL AID.

Rhodesia is fortunate in the excellent quality of its Methodist Mission Hospitals and Clinics even though all are under-staffed. Each centre has its nurse or nurses and doctor with the exception of *Mtoko*. Throughout the districts, however, the need is great and to date not met except by drain on the staff of the Centre.

Nyadiri is pioneering with a public health nurse, Sister Buttfield, who armed with D. D. T. preventative and curative medications, and with good sense visits schools, and villages, examining over 1,500 children many of their parents, teachers, and friends, and

rendering treatment, giving health talks, and advising in the campaign against malaria small-pox, diphtheria, whooping cough, bilharsia, and the common ailments.

At the *Nyadiri Hospital*, Dr. Sheldon, assisted by Sisters Ashbey and Johannson and Buttfield, carries on an enlarging programme. By vote of the Field Committee this Hospital will be the centre of Nurses and Orderly Training. With 56 beds capacity for in-patients, 2334 were admitted to 22,082 days of care. In training are 22 student nurses, with two trained Nursing Orderlies and assistants employed. In the out-patient department 2,179 were given a total of 13,396 treatments. There were 63 maternity cases delivered. In the Baby Fold there is a constant group of about 20 babies, six returning to their fathers' homes during the year.

Sister Whitney, for a time working alone, is now assisted by Sister Marta Bjurstrom at the *Old Umtali Hospital*, where in eight months there have been over 150 maternity cases delivered, with many patients, in both in-patient and out-patient department. The Fairfield Orphanage, now transferred to the Hospital, cares for motherless babes, Sister Marta conducts the Fairfield clinic twice weekly. Without trained African assistants, the work demands all of the nurses' time and energies.

Though near the Government clinic at Mrewa, Mrs. Fuller, aided by a teacher's wife, a Standard VI boy and girl, all of whom she has trained, are guarding the health of students and villagers at the Mission, as well as of hundreds from the district. 728 received 14,837 treatments, In ante-natal and mid-wifery cases the assistance of trained nurses, now married and living in Mrewa, has been much appreciated by those choosing to have the care of Christian nurses rather than go elsewhere.

The medical work at *Mutambara*, "greatly needing to have further buildings" is growing rapidly "That there are funds coming for this work is encouraging. For the year there have been 797 in-patients admitted with a total 11,723 days; 3,167 out-patients registered with 19,521 treatments given. There have been 74 maternity cases." Sister Ruth Hanson has earnest hopes that this work which is now bearing fruit, will have enlarged hospital accommodations.

Honde District has its Honde Valley Clinic, where "many people come for treatment of various complaints. Each time before people are given medicine, the orderly or the nurse tells the patients about Christ and His Love. This method has made Christ reach many hearts of heathen people."

That we need Christian trained African Nurses and Orderlies is evident. The

appeal of money, the glamour of cities and other attractions of commercial and government employment must be offset by a training which will instil the spirit Christian service.

SOCIAL MOVEMENTS.

Agencies are at work among us which can be used for good if properly employed. The vision and wisdom of leaders in various districts have brought fruitfulness to these movements

Scouting and Wayfaring: The Roman Catholic priest in charge of Scouting in the Northern section recently said that the best Boy Scout Troop in this section was one at *Mtoko Mission*, under the direction of Miss Forrest. In reporting this work the Mtoko superintendent says, "Our success in Scouting and Wayfaring.....a bond between staff and pupils, is a happy fellowship by which discipline is made joyous.....and a link is kept with Scouts and Guides all over the world."

The second annual Scouting and Wayfaring Day was held at Mrewa in July, with Wayfarers from Mrewa and Mtoko Districts participating along with local Scout Troops in a special Church service. With Mr. O'Hara, commended by Sir Baden Powell for his work in Scouting and Miss Forest, whose leadership was recently cited by Lady Kennedy, plans are now emerging to develop Scouting and Wayfaring thro-

throughout the Northern section areas as adjunct of Christian evangelism and education.

The *Rukwadzano*, uniting the Christian women, has made its practical and evangelical influence felt from North to South. A Native Commissioner discouraging an application for a bus to carry "a few" women to the Northern Convention, was shocked when nine bus companies numbering over 20 buses and trucks, carried women to the Headlands Meeting, some making 2 or more trips to do so. *Mutambara* commends the work of these women in that district. *Nyadiri* district mentions as the Bible Days at Chitimbi, where women were trained in Bible appreciation. In Mrewa, at the request of the young people, women of the *Rukwadzano* are meeting with the girls to talk of Christian morals and the relation to courtship and marriage. Many practical tasks await these women eager to serve their Lord.

Men's Movements: Under various headings the men are meeting, some as "Fishermen," some as "Methodist Men's Fellowship," and various names. In Mrewa district the entire evangelistic effort has been largely due to the zeal of these groups, assisted by the *Rukwadzano*. Excesses, all night meetings, and undue emotion have been reported; but the men have shown a desire to be guided and corrected, and in this spirit have been a most con-

structive influence. In one village they won four times as many converts as the pastor thought the law would allow the Church to receive.

Marange - Zimunya, appeals that the unorganised men's groups should be organised by the Annual Conference, leading it to become a powerful and useful Layman's organization, responsible to the Quarterly Conference.

Growing is the *Methodist Youth Fellowship*, with its numerous varieties due to the different backgrounds of its advisors. Teachers coming out at Hartzell Training School, Old Umtali, have spread the enthusiasm and knowledge of the Youth Movement to other centres and to the villages. Mr. Blomquist, concerned about "how to get the evangelistic fire in our young men," set up a training camp for boys this year, and plans to do the same for girls in the camping year, at which an attempt is made to reach them with the Christian message. *Nyadiri* District was likewise the scene of the Special Youth Fellowship Institute in January, when Northland leaders were trained.

Our African Christians, however lacking in training or experience are becoming increasingly conscious of social needs. School Improvement Committees are reported in different districts. At *Nyadiri* the Church Membership selected a *Hospital Advisory Committee*. The Youth Fellowship in Mrewa asked the

Quarterly Conference (East) to set up a *Council on Youth Relations and Marriage*. A group in Headlands has now concerned itself about the care and training of *Albinos*. The Rukwadzano and the *African Women's Institute* have both called for campaigns for *cleanliness* and for *Ante-natal* and *Post natal Clinics*. The *Central Africa Filming Unit* has sought and found aid from the Methodist Church in its making pictures for and by Africans.

The *African Girls' Hostel in Umtali* is a live social agency. Caring regularly for 61 girls in residence, together with 6 teachers from Hill School, and 16 more living at their places of employment, the Hostel provides not only a place to live while in town working, but also a training in hand-craft, facilities for recreation, opportunity to worship, learn and serve in Christian fellowship and friendly council. Through giving a concert at Moffat Hall, and in "Open House" and Show Day at the Hostel, they have helped purchase beds. The girls help conduct Sunday School for the children of the Police Camp in the Hostel Prayer Room. Governor and Lady Kennedy, visiting the Hostel on May 9th "expressed their approval of the Hostel and wished us success in our Training Centre and other future Progress"

Such are some of the agencies through which the Methodist Church is meeting the

social needs of the Africans in Southern Rhodesia.

AFFAIRS OF THE CHURCH.

As a "distinctly religious evangelizing fellowship," we must confess our pre-occupation with many things building, gardening, printing, finance, teaching, administering, healing, organizing etc. Thus the Church is living as it gives itself for all needs of mankind. However, as much as our Ministry is engulfed in these so-called secular matters, sanctified, we trust through the Christian Spirit, the Districts report spiritual advance.

We believe that the goal set by the Conference on challenge by the *Board of Evangelism* in 1948 has been met. Our Statistician will probably give us that answer with authority.

That the *Sunday School Movement* has been outstandingly successful is shown wherever it been encouraged, and the Director of Religious Education will detail the position for us later.

Stewardship, frequently misunderstood, is at least being taught, frequently referred to, and occasionally practised. There is promise.

Mtasa - Makoni District reports "More people are seeking membership in the Church ... New Preaching Points have been established." Many have

been received and baptised and while "Many of them are young, baptised as children and grown up in Christian homes... we still find gray-haired men and women kneeling down to receive Holy baptism." This advance is largely credited to the large number of local preachers... volunteer workers "About whom it is said "they are not always appreciated, and their faithful work for the Lord and His Church is not often recorded, but they are accomplishing at task fundamental and vital to our whole Church development."

In the Honde district there is evangelistic activity reaching into new places, with Chief and Headmen welcoming the opening of the new preaching and teaching places "where the Macedon calls for teachers are increasing...and some hungry souls are getting the opportunity of hearing the Gospel message which many have not heard..... Muparutsa, Zindi and Cikomba,...are also waiting eagerly for teachers.

The strong movement evangelism noted in *Mrewa* district has been due likewise to Local Preachers, the Men's and Women's groups, the untiring efforts of the Sunday School Supervisor, Mr. Choto and the daily pastoral effort of devoted pastors. A growing nucleus of Christian, consecrated village teachers is a boon to the evangelistic effort.

Home evangelism was particularly stressed in *Zimunya*, where efforts to save people

resulted in the evangelistic visitation of over 500 homes on many occasions.

Mtoko reports evangelism in the school, where "Our aim is not only to educate but to lead every student into a real experience of the Christian life" and where they seek to gather all...students into the fellowship of the Church. Classes for instruction and testimony are held throughout the year. The Sunday Services for Preaching are very well attended.

Despite difficulties, *Chiwiza* is developing confidence of the old and young, who attend services in large numbers

The *Theological Class* at *Old Umtali* is meeting the challenge of field work in that circuit, making field trips to evangelize and to foster Christian fellowship.

Through the Men's Bible Class at *Nyadiri* Centre, through the attention to Preparatory Membership Classes, through the Rukwadzano, and through the faithfulness of ministers, people in *Nyadiri* "are awakening to the fact that there is much to be done in the Lord's Vineyard. A number are seeking deeper Spiritual Experience."

Bewailing the tendency of our Missionaries to take "the short way by carrying many of the responsibilities ourselves," the *Marange-Zimunya* superintendent reports his conviction "the longer way of preparing African leaders to carry the work is the surest way to the Promised land of self-supporting, self-propagating, self-governing Church in

Africa." The experience in that district where locally elected treasurers and other officials have taken their burdens has been to encourage the development of this line.

From *Nyadiri, Mtasa-Makoni* and elsewhere come reports of the assistance to understanding of Christian Stewardship given by Miss Reitz. Church Treasurers are now operating in both these districts though learning their work tardily. In Mrewa a truck owner using his Vehicle for several expensive trips for the Mission, refused to take a penny for his services, replying, "Please don't take away the joy in my heart for doing this for my Lord." Gifts towards the *Old Umtali Church* from various parts of the Conference indicate ideas of stewardship, as does the support of the Chikwizo Mission.

CONCLUSION.

We join with Mr. Bourgaize in saying: "This has been a hard year in many ways, but we are full of thanksgiving that God has been near and helped in time of need,"

There is much for which to rejoice: New missionaries, fine new Christian African Leaders, and dependable old workers, Production of crops, buildings and books in the face of obstacles, increase in the number and quality of our educational efforts, better personnel and programme of medical aid, Christian social Movements to aid the people, Evangelistic and Spiritual advance.

As Mr Murphree has said, "With the continuation of a spirit of cooperation and with loyalty to the high ideals as exemplified by our Master let us press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Our failures are our own. If personnel is loaded with secular affairs we have done little unloading. If leaders are not preparing, them. If our ideals of service are low we have failed to left them with a challenge of the Cross. If our Church grumbles under the load of schools and government bureaucracy we have failed to maintain its unique position as the Body of Christ, bearing its Cross but thereby saving people. May God forgive and correct our errors.

In the words of Mr Hassing, we would prayerfully close our report: "We now bring before our Lord ourselves, our failure and our success, our joy and our problems, with the prayer that we may be found acceptable unto Him, and that He will lead us from power to power, from light to light."

Respectfully submitted,
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F. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

I. Secretary of Literature and Stewardship

There cannot be an adequate report of the Secretary of Literature and Stewardship this year, without first voicing heartfelt gratitude for the coming of our missionary printer, the Rev. Frank Jackson: also for the gift of the Chevrolet truck, which is proving such a blessing in reaching the villages remembering with special appreciation the help of Bishop Booth and Miss MacKinnon in obtaining it for our use. As its sole *raison d'être* is for the spread of the Gospel message and the strengthening of our people, it is dubbed the "Gospel Chariot."

Our program the past few months, since the coming of the truck, has included visits to a number of the North country stations, including Chikwizo, a Quarterly Conference in the Nyadiri District, a District Conference, a Bible School for women, and two calls on neighbouring farm workers. Enroute to Conference three weeks were given to the Chiduku Circuits. This second visit to Chiduku shows the value of repeat presentations of Stewardship in the churches. I was myself surprised at the increased number of tithers joining the ranks, though I found many who had imperfectly understood the tithing plan, and so was able further to enlighten and encourage them. Some of the

testimonies were heartening. One steward at Muziti should be encouraged to go other stations with his message of the joy he has found in using the "God's Acre" plan. Beginning it only with his truck gardening, he is this year extending it to the tithe of his fields as well.

By use of the question hour we have obtained information that will be valuable in guiding us in our writing for the people.

This has been particularly helpful in understanding the type of material to send out to counteract Apostolic and Seventh Day Adventist propaganda, which will soon be ready for use in pamphlet form. I should like to recommend that districts, where these movements are troublesome, include these pamphlets in their regular budgets so that information may be broadcast freely among our people there. Recently a call for help caused me to send a copy of our material to one of our members troubled by the Adventists. There report came back that they were effectually silenced.

Home problems are also brought to us during the question hour. In one station a little mother rose three times with the question as to what a woman can do when she is brutally beaten for refusing to brew beer for her husband and to worship the spirits. We gave all the encouragement we could for the moment, but feel it imperative that for such sufferers the printed word be sent out for encour-

agement and strengthening, and expect to use paper scrap for printing scripture portions for this purpose. I had gone to that station to carry a message of stewardship to the people, but it was I who gained the greatest challenge that day--a new sense of our stewardship personally and as a church for the souls and bodies of our women, so many of whom are mere chattels of the families into which they have been married.

At last the first book of the series of Old Testament Stories, covering material from the Pentateuch and the story of Job, is in hand and will retail at 9d. each. The first two books of the Story of Jesus are in the hands of the printer. First, there is need of reprinting The Beginning Lessons in Shona, but all of these are expected to come from the Press before the end of the year. That will make possible the promotion of the Laubach Adult Reading program. Judging from the requests for instruction in reading that we have received on our travels, I am convinced that there is a real opportunity ahead of us.

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Mrs. Huie's excellent work on the pre-Primer material is about ready for publication. Great care has been expended by Mrs. Huie on obtaining just the right illustrations, which have been photographed for the book. For the furtherance of the distribution of literature, the following recommendations are made:

(a) That there be a closer cooperation on the part of District Superintendents, ministers, Rukwadzano members and local pastors in bringing our people to a greater sense of the value of using devotional literature.

(b) That all of us may make a wider use of the pamphlets and booklets available for distribution among our friends, both the unsaved and those in need of strengthening and encouragement. This is an excellent way to use part of one's tithe.

(c) That the cooperation of ministers and other leaders in recommending to stores in the Reserves and in the towns the advantage of buying Christian literature for sale to the people of their communities.

For the promotion of the stewardship program recommend:

(a) That the ministers and pastors make use of minute men in the church services in the interest of reaching our 1950 goal of one third increase in giving and in the interests of the tithe. Happy tithers should be asked to give their testimony before their own congregations and those of neighboring churches.

(b) That there be a wider and more faithful use of the stewardship literature sent to the stations from time to time.

(c) That all ministers encourage the organization and strengthening of tithers' bands in their churches.

(d) That we all be more faithful in the stewardship of prayer on behalf of our church

in Rhodesia. Can any of us here shut his eyes to the fact that there is closing in upon our people a growing spirit of greed and love of the world, as well as a low moral standard that is reaching down even into the lives of our young children? It is evident that the world of today is full of greed and sin. But we are stewards particularly of the Methodist Church in Rhodesia. The Secretary of Stewardship would therefore call upon all true lovers of Christ to give themselves to at least a half hour each day, preferably the first thing in the morning, the pleading that the Spirit of God descend upon us mightily, a Holy fire that will purify His Church and set it aflame not aflame for the school, nor for the medical work, nor for literature, not even for the Methodist Church--but aflame for God Himself.

Set us afire, Lord;
 Stir us, we pray.
 While the world perishes
 We go our way,
 Purposeless, passionless,
 Day after day.
 Set us afire, Lord.
 Stir us to pray!

2. Director of Religious Education

A look over the field of Religious Education in the Rhodesia Annual Conference reveals spots, some bright, some dull. This report on Sunday Schools might be presented in glowing terms or it might be

presented in pessimistic terms. In either case the picture would be true depending upon the particular Sunday School used as examples. The report, while attempting to reveal conditions justifying encouragement, will not fulfill its mission if it does not point out the weak spots which need strengthening and if it does not picture to an extent the Sunday School work of the Rhodesia Annual Conference as a whole.

The training of the Teacher Training pupils and of the Theological students at Old Untali in Sunday School work continues to receive emphasis. These pupils carry important responsibilities in the local Church Sunday School program and, although Old Untali is far from being the model example of what a Sunday School should be, progress is seen. Better organization of the previously existing Sunday Schools on the station, the opening of a new Sunday School under more nearly typical village conditions, the introduction of birthday offerings--these are some of the year's accomplishments. In connection with all of these our aim has been that each Sunday School leader should consider himself a personal evangelist.

The Sunday School Supervisor, appointed at the last Annual Conference, has contributed to ward this training as he has visited our classes, bringing us fresh news from the outstations. When we have been about to become too institutionalized or theoretical in our training, his reports of conditions as they

exist have helped us to get our feet on the ground. During the 8 months since Mr. Jangano completed his Theological training and took up his appointment as Sunday School Supervisor, he has visited all of the circuits and many of the stations on the Mtasa-Makoni, the Zimunya-Maranke, the Old Untali and the Untali Districts, besides having accepted two invitations to present the Sunday School work at gatherings on other districts. Hundreds of miles of cycling, visits with the parents in the various circuits where he has work, discussions with Church leaders, periods of instruction with those particularly responsible for the work of the Sunday School and talks to the school children have filled Baba Jangano's week days. Sundays, his times of greatest opportunity, have been all too few as he has preached, given demonstration lessons and made general observations. Many times when he has made his departure from the stations the people have urged him to hurry back, some of them saying, "Our leaders are too busy to help us in Sunday School."

What are some of the typical findings of our Supervisor? Organization at most places is weak, while Enrollment attendance cards are not considered important. Too often the lessons are uninterestingly taught and some of the church leaders do not know how to make use of the limited amount of literature which reaches them. As many of the Sunday School Superintendents are selected from the local

church leaders, they receive only the occasional assistance which is taken to them. At places where the leaders have enlisted the support of the day school teachers the Sunday Schools are greatly improved. Last year each outgoing Hartzell Training School teacher took with him a combination flannel blackboard. Expressions of gratitude for these boards on the part of the teachers, themselves, and reports that they are finding them useful is good news. Other alert teachers make use of enrichment materials. Unfortunately, however, many day school teachers do not seem to feel that the religious program of the church is their responsibility and, hence, there is much wasted talent and many wasted opportunities. In some places the Rukwadzano rwe Wadzimai use the Sunday School period as a time for their on group meetings of prayer and fellowship. The Sunday School needs the help and support of these fine women, some of whom were teachers before their marriage, and we can think of no more effective way to realize the RRW motto, "To serve Christ and others," than through the Sunday School.

In addition to the general Sunday Schools Supervisor, there have been two District Supervisors, one for the Mutambara and one for the Mrewa District. The Mutambara Sunday Schools had a good start at the beginning of the Crusade emphasis, as the District Superintendent and his wife pushed the program. At the planning Conference for teachers at the beginning of the school year, the Government

school Inspector supported the District Superintendent who frankly stated that he wanted to employ only such teachers as were willing to take their full part in the Church program. Just recently the Mutambara District Sunday School Supervisor reported that the work was going well and that he knew of no teacher who was not happy to teach in the Sunday School.

In Mrewa District the work has gone forward by leaps and bounds, the records showing not only reasonable but amazing enrollment and attendance gains. The Supervisor, working with the District Superintendent who pushes the Sunday School program, has been free to plan an advance program throughout the district and his place on Quarterly Meeting program has added dignity and importance to this particular phase of Church work.

It would be impossible, of course, to list all of the places in the Conference where the Sunday School work has gone forward and all of the people who have contributed toward the advance. Many are our reasons for encouragement and indications are that we are gaining ground, if not as speedily as we would wish.

The matter of literature and its distribution plays a most important part in Sunday School work. It takes time to prepare the lessons, time to print and publish them, and, again, it takes time to distribute the published lessons. Although not typical, the following comments indicate weakness in distribution. One 1949 appointee to a station

wrote thus, "Upon my arrival here I found only one Sunday School lesson booklet and that was for 1947." Another person wrote, "Please send the Sunday School lessons direct to me or, otherwise, they will not reach our station." (Incidentally, this distribution does not fall to the Director of Religious Education). Yet, on the whole, the distribution of lessons seems to be under much better control than formerly.

One of the most frequently heard questions is, "Where can we get pictures to go with the Sunday School lessons? Repeated requests for visual materials from America have resulted in very little. The 32 flannelgraph boards which went out with the Teacher Training pupils last year, are almost negligible among 200 or more Sunday Schools. Some mimeographed material for use in the in the Training classes this year has been prepared but it has been impossible to broadcast this material among all of the stations. The demand is overwhelming, and a solution must be tackled from another angle.

We think that we may be on the right track in search of literature. The South Africa Sunday School Association (which is composed of Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian bodies) has very generously granted us permission to base our vernacular lessons upon their material. At the beginning I would point out a disadvantage. The typescript for these lessons does not reach

us in time for us to continue the preparation and publication of an Annual such as we had last year, so we shall need to return to the Quarterlies—thus adding to distribution responsibilities. There seems to be, however, distinct advantages in using the South African system. Our lessons will coincide with the current lessons used in South Africa Africa and we shall be able to use the supplementary material which is put out. This material includes Teacher's Guides in English and visual material. Many of our teachers, ministers, missionaries and other leaders would benefit by having these guides, which give a much fuller discussion of the lessons than our limited vernacular material. As to visual material, it may be that much of this will require adaptation to our needs, but interested missionaries and Church leaders should be able to prepare that required for their own Districts. A limited amount of supplementary material has been ordered from the South African Sunday School Association for the first quarter of 1950, the Director of Religious Education having assumed that responsibility. It will be necessary for those in authority to make early decisions concerning the amounts of such materials required for following quarters.

RECOMMENDATIONS : See Board of Education Report; Committee on Religious Education (Part VI A 2)

In concluding this report we would recognize the fact that much hard pioneer work in the Sunday School field has been done in the past and that much has been accomplished. If, however, this Annual report, with its recommendations is accepted, work and much more hard work lie ahead for all who bear the name of Christians. Not only *hard* work but *united* efforts, must become a reality if the Sunday Schools of this land are to become instruments for abolishing spiritual ignorance and bringing light to its people.

Is the goal worth the effort?
(Mrs) Lois N. Murphree

3 African Christian Convention of the Methodist Church.

Item No. 1, Recommendation, In order to safeguard the worship service on Sundays, we recommend that a capable conductor of Church Hymns be appointed at each Station. and that the whole service should take at least one hour.

Item No. 2, We recommend that the "Wabvuwi Bands" in all our Churches be controlled, and the whole movement be organized by Conference.

Item No. 3, The Christian Convention moves that all Superintendents and Pastors are reminded to see that leaders of the Church be elected annually and emphasize that those re-elected should be because of their good work and life to that Community.

Item No. 4, We of the Christian Convention move that if the couple are married by the Church rites and then happen to divorce, neither of them should be allowed to remarry by the rites again.

Item No. 5, We humbly request each of our quarterly Conferences of the Rhodesia Annual Conference to get in touch with their members working in the urban areas, who leave their families at home unsupported, and try in every possible way to remind them of their Christian obligations which they pledged at marriage.

Item No. 6, We move that the relatives of the deceased brother must keep the family, so that the mother is free to marry another man at any time. Money and other properties to be kept for and used for the benefit of that family.

Item No. 7, We of the Convention feel more emphasis be laid on the Convention and that the fund remain as before but may be altered as deemed fit by the Convention.

Item No. 8, CHIKWIZO'S DELEGATION The African Missionary Society moves:- that a commission be sent to survey the new mission site in Chikwizo Reserve since the Old Site lacks the water supply. The following names voted;

Northern Section Reserves: Mr. J. Marange, Rev. A. Kajese, Mr. J. Mujuru Mr. J. Kawadza, Mai S. Chieza, Mai E. Munjoma
Southern Section Reserves: Mr. A. Bepete, Mr. E. Maringapi. Mr. A. Maciri, Mr S. Zuinoera, Rev. S. Kasambira Rev. J. Rugayo

Item No. 9, We move that the Old Sunday School booklets be sent to the Hospitals, Clinics, Gaols and Lepers at the end of every year.

4 African Missionary Society

Chikwizo circuit

Chikwizo Reserve is a reserve of five preachings Stations as are following:- Nyamande, Nyakateteya. Zinhu, Nyamvura Shena and Chikwizo Mission. Out of five we have four that have preaching plans every Sunday. We hope to put also a preaching plan at Zinhu.

Where can we get local preachers while we have no full members in our young Mission. The new thought came to us. Read Exodus 4:2-3. "What is in thy hand" says the Lord.

There is a proverb that came to our thought. Which says, When the knees grow soft, the hearts grow hard. When the knees grow hard the hearts grow soft. and are enabled to be bended wherever The Kingdom of God wants to be built. As we took this proverb, in practise, among our school girls and boys. We found forty School children who promised to the studies of purification. And asked to have the cards that written promises of purity out of them we have two of them who are trying to teach children in our 2 preaching plan villages after school. Each place is about seven miles apart.

Church work at the Mission

From January to June our church work was running forward. We had a number of 232-252. on Sunday service. From July up to this time our church attendance has come down, because of the difficulties of starvation, thirst, and clothing.

Ruwadzano had an attendance of 29 30 women in their group. Mai Makuto goes to those village twice a week Men's Group prayer was 16 in number, but through the same conditions their attendance have come down. also.

Our Sunday School have still better attendance because the big number is children. Our teachers go to the villages to find.

Church Work. From January to June our work was running to this time it has come down through the following:- the children, and organize some singing of children. M.Y.F. is also better.

We are very happy at Chikwizo Mission with these boys and girls who are in this study of purity of heart. We pray God that He may bless our group in this study.

Our Theme at Chikwizo is onenes with God St. John. 17:21, 23. This is only the power we think that can help. us with Him all things are possible.

5 Ruwadzano Rwe Wadzimai Northern Section

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings as the eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31.

As our motto is so shall it be "For Christ and others." The Ruwadzano Rwe Wadzimai by the help of God and the guidance of Christ is keeping on carrying the usual work of visiting the sick and helping them in any possible and necessary way.

Most of our people have maternity cases in their homes which has often left many mothers ill and caused the loss of many especially babies. We of Ruwadzano are helping in all such cases, we teach and persuade the mothers to go to the hospitals when they are in a family way, we also talk to the fathers to see the importance of sending their wives to Hospitals.

We send our help to those who go for maternity cases and those who go being sick, and orphans etc.

We thank the members and Leaders of Ruwadzano who live near the hospitals such as Rusape, Mrewa, Nyadiri and M'toko, for their constant visiting, helping and praying with the sick, both none Christians and Christians.

This system of helping is the way in which we believe that God is using Ruwadzano to win souls for Christ.

When death occurs in a family we always try all we can to help. The sum of £6 12-0 was spent this year in helping the sick and buying

clothing for the dead and for the poor and etc.

We therefore ask you Christian friends to pray for us, that the spirit of a good Samaritan grow continually among our members.

We visit our neighbours strengthening our members and persuading others to accept Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

It sounds to so many people as if it is self praising when we talk of many who are won for Christ through Ruwadzano, but truly we are not praising our selves. We do thank God who is using Ruwadzano to convince women and men that Christ is the Lord.

Chigudu Rukwadzano

From August 12th to 14th, 1949, we held our Rukwadzano Meeting at Chigudu Station; it was a good, Christian meeting, with Baba and Mai Fuller present with us.

Baba Fuller helped us to divide the women into four groups and he taught us four lessons.

1. *The Bible Leaders were:* Mrs. K. Choto, Mrs. J. Tsiga, and Mrs. D Makuto.

2. The following *Leaders taught* the people about *cleanliness*: Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Chiromo.

3. *The soul Savers were:* Mrs. Zimonte, Mrs. S. S. Chieza, Mrs. E. P. Munjoma.

4. The following *Leaders* taught the *laws of the Rukwadzano*: Mrs. L. Chieza, Mrs. H. Katsidzera, Mrs. Chigubu. The women were very pleased to

learn the laws of the Rukwadzano in which they received instruction on the Friday and Saturday. Older girls were taught by Mrs. T. Marange. The little girls were led by Mrs. O. Musingwini, little boys by Mrs. E. Chitiyo, the men including the Ministers were led by Baba Fuller.

The following help was rendered by Baba and Mai Fuller: One of the babies the Nyadiri Rukwadzano women got sick and when Baba and Mai Fuller saw the sick baby their Christian love was moved and they treated the sick baby and gave it medicine, after which they asked the congregation to pray that God may help them to reach the doctor in time with the sick baby. The words of Baba and Mai Fuller moved the hearts of the Rukwadzano women and they prayed for the baby and also thanked Baba and Mai Fuller for their Christian love. The baby lived, and is getting better.

Although Baba and Mai Fuller was therefore not able to preach that Sunday the love and Christian work which he did touched the hearts of the people.

The number of people who attended the meeting was great -- approximately about 6574 excluding the children.

We were pleased to receive some visitors from the East among them the wives of some of the Ministers from Umtali. Their text runs thus: "Seek and ye shall find, Knock and its hall be opened unto you; ask and it shall be given you."

These words have great truth.

At that Meeting many souls were saved and helped in the understanding of the Word of God.

Signed: Mrs. Munjoma, Sec.

6 Rukwadzano Rwe Wadzimai Southern Section

Gal. 3:28 For there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female. For ye are all one in Christ.

Our Motto: To serve Christ and others Bishop Booth and all the honourable members of the Conference.

First I give thanks to our Heavenly Father, who through his mercies kept us, and has brought us to another Conference year. We bless His Name.

Report from the Executive Committee. This year was made to be rich by the organising of Mrs. V. Culver; who has prepared a full day of good selected lessons for us. The three of them came, Mrs. Per Hassing, Mrs. Huie and herself. Mrs. Hassing taught home keeping, care of babies. Mrs. Huie first talked about the Mutambara group, of the Rukwadzano being faithful in doing the common affairs of life, encouraging all group to be faithful to do all those little things' for they are great in the sight of the Lord our Master.

Mrs. Culver taught us from Christ. The example of life. secret prayer, ones' enemies-true spirit in prayer. She

gave verses for each lesson. She came with exercise books and pencils enough for everyone, so each person was busy writing except a few who were waiting to ask those who could write for them.

The next day the committee meeting began among all the items discussed were three which were important.

(a) Not to let Methodist

Children go to work in tobacco fields as our church speaks against it. They should not help to grow tobacco, for they are sometimes called by the white farmers to help in their tobacco fields.

(b) We ask all the Sunday School Superintendents to collect the finished papers of Sunday School and send them to any hospital or dispensary near by, for there is need of something to read in such places plus goals.

(c) It is good for the Church to make laws and break them again? Why is it if that divorced people remarried.

Daily Work: Is to visit the sick and those in troubles and to encourage the sick people and the pregnant mothers to go to the hospitals. old people, orphans left around, especially without mother oftengo and do to them what a father couldn't do taking water to them and to wash smaller children. Sometimes smear the rooms, taking the mealie

meal to them, sometime take their Njera and make ufa for them. The same thing is done to the oldest people for many times there are some who have not any special one to care for them. Work is done in the fields to our widows, widowers and old people.

In the Church: It is true that nearly in all local churches the women give more than the men and when quarterly collection is not enough, they add from their fund. A few local churches have reported buying cement for the Church floors.

Gandanzara Report Two pounds cement for the pulpit. *Muziti* for building the Missionary house £8. 5. 0. was spent beside the work done by them Chitakatira has build two, Muradzikwa has one, used as a classroom.

Nyakatsapa has given £5 to help with the school building. Mundenda built a schoolroom and a teacher's house.

Gandanzara has a boy whose mind is not straight, having no one to help him in clothing. Therefore the Gandanzara group is helping to clothe him and the same thing to a neglected girl at *Muziti* a blind woman was given a dress worth of 15/- and 10/- was given to a poor girl who has no one to look after her. also material was bought to cover the body of a dead man who had no relatives.

Mundenda helps to feed the family of a sick father with some small children, but no garden. The Mt. Makomwe

gave One pound to assist for the burned church.

Umtali reports went to visit the children left by daughter of Chief M'rahwa, also sewed adress for the chiefs blind mother, sending half bag of ufa and 2/6 to widow who was in great need of food.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

The wonderful convention was held in Mutambara district at a place called NE-DZIWA near Mufundisi Tubbs place where the first Bible School for African women was first held. We were very fortunate that she was kept back to Africa safely again. The Master knows that we have need of her. At our Convention we felt like children who have their mother back from a long journey we were very pleased to see her.

The Congregation: one of our old good Christian man at Mutambara coming on Saturday afternoon, said in surprise. Now what is this? and I said you know better than I do, you tell me what you think it is. and he said this is not less than a miracle and my mind went back to Rukweza's convention when one bright morning a man who was a Sikiro (a man whose spirits of departed forefathers talk through him) stood up and shout with a voice beyond his own. This is the great God. This is the Might God. This is powerful God, after a pause he said we had power, we are feared by all the people but we had never glory together a large gathering like

this or half of this, and in my heart I say "King of kings and Lord of Lords" and he shall reign for ever and ever. Myself I came to understand the words used again in the time and life of our dear Saviour. The multitude followed him there were those from Gazaland. There were more than fifty from Salisbury a few from Selukwe and Bulawayo, a group from our neighbouring church the Anglican. Umtali by itself were 206 women beside men who went to Mutambara. The happiest thing in all our conventions is that men came with desire to see the womens meeting, but instead they see their Saviour. Chief Mutambara came on Saturday when he stood up he said I wish if I had a voice which you can all hear, but I haven't. So I am going to greet you by firing my gun, don't be afraid it is my greeting. The word of God have come to change things and things mean what they didn't mean before. He continued talking. It is through you Rukwadzano when we were scattered bones, the word of God through Rukwadzano brought us together.

I think our missionaries know that from back there on Africa chiefs would not see each others face and when Native Commissioner called them they could not make them live and eat together but when they come to our convention you will find them sitting on one bench with no demand.

Yes, there is power in Love, as the saying is "Honey catches more flies than vinegar" Baba Abraham Kawadza was there when taking prayer. One morning he stood up and shook his head as he compared the life he lived away back and the life we are having now, he wondered to wait forbid us to give all our souls and bodies to God. He ended "Lord depart now thy servant in peace for mine eyes have seen the Lord. The superintendent Rev. H. I. James planned to serve the Lord's Supper on Friday, and that was quite fit, reminding us again of that good Friday, when the only dear Son of our Heavenly Father was on the way to Calvary to pay the debt for us all. The Superintendent had ordered only the members of the R.R. to take the Communion and it was appreciated. Those who took the Lord's supper were 864 members of R.R.W.

Among the members received this year are Mrs. N. S. Booth and Mrs. Smith we are very glad to be joined by such members who will be going far and wide for they will carry the African women Society.

So that men will think of them in their prayers we thank the Superintendent of Mutambara district with his ministers for their good plans for convention, Mufundisi Tubbs did a good job of selling Hymn books and Bibles to the people.

There is no happiness in having or getting but only in

giving.

Chairwoman Mr. H. T.

Marange

Vice " Mrs. P. Maciri

Treasure Mrs. E. Jangano

Secretary Mrs. M. Mparutsa

Vice "Mrs. W. Mandisodza.

(These reports are as they were handed to the printers. F.A.J.

7. The Methodist Council

Actions by the Methodist Council acted upon in Mrewa, April 28th, 1949, were reviewed by the Conference and the following action taken by the vote of the Conference.

1. JOINT LITERATURE AND BOOK ROOM:

The joint inspiration and development of literature, its production, distribution, and encouraged use was recommended by the Methodist Council. The assistance of the Methodist Missionary Society of the Synod and that of the Methodist Board of Missions was welcomed. A committee to draw up articles of association, to seek premises, and to seek the personnel for the project was recommended, this committee also to inquire into the matter of religious broadcasting for the Africans. Salisbury was considered as the natural centre, with Bulawayo and Umtali as branches, and the circuit organizations assisting in the distribution of literature. Old Umtali and Epworth were asked to furnish lists of publications to the workers of both Churches. Sunday School Literature and material for the Adult Literacy Campaign were also to be considered by the Committee

on Literature and Book Room. (Sections 1, 2, 4, 5 Methodist Council Minutes).

The Conference adopted this proposal, implementing it by the nomination of Miss. B. Reitz Mr. Frank Jackson, and Mr. M. J. Murphree to the Committee on Literature and Book Room.

2. JOINT THEOLOGICAL TRAINING:

The plan proposed by the special committee on Joint Theological Training was rejected by the Conference by a vote of 32 to 27.

3. UNITED METHODIST AFRICAN CHURCH IN SALISBURY: The Conference adopted the plan for a United Church in Salisbury, amending part III-4.-by inserting "A Superintendent appointed by the Conference" under "staff of the United Church" as printed below. By its action the Conference agreed to the appointments called for.

The Ammended Proposal PROPOSAL TO FORM A UNITED METHODIST AFRICAN CHURCH IN SALISBURY.

1. PURPOSE:

To establish and confirm the essential oneness of the Methodist Churches in Rhodesia.

II. PRINCIPLES:

1. To emphasise the common factor in the American and British Methodist traditions.

2. To examine the varieties in emphasis and usage of the two traditions, and to provide for their expression within a common fellowship.

III. PROGRAMME:

1. The Methodist work in Salisbury is under the direction of the Synod of the British Conference.

2. The Circuit organisation of the Synod shall remain unchanged: i. e., Class meetings, Leaders' meeting, Local Preachers' meeting, and Quarterly Meeting, with representation from the last to the District Synod (such changes as might be indicated by paragraph 3 excepted).

3. A pastoral oversight Committee shall be appointed, consisting of the Superintendent of the Circuit, a visiting Superintendent to be appointed by the Conference, the African ministers of the Circuit, two Local Preachers and two class Leaders (one of each from the last three categories to be of the Conference and of the Synod). The Superintendent of the Circuit shall preside at this meeting. The Committee shall meet at least once each quarter before the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit. Conference members shall be members of the Quarterly Meeting.

4. It is recommended that the staff of the United Church shall include:

- (a) A Superintendent appointed by Synod.
- (b) A Superintendent appointed by Conference.
- (c) An African minister appointed by Synod.
- (d) An African Minister appointed by Conference and seconded to the Synod.
- (e) A Deaconess to be appointed by Synod or Conference as need shall arise,

(N. B. All these workers shall be subject to the direction of the Superintendent of the Circuit).

5. The Circuit shall be self-supporting financially (apart from the allowances of the missionaries), all local income being used for the establishment and development of the work in Salisbury. All building projects shall be primarily the responsibility of the Circuit organisation, though any grants required from Synod or Conference shall be equally divided between the two. The D. E. F. contribution from the members of the Circuit shall be equally divided between the Synod and the Conference for missionary development under their respective jurisdiction.

6. Removal notes of members from Circuits within the Synod shall be sent direct to the Superintendent of the Circuit. Removal notes from Circuits within the Conference shall be sent in the first instance to the Superintendent appointed by Conference, who shall then forward them to the Superintendent of the Circuit. Notes of removal of members from Salisbury shall be dealt with in reverse procedure. The Pastoral Committee shall ordinarily receive those coming from the Mushakata group. If there is any difficulty, reference shall be made back to the Home church from which the member comes.

7. The Pastoral Oversight committee shall consider whether any practices or methods of evangelism or worship are within the accepted standards of doctrine or discipline of the Conference or Synod, and shall

endeavour by persuasion and example to direct the members of the United Church into the fullest spiritual experiences of the Methodist tradition.

8 It is recommended that the possibility of providing a common hymn book in Chimanyika, Chizezuru and Sindbele be explored, so that deeply cherished hymns and songs may be available for all in a common worship.

9. In order to enrich the contacts of the Church, inter-visitation between Home circuits and Salisbury should be encouraged.

10. It is recommended that a careful examination of the Rule Books of the two branches of the Church should be made and necessary adjustments agreed upon to have as far as possible a common approval, not only in Salisbury but throughout the country.

8. Hartzell Training School Advisory Council

1. Recommended that the calling of teachers for the supervision of the Practising School Classes be considered a Conference matter and not merely an Old Umtali matter. The purpose being to make possible

the securing of most suitable teachers for the Practising school. It is understood that such teachers, upon terminating service in Hartzell Teacher Training School shall be transferred to the District from which they came.

2. Since the Field Committee apportionment of Teacher Training pupils at Old Umtali does not include Rusitu Mission, we recommend that the Field Committee reconsider this apportionment.

(a) to give a place to Rusitu students turned out of Teacher Training after the opening of school in 1949 since they were promised a place for 1950 if they so desire, and, (b) to allow place for a limited number of Rusitu students in future years if their is room since Rusitu has no training school yet their students are of such character as we wish to see teaching in the schools.

3. We wish to remind people of the announcement made last year by Bishop Booth that Mr. Crummy is ready to match every other dollar given as an increased income for carrying on the total program at Old Umtali.

4. We strongly encourage that girls of our church enter Teacher Training.

J. Nduna, sec.

PART VII CONFERENCE COURSE OF STUDIES

Plan of Conference Examinations

For Europeans as per 1944 Discipline Paragraph. 2045

Undergraduates may sit for examinations at the seat of the Field Committee meeting as well as at the seat of the Conference.

The examiners will be arranged by the Board of Ministerial Training.

See Report of Board of Ministerial Training.

Courses of Study for the Rhodesia Annual Conference

**TRAVELLING MINISTRY-AFRICANS
FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL**

EXAMINATION

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discipline: Articles of Religion. 2. South African History 3. Life of Wesley - <i>Telford or Winchester.</i> 4. The Moffats - <i>Hubbard.</i> 5. Bible Biographies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Life of Christ - St Mark. b. Life of Paul - Acts c. Life of Moses - Exodus. 6. Written Sermon. | <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Examiner</i>
E. L. Sells
J. Chimbadzwa
M. J. Murphree
J. Nduna</p> <p style="text-align: right;">T. A. O'Farrell</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R. C. Gates</p> |
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FIRST YEAR**EXAMINATION.**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discipline. Parts I to VI. 2. History of Methodism - <i>Faulkner.</i> 3. Plain Account of Christian Perfection - <i>Wesley.</i> 4. Translation to Vernacular. Articles of Religion. | <p style="text-align: right;">E. L. Sells
W. Bourgaize
Titus Maranke
J. Chimbadzwa</p> |
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COLLATERAL READING:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pilgrim's Progress - <i>Bunyan.</i> 2. David Livingstone - <i>J. J. Ellis</i> 3. The Making of Bible - <i>Vernon.</i> | <p style="text-align: right;">R. C. Gates
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SECOND YEAR**EXAMINATION.**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Primer of Homiletics - <i>Edwards.</i> 2. A People's Life of Christ - <i>Smyth.</i> 3. Primer of Christian Doctrine - <i>Terry.</i> 4. Outline: Genesis, Exodus, Acts, and Romans. | <p style="text-align: right;">E. L. Sells
W. Bourgaize
P. Hassing
T. A. O'Farrell</p> |
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COLLATERAL READING:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Tongue of Fire - <i>Arthur.</i> 2. Life of Khama. 3. Selections from the Writings of John Wesley - <i>Welch.</i> | <p style="text-align: right;">R. C. Gates
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THIRD YEAR**EXAMINATION.**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. History of the Christian Church - <i>Grant.</i> 2. Shorter Manual of Theology - <i>Beet.</i> 3. The Moslem World - <i>Zwemer.</i> 4. Life and Times of Jesus - <i>Grant.</i> | <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Examiner</i>
J. M. Chimbadzwa
W. Bourgaize
J. Nduna
T. A. O'Farrell</p> |
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COLLATERAL READING:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Soul - Winner's Secret - <i>Brengle.</i> 2. Christian Baptism - <i>Merrill.</i> 3. Heart of Asbury's Journal - <i>Tipple.</i> | <p style="text-align: right;">R. C. Gates</p> |
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FOURTH YEAR**EXAMINATION.**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Testament History - <i>Maclean.</i> 2. Lives of Eminent Africans - <i>Gollock.</i> 3. Faith of a Christian - <i>Skelchley.</i> 4. The Worker and His Bible - <i>Eiselen and Barclay</i> | <p style="text-align: right;">E. L. Sells
W. Bourgaize
H. I. James
T. A. O'Farrell</p> |
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COLLATERAL READING.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a. Preacher and Prayer - <i>Bounds;</i>
b. Purity of Heart - <i>General Booth.</i> | <p style="text-align: right;">R. C. Gates</p> |
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2. The Indwelling Spirit - *Davidson*,
3. a. Roman Catholic Doctrine Examined. - *Brooks*.
- b. "Should Christians Keep the Sabbath." *Torrey*.

SUBSTITUTES

1. The Bible - *Dods* 2. Digest of Methodist law - *Merrill* 3. Life of Paul - *Stalker*; 4. Bible History - *Blakei*; 5. The Preacher; His Life and Work - *Jowett*; 6. Manual of Christian Doctrine - *Banks* 7. The Land of Israel - *Stewart*; 8. 100 Questions on Methodism - *Wheeler* 9. How to Study the Bible - *Clifford Moule*; 10. The Christian Faith - *Curtis*; 11. Short History of the Christian Church - *Hurst*; 12. Twenty-five Articles - *Wheeler* 13. Public Worship - *Hoyt*; 14. Life of Luther. *McGiffert*; 15. Christianity in Doctrine and Experience - *Buck*; 16. Religious Education in the Home - *Folson*; 17. Short Chapters of African History - *Wheatherhead*. 18. Islam and Africa *Dale*. (50 Books in all)

Course Of Study For Accepted Supply Pastors

First year:-

1. The Book of Genesis.
2. The Life of Moses - Exodus.
3. The Rules for African Members of the Methodist Church in S. Rhodesia
4. Memorize - Chitendo che Wapostori.
Munamato wa Tenzi.
Mbiri kuna Baba.
Rukudzo.
Chikomborero che Wapostori.

Second Year:-

1. Nzira ye Upswene.
2. The Gospel of Matthew.
3. The Discipline: Articles of Religion, The General Rules.
4. Receive Instruction in: The conduct of
A Church Service.
The Reading of the Scriptures in Public.

Thjrd Year:-

1. The Acts of the Apostles.
2. The Discipline: The Aids to Devotion.
3. Pilgrim's Progress.

Fourth Year:-

1. The Gospel of John.
 2. The Epistle to the Galatians.
 3. The Epistle to the Ephesians.
 4. The Ritual Service for the Burial of the Dead.
 5. A Lecture on the Life of Wesley.
- (b) Conference Rules of Order.
None

PARS VIII STATISTICS

See— Appendix.

PART IX

MEMOIRS AND ROLL OF
THE DEAD.

PART IX MEMOIRS

Lulu Engelineer Kasambira

This is in memory of Lulu Engelineer Kasambira, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Kasambira, born on October 19, 1948. The condition of her health was never good from the beginning. The parents did their best to improve it through the treatments given at Nyanyadzi Clinic, but this was not successful. On 6th August she became more ill and while in Mutambara Dispensary on 7th August Lulu Engelineer passed away. To the family we express our heart felt sympathy.

Mrs. Josiah Chidzikwe.

We deeply regret to report that the wife of the Rev. J. Chidzikwe one of our Conference members, passed away to our heavenly Father, on April 20 this year.

Mrs. Chidzikwe was born on January 20, 1920, at Gandanzara Station, the 4th in her family. After receiving her education at Gandanzara School she proceeded to Old Umtali for further studies. After passing Standard 5 at Old Umtali she became a teacher at Gandanzara Station for two years. During these two years of service among her people as a teacher, she did a very good work to both children and adults. In 1944 she was married to Josiah

Chidzikwe. Since this time they both lived a happy life.

Mrs. Chidzikwe was a strong leader of Ruwadzano Rwe Wadzimai. She was a helpful woman to her husband. After two years of successful service at Gurure J. Chidzikwe and his wife came to Old Umtali for Ministry course. After graduation in October 1948 they were appointed to Mukahanana circuit to do the work of God. Four months after this appointment she was seriously attacked by illness and passed away. She left her dear husband and two children and relatives in a great sorrow. We wish the Comforter to be with the remaining family N. Chignbu.

David Z. Mukombiwa

We report with great sadness the death of David, the son of the Rev. Z. Mukombiwa, which occurred at Mrewa Clinic on the 22nd of June this year. He was born at Old Umtali Mission on July 18th, 1916. During his childhood, David attended the village schools where his father was teaching. After finishing his first std., he went to Mutambara Mission then to Old Umtali where he completed his teacher training course in Std. 7. After teaching one year at Old Umtali he proceeded to the Union of South Africa for secondary education.

At the expiration of five years he came home and taught one year again at Old Umtali. Then he left for Adams College where he took a Post Matric Course which he com-

pleted in three years time, and came home at the beginning of this year.

Here he became one of the method teachers in T.T. Dept. and the head teacher of the Practising School. Soon after beginning his work, he was seriously attacked by the illness which removed from our midst one who was not only well known but was greatly esteemed throughout the

Mission. His recent pupils have written of him, "He was a man who showed devotion to and pride in his work. We learned much from him. His life taught us in Teacher Training to live peacefully and fairly with others."

To his bereaved and relatives, we tender our deepest sympathy.

R. Ngonyama

David Mandisodza

David Mandisodza, son of the Rev. Mandisodza, was born at Old Umtali on October 14, 1925, the seventh child in the family. David attended Old Umtali, Mrewa, and Howard Mission Schools. For four years he was in Government service and was then taken ill. After eight months' illness in hospital and at home he was called to the heavenly home where he went to be with the Lord as he gave his testimony that his place was there.

We extend our sympathy to the family for the loss of their dear son. But we also thank God that David had received Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

Mrs. Helen E. Springer

With the passing of Helen E. Springer on Aug. 23, 1949, we think of a great soul going on to receive her reward. In 1901 she came to Rhodesia as Mrs. Rasmussen to begin work among women and girls. In 1905 she married a fellow missionary, John M. Springer. As a pioneer missionary she went with her husband many hundreds of miles by foot and donkey, doing evangelistic work. Many will remember her as the first missionary woman to visit their kraals and homes. Later, as the wife of the Bishop of this area, she visited the Conference with her husband, taking long and tiresome journeys. Her friendly gallant spirit will always be remembered by those who knew her. Mrs. Springer's linguistic ability and her literary talent have meant much to the work in Africa.

For 48 years Mrs. Springer laboured in S. Rhodesia and Belgian Congo with one thought and aim, "The Redemption of Africa's people."

Note: The poem by Mrs. Springer - *The Trail*, is printed Page 139 of this Journal.

ROLL OF THE DEAD

(a) Members of Conference

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

	Place of Birth	Entered Conf.	Years of Service	Died	Age	Place of Burial
Buchwaler, Abraham L.	Fertility, Penn.	1899	26	Aug. 3, 1917	52	Monrovia, Cal.
Gurney, Samuel	Loone Branch, N. J.	1887	21	Aug. 3, 1924	64	Saltbury, S. R.
Howard, Herbert N.	Harrisburg, Penn.	1907	11	Mar. 7, 1925	55	Canandaigua, N. Y.
Greeley, Eddy H.	Owatonna, Minn.	1907	50	April 8, 1938	80	Old Umtali, S. R.
Faku, Clifford Edward	Fort Beaufort, Cape	1924	27	February 1946	64	Fort Beaufort, Cape.
Kapenzi, A mos	Gandanzara	1928	20	May 4, 1948	50	Nyadiri

(b) Widows of Deceased Members: None.

Wives of Members:

Naomi Mparutsa, Wife of Moses Mparutsa, died February 12th, 1933.
 Emma Katsidzira, Wife of Murashwa Katsidzira, died May 3rd, 1933.
 Emily Faku, Wife of Clifford Faku, died March 1, 1934.
 Lydia Sika Munjoma, Wife, of Isaiah Munjoma, died February 12th, 1945
 Hilda Ngonyama, Wife of R. M. Ngonyama, died 1948.
 Tseneka Chitombo, Wife of Jonah Chitombo, died August 30, 1948.

(c) Other Workers

Miss Sadie Rexrode, W. F. M. S., age 38, died January 22, 1921, after three years service in S. Rhodesia; buried at Old Umtali.
 Mr. Charles F. Taylor, age 67, missionary to China, died in the Umtali Hospital, August 14, 1927 and was buried at Old Umtali.
 Miss E. E. Bjorklund, age, 63, died November 19th, 1930. Her Missionary service extended over a period of thirty - five years. She served in China and Japan from 1894 to 1900, in East Africa at Inhambane 1909 to 1915 and in Rhodesia at Old Umtali 1915 to 1929. Buried at Old Umtali.
 Miss Mildred O. Benson, age 42, died July 12th, 1937, a missionary of the W. F. M. S. She served in S. Rhodesia at Old Umtali, 1926-1937. Buried at Old Umtali.

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MREWA DISTRICT

OLD UMTALI DISTRICT

STATISTICAL FORM RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE	Nyadiri Cent.	Mrewa Center	Mrewa E.	Mrewa N	Mrewa S	Headland	Chikore Tanda	Total	Penhalo- nga	Mundenda	Old Umtali	Total
WORKERS (*1)												
Missionary Members of Conference	2	2						2			3	3
Other Missionaries on staff	9	4						4			12	12
Other European Workers	2	4						4			1	1
African Members of Conference	1	2	1	1	1	1		6	1	1	3	5
African Probationers of "												
Accepted Supplies			2	2			1	5	2			2
Other Paid Christian Workers (2)	14	1	27	35	52	30	24	169	13	12	23	48
Volunteer Workers (3)	28	33	73						19	12	20	51
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY												
Baptized Children under 12 (4)	34	124	98	130	284	196	41	873	65	45	55	165
Beginners on Roll in classes	100	50	615	676	658	269	95	2363	55	46	61	162
Preparatory Members	80	103	300	281	301	211	28	1224	78	55	156	289
Total on Probation (inc. 9, 10, 11)	148	277	1013	1067	1243	671	169	4440	198	146	272	616
Full Members on roll	1890	242	314	370	343	282	92	1643	114	88	247	449
Christian Families	45	63	255	115	110	81	25	649	50	41	60	151
Members of Men's Society	33	1	48	34	78	24	29	214		11	12	23
Members of Women's Society	38	55	273	100	46	84	62	620	16	26	14	56
Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	262	345	457	137	75	80	42	1136			340	340
TOTAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)												
Children baptized	8	18	70	36	56	35	7	222	14	23	13	50
Adults baptized	44	39	94	126	61	29	22	381	17	12	11	40
Beginners received (6)	48	22	595	392	203	184	48	1444	11	16		27
Preparatory Members Received	25	46	184	137	116	108	47	638	33	18	8	59
Full Members from Probation	44	76	85	136	22	42	9	368	14	5	13	32
Full Members by Transfer		10	13	29	3	4		39	23		16	39
Members removed by Transfer.	60		25	4	4		1	34		4	23	27
Full Members died	1	1	3	1	2		1	8	6	5	1	12
Christian Marriages performed	4	3	5	1	7	2	7	25	7	3	2	12
Number Preaching places (7)	9	3	1	12	2	3	4	25	7	5	6	18
EDUCATIONAL												
Sunday Schools	2	2	18	13	15	6	3	57	5	6	3	12
Teachers and officers	10	32	59	51	78	20	20	260	23	17	30	70

24 Nyadiri Centre was not included in the total for the Nyadiri Dist. therefore we placed it on this page. F.A.J.

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MREWA DISTRICT

OLD UMTALI DISTRICT

	Nyadiri Cent.	Mrewa Center	Mrewa E.	Mrewa N	Mrewa S.	Headland	Chikore Tanda	Total	Penhalo- nga	Mundenda	Old Umtali	Total
30. Pupils in S. S.	185	557	1780	1464	1646	595	306	6548	394	350	503	1247
31. Average Attendance	125	545	1598		233	338	318	3832	303		478	781
32. Number of Schools (secular)			10	9	12	5	3	39	4	3		7
33. Teachers			27	29	18	10	7	91	13	10		23
34. Male Pupils			511	516	417	193	169	1806	226	155		381
35. Female Pupils			504	430	424	192	66	1616	236	166		402
36. School Fees collected			£190	£219	£277	£ 92	£129	£907	£55	£42		£97
MEDICAL (Not Missionary Centres)												
37. Number of units	22082											
38. African workers	24											
39. Total Treatments	40986											
40. Total Contributions and fees (see supplement for Mission centres)	£298											
FINANCIAL (8)												
41. Pastoral Support	£47	£92	£80	£ 92	£92	£92	£36	£484	£ 84	£58	£96	£238
42. Conference Claimants	£8								" 2	" 2	" 5	9
43. Episcopal Fund									" 1	" 1	" 1	£3
44. Central Conference Fund									" 1	" 1	" 1	£3
45. General Administration									" 1	" 1	" 1	£3
46. Benevolences (9)										" 1	" 1	
a African Missionary Society	£11											
b Educational Loan Fund	£3											
47. Buildings and Repairs (10)			£485	£170	£300	£145	£ 125	£1225	£129	£ 85	£ 5	£ 214
48. Other Purposes (11)												£5
49. Total Contribution of African Church	£188.10.6	£97	£570	£267	£397	£242	166	£1739	£218	£146	£112	£476
50. Total grants from Mission Board									£60	£33		£ 99
51. Total from Other Sources (12)									£288	£372		£660
PROPERTIES (All African) (13)												
52. Number of Church Buildings		1	6	8	11	4	2	32	4	4		8
53. Value of Church Buildings		3000	180	240	325	125	75	3945	£520	£480		£1000
54. Church Residences		2	9	15	19	6	3	54	4	3		7
55. Value of Church owned residences		200	180	450	385	130	150	1515	£150	£ 230		£380
56. Value of other property			500	600	685	360	200	2345	£48	£40		£88

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MTOKO DISTRICT

NYADIRI DISTRICT

STATISTICAL FORM RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE	Mtoko S.	Mtoko N.	Mtoko Chikwizo	Total	Uzumba N	Uzumba S	Nyadiri	Nyadiri E.	Pfungwi Maramba	Total
WORKERS (*1)										
1. Missionary Members of Conference	1			1						
2. Other Missionaries on staff										
3. Other European Workers	1			1						
4. African Members of Conference	1	1		2	1	1	1	1	1	5
5. African Probationers of "			1	1						
6. Accepted Supplies	2			2	1	1	1	1	2	6
7. Other Paid Christian Workers (2)	27	22	4	53	9	19	22	15	8	73
8. Volunteer Workers (3)	12	20	2	34	1	1		15		17
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY										
9. Baptized Children under 12 (4)	37	21	3	61	16	10	53	29	42	150
10. Beginners on Roll in classes	637	658	96	1291			170			170
11. Preparatory Members	125	198	31	356	126	167	210	115	80	676
12. Total on Probation (inc. 9, 10, 11)	799	884	130	1812	140	157	433	144	112	986
13. Full Members on roll	216	144	12	372	80	190	187	117	59	633
14. Christian Families	48	21	3	72						
15. Members of Men's Society	21	16	3	40						
16. Members of Women's Society	37	26	5	68	20	70	80			170
17. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship										
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)										
18. Children baptized	5	8	1	14	2	8	5	3	7	25
19. Adults baptized	66	13		79		13	47	35		95
20. Beginners received (6)	627	303	66	1006	317	174	71	427	243	1232
21. Preparatory Members Received	74	57	21	152	16	96	66	38	19	235
22. Full Members from Probation	63	13		76	20	18	57	28	5	128
23. Full Members by Transfer	7	1	2	10						
24. Members removed by Transfer.	5	3	4	12		39				39
25. Full Members died	4			4	2	2	11	9	1	25
26. Christian Marriages performed	3	6		9	5	4	2	1		12
27. Number Preaching places (7)	1	5	3	9	5			10		15
EDUCATIONAL										
28. Sunday Schools	9	11	2	22	4	8	8	7	5	32
29. Teachers and officers	44	47	16	107	17	17	36	36		106

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MTOKO DISTRICT

NYADIRI DISTRICT

	Mtoko S.	Mtoko N.	Chikwizo	Total	Uzumba N	Uzumba S.	Nyadiri	Nyadiri E.	Pfungwi Maramba	Total
30. Pupils in S. S.	1316	1115	291	2722	501	500	951	586		2538
31. Average Attendance	1182	1107	275	2564						
32. Number of Schools (secular)	10	11	1	22	4	5	7	7	5	28
33. Teachers	31	24	5	60	8	17	21	12	6	64
34. Male Pupils	640	595	113	1348	155	381	475	284	184	1479
35. Female Pupils	480	521	45	1040	135	338	362	204	75	1084
36. School Fees collected	£ 564	£ 60	£ 110	£ 734	£ 21	£ 36	£ 49	£ 57	£ 18	£ 181
MEDICAL (Not Missionary Centres)										
37. Number of units										
38. African workers										
39. Total Treatments										
40. Total Contributions and fees (see supplement for Mission centres)										
FINANCIAL (8)										
41. Pastoral Support										
42. Conference Claimants					£ 80	£ 80	£ 80	£ 46	£ 80	£ 366
43. Episcopal Fund										
44. Central Conference Fund										
45. General Administration										
46. Benevolences (9)										
a African Missionary Society										
b Educational Loan Fund										
47. Buildings and Repairs (10)										
48. Other Purposes (11)					£ 100	£ 250				£ 350
49. Total Contribution of African Church	£ 50	£ 83	£ 22	£ 155		£ 74	£ 168	£ 112	£ 95	
50. Total grants from Mission Board	£ 25			£ 25	£ 71	£ 778		£ 352		£ 520
51. Total from Other Sources (12)	£ 150			£ 150	£ 222		£ 810		£ 164	£ 2325
PROPERTIES (All African) (13)										
52. Number of Church Buildings	7	11	1	19	4	6	7	6	5	28
53. Value of Church Buildings	£ 150	£ 95	£ 10	£ 255	£ 210	£ 390	£ 675	£ 520	£ 415	£ 2220
54. Church Residences	9	7	1	17	1	1	1		1	4
55. Value of Church owned residences	£ 545	£ 40	£ 10	£ 605	£ 35	£ 180	£ 25		£ 50	£ 290
56. Value of other property	£ 700	£ 40	£ 56	£ 796						

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STATISTICAL REPORT

MARANGE ZIMUNYA DISTRICT

STATISTICAL FORM RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE	Mara- nge S	Marange N	Zimunya N	Total	No Report for Zimunya South
WORKERS (*1)					
Missionary Members of Conference					
Other Missionaries on staff					
Other European Workers					
African Members of Conference	1	1	1	3	
African Probationers of "		5		5	
Accepted Supplies	6		4	10	
Other Paid Christian Workers (2)			1	1	
Volunteer Workers (3)	40	46	42	128	
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY					
Baptized Children under 12 (4)	76		322	398	
Beginners on Roll in classes					
Preparatory Members	145	209	105	459	
Total on Probation (inc. 9, 10, 11)	221	209	427	857	
Full Members on roll	272	438	461	1171	
Christian Families					
Members of Men's Society					
Members of Women's Society					
Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship					
ECCLIASTICAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)					
Children baptized		27			
Adults baptized	17	27	37	81	
Beginners received (6)	21	44	31	96	
Preparatory Members Received					
Full Members from Probation	15	51	30	96	
Full Members by Transfer					
Members removed by Transfer.					
Full Members died	3	2	5	10	
Christian Marriages performed	4	27	14	45	
Number Preaching places (7)	9	6	6	21	
EDUCATIONAL					
Sunday Schools	15	12	7	34	
Teachers and officers		51	51	102	

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MARANGE ZIMUNYA DISTRICT

	Marange S	Marange N	Zimunya N	Total	
30. Pupils in S. S.	930	1017	570	1947	No Report for Zimunya South
31. Average Attendance					
32. Number of Schools (secular)	7	9	6	22	
33. Teachers	30	32	25	87	
34. Male Pupils	575	457	429	1461	
35. Female Pupils	445	517	488	962	
36. School Fees collected	£55	£50	£46.0.0	£151	
MEDICAL (Not Missionary Centres)					
37. Number of units					
38. African workers					
39. Total Treatments					
40. Total Contributions and fees (see supplement for Mission centres)					
FINANCIAL (8)					
41. Pastoral Support	£63	£61	£60	£184	
42. Conference Claimants	5	5	5	25	
43. Episcopal Fund	-18	£1.4.0	£1.4.0		
44. Central Conference Fund	£1.16	£2.8.0	£7.0.0		
45. General Administration	9	12	£1.7.0		
46. Benevolences (9)					
a African Missionary Society					
b Educational Loan Fund					
47. Buildings and Repairs (10)					
48. Other Purposes (11)					
49. Total Contribution of African Church	£71	£70.4	£74	£215	
50. Total grants from Mission Board					
51. Total from Other Sources (12)					
PROPERTIES (All African) (13)					
52. Number of Church Buildings	9	9	6	24	
53. Value of Church Buildings	£700	£1200	£1200	£3100	
54. Church Residences	12	14	12	38	
55. Value of Church owned residences	£185	£285	£125	£595	
56. Value of other property	500	£500	£700	£1700	

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MUTAMBARA DISTRICT

MTASA MAKONI DISTRICT

	Mutambara Cent,	West	East	Shinja	Siwania S	Total	Chiduku	Ganda-nzara	Mukahana	Nyaka-tsapa	Chiduku S	Total
30. Pupils in S. S.	484	609	750	255	912	3010	676	649			707	2032
31. Average Attendance	450											
32. Number of Schools (secular)		5	7	4	7	23	5	4	4	9	5	27
33. Teachers		14	17	6	26	63	25	19	14	33	17	108
34. Male Pupils		258	322	134	439	1153	359	264	200	585	270	1778
35. Female Pupils		218	296	108	370	992	303	316	200	615	261	1695
36. School Fees collected		£24			£80	£104	£78	£47	£34	£141	£48	£348
MEDICAL (Not Missionary Centres)												
37. Number of units												
38. African workers												
39. Total Treatments												
40. Total Contributions and fees (see supplement for Mission centres)												
FINANCIAL (8)												
41. Pastoral Support	£80	£47	£48	£28	£114	£317	£94	£95	£60	£62	£94	£405
42. Conference Claimants	£4						5	5	5	5	5	25
43. Episcopal Fund	£1						1	1	1	2	1	6
44. Central Conference Fund	£1						2	1	1	5	5	14
45. General Administration	£10						2	1	1	3	2	9
46. Benevolences (9)	6											
a African Missionary Society	£4											
b Educational Loan Fund								1				1
47. Buildings and Repairs (10)	61	£87	£23	£15	25	£211	250					250
48. Other Purposes (11)	27					£27						
49. Total Contribution of African Church	£185	£130	£75	£43	£139	£572	£354	£104	£69	£78	£108	£644
50. Total grants from Mission Board												
51. Total from Other Sources (12)		£594	£605	£193	713	£2105						
PROPERTIES (All African) (13)												
52. Number of Church Buildings		4	6	4	5	19	4	4	4	12	12	36
53. Value of Church Buildings		£60	£67	£75	£52	£254	£650	£550	£550	£700	£765	£3215
54. Church Residences		1			1	2	8	10	8	3	17	56
55. Value of Church owned residences		10			15	£25	£330	£340	£270	£485	£450	£1875
56. Value of other property		£104	£215	£75	£210	£604	£445	£825			£600	£1870

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MUTAMBARA DISTRICT

MTASA MAKONI DISTRICT

STATISTICAL FORM RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE	Muta- mbara Cent,	West	East	Shinja	Siwania S	Total	Chiduku	Ganda- nzara	Mukaha- nana	Nyaka- tsapa	Chidu- ku S,	Total
WORKERS (*1)												
1. Missionary Members of Conference	2					2						
2. Other Missionaries on staff	7					7						
3. Other European Workers	1					1						
4. African Members of Conference	1	1			1	3	1	1		1	1	4
5. African Probationers of "								1				1
6. Accepted Supplies		1	1	1	3	6	5	2	3		1	11
7. Other Paid Christian Workers (2)	20	11	22	9	2	64						
8. Volunteer Workers (3)	10	2		1	16	29	42	20	15	38	14	129
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY												
9. Baptized Children under 12 (4)	69	89	246	82	178	664	31	336	180	707	385	1639
10. Beginners on Roll in classes	80		309		96	561	178					178
11. Preparatory Members	63	210	730	158	246	776	209	106	66	219	139	739
12. Total on Probation (inc. 9, 10, 11)	134	299	280	240	424	1825	481	442	246	926	524	2619
13. Full Members on roll	236	140		120	300	1076		4	12	993	375	1384
14. Christian Families												
15. Members of Men's Society												
16. Members of Women's Society	29					29						
17. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship												
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)												
18. Children baptized	9	16	10		22	57	181	31	21	58	45	336
19. Adults baptized	35	26	24	7	50	142	63	1	36	53	25	178
20. Beginners received (6)	40		45		96	190		16				16
21. Preparatory Members Received	27	37	227	22	69	382	41		19	85	36	181
22. Full Members from Probation	39		55		58	152						
23. Full Members by Transfer												
24. Members removed by Transfer.												
25. Full Members died			1	3		4	1	6	5	13	2	27
26. Christian Marriages performed	3	8	5	2	8	26	5	11	7	26	6	55
27. Number Preaching places (7)	4	6		6	8	24	14	5	4	12	6	41
EDUCATIONAL												
28. Sunday Schools	2	5	7	4	2	20	14	5	4	12	6	41
29. Teachers and officers	19	16	23	11	36	105	56	20	22	62	19	177

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UMTALI DISTRICT

HONDE DISTRICT

STATISTICAL FORM RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE	U. Hill Top Sch	St. Andrew	Total	Honde	Gatse	Mandeya	Zindi	Total
WORKERS (*1)								
1. Missionary Members of Conference		1	1					
2. Other Missionaries on staff		2	2					
3. Other European Workers	3		3					
4. African Members of Conference	1		1	1				1
5. African Probationers of "								
6. Accepted Supplies	1		1					
7. Other Paid Christian Workers (2)								
8. Volunteer Workers (3)	26	5	31	3	1			4
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY								
9. Baptized Children under 12 (4)	230	197	427	12	3			
10. Beginners on Roll in classes								
11. Preparatory Members	217	197	414	8	20	6	15	49
12. Total on Probation (inc. 9, 10, 11	447	287	734					
13. Full Members on roll	634		634	145	28			173
14. Christian Families								
15. Members of Men's Society								
16. Members of Women's Society		20	20					
17. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship		15	15					
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)								
18. Children baptized	30	23	53	5				5
19. Adults baptized	74		74	6	8			14
20. Beginners received (6)	70		70					
21. Preparatory Members Received								
22. Full Members from Probation		33	33					
23. Full Members by Transfer		3	3					
24. Members removed by Transfer.		3	3					
25. Full Members died	2	2	4	1	1			2
26. Christian Marriages performed	20	10	20					
27. Number Preaching places (7)	16	2	18					
EDUCATIONAL								
28. Sunday Schools	7	1	8	2	2	1		5
29. Teachers and officers	37	6	43					

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UMTALI DISTRICT

HONDE DISTRICT

	U.Hill Top Sch.	St.Andrew	Total	Honde	Gatse	Mandeya	Zindi	Total
30. Pupils in S. S.	720	200	920	180	70	30		280
31. Average Attendance		150	150					
32. Number of Schools (secular)	3		3	1	1			2
33. Teachers	29		29	2	2			4
34. Male Pupils	503		503	60	49			
35. Female Pupils	345		245					109
36. School Fees collected	£350		£350					
MEDICAL (Not Missionary Centres)								
37. Number of units								
38. African workers								
39. Total Treatments								
40. Total Contributions and fees (see supplement for Mission centres)								
FINANCIAL (8)								
41. Pastoral Support	£124	£280						
42. Conference Claimants	£5							
43. Episcopal Fund	£1.16	£3. 9	Not Given					
44. Central Conference Fund	£2.14.2	£1. 6						
45. General Administration	£1. 7	13						
46. Benevolences (9)								
a African Missionary Society	£2							
b Educational Loan Fund								
47. Buildings and Repairs (10)	£15	£227						
48. Other Purposes (11)	£38	£230						
49. Total Contribution of African Church	£155.5.6	£42.17		£21	7	2		£30
50. Total grants from Mission Board								
51. Total from Other Sources (12)								
PROPERTIES (All African) (13)								
52. Number of Church Buildings								
53. Value of Church Buildings								
54. Church Residences								
55. Value of Church owned residences								
56. Value of other property								

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STATISTICAL FORM RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE	DISTRICTS							Grand Totals		1949		1948 Total
	Old Umtali	Mtoko	Mrewa	Nyadiri	Mutamba- ra	Marange Zimunya	Mtasa Makoni	Umtali	Honde	Nyadiri Centre	1949 Total	
WORKERS (*1)												
1. Missionary Members of Conference	3	1	2		2	1	1	1		2	13	10
2. Other Missionaries on staff	12		4		7	1	1	2		9	36	22
3. Other European Workers	1	1	4		1			3		2	12	12
4. African Members of Conference	5	2	6	4	3	3	4	1	1	1	30	30
5. African Probationers of "		1				5	1				7	7
6. Accepted Supplies	6	2	5	5	5	10	11	1			45	49
7. Other Paid Christian Workers (2)	8	53	169	73	64	1				14	382	
8. Volunteer Workers (3)	51	34	106	17	29	128	129	31	21	28	574	594
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY												
9. Baptized Children under 12 (4)	165	61	873	150	664	398	1639	427	15	34	4426	4409
10. Beginners on Roll in classes	162	1391	2363	170	561	459	178	414		100	4546	
11. Preparatory Members	289	354	1224	676	776	852	739	734	49	80	5778	5454
12. Total on Probation (inc. 9, 10, 11)	616	1812	4440	986	1825	1171	2619	634	64	148	13315	8806
13. Full Members on roll	449	372	1663	633	1076	1827	1384		222	1890	9516	
14. Christian Families	135	72	649							45	901	
15. Members of Men's Society	123	40	214							33	410	
16. Members of Women's Society	56	68	620		29			20		28	831	
17. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	340		1136	170				15		262	1923	
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)												
18. Children baptized	50	14	222	25	57	27	336	53	5	8	797	616
19. Adults baptized	40	79	381	95	142	81	178	74	14	44	1128	446
20. Beginners received (6)	27	1006	1444	1232	190	96	16	70		48	4723	
21. Preparatory Members Received	59	152	638	235	382		181		21	25	1693	
22. Full Members from Probation	32	76	1368	128	152	96		33		44	929	884
23. Full Members by Transfer	39	10	59	173				3			284	
24. Members removed by Transfer.	27	12	34	39				3		60	175	
25. Full Members died	12	4	8	25	4	10	27	4	2	1	87	103
26. Christian Marriages performed	12	9	25	12	26	45	55	30		4	218	185
27. Number Preaching places (7)	18	9	25	15	24	21	41	18		9	180	
EDUCATIONAL												
28. Sunday Schools	12	22	57	33	25	34	41	8	5	2	239	199
29. Teachers and officers	70	107	260	106	105	102	177	43		10	980	547

DISTRICTS

Grand Totals 1949

	Old Umtali	Mtoko	Mrewa	Nyadiri	Mutamba ra	Marange Zimunya	Mtasa Makoni	Umtali	Honde	Nyadiri Centre	1949 Total	1948 Total
30. Pupils in S. S.	1247	2727	6548	2538	3010	1947	2032	920	280	185	21474	21308
31. Average Attendance	781	2564	3032	?	?	?	?	?	?	125		
32. Number of Schools (secular)	7	22	39	28	23	22	27	3	2		173	173
33. Teachers	23	60	91	73	63	87	108	29	4		538	495
34. Male Pupils	381	1348	1806	1479	1153	1461	1778	503	84		9973	9069
35. Female Pupils	402	1040	1616	1084	992	962	1695	345	25		8161	8925
36. School Fees collected	£97	£734	907	£183	£104	£151	£348	£350			£2074	
MEDICAL (Not Missionary Centres)												
37. Number of units												
38. African workers												
39. Total Treatments												
40. Total Contributions and fees (see supplement for Mission centres)												
FINANCIAL (8)												
41. Pastoral Support	£238		£484	£367	£317	£184	£405	£124		£17	£2166	£3240
42. Conference Claimants	10		9	15		25	25	5		8		
43. Episcopal Fund	3		6			3	6	2				
44. Central Conference Fund	3		6	4		11	14	2				
45. General Administration	3		3	2		2	9	2				
46. Benevolences (9)												
a African Missionary Society	3		3	2						11		
b Educational Loan Fund			3				1	2		3		
47. Buildings and Repairs (10)	216		£1225	£350	£211		250	15			265	
48. Other Purposes (11)	5				£27							
49. Total Contribution of African Church	£476	£155	£1739	£521		£215	£644	£155	£31	£188	4696	£6104
50. Total grants from Mission Board	£99	25			572							
51. Total from Other Sources (12)	£660	150		2326	£2105						£5241	
PROPERTIES (All African) (13)												
52. Number of Church Buildings	8	19	32	28	19	24	36		2			
53. Value of Church Buildings	1000	255	3945	£2220	£254	£3100	£3215				£13989	
54. Church Residences	7	17	54	4	2	38	56				178	
55. Value of Church owned residences	£380	605	1515	£290	£25	595	£1875				5285	
56. Value of other property	£88	£796	£2345		£604	£1700	£1870				7403	

NOTE: ALL ITEMS EXCEPT 1, 2, 3, 50, and 51 are exclusively for the African Church, not including Mission enterprises as such.

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