

THE REPORT OF THE WTS PRESIDENT AND PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY  
TO THE NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

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As your President and Promotional Secretary for the WTS I have had a challenging year of service in your behalf. However, I have not been able to fulfill all that I had hoped for and dreamed of doing when accepting the election to these offices a year ago.

Up until July 16, 1973, I also had resting upon my shoulders the responsibility of writing the history of the Christian Holiness Association. Because I was not able to move that writing project forward with the speed which I had anticipated and which the Executive Committee of the CHA desired, I resigned the responsibility for authoring the official history of CHA. The CHA Executive Committee then turned this assignment over to Dr. Timothy L. Smith, an action which I most heartily endorse. For your interest you will be glad to know that Dr. Smith expects to have his MS finished so as to have the volume on the market in time to acquaint the celebrants of our Nation's bicentennial with the contribution of the American Holiness Movement to our Nation's historical development. Let us all pray that Dr. Smith will be prospered in his writing of this long-overdue history.

After being relieved of my writing responsibilities for the CHA, I was able to give more attention to WTS matters.

Here are some of the things attempted and/or accomplished over the past months:

1. I helped plan for, develop, and preside, at the two WTS doctrinal seminars at last spring's CHA Annual Convention, meeting in Portland, Oregon, April 26-29.

2. I assisted Dr. Harvey J. S. Blaney, our WTS Journal Editor, with the final proofing of and seeing through the Asbury Press the 1973 Journal. Since then I have given as much time as I could afford for it to the distribution and sales of the Journal.

3. As Promotional Secretary I have carried on a significant amount of correspondence, acquainting the people with the WTS program. In early July of this year I contacted around thirty different publications, which have a greater or lesser access to the holiness readership of the nation, to request that they advertise this year's Annual Meeting here at Asbury Theological Seminary. About twenty-five of these responded favorably. These same publications also received a follow-up announcement of these sessions from the Seminary's Director of Publicity, Mr. Henry C. James.

4. I also assisted our Program-Chairman, Dr. Mildred Wynkoop, in getting this year's Program through the printing stage, and helped our Secretary-Treasurer, Prof. O. D. Lovell, in getting out the notice on dues and the printed Program for this Conference.

5. I have contacted Dr. Leo M. Thornton, Executive Vice-President of Western Evangelical Seminary, concerning a Regional Chapter in the Pacific Northwest. Further, I have been in contact in person with Dr. Charles S. Ball of Azusa Pacific College and Rev. Gordon Johnson, Assistant General Superintendent of the Evangelical Methodist Church, and by letter with Col. Milton S. Agnew in Southern California for a possible Regional Chapter in that area.

6. I have personally met with Rev. Wingrove Taylor, Field Superintendent of The Wesleyan Church of Barbados, West Indies, concerning the

materializing of a Regional Chapter down there. He is encouraging us to believe that such a Chapter can be formed and operating quite soon. I have a progress report from him which reads as follows:

The progress has not been as rapid as one would desire, but there has been forward movement.

There has been helpful correspondence with Professor Robert A. Mattke.

I have in hand copies of the WTS constitution, the Minutes of the WTS Executive Committee, in meeting April 5 and 6, 1972, and application blanks.

Mimeographed copies of all this material, a covering letter, and an exploratory questionnaire have been mailed to key persons in almost all of the English speaking Caribbean islands.

Dr. Delbert R. Rose will be informed of questionnaire response and subsequent developments.

WTS's interest in seeing the WTSCR established is appreciated.

(Signed) A. Wingrove Taylor

To support Brother Taylor in his efforts to promote the WTS in the Carribean area, I have just this week sent seven sets of our eight-volumes of the WTS Journal to the libraries of the holiness schools of that area. Hopefully these Journals, coming as a gift from the WTS, will further stimulate a lively interest in our Society and its objectives.

7. A letter from Dr. Charles W. Carter this week about the Regional Chapter on Taiwan reads as follows:

To the best of my knowledge, the present size of the Taiwan Chapter of the WTS stands at about thirty members. This does not represent any appreciable growth, if indeed, any during the past year. This is due mainly

to the fact that the Rev. Merideth Helsby of the Oriental Missionary Society, Box 74, Taichung 400, Taiwan, ROC, was elected the coordinator of the Taiwan Society, and then he went on furlough last summer and consequently has not been here to push the Society. He turned the responsibilities over to the Rev. Lowell Williamson, Field Superintendent of the OMS. However, I fear that Lowell has been too busy with his double responsibilities as Field Superintendent and Principal of the Central Taiwan Theological College, plus a heavy building program by the OMS at Taichung, to do much with the WTS interests. The elected President of the Taiwan WTS is the Rev. Peter Fan, District Superintendent of the Free Methodist Conference here in Taiwan. I fear that without some help from Brother Merideth he will not take too much initiative.

So I regret to report that as matters stand the Taiwan WTS is at a standstill for the present. I am very hopeful that when Merideth Helsby returns to Taiwan next spring he will give it the needed push that will get it going again.

(Signed) Chas. W. Carter

8. A letter is expected daily from Dr. John Cho, President of Seoul Theological College, Seoul, Korea, bringing us up to date on the status of their anticipated WTS Chapter in that region.

9. Dr. Blaney has assured me in recent weeks that when he gets established in his deanship at British Isles Nazarene College he will work for a WTS Chapter in Great Britain.

In closing I want to give you an inventory on the WTS Journals now on hand. Some of these are in the hands of Professor O. D. Lovell, some stored at the Administration Building, Marion College, Marion, Indiana, and

the rest are here in Wilmore. When this Conference opened we had on hand the following:

	<u>Arnett</u>	<u>Rose</u>	<u>Lovell</u>	<u>Marion</u>	<u>Total</u>
Vol. I - 1966 . . . . 7		<u>56</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>246</u>
Vol. II - 1967 . . . . 7		<u>307</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>975</u>	<u>1,496</u>
Vol. III- 1968 . . . . 7		<u>225</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>594</u>
Vol. IV - 1969 . . . . 7		<u>54</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>227</u>
Vol. V - 1970 . . . . 7		<u>171</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>572</u>
Vol. VI - 1971 . . . . 7		<u>117</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>483</u>
Vol. VII 1972 . . . . 7		<u>769</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>791</u>
Vol.VIII 1973 . . . .97		<u>534</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>718</u>

Much more needs to be done to acquaint theological libraries with our publication. I was unable to carry out my intentions of contacting the libraries of the American Association of Theological Schools to acquaint all of them with the Journal and possibly secure an annual subscription for it.

My parting word is a recommendation. Let us return to different persons for these two offices I represent. While it has been somewhat advantageous this year to have the President and the Promotional Secretary occupying the same chair and wearing the same hat, this person has had only two hands and the time of only one person to carry on the work of two officers, if not more. Many thanks for listening, and for the privilege of serving you in these capacities.

Respectfully submitted,

Delbert R. Rose