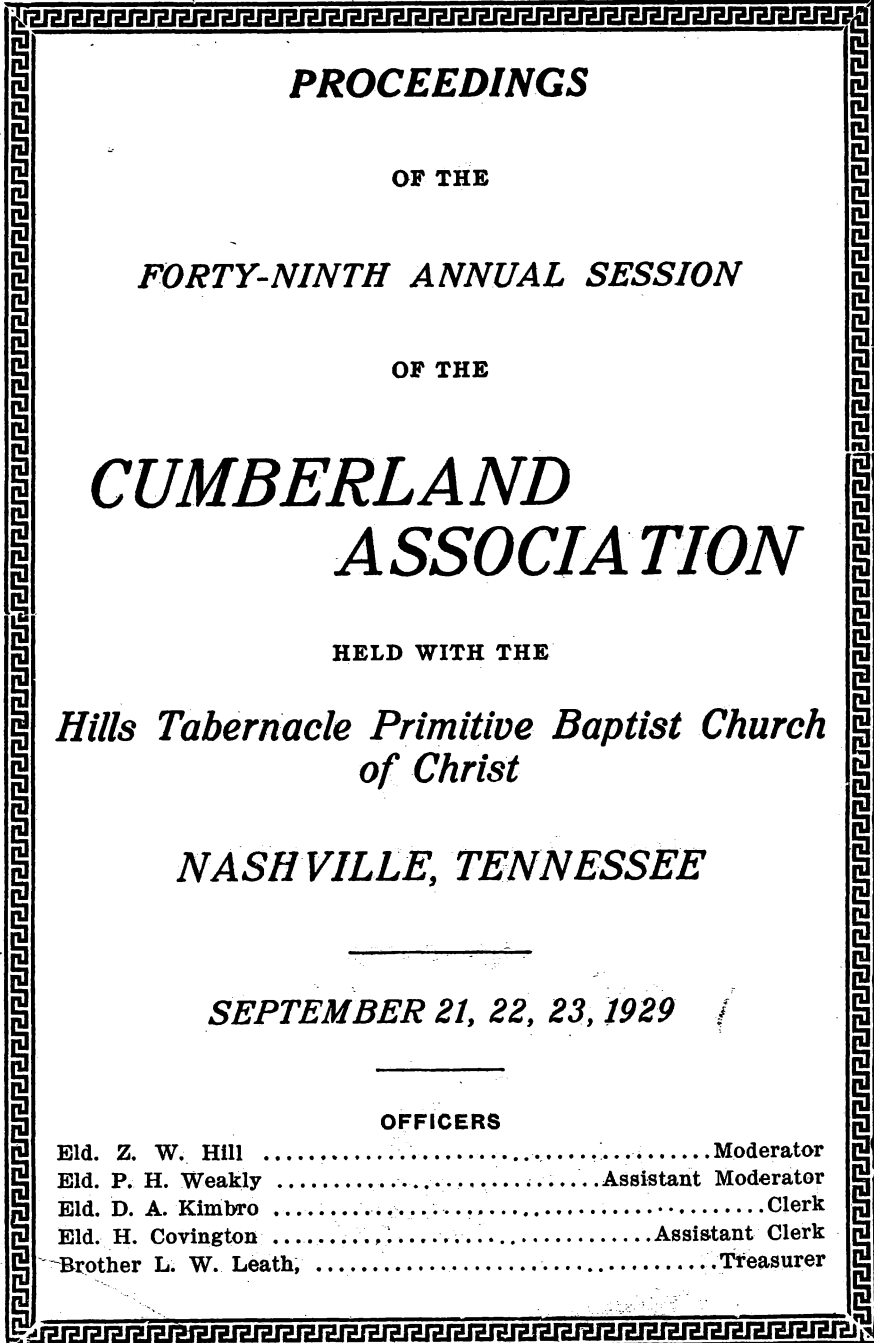


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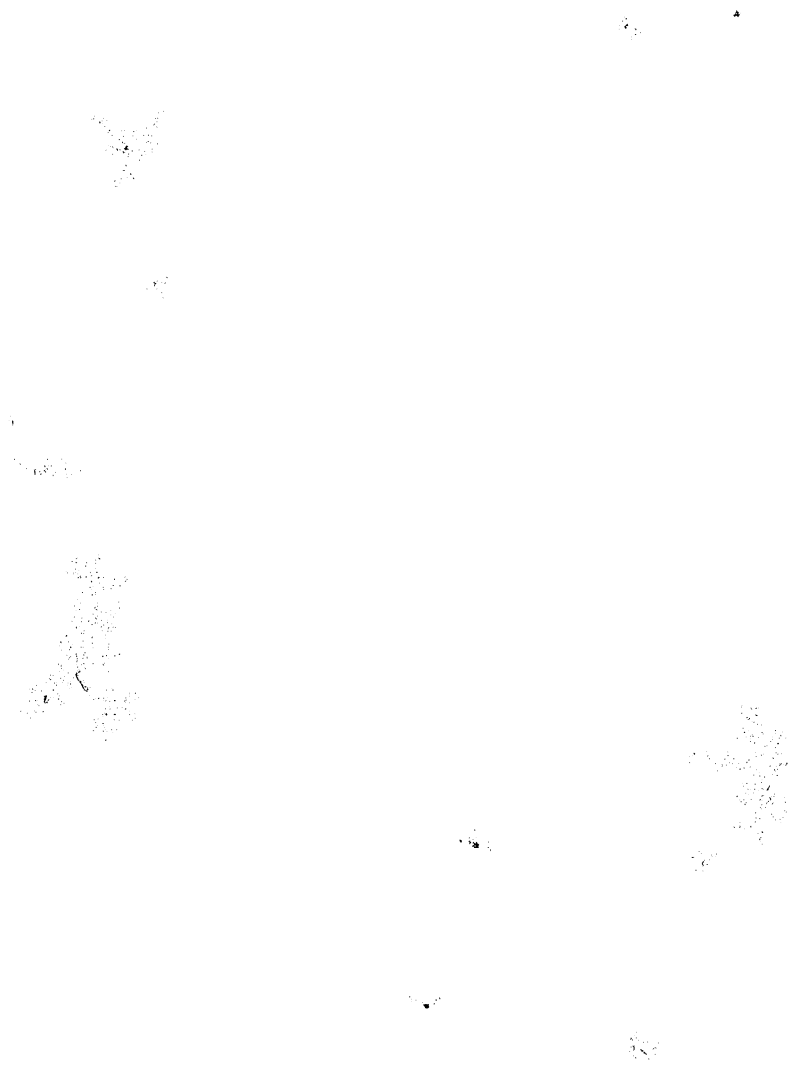
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SATURDAY MORNING—First Day

The forty-ninth annual session of the Cumberland Association was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. Z. W. Hill, at 11 a. m., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September; the date 21st day, year of 1929 at Nashville, Tennessee. Devotion service was conducted by the Moderator, who sang, "I heard the voice of Jesus say." Prayer by Eld. P. H. Weakley. The Moderator then sang: "Of all the themes we mortals know." The Scripture lesson was read from Jeremiah 23rd chapter. The Moderator then extended a hearty welcome to the elders and messengers and corresponding messengers.

Next Elder D. A. Kimbro was introduced, who preached the Introductory Sermon, after lining: "Shall wisdom cry aloud?" He chose for his text, Jude 1:3. He preached a strong sermon. Many hearts were made to rejoice and we hope much good will follow.

Next a collection of \$13.70 was taken up from the congregation, we then had recess for thirty minutes.

We re-assembled for organizing. We organized by enrolling the names of the messengers and electing officers.

On motion Elder Z. W. Hill was elected Moderator; Elder P. H. Weakley, Assistant Moderator; Elder D. A. Kimbro, Clerk; Elder H. Covington, Assistant Clerk; Brother L. W. Leath, Treasurer.

After a few brief remarks by the Moderator, it was agreed that the Moderator appoint all committees. The following were appointed:

Committee on Finance:—A. Taylor, T. Cheatham, A. Alvie, W. McGavock, E. D. Nelson, H. Orsbon, B. Haley, T. B. Cragwall, T. Blatr, A. Watson.

Committee on Correspondence:—A. Jones, T. Hays, Elder P. H. Weakly.

Committee on Arrangements:—Elder Z. W. Hill, E. D. Jordan, A. Taylor, T. Cheatham.

The Committee on Arrangements made the following arrangements: Saturday night at the tent, seven-thirty p. m., Brother Will Prime, and Elder P. H. Weakley; Sunday morning, at ten-thirty, a. m., Elder M. Gardner, and Elder H. Covington; at two-thirty, p. m.,

Elder E. Foster, and Elder Z. W. Hill; at seven-thirty p. m., Elder W. M. Sneed and Elder D. D. Word.

On motion it was agreed to adjourn until Monday morning, at eight-thirty.

We next went to the tent and assigned the people to their homes and adjourned to meet at seven-thirty p. m.,

SATURDAY—Night Session

Devotional service was conducted by Brother L. Carethers, who sang, "Jesus the King I long to know," and offered prayer. Scripture lesson was read by the Moderator, Elder Hill, from the one hundredth and thirty-fifth Psalm. Then a collection of eighteen (\$18.05) dollars and five cents was taken. Next Brother W. M. Prim was introduced, who lined a hymn, and preached from John first chapter and first verse; followed by Elder P. H. Weakly, who sang, "Amazing grace, how sweet it sounds," and preached a soul-stirring sermon, using the same text that Brother Prime used. Many were made to rejoice. We then adjourned to meet Sunday morning at ten-thirty o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING—Second Day

Sunday morning at ten-thirty devotional service was conducted by Brother Major Fortune, who sang and offered prayer. Scripture lesson was read by Elder P. H. Weakly from the ninetieth Psalm. He sang, "My heart within me moans." Prayer by Brother A. Taylor. Elder Hill lined and sang, "I heard the voice of Jesus say," Next Elder M. Gardner was introduced, who arose and lined hymn No. 5, P. B., "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound." Choosing for his text Proverbs eight chapter and twentieth verse. How our hearts did burn within us while he talked to us by the way. Next an offering was raised, collected: thirty-two (\$32.00) dollars. Then Elder H. Covington was introduced, who arose and lined, "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand" and preached a strong sermon, using for his text: Isaiah twenty-eight chapter, sixteenth verse. We then adjourned for lunch to re-assemble at three p. m.

Afternoon Service

Sunday afternoon devotions conducted by the deacons. Next an offering of twelve (\$12.24) dollars and twenty-four cents was raised. Next the Moderator introduced Elder E. Foster of St. Louis, who arose and sang, "What a living stone." Text Isaiah forty-sixth chapter and eighth verse. He was followed by Elder Z. W. Hill, who lined: "Of all the themes we mortals know." Text, St. John, the fifteenth chapter, twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh verses. They both preached soul-stirring sermons, many were made to rejoice.

SUNDAY—Night Service

Devotionals conducted by Brother Blair, who lined, "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand," and offered prayer. Elder P. H. Weakly read Scripture lesson from first Epistle of John, first chapter. Next an offering of twenty (\$20.41) dollars and forty-one cents was raised. Elder W. M. Sneed, the messenger of Big Harper, was then introduced, who arose and lined hymn No. 5, P. B., and preached a soul-stirring sermon. Text: Judges second chapter, third verse. He was followed by Elder D. D. Word, who choose for his text, Genesis third chapter, third verse. He preached a great sermon. After a few remarks by the Moderator, we were dismissed to meet at eight-thirty Monday morning for business.

MONDAY MORNING— Third Day

The house was called to order by the Assistant Moderator, Elder P. H. Weakly. Devotion was conducted by the Assistant Moderator, who sang, "A few more years shall roll." Scripture lesson Isaiah thirty-second chapter. Next Brother W. Watkins led in song and prayer, then Brother E. D. Nelson sang, "I am a motherless child." After a few brief remarks the letters from the different churches were called for, read and received. Next petitionary letters were called for, none offered. Next the letters of the corresponding associations were called for: One from Big Harper by her messenger, Elder W. M. Sneed; one from Indian Creek by her messenger, Elder M. Gardner; one from Pilgrim Rest by her messenger, Elder D. D. Word. The letters were read and received, then the Elders and Messengers were given the right hand of fellowship.

The Committee on Arrangements was called for. The committee reported all appointments filled according to previous arrangements. The report of the committee received and the committee discharged.

The Committee on Correspondence was called for. The committee reported that we had three letters of correspondence from the three sister associations: Big Harper, Indian Creek and Pilgrim Rest, sent by the hand of their messengers and that we send each of these associations a letter and messenger. The committee's report was received and adopted and the committee discharged.

The Committee on Finance was called for and made the following report:

From congregation	\$ 99.82
From Churches	110.07
In treasury	61.52
Total	\$271.41

The report of the committee was received and a motion made that the committee be discharged when all business was completed. The motion was accepted.

EXPENSES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Printing of 800 minutes and distributing the same.....	\$ 27.00
Moderator	25.00
Clerk	25.00
Assistant Moderator	15.00
Assistant Clerk	15.00
Treasurer	5.00
For Tent	40.00
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Total	\$152.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Elder D. A. Kimbro for representing	\$ 8.66
Elder P. H. Weakly for representing	14.72
Donated Sister Sophia Hays	2.00
Donated Elder D. D. Word	3.00
Donated Elder W. M. Sneed	5.00
Donated Elder D. D. Ward	3.00
Donated Elder E. Foster	20.00
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Total	\$56.38
Grand total expenditures	\$208.38
Balance in treasure	\$63.52

The following messengers to bear letters to the different associations:

- To Big Harper meeting in Nashville, Tenn., Elder P. H. Weakly.
- To Indian Creek, Elder H. Covington, meeting at Athens, Ala.
- To Pilgrim Rest, Elder Z. W. Hill.

On motion it was agreed that we hold our next annual session of the Cumberland Association with the Shady Grove Church, near Eagleville, Tenn., beginning on Saturday, before the fourth Sunday in September 1950, Elder H. Covington to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Z. W. Hill, alternate.

On motion it was agreed to have eight hundred minutes printed and allow twenty-seven (\$27.00) dollars for printing and distributing the same.

Motion offered and adopted that the association pay for the rent of the tent used for the association.

A vote of thanks was extended to Hill's Tabernacle and the people of Nashville, for their hospitality shown the association while there.

On motion the Moderator and Clerk were empowered to wind up any unfinished business or correct any mistakes by things being too hastily done. Passed.

The forty-ninth annual session of the Cumberland Association then adjourned to meet with the Shady Grove Primitive Church of Christ, near Eagleville, Tenn., on Saturday, before the fourth Sunday in September, 1930.

ELD. Z. W. HILL, Moderator.
 ELD. P. H. WEAKLY, Assistant Moderator.
 ELD. D. A. KLMBRO, Clerk.
 ELD. H. COVINGTON, Assistant Clerk.
 BRO. L. W. LEATH, Treasurer.

P. S.—Pursuant to the resolution offered that the Moderator and Clerk be empowered to correct any mistakes by things being too hastily done.

Therefore looking to the best interest of all the Moderator, Clerk, and other officers of the association, had a conference together, and decided to hold the next annual session of the Cumberland Association with the St. Luke Primitive Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., beginning on Saturday, before the fourth Sunday in September, 1930, instead of Shady Grove, Eagleville, Tenn.

LIST OF ELDERS AND THIER ADDRESSES

Elder D. A. Kimbro, 505 Highland Ave., Murfreesboro, Tenn.
 Elder H. Covington, 1229 First Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
 Elder Z. W. Hill, 1306 South St., Nashville, Tenn.
 Elder P. H. Weakly, 1908 Cartwright St., Nashville, Tenn.
 Elder M. Mabry, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
 Elder R. Webb, McMinnville, Tenn.
 Elder J. H. Blackman, Flint, Michigan.

LIST OF LICENTIATES

Brothers Willie Watkins, Willie Prime, Tom Hays, Zack Cheatham, Thomas Butler, R. Vaughter, Oliver Roberts, Richard Owens, C. Howard

LIST OF DEAD ELDERS

Elder W. M. Clayton, T. E. Crawly, D. Childress, D. D. McNary, R. House, W. M. Scott, H. Kimbro, M. Williams, C. Childress, K. Lillard, L. Mason, T. Blackman, John Nelson, Joe Hays, D. Gooch, Men Lawrence.

FORM OF LETTER

We the Church of Christ of the Primitive order of Baptist at.....
met in council on thefinding ourselves
 in peace and in full fellowship. We chose our beloved brethren....
our messengers to bear this epistle of
 love to you whom we hope you will receive and grant a seat with
 you in your Godly council. Any favor shown them will be ap-
 preciated by us. Dear brethren, we pray that you may have a
 glorious session and the Holy Spirit will guide you and the dove of
 peace may hover over you. Pray for us. Since the last Associa-
 tion, received by baptism..... by letter
 dismissedby letter restored
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 Pastor
 Clerk

Constitution

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Cumberland As-
 sociation of the Primitive Order of Baptists.

Article 2. As an Association is a body formed for the purpose of
 obtaining a more general acquaintance with the state of the churches,
 maintaining a friendly intercourse with each other, giving advice in
 cases of difficulty, etc., this Association shall therefore exercise no
 authority over the several churches of which it is composed, but shall
 regard them as entirely independent, give full credit to their act, and
 never pass any censure or animadversion thereon.

Article 3. **The churches belonging to this Association shall be such**

as hold; the following doctrines, viz: The unity of God; the existence of three equal powers in the Godhead, the just condemnation and total depravity of all mankind by the fall of our first parents; personal and unconditional election of Christ before the foundation of the world; the proper divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ that is, he is the true elect only; the Lord's Supper, a privilege peculiar to baptized believers regularly admitted to the church fellowship; the resurrection of the body (at the last day such of the saints as are found alive shall not sleep, but be changed, and all the dead shall be raised up with the selfsame bodies and none other, although with different qualifications which shall be united again to their souls forever; the bodies of the unjust shall by the power of Christ be raised to dishonor;— the bodies of the just by His Spirit unto honor and be made conformable to His own glorious body); the general judgment, the final happiness of the saints and the misery of the wicked alike interminable; the obligation of every intelligent creature to love God supremely, to believe what God says and practice what God commands; and the Divine inspiration of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the only complete and infallible rule of faith and practice.

Article 4. Any church desiring to be received into this Association shall make application by letter and give an explicit and satisfactory declaration of her faith and practice; and any church departing from the articles of faith expressed in this Constitution, shall be excluded from the privileges of this Association.

Article 5. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to represent herself by these messengers, on producing evidence of their appointment, and it is expected that each church will send a letter to the Association containing the names of the messengers, her number baptized, received, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded, deceased, and number belonging to her communion.

Article 6. The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, and continue in office until after a new election.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the Association during its session, to preserve order and propose questions and announce decisions, but except on questions of order he shall never speak himself, unless he orders some other member to fill the chair for the time, and then he shall be governed by the same rules and restrictions as other members.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a true minute of all the proceedings of the Association, and prepare the same for publication as the Association shall direct.

Article 9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep charge of moneys of the Association, to pay the same, or any part thereof, at any and all times, the order of the Association which order shall always be

furnished him in writing signed by the clerk; to keep an account of all receipts and disbursements, and present it annually for the examination of the Association.

Article 10. Alterations and amendments to this Constitution may be made by a majority of the Association whenever they may deem it necessary.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election, and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will and power.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the washing of saint's feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subject and that the only true mode of baptism is immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment.

11. We believe in the punishment of the wicked and that the joys of the righteous shall be eternal.

12. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of hands of the Presbytery.

13. We believe that none but regular baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's Table.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve order in the Association, which shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by himself or some brother.

2. The privileges and authority of the Moderator shall be respected by all members; yet he shall not be arbitrary in exercising them. He shall decide questions of order and property, but from this de-

cision an appeal, if seconded, may be made to the Association, and the decision of the Association shall be binding on all parties.

3. The Moderator shall vote no case unless the Association be equally divided, then he shall give the deciding vote. He shall have the same privileges of speaking as other members providing he calls some other member of the body to the chair.

4. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall not be interrupted unless he departs from his subject or makes use of personal reflection. He shall not speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, unless to explain what has not been understood or misrepresented.

5. No member shall vacate his seat without leave of the Moderator.

6. When a question is taken up after allowing time for deliberation, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association, either by yeas or nays, *vivi voce*, or requiring those in the affirmative to rise from their seats, and if necessary, those in the negative also. The Moderator shall announce his decision before he resumes his seat.

7. Motions and amendments to motions, if seconded must be considered unless withdrawn. The usual order of deliberative bodies shall be observed in disposing of them by the Association.

8. The list of names of delegates shall be called over and the Constitution and Rules of Decorum, or any part thereof read as often as the Association may direct.

9. The clerk shall enroll the names of the delegates, record the proceedings of the body, and discharge such other duties as the Association may direct.

10. Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.



STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Name of Messengers	Received by baptism.						Received by letter.						Received by letter.						Restored.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Contribution.	Meeting day.	Pastors		
		4	1	1	1	3	97	4	1	1	1	3	95	4	1	1	1	3	95								4	1
St. Luke	Major Fortune, P. Johnson,	4	1	1	1	3	97	4	1	1	1	3	97	4	1	1	1	3	97							\$25.00	4	H. Covington
Mt. Zion	A. Taylor, D. Carethers	4	1	1	1	3	95	4	1	1	1	3	95	4	1	1	1	3	95							23.75	2	D. A. Kimbro
Holly Grove	H. Orsbon, Libert Lyons	2	1	1	1	3	5.00	2	1	1	1	3	5.00	2	1	1	1	3	5.00							5.00	1	Z. W. Hill
Shady Grove	No tiding	2	1	1	1	3	7.50	2	1	1	1	3	7.50	2	1	1	1	3	7.50							7.50	1	D. A. Kimbro
Antioch	A. Jones, Ben Haly	2	1	1	1	3	18	2	1	1	1	3	18	2	1	1	1	3	18							4.50	3	P. H. Weakly
St. Peter	L. W. Leath, J. Malone	2	1	1	1	3	22	2	1	1	1	3	22	2	1	1	1	3	22							5.00	2	P. H. Weakly
Walkers Chapel	Tom Hays, P. H. Weakly	2	1	1	1	3	4218	2	1	1	1	3	4218	2	1	1	1	3	4218							40.00	2	Z. W. Hill
Hill's Tabernacle	T. B. Cragwall, R. C. Hellum	2	1	1	1	3		2	1	1	1	3		2	1	1	1	3									2	P. H. Weakly
	Miles Mosley, E. D. Nelson	2	1	1	1	3		2	1	1	1	3		2	1	1	1	3									2	P. H. Weakly
	A. Watson T. Cheatham	28	1	1	1	3		28	1	1	1	3		28	1	1	1	3								40.00	2	Z. W. Hill