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SUNDAY.

Love Feast, 8 a.m., lead by I. G. Pollard.

Sunday-school, 9:30 a.m., addressed by J. G. Thompson and I. G. Pollard.

11 a.m., Preaching, by Bishop E. G. Andrews, and Ordination of Deacons.

3 p.m., Preaching, by G. W. Sams.

7:30 p.m., Preaching, by I. G. Pollard.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE.

FIRST DAY.

FRIDAY, February 21, 1879.

The First Annual Session of the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened February 21, 1879, at 9 o'clock, in Mount Olive M. E. Church, Van Buren, Bishop Edward G. Andrews, D.D., presiding.

The opening services were conducted by the Bishop, and consisted in reading the ninth chapter of Hebrews; reading and singing the 316 Hymn, after which the sacrament of the Lord', Supper was administered to the Conference and congregation.

This being the first session of the Little Rock Conferences the Bishop called the roll and five members answered to their names.

On motion of W. H. Crawford, Isaac G. Pollard was elected Secretary. G. W. Sams was elected Statistical Secretary, and A. J. Phillips assistant.

The time of opening Conference was fixed at 9 o'clock a.m., and of adjourning at 12:30 p.m.

The following visitors were introduced to the Conference: Rev. J. G. Thompson, of the Tennessee Conference; Rev. Mr. Harland, of the M. E. Church South, and Col. Fowler, of Fort Smith.

On motion of I. G. Pollard, Rev. Elza Roberts was re-admitted on certificate of location.

The following Committees were appointed, viz:

On Public Worship—The P. E. of the Center Point District and Pastor of Mount Olive Church, Van Buren.

On Missions-The Presiding Elders.

On Education—George W. Sams, Geo. W. Taylor and A. J. Phillips.

On Bible Cause-Elza Roberts and Geo. W. Taylor.

On Church Extension-A. R. Clardy and Chas. Scott.

On Freedmen's Aid Society—Elza Roberts and George W. Taylor.

Auditing-Mr. John Cameron.

Books and Periodicals—George W. Sams and A. J. Phillips. Temperance—Elza Roberts.

Publication of Minutes-Presiding Elders and Secretary.

After which the Bishop made some very encouraging remarks to the Conference, in which he stated that he had met one smaller Conference—the Montana; that we need not fear, for at one time the whole body of Christian believers numbered but very few more than our Conference, and called attention of the Conference to the rules that should govern us, ¶ 129 of the Discipline.

The 10th Disciplinary question was then taken up, viz:

Was the character of each Preacher examined?

I. G. Pollard represented the Little Rock District, and his character, with that of George W. Sams (Miss. coll., \$11.20) and C. L. Howell, passed. The Bishop announced that Bro. Howell had elected membership in the Arkansas Conference, and was accordingly transferred.

W. H. Crawford represented the Center Point District, and his character, with that of G. W. Taylor and A. J. Phillips (Miss. coll., \$18.60), passed.

The 9th Disciplinary question was taken up:

Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

Robert LeGrand's character passed, and he was continued in that relation and a Deacon of the second year.

The 3d Disciplinary question was taken up:

Who remain on trial?

A. R. Clardy (Miss. coll., \$10.00), with that of William O. Emory (Miss. coll., \$1.00), U. S. Kitchens (Miss. coll., \$1.10), and Charles Scott, were reported favorably by the Committee on

Examination on the first year's course, and, on motion, were continued on trial.

Edward Osborn was discontinued at his own request.

William Walter was discontinued on account of ill health.

A. L. Scott, Simon Marrs, T. A. Robinson, Cæsar Washington and Manuel Frazier were discontinued.

The 20th Disciplinary question was then taken up:

Where shall the next Conference be held?

Jacksonport and Hot Springs were nominated, and Jacksonport chosen as the seat of the next Conference.

Wm. O. Emory was elected Conference Treasurer.

Notices were given, the L. M. Doxology sung and the benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, February 22, 1879.

Conference convened at 9 o'clock a.m., Bishop Andrews in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by the Bishop.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Rev. Mr. Willbanks, State Agent of the American Bible Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interests of the Society, after which the Bishop made some remarks explaining the relation of our Church to this Society.

The Committee on the Bible Cause reported, and their report was adopted. (See R. A. B. S.)

Bro. Cameron, of St. Louis, representing the Book Concern, was introduced, and made a happy and well-timed speech in the interest of the Book Concern.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals reported, and the report was laid on the table.

The following resolution was offered by Isaac G. Pollard:

Resolved, That we will not admit any one on trial, or into ful1 connection, unless he first pledge himself not to use tobacco in any form. Carried.

The Committee on the Freedmen's Aid Society reported, and the report was adopted. (See R. F. A. S.)

Bros. Hammett and Obarr, of the Arkansas Conference, and Judge Huckelberry, of the city, were introduced.

The Presiding Elder of the Little Rock District made a report of Walden Seminary, which was placed on file.

The 22d question was taken up:

Have any Local Preachers been ordained?

Edward Pinkett, recommended by the Little Rock District Conference, was elected to Deacon's orders.

The L. M. Doxology was sung, and Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bro. Hammett.

THIRD DAY.

Monday, February 24, 1879.

Conference convened at 9 o'clock a.m., Bishop Andrews in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by the Bishop, Bro. Crawford leading in prayer.

The following certificate was presented by the Bishop, viz:

This is to certify that, in the city of Van Buren, on the 23d day of February, A. D. 1879, Edward Pinkett was duly ordained a Deacon in the Church of God, according to the Ritual

February 24, 1879. E. G. ANDREWS. The following Committees were presented by the Bishop:

COMMITTEE OF EXAMINATION.

For Admission on Trial—The Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge.

FIRST YEAR.

A. J. Phillips.

Samuel Johnson.

SECOND YEAR.

G. W. Sams.

Elza Roberts.

THIRD YEAR.

G. W. Sams.

Elza Roberts.

FOURTH YEAR.

G. W. Taylor.

J. G. Thompson.

LOCAL ORDERS.

Quarterly or District Conference.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

W. H. Crawford, President; A. L. Richmond, Vice-President; G. W. Sams, Corresponding Secretary; I. G. Pollard. Recording Secretary; William LaPorte, Treasurer. Additional Members-Martin L. Quinn, Charles Scott and B. Crompton.

The following Committees made reports, which were adopted:

On Publication of the Minutes. (See R. A.)

Visiting Committee to Walden Seminary. (See R. B.)

On Education. (See R. C.)

On Temperance. (See R. D.)

On Church Extension. (See R. E.)

On Missions. (See R. F.)

Treasurer's Report. (See R. G.)

The Statistical Secretary reported, and the same was adopted. (See Statistics.)

The Bishop here announced the transfer of the Rev. J. G. Thompson from the Tennessee Conference to this Conference.

The 2d question was taken up:

Who are admitted on trial?

Burrel White.

Allen Akridge.

Alexander Hardeman.

Henry Moore.

Robert Boone.

William Pope.

Martin L. Quinn.

Charles A. Tabor.

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Jeff. A. Peel.
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Alfred Saloan.
Jesse C. Johnson.
William H. Higgins.

John Hoffman.

William M. Todd-17.

On motion of W. H. Crawford, the Central Christian Advocate was adopted as the official organ of the Conference.

Resolutions were adopted commending the Bishop for the impartial manner in which he conducted the Conference, and Bro. Phillips and his good people for the hospitable accommodations afforded to the Preachers.

Conference adjourned with prayer by the Bishop.

Appointments read.

Long Metre Doxology sung and benediction pronounced by Bishop Andrews.

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Hot Springs	Samuel Johnson.
Lewisburg	Henry Moore.
Center Point	Alfred Saloan.
Paraclifta	G. W. Taylor.
Lewisville	Robert Boone.
Ankadalphia and Caddo Gap	Burrell White.
Magnolia	W. R. R. Duncan.
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Alma	Jefferson A. Peel.
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Forrest City	I. B. Boston.
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Carlisle	William M. Todd
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R. A. B. S.

Your Committee on Bible Cause submit the following:

WHEREAS, We regard the study of the Bible of great importance, and believe the cause of so much skepticism and sin is attributable to ignorance on this subject; therefore

Resolved, We believe it our duty to do all in our power to further the interest of the American Bible Society, and we therefore recommend that each Pastor, during the ensuing Conference year, preach a special discourse on this subject and lay before the people the claims of this Society.

Resolved, That we make diligent inquiry among our people to ascertain if they are in possession of a copy of God's Holy Word, and where we find they are not, we do all we possibly can to get them to purchase one.

Resolved, That our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to the American Bible Society, through its local Board at Little Rock, for some two dozen Bibles donated to our Conference School, the Walden Seminary.

> ELZA ROBERTS, GEO. W. TAYLOR, Committee.

R. F. A. S.

We, your Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society, submit the following Report:

WHEREAS, We more than ever, since the organization of our Walden Seminary in the city of Little Rock by the Freedmen's Aid Society, providing us, as it does, with a Conference School where our young may be educated for the Ministry and our people may have the benefits of a first-class Seminary education; therefore be it

Resolved, That we recognize in the Freedmen's Aid Society one of our greatest benefactors.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to do all we can for this Society, and take up a collection for it in each of our charges.

E. ROBERTS, GEO. W. TAYLOR. entition of the section, the sections

Moved and carried:

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First-That the Secretary and Presiding Elders be a Committee to publish the Minutes.

Second-That the Presiding Elders be held responsible for the payment of the same, in proportion to the number of charges and Preachers in their respective Districts, and that they collect the same from the Preachers proportionately.

Third—That 500 copies be printed.

I. G. POLLARD, W. H. CRAWFORD.

R.B.

We, your Committee appointed by the last Conference to visit Walden Seminary, beg leave to submit the following Report, and say that we visited the School at its commencement, and found the School in a reasonable prosperous condition, with 43 scholars in attendance. We gave particular attention to the examinations, and were favorably impressed with the superior character of the mode of instruction used by our esteemed Principal, Miss H. M. Perkins.

The School at that time was held in Wesley Chapel, but has since been removed to a Hall corner of Tenth and Center streets, and now has in actual attendance above 60 students.

We heartily commend to the Conference the ability, zeal and fidelity of the Principal of the School, and feel satisfied, by what we saw and heard, that by a hearty co-operation on the part of this Conference, Miss Perkins will carry our School to permanent success.

While we accredit, as we most heartily do, the immediate success of the students in the courses of study to the Principal, yet the building up of the School is very largely due to a part of the Board of Trustees, and especially to the President, Isaac G. Pollard, through whose influence almost the entire attendance in the School is directly due, as well as the funds which have been raised for the starting and maintaining of the School, being something over \$200.

We therefore recommend the following Board of Trustees:

For Three Years-Isaac G. Pollard, A. L. Richmond, W. H. Crawford and J. M. Walden, D.D.

For Two Years-William LaPorte, A. J. Phillips and G. W. Sams.

For One Year-Samuel Johnston, W. O. Emory and Elza-Roberts.

Isaac G. Pollard, Chairman; A. J. Phillips, Secretary.

Second. We recommend the appointment of Bros. Pollard and Crawford as Financial Agents in their respective Districts. for the School, and that they be requested to take collections in each of the charges within their Districts, and the Pastor of each charge is hereby requested to make arrangements to hold special services for this purpose. This plan is recommended in view of a proposition lately made to us by the F. A. S., through Dr. Rust, Corresponding Secretary, urging us to raise \$1000, to which he will put another thousand, and thus enable us to procure a permanent site and building for the School.

G. W. SAMS, Chairman. A. J. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

A. C.

To the President and Members of the Conference:

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved, That we cherish the deepest interest in the cause of education, and the strongest conviction that only Christian education can meet the demands of the age to preserve our institution and prepare the Church for the great mission-the evangelization of the World.

Resolved, That we, the Ministers of the Little Rock Conference, do here and now pledge ourselves to do all we can to push on the cause of education, either by lectures or preaching to all our congregations on the subject of education, and secondly, by taking a collection in each and all our charges.

G. W. TAYLOR, A. J. PHILLIPS.

R. D.

Your Committee on Temperance would respectfully submit the following.

WHEREAS, We regard the subject of temperance, especially at this time, of vital importance, and believe the cause of so much intemperance in the land is owing to the way this great evil has been handled in the past, and further believe that the efficiency of our temperance work is, and has been, to a very great extent, destroyed by the fact that this terrible curse is sanctioned by law; therefore,

Resolved, That, as Christian Ministers, we do all we can to create and encourage public sentiment in favor of prohibition.

Resolved, That we will both preach and lecture, as we may have opportunity, on this subject.

Resolved, That we hail with delight the great Gospel temperance wave now spreading over our land.

ELZA ROBERTS, Com.

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This Society has been instrumental in doing great good by assisting many weak Societies to provide suitable houses of worship in many of the Southern and Western States, and we feel to acknowledge its real worth, and also to assign it a place next in importance only to the Missionary Society; therefore,

Resolved, That we will rightly represent its claims in our several congregations, and endeavor to secure our apportionment of its financial dues for its support, that it may continue to render, as in the past, material aid in planting houses of worship all over these lands.

CHARLES SCOTT, A. R. CLARDY.

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