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OF THE
SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
HELD AT
Van Buren, Ark., February 19-23, 1885.

REV. THOMAS MASON, A. M., SECRETARY.

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OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

WILLARD F. MALLALIEU, Presiding Bishop.

THOMAS MASON, Secretary.

WILLIAM O. EMORY, }
GREEN N. JOHNSON, } Assistant Secretaries.

A. J. PHILLIPS, Statistical Secretary.

WILLIAM H. MORRIS, Assistant Statistical Secretary.

PUBLIC SERVICES OF THE SESSION.

THURSDAY.

Four o'clock P. M., Preaching by G. W. Gill.

Seven-thirty o'clock P. M., Conference Sermon by W. R. R. Duncan.

FRIDAY.

Four o'clock P. M., Preaching by W. O. Emory.

Seven-thirty o'clock P. M., Church Extension Anniversary. Addresses by Dr. M. W. Taylor and W. O. Emory.

SATURDAY.

Four o'clock P. M., Preaching by M. Lockman.

Seven-thirty o'clock P. M., Educational Anniversary. Addresses by G. N. Johnson, H. R. Pinckney and O. H. Smith.

SUNDAY.

Nine o'clock A. M., Love Feast, led by W. O. Emory.

Eleven o'clock A. M., Sermon by Bishop Mallalieu, followed by the Ordination of Deacons.

Three o'clock P. M., Sermon by Dr. Taylor, followed by the Ordination of Elders.

Seven-thirty o'clock P. M., Missionary Anniversary. Addresses by H. R. Pinckney, W. S. Lankford and Bishop Mallalieu.

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH SESSION

OF THE

LITTLE ROCK ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

FIRST DAY.

VAN BUREN, ARK., February 19, 1885.

The SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION of the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Mount Olive Chapel, Van Buren, Arkansas, February 19, 1885, at 9 o'clock a. m., Bishop Willard F. Mallalieu, D. D., in the chair.

The 798th hymn was announced by G. W. Sams. O. H. Smith read the third chapter of Ephesians and G. B. Donnelly led in prayer. Another hymn was sung, and W. H. Crawford led in prayer. The elements of the Lord's supper were then consecrated by Bishop Mallalieu, assisted by the Presiding Elders, and the conference and lay members of the Church present united in a delightful service.

The Bishop then addressed a few well chosen words to the Conference, and W. O. Emory, the Secretary of the last session, called the roll—seventeen members and four probations responding.

Thomas Mason was elected Secretary; W. O. Emory and Green N. Johnson, Assistant Secretaries; A. J. Phillips, Statistical Secretary, with W. H. Morris as his assistant.

The following standing committees were elected:
On Public Worship—Pastor and Presiding Elder.

On Church Extension—Seth Neal, Elza Roberts and G. W. Gill.

On Freedman's Aid and Education—G. N. Johnson, J. D. Johnson and W. R. R. Duncan.

On Missions—The Presiding Elders.

On Bible Cause—H. E. Dunlap, F. Wallace and Wm. M. Fuller.

On Sunday Schools and Tracts—W. S. Lankford, U. S. Kitchens and M. Lockman.

On Books and Periodicals—W. H. Morris, G. W. Gill and A. J. Phillips.

On Publication of the Minutes—The Secretaries.

On Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts—T. Mason, W. H. Crawford and G. W. Gill.

On Temperance—H. C. Dunlap, W. H. Crawford and M. Lockman.

On Centennial and State of the Church—W. S. Lankford, A. J. Phillips and W. M. Fuller.

On New York Book Accounts—J. D. Johnson.

On Local Orders—The Presiding Elders.

Conference Treasurer—W. R. R. Duncan.

Conference Stewards—T. Mason, W. H. Crawford and M. Lockman.

The transfers of W. S. Lankford from the Lexington Conference to this, and L. W. Elkins from this to the Central Illinois Conference, were announced.

Marshall W. Taylor, D. D., editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, and W. S. Lankford, were introduced to the Conference.

A communication from the agent of the American Bible Society was received and read by the Secretary.

A paper pertaining to the Episcopal Fund was presented and referred to the Presiding Elders.

A communication from the Educational Society was received and referred to the Committee on Education.

Drafts of \$38 on the Book Concern, and \$30 on the Chartered Fund, were received and ordered paid.

The Committee on Public Worship was requested to arrange the public services as follow: Conference Sermon, Thursday night; Church Extension Anniversary, Friday night; and Missionary Anniversary, Sunday night.

The Twentieth Question was called: "*Was the character of each Preacher examined?*" O. H. Smith reported the Little Rock District and his character, together with the characters of T. Mason and W. S. Lankford (miss. col. \$10), passed.

Announcements were made, the Doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Taylor.

SECOND DAY.

VAN BUREN, ARK., February 20, 1885.

The Conference met at 9 o'clock and spent half an hour in devotional services, conducted by the Bishop.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved. The roll was called and four of the absentees of yesterday responded to their names.

The Twentieth Question was resumed and G. W. Sams reported the Argenta District and his character passed, and also the characters of G. W. Taylor (miss. col. \$3), A. J. Phillips (miss. col. \$4), W. H. Higgins (miss. col. \$8), W. H. Crawford (miss. col. \$14).

A committee, consisting of W. O. Emory, W. H. Crawford and A. J. Phillips, was appointed to investigate the character of Robert Boone.

G. B. Donnelly reported the Hot Springs District and his character, together with the characters of W. R. R. Duncan (miss. col. \$2), J. G. Thompson and W. O. Emory (miss. col. \$10), passed.

Samuel Johnson was reported transferred to the Texas Conference.

nection, and J. D. Johnson was elected to deacon's orders, the former being local deacon. C. C. Riley, C. G. Brooks, Wm. Fuller and A. Hardeman were continued on trial.

The Thirteenth Question was called: "*Who are the traveling deacons of the second class?*"

Seth Neal (miss. col. \$9), M. Lockman (miss. col. \$2) and A. L. Richardson (miss. col. \$1), were called, their examination reported, and they were passed to deacons of the second class. H. C. Dunlap (miss. col. \$2), Edward Spencer, Edward Pinkett and Peter Humphrey, were continued in the first year's class of deacons.

Peter Humphrey was granted a supernumerary relation.

The Memoirs of Sisters Johnson and Thompson were read by W. O. Emory and adopted.

The Fourteenth Question was called: "*What traveling deacons have been elected elders?*"

Green N. Johnson (miss. col. \$1) and G. W. Gill (miss. col. \$1), were elected to elder's orders with the understanding that they each bring up the deficiency in the course of study consisting of "*God's Word Written*" and "*Butler's Analogy*." H. H. McAllister and Beriah McCain being in another state attending school, and F. Wallace and U. S. Kitchens having failed to bring up their studies, were continued in the second year's class of deacons.

Through Revs. D. H. Upchurch and L. C. Obar of the Arkansas Conference, who were about leaving, the Conference, by a rising vote, sent Christian greetings to Rev. T. B. Ford, of their Conference, assuring him of sympathy in his affliction and of prayers for his restoration to his wonted usefulness.

Prof. Henry R. Pinkney, of Philander Smith College, and Rev. J. M. Clayton, editor of the "*Southern Rising Wave*," a temperance organ, were introduced. After some remarks by this editor, the committee on temperance reported and the report was adopted and copies of it were ordered to be sent to

the "Southwestern" and also to the "Rising Wave" for publication.

A report from the Conference Secretary of the W. H. M. S. was read by the Secretary and received by the Conference. The Committee on Sunday Schools reported and the report was adopted.

The report of Committee on Missions was read and approved.

On motion it was ordered that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Announcements were made and J. G. Thompson pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 3 o'clock p.m., and was opened with religious exercises conducted by W. O. Emory. Bishop Mallalieu in the chair.

The Auditing Committee reported and report received.

The committee on the case of Robert Boone reported and the report was laid on the table to be considered in Monday's session.

The Committee on Centennial and State of the Church reported, and after some discussion the report was adopted.

Memorial notices relating to Bishops Matthew Simpson and W. Wiley, were presented by the Secretary and adopted by the Conference by a rising vote, and copies ordered sent to the church papers and also to the families.

The Committee on Local Orders presented the name of Clayton Gamble, and he was elected Local Deacon.

The class for admission was called forward and addressed forcibly by the Bishop. The Conference then gave place to the preaching service, which followed immediately.

FOURTH DAY.

VAN BUREN, ARK., February 23, 1885.

Conference met at 9 o'clock p.m., Bishop Mallalieu in the chair. A hymn was sung, and Seth Neal led in prayer.

The journal of Saturday's session was read and approved.

The report of the committee in the case of Robert Boone was taken up and the matter was referred to his Presiding Elder.

The Secretary presented the following resolution in reference to the publication of the minutes, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretaries be requested to publish 600 copies of the minutes, and that to help to defray the expenses each preacher be charged \$1.00, the Presiding Elders being held responsible for the collection, and they are hereby authorized to withhold this amount from each charge to which Missionary money is appropriated.

The report of the Committee on Education was read and after some remarks by the Bishop and several members of the Conference, was adopted.

O. H. Smith and Green N. Johnson were appointed a committee to look after, and secure if possible, an eligible site for school building at Forrest City.

O. H. Smith and G. W. Sams were appointed a committee to try and secure from the Freedman's Aid Society the appropriation of one teacher's wages at Forrest City.

B. J. Donnell presented his credentials from the A. M. Church as an elder in said church, and they were recognized.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was received.

G. W. Sams presented the following resolutions relating to the Centennial collections, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Centennial Conference, held in the city of Baltimore, last December, ordered that the Centennial collections be continued through 1885, and

WHEREAS, We have not succeeded in raising our thousand dollars for the perpetual scholarship in Philander Smith College, therefore be it

Resolved, That each preacher turn over to his successor such subscription books and papers as he may have, for further collections.

Resolved, That we try to collect at least fifty cents from each member of our church for this purpose and bring the same, with the books and papers, to the next session of our Conference.

The Committee on Church Extension made their report, which was adopted.

The Committee on the Bible Cause presented their report, and it was adopted.

The Second Question was called: "*Who are admitted on Trial?*" and Albert Tate, Drayton Gamble and Henry R. Pinckney were admitted.

The Ninth Question was called: "*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*" and G. W. Sams was granted a superannuated relation at his own request.

The Board of Stewards made their report, which was adopted.

W. O. Emory presented the following resolution relating to collections during the year for G. W. Sams, which was adopted, and Bishop Mallalieu and Dr. Taylor gave \$2, each, as the first contributions:

Resolved, That we each collect from our various charges \$2 per quarter, as a Conference Claimant Collection, and forward the same, as collected, to G. W. Sams.

Bishop Mallalieu presented the certificate of Deacon's and Elder's Ordination on yesterday.

The following resolution, presented by W. O. Emory, was adopted:

Resolved, That all the candidates for examination present themselves before the various committees, at the seat of the Conference, at 9 o'clock a.m., on the day before the Conference meets.

W. S. Lankford and O. H. Smith presented the following complimentary resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, Our beloved Bishop, W. F. Mallalieu, has presided over our present session with a marked degree of ability, dignity and impartiality, and

WHEREAS, We fully appreciate the deep interest manifested by him, in every possible way, in our work and success as a Conference, therefore be it

Resolved, That he has our thanks, prayers and best wishes for success in any and every field wherein in the providence of God he may be called to labor in our great church.

W. S. Lankford, W. O. Emory and A. J. Phillips presented the following complimentary to Dr. Taylor, which was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, We have listened to the address of Rev. M. W. Taylor, D. D., editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, with both interest and profit, and

WHEREAS, We fully endorse his sentiments as to the mission of the paper, and the ability of the negro, all things else being equal, to teach and preach to the negro, and thus lead the race to a higher plain of moral, social, religious and intellectual development, and

WHEREAS, It becomes our duty to herein clearly reiterate and enunciate our purpose to labor therefor, in full fraternal and organic fellowship with the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, whose ceaseless friendship and assurances in the past warrant the certainty of its attainment in the future, therefore be it

Resolved, That we will renew our efforts and demonstrate our appreciation of the action of the late General Conference in placing one of our number at the head of one of our great publishing interests in the Southwest by increasing the subscriptions to the paper, and in every available and laudable way assist its editor in making the new enterprise a living success.

Resolved, That we fully appreciate the labors of our white brethren who, at great sacrifice in some instances as ministers and teachers, have made and are still making the way possible by laying a foundation deep and broad upon which we may build a monument to the glory of God and the elevation of the race.

And the following were presented by the same and adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, The members of the Conference have been so kindly and pleasantly entertained during the session,

Resolved, That we tender our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the kind citizens for the general manner in which the Conference has been entertained, and that we leave with them our best wishes and prayers for their future success and prosperity.

Resolved, That thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the railroad companies who have in anywise assisted the Conference by giving reduced rates.

Question Thirty-three was called: "*Where Shall the next Conference be Held?*" Pine Bluff and Hot Springs were put in nomination, and Pine Bluff was selected.

The Statistical Secretary made his report, which was referred to the Conference Secretaries for correction and publication.

H. C. Dunlap then led in prayer, the Bishop addressed the Conference, read the appointments, announced the hymn commencing: "A charge to keep I have," which was sung, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Mallalieu.

THOMAS MASON, Secretary.
WILLARD F. MALLALIEU, Bishop.

GENERAL MINUTE QUESTIONS.

Question 1. Who are received by transfer and from what Conferences?

W. S. Lankford, from the Lexington Conference.

Question 2. Who are admitted on trial?

S. J. Brown, John R. Frazier, Osborn Wheeler, Albert Tate, Drayton Gamble and Henry R. Pinckney.

Question 3. Who remain on trial?

Wm. H. Morris, Christopher C. Riley, Charles G. Brooks, Wm. M. Fuller and Alex. Hardeman.

Question 4. Who are discontinued?

John H. McAllister and James T. Thompson.

Question 5. Who are admitted into full connection?

Benj. Donnell and John D. Johnson.

Question 6. Who are readmitted?

None.

Question 7. Who are received on credentials from other Churches?

None.

Question 8. What traveling preachers have been elected Deacons?

John D. Johnson.

Question 9. What traveling preachers have been ordained Deacons?

John D. Johnson.

Question 10. What local preachers have been elected Deacons?
Drayton Gamble.

Question 11. What local preachers have been ordained Deacons?
Drayton Gamble.

Question 12. Who are the traveling Deacons of the first class?
H. C. Dunlap, Edward Spencer, Edward Pinkett, Peter Humphrey, John D. Johnson and B. J. Donnell.

Question 13. Who are the traveling deacons of the second class?

Seth Neal, M. Lockman, Alfred L. Richardson, H. H. McAllister, Beriah McCain, Foster Wallace, U. S. Kitchens.

Question 14. What traveling deacons have been elected Elders?
Green N. Johnson and George W. Gill.

Question 15. What traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?
Green N. Johnson and George W. Gill.

Question 16. What local Deacons have been elected Elders?
None.

Question 17. What local deacons have been ordained Elders?
None.

Question 18. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?
Peter Humphrey.

Question 19. Who are the Superannuated Preachees?
George W. Sams.

Question 20. Was the character of each preacher examined?
This was strictly done as the name of each Preacher was called in open Conference.

Question 21. Have any died?
None.

Question 22. Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?
L. W. Elkins, to the Central Illinois Conference; Samuel Johnson, to the Texas Conference.

Question 23. Have any withdrawn?
None.

Question 24. Have any been located at their own request?
None.

Question 25. Have any been located?
None.

Question 26. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges?

None.

Question 27. Have any been expelled?
None.

Question 28. Who are selected for triers of Appeals?
Thomas Mason, G. W. Sams, W. R. R. Duncan, W. O. Emory, O. H. Smith, A. J. Phillips, G. B. Donnelly.

Question 29. What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?

See tabulated statement.

Question 30. What are the claims on the Conference Fund?
\$163.55.

Question 31. What has been received on these claims, and how have they been applied?
\$163.55; which has been applied under order of the Conference.

Question 32. Where are the preachers stationed?
See appointments.

Question 33. Where shall the next Conference be held?
Pine Bluff.

APPOINTMENTS.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.—O. H. SMITH, P. E.

Bledsoe—Seth Neal.
 Carlisle—J. W. Jackson, supply.
 Forrest City—G. N. Johnson.
 Forrest City Ct—J. E. Toombs, supply.
 Helena—W. H. Morris.
 Hot Springs—W. O. Emory.
 Little Rock—W. S. Lankford.
 Lonoke—C. C. Riley.
 Mariana—To be supplied.
 Marvel—S. J. Brown.
 Palestine—A. L. Tate.
 Saulsburg and Brinkley—J. R. Frazier.

LITTLE ROCK MISSION AND ARGENTA.—G. W. SAMS.

Thomas Mason, President; Henry R. Pinckney, Professor in Philander Smith College, and Members of Little Rock Quarterly Conference.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.—G. B. DONNELLY, P. E.

Centre Point—B. J. Donnell.
 Fulton Circuit—To be supplied.
 Garland City—G. W. Thompson.
 Lewisville—G. W. Baber.
 Locksburg—M. Lockman.
 Monticello and Warren—J. G. Thompson.
 Pine Bluff—A. L. Richardson.
 Pine Bluff Ct—Edward Pinkett.
 Prescott—To be supplied.
 Red Fork—Edward Spencer.
 Texarkana, 1st Church—G. W. Gill.
 2d Church—To be supplied.
 New Edinburg—A. Hardeman.
 Peytonville—To be supplied.
 Texarkana Ct—Wm. Fuller.
 Washington—O. Wheeler.

VAN BUREN DISTRICT.—W. R. R. DUNCAN, P. E.

Alma—Foster Wallace.
 Argenta Circuit—H. C. Dunlap.
 Batesville—G. W. Taylor.
 Beebe—To be supplied.
 Conway—To be supplied.
 Fayetteville—A. J. Phillips.
 Fayetteville Ct—D. Gamble.
 Fort Smith—C. G. Brooks.
 Henry H. McAllister and Beriah McCain left without appointments to attend DePauw University.
 Jacksonport and Newport—W. H. Higgins.
 Little Rock Circuit—J. D. Johnson.
 Morrilton—U. S. Kitchens.
 Russellville—H. McDonough.
 Sweet Home—Elza Roberts.
 Van Buren—W. H. Crawford.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Missionary Sermon—W. S. Lankford. Alternate—J. G. Thompson.
 Conference Sermon—G. W. Sams.

COMMITTEE OF EXAMINATION.

For Admission on Trial and Local Orders—The Presiding Elders:

First Year—J. D. Johnson and G. W. Gill.
 Second Year—W. H. Higgins and G. N. Johnson.
 Third Year—W. S. Lankford and T. Mason.
 Fourth Year—A. J. Phillips and W. O. Emory.

TRIERS OF APPEALS.

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| T. Mason, | W. O. Emory, | A. J. Philips, |
| G. W. Sams, | O. H. Smith, | G. B. Donnelly, |
| W. R. R. Duncan. | | |

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| W. H. Crawford. | G. N. Johnson. | Seth Neal. |
| B. J. Donnell. | J. D. Johnson. | A. J. Philips. |
| G. B. Donnelly. | U. S. Kitchens. | Edward Pinkett. |
| W. R. R. Duncan. | W. S. Lankford. | A. L. Richardson. |
| H. C. Dunlap. | M. Lockman. | Elza Roberts. |
| W. O. Emory. | T. Mason. | G. W. Sams. |
| G. W. Gill. | H. H. McAllister. | O. H. Smith. |
| J. G. Thompson. | Edward Spencer. | G. W. Taylor. |
| F. Wallace. | | |

PROBATIONERS.

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| S. J. Brown. | C. G. Brooks. |
| J. R. Frazier. | William Fuller. |
| Drayton Gamble. | A. Hardeman. |
| H. R. Pinckney. | William H. Morris. |
| Albert Tate. | C. C. Riley. |
| | O. Wheeler. |

STATISTICS No. III, HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, 1885.

| NAMES OF CHARGES | SUNDAY SCHOOLS. | | | | | | | | | | | No. of Conversions in Sunday School this year. |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | No. of Schools. | No. of Officers and Teachers. | No. of Scholars of all ages. | No. of Scholars 15 years old and over. | No. of Scholars under 15, except Infant Class. | No. of Scholars in Infant Class. | Average Attendance of Teachers and Scholars. | No. of Library Books. | Total Expenses of Schools this year. | Sunday School Advocates taken. | Sunday School Classmates taken. | |
| Center Point. | 4 | 14 | 140 | 50 | 40 | 50 | 75 | 50 | \$ 4 | | | |
| Fulton Circuit. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Garland City. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hot Springs. | 1 | 10 | 77 | 34 | 25 | 18 | 68 | 94 | 46 | 6 | | 100 |
| Lewisville. | 3 | 6 | 36 | | | | 24 | | | | 8 | 9 |
| Little Rock Mission. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Monticello and Warren. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Edinburg. | 3 | 6 | 75 | 35 | 24 | 15 | 45 | 45 | | | | |
| Paraclyta. | 5 | 25 | 175 | 75 | 75 | 25 | 100 | 30 | 30 | | | |
| Peytonville. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pine Bluff. | 1 | 10 | 105 | 56 | 29 | 20 | 82 | | | | | 24 |
| Pine Bluff Circuit. | | | | | | | | | | | | 22 |
| Prescott. | | | | | | | | | | | 12 | 8 |
| Texarkana. | 1 | 3 | 35 | 20 | 15 | | 20 | 75 | 10 | | | 24 |
| Texarkana Circuit. | 3 | 4 | 33 | 10 | 23 | | 30 | 36 | 3 | | | 5 |
| Washington. | 2 | 3 | 161 | 65 | 35 | 61 | 86 | 120 | | | | 5 |
| Total. | 23 | 81 | 837 | 345 | 206 | 189 | 530 | 450 | \$152 | 6 | 20 | 57 |

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE FOR 1885.

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| Askew. | 3 | 9 | 120 | 25 | 95 | | 75 | 100 | \$ | | | 9 | 20 | 2 |
| Brinkley and Clarendon. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carlisle. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Forrest City. | 1 | 5 | 71 | 38 | 22 | 11 | 37 | 125 | 8 | | | 6 | 12 | 6 |
| Forrest City Circuit. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Helena. | 1 | 3 | 35 | | | | | | | | 4 | 3 | | |
| Helena Circuit. | 1 | 4 | 30 | 10 | | | | 30 | 5 | | | | | |
| Little Rock. | 1 | 19 | 123 | 40 | 50 | 33 | 80 | 190 | 35 | | | 3 | | |
| Lonoke. | 2 | 5 | 40 | 12 | | 28 | 25 | | 4 | | | 19 | 26 | |
| Mariana. | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 14 | |
| Marvell. | 2 | 4 | 45 | 13 | 22 | 10 | 45 | 72 | 2 | | | 6 | | |
| Palatine. | 2 | 4 | 50 | 35 | 10 | 5 | 35 | | | | | 8 | 25 | 7 |
| Saulsburg. | 2 | 6 | 95 | 55 | 20 | 20 | 40 | 100 | 10 | | 12 | 6 | 40 | 11 |
| Total. | 15 | 59 | 609 | 228 | 219 | 127 | 337 | 657 | 67 | | 16 | 67 | 137 | 26 |

STATISTICS No. III, ARGENTA DISTRICT, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, 1885.

| NAMES OF CHARGES. | SUNDAY SCHOOLS. | | | | | | | | | | | No. of Conversions in Sunday School this year. |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | No. of Schools. | No. of Officers and Teachers. | No. of Scholars of all ages. | No. of Scholars 15 years old and over. | No. of Scholars under 15, except Infant Class. | No. of Scholars in Infant Class. | Average Attendance of Teachers and Scholars. | No. of Library Books. | Total Expenses of Schools this year. | Sunday School Advocates taken. | Sunday School Classmates taken. | |
| Alma Circuit. | 1 | 5 | 25 | 8 | 11 | 6 | 20 | 50 | | | | 4 |
| Argenta Circuit. | 2 | 10 | 90 | 40 | 30 | 20 | 60 | 50 | | | | 6 |
| Batesville. | 7 | 45 | 18 | 17 | 10 | 20 | 25 | 7 | | | | 16 |
| Conway and Morrilton. | 20 | 279 | 37 | 73 | 169 | 259 | 285 | 10 | | | | 40 |
| Fayetteville. | 12 | 70 | 25 | 15 | 30 | 50 | 50 | 24 | | | | 20 |
| Fayetteville Circuit. | 1 | 12 | 50 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 30 | | | | | 11 |
| Fort Smith. | 1 | 9 | 28 | 9 | 19 | | 28 | | | | | 6 |
| Jacksonport & Newport. | 3 | 9 | 60 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 45 | 150 | 18 | 20 | | 20 |
| Little Rock Circuit. | 2 | 9 | 65 | 23 | 25 | 17 | 35 | 50 | 5 | | | 9 |
| Russellville. | 4 | 8 | 150 | 20 | 50 | 80 | 50 | 100 | 2 | | | 25 |
| Sweet Home. | 1 | 10 | 98 | 44 | 40 | 14 | 43 | 50 | 32 | 20 | 20 | 10 |
| Van Buren. | | | | | | | | | | | | 20 |
| Total. | 25 | 103 | 960 | 274 | 320 | 366 | 640 | 810 | 98 | 40 | 20 | 70 |

No. III, RECAPITULATION.

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| Little Rock District. | 15 | 59 | 609 | 228 | 219 | 127 | 337 | 657 | \$ 67 | 12 | 16 | 67 | 137 | 26 |
| Hot Springs District. | 23 | 81 | 837 | 345 | 206 | 189 | 530 | 450 | 152 | 6 | 20 | 57 | 165 | 29 |
| Argenta District. | 25 | 103 | 960 | 274 | 320 | 366 | 640 | 810 | 98 | 40 | 20 | 70 | 166 | 77 |
| Total. | 63 | 243 | 2406 | 847 | 1005 | 683 | 1507 | 1917 | \$217 | 46 | 32 | 43 | 194 | 132 |

STATISTICS No. II, HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, FOR 1885.

| NAME OF CHARGE. | NAME OF PASTOR. | MINISTERIAL SUPPORT. | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--|---------------|---------------------------|-------|------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|------|------|
| | | PASTORS. | | PRESID- ING ELDERS. | | BISHOPS. | | CONF. CLAIM- ANTS. | | Paid | Paid |
| | | Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages. | Deficiencies. | Appointed. | Paid. | Appointed. | Paid. | Appointed. | Paid. | | |
| Center Point | W. R. R. Duncan | \$ 300 | \$ 200 | \$ 100 | \$ 20 | \$ 18 | | | | | |
| Fulton Circuit | J. T. Thompson | | | | | | | | | | |
| Garland City | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hot Springs | Samuel Johnson | 60 | | | 40 | 40 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Lewisville | Osborn Wheeler | 300 | 118 | 182 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Little Rock Mission | G. B. Donnelly | | | | | | | | | | |
| Monticello and Warren | J. G. Thompson | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Edinburg | Edward Pinkett | 190 | 64 | 126 | 10 | 3 | 2 | | | | |
| Paradise | M. Lockman | 400 | 200 | 200 | 40 | 29 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Peytonville | W. O. Emory | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pine Bluff | C. G. Brooks | 500 | 172 | 328 | 20 | 20 | 2 | | | | |
| Pine Bluff Circuit | | 150 | 39 | 111 | 20 | 12 | 8 | | | | |
| Prescott | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Texarkana | G. W. Gill | 386 | 90 | 296 | 25 | 17 | | 1 | | | |
| Texarkana Circuit | Wm. Fuller | 150 | 50 | 100 | | | | | | | |
| Washington | G. W. Baber | 90 | 67 | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | \$2526 | \$1000 | \$1443 | \$175 | \$158 | \$7 | \$4 | | | |

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE FOR 1885.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Askew | Seth Neal | \$ 400 | \$ 225 | \$ 175 | \$ 30 | \$ 10 | \$... | \$... | \$... |
| Brinkley and Claiborne | A. Hardeman | 200 | 65 | 135 | 28 | 21 | 1 | 1 | |
| Carlisle | Green N. Johnson | 60 | | 60 | 25 | 16 | 1 | 1 | |
| Forrest City | | | | | | | | | |
| Forrest City Circuit | B. J. Donnell | 500 | 20 | 480 | 40 | 10 | | | |
| Helena | W. H. Morris | 100 | 10 | 90 | 22 | 9 | 1 | 1 | |
| Helena Circuit | W. S. Lankford | 500 | 369 | 131 | 50 | 48 | 3 | 1 | |
| Little Rock | H. C. Dunlap | 325 | 276 | 49 | 28 | 24 | 1 | 1 | |
| Lonoke | | | | | | | | | |
| Mariana | S. J. Brown | | | | | | | | |
| Marvell | A. L. Tate | 200 | 41 | 159 | 28 | 21 | 1 | 1 | |
| Palestine | C. C. Riley | 200 | 56 | 144 | 28 | 18 | 1 | 1 | |
| Saulsburg | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | \$ 2485 | \$ 1062 | \$ 1423 | \$307 | \$190 | \$ 11 | \$ 4 | |

STATISTICS No. II, ARGENTA DISTRICT, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, FOR 1885.

| NAME OF CHARGE. | NAME OF PASTOR. | MINISTERIAL SUPPORT. | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|--|---------------|---------------------------|-------|------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|------|------|
| | | PASTORS. | | PRESID- ING ELDERS. | | BISHOPS. | | CONF. CLAIM- ANTS. | | Paid | Paid |
| | | Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages. | Deficiencies. | Appointed. | Paid. | Appointed. | Paid. | Appointed. | Paid. | | |
| Alma Circuit | U. S. Kitchens | \$ 11 | \$ 11 | \$... | \$ 10 | \$ 10 | \$ 1 | \$ 1 | | | |
| Argenta Circuit | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Batesville | G. W. Taylor | 600 | 160 | 440 | 30 | 21 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Conway and Morrilton | A. L. Richardsen | 385 | 59 | 326 | 30 | 7 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Fayetteville | A. J. Phillips | 400 | 300 | | 35 | 31 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Fayetteville Circuit | Robert Boone | | | | 10 | 3 | | | | | |
| Fort Smith | Foster Wallace | 475 | 248 | 227 | 35 | 27 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Jacksonport and Newport | W. H. Higgins | 210 | 104 | 106 | 25 | 17 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Little Rock Circuit | J. D. Johnson | | | | 20 | 17 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Russellville | | | | | 35 | 27 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Sweet Home | Elza Roberts | 376 | 177 | 199 | 80 | | | | | | |
| Van Buren | W. H. Crawford | 400 | 320 | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | \$ 2857 | \$ 1500 | \$ 1378 | \$230 | \$160 | \$ 8 | \$ 7 | | | |

RECAPITULATION.

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Little Rock District | \$ 2475 | \$ 1062 | \$ 1423 | \$307 | \$190 | \$ 11 | \$ 4 |
| Hot Springs District | 2526 | 1000 | 1526 | 175 | 158 | 7 | 4 |
| Argenta District | 2857 | 1500 | 1357 | 230 | 160 | 9 | 7 |
| Total | \$ 7868 | \$ 3562 | \$ 4306 | \$712 | \$508 | \$ 26 | \$ 15 |

STATISTICS No. 1, ARGENTA DISTRICT, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE FOR 1885.

| NAMES OF CHARGES. | MEMBERSHIP. | | | BAPTISMS. | | | CHURCH PROPERTY. | | | SUNDAY SCHOOLS. | | | BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. | | | OTHER COLLECTIONS. | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| | No. of Probationers. | No. of Full Members. | No. of Local Preachers. | No. of Deaths. | No. of Children Baptized. | No. of Adults Baptized. | No. of Churches. | Probable Value. | No. of Parsonages. | Probable Value. | No. of Schools. | No. of Officers and Teachers. | For Missions. | For Board of Church Extension. | For Tract Society. | For Freedman's Aid Society. | For Education. | For American Bible Society. |
| Alma Circuit. | 12 | 85 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | \$ 800 | 1 | \$ 200 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Argenta Circuit. | 5 | 100 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 800 | 1 | 200 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Batesville. | 18 | 162 | 1 | 4 | 23 | 43 | 4 | 1200 | 1 | 200 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Conway and Morrilton. | 14 | 53 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 1600 | 1 | 127 | 27 | 20 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Fayetteville. | 20 | 60 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 350 | 1 | 127 | 27 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Fort Smith. | 8 | 75 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1600 | 1 | 25 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Jacksonport, Newport. | 25 | 82 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 900 | 1 | 15 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Little Rock Circuit. | 5 | 125 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 900 | 1 | 20 | 48 | 19 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Russellville. | 3 | 94 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 800 | 1 | 48 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Sweet Home. | 108 | 857 | 14 | 20 | 59 | 71 | 17 | \$ 8050 | 1 | \$ 505 | 56 | 248 | \$ 95 | 26 | 114 | 970 | 23 | \$ 13 |
| Van Buren. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

NAMES OF CHARGES.

HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Missions, submit the following report:

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| Little Rock District | \$ 630 | Pine Bluff District | \$ 520 |
| Carlisle " | 60 | Fulton " | 30 |
| Forrest City " | 70 | Monticello " | 80 |
| Forrest City Circuit | 44 | New Edinburg District | 50 |
| Helena " | 100 | Peytonville District | 50 |
| Little Rock Mission | 100 | Pine Bluff " | 100 |
| Marvell " | 60 | Lewisville " | 50 |
| Mariana " | 10 | Texarkana (first charge) | 60 |
| Palestine " | 72 | Texarkana (second charge) | 60 |
| Saulsburg " | 64 | Texarkana Circuit | 20 |
| Total for District | \$1,210 | Total for the District | \$1,020 |
| Van Buren District | | | |
| Alma " | | | \$ 500 |
| Fort Smith " | | | 45 |
| Morrilton " | | | 125 |
| Russellville " | | | 75 |
| | | | 25 |
| Total for the District | | | |
| Grand Total | | | \$ 770 |
| | | | 3000 |

G. W. SAMS, *Secretary*.
O. H. SMITH, *Chairman*.

I concur in the above apportionments.

W. F. MALLALIEU.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Having carefully counted all the money handed over to me from the circuits and stations, I submit the following report:

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| Cash in hand of all collections | \$285 |
| By receipts | 44 |
| Total amount of collections for this year | \$325 |

W. R. R. DUNCAN, *Treasurer*.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, Religion and education are the only hope of our race; therefore,

Resolved, That we leave not a stone unturned in getting this grand subject properly before our people in all its different phases. We recognize the grand work Philander Smith College is doing under the presidency of Prof. Thomas Mason, in putting teachers in our day and Sunday-schools, and in preparing ministers of the Gospel for more efficient service in the pulpits, thus doing an invaluable service for our people, and the cause of Christ in general.

Resolved, That we shall endeavor to forward this good work by co-operation and encouragement, in every way that we are capable of rendering it, to the complete success of this work.

Resolved, That we return our grateful thanks to Almighty God, and the grand old Church of our choice, for the Freedmen's Aid Society, its officers and teachers, from the least to the greatest, culminating in Dr. Rust, and the sainted Bishop Wiley.

Resolved, That we recognize the good work our Preparatory school at Forrest City is doing, and ask Dr. Rust to supplement at least one teacher's wages, so that a good school may be kept up nine months in the year.

Resolved, That Revs. O. H. Smith and George W. Sams be a committee to wait on Dr. Rust and present the interests of this school.

G. N. JOHNSON,
J. D. JOHNSON,
W. R. R. DUNCAN,
Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

To the Bishop and Conference:

The Christian press under God, next to the pulpit, is the mightiest weapon in the hands of the Church, for the overthrow of sin and Satan, and for the promotion of Christianity and superior holiness. One of the most effectual departments of the Christian press, is that under the care of the Methodist Episcopal Church: therefore,

Resolved, That we continue our unqualified support to the spread of healthy Christian literature among our people, and that we commend and urge upon our people the favorable consideration and adoption and use in our churches and Sunday-schools of the publications of our Book Concern.

Resolved, That we hail with joy and satisfaction the action of the General Conference, which convened in Philadelphia,

Penn., last May, by the election of Rev. M. W. Taylor, D. D., as editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, and re-adopting it as our official organ, we pledge ourselves to faithfully use every effort for its larger and wider circulation among our people.

W. H. MORRIS,
G. W. GILL,
Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Your Committee on Temperance, after careful consideration, would submit the following:

WHEREAS, Both science and human experience agree with Holy Scripture, in condemning all alcoholic beverages as being neither useful nor safe, and

WHEREAS, The business of manufacturing and vending such liquors is also against the principles of morality, political economy, and public welfare; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we heartily approve of all lawful and Christian efforts to save society from the manifold and greivous evils resulting from intemperance.

Resolved, That we regard voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants as the true ground of personal temperance, and complete legal prohibition of traffic in alcoholic drinks, as the duty of civil government.

Resolved, That we affectionately urge our preachers and members against the buying, selling or using intoxicating liquors as a beverage, signing petitions in favor of granting license for the sale of intoxicating liquors, becoming bondsmen for persons engaged in such traffic, detrimental to the ultimate success of the temperance reform, the family, the Church and the State.

Resolved, That we urge strict observance by members of our Church to use every legitimate means in the family, and in Sunday-school, to promote the cause of temperance, and to enforce temperance by both precept and example.

We are, fraternally, your committee,

W. H. CRAWFORD,
WILLIAM FULLER,
H. C. DUNLAP.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE SECRETARY OF WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

To the Bishop and Members of the Little Rock Conference:

At the dedication of Philander Smith College, and opening of the Adeline Smith Industrial Home, there was an impromptu

election of a Conference Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, for the Little Rock Conference. The undersigned was chosen as that Secretary, and, as such, immediately set about trying to gain information concerning the work of said society, and especially the duties devolving upon us. Receiving copies of the Annual Reports and other pamphlets concerning the society, its glorious aims and work contemplated from the General Secretary and grand moving spirit of our work, Mrs. R. S. Rust, we went forward, disseminating a knowledge of, and creating an interest in, the Woman's Home Missionary Society by scattering reports, tracts, etc., among the Presiding Elders of the Conference and earnestly requesting that they be left with the pastors of the respective charges, and the auxiliary societies as provided for in the general constitution. We also communicated, by writing, with several pastors direct, and with others personally soliciting their co-operation in forming auxiliaries throughout the bounds of the Conference. We are sorry to say that we have not heard from a single auxiliary outside of that of Wesley Chapel, Little Rock city.

In Wesley Chapel, Little Rock, early in May, there was organized an auxiliary W. H. M. Society, with a full corps of officers and several lay members. During the year we have forwarded to the General Secretary at Cincinnati, Mrs. R. S. Rust, \$14.65. Members paying dues, 21.

Respectfully submitted, LOTTIE E. STEPHENS,
Corresponding Secretary,

CENTENNIAL AND STATE OF CHURCH.

We hail with feelings of gratitude and profound delight the first Centennial of Methodism in America. In taking a retrospect of the past, we can discover our glorious Methodism in her onward march, increasing her friends, conquering her foes, spreading life, light and glory, the Lord greatly adding to her numbers such as will be saved.

Early in her history, slavery was denounced as the "sum of all villainies," and the policy of the Church has ever been on the side of justice and liberty.

The declared policy of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as set forth at the late General Conference of 1884, is well calculated to inspire the friends of Christ with courage and hope. No man is to be known by the color of his skin, race, birth, or previous condition of servitude, and Methodist schools, with Methodist churches are to be enjoyed by Methodist people, thus securing "all rights to all" and proclaiming to the world the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man.

In contemplating the future conquest of our great Church, we look forward to the glorious dawn, in the near future, of the day, when all the members of the different Methodist branches shall form one grand invincible army, and shall go forth in the glorious work of evangelizing the world.

The Methodist Church of to-day is working as no church has ever worked. Through her various missionary enterprises, the Gospel is being preached to all nations. Through her Church Extension Society the world is being dotted with churches, and by means of educational enterprises, ignorance is disappearing like dew before the morning sun. The Freedmen's Aid Society, by planting schools and colleges in all the principal centers of the South, is meeting a pressing emergency that could be met in no other way, and is lifting up a long neglected people, by preparing them for usefulness on earth and happiness in heaven.

W. S. LANKFORD,
WILLIAM FULLER,
A. J. PHILLIPS.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

We are happy to know that, for the most part, our Sunday-schools are in a prosperous state and that our children and youth are being instructed in the doctrines of our Church. "Train up a child in the way he should go," and "feed my lambs," are precious words of divine origin. Therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend the use of our own Sunday-school literature and lesson helps in all our schools and that the parents and guardians of our children be urged to patronize our own schools, where the children may be catechised in all the doctrines of the church of our choice, and in this way be cultivated in the nursery of the church, and take the places of father and mother and become fruitful vines in the vineyard of the Lord.

The publication and distribution of tracts have been the means of great good. We have abundant reason to believe that thousands, now in glory, and thousands more on the way, owe their first religious impressions to the reading of some little tract containing the precious words of Jesus.

We recommend, therefore, that the requirements of our Book of Discipline be carried out by all our ministers, and that more earnest efforts be put forth to collect and report to our Annual Conferences something for the support of the tract cause.

W. S. LANKFORD,
M. LOCKMAN,
U. S. KITCHENS,
Committee.

REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

We, the Committee on Church Extension, submit the following report:

We rejoice in the great work and success of this Society all over the land, and pledge our continued and hearty support in behalf of the same. We feel, however, that its rules and conditions are such that in many cases in our Conference where small and very cheap churches are needed, they can not be met; therefore,

Resolved, That we request Bishop Mallalieu to inquire into this matter and urge a more liberal dealing, if possible, with our people, who are willing to do all they can, but in many instances are unable to reach the requirements of the Society.

SETH NEAL,
E. ROBERTS,
G. W. GILL.

REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

WHEREAS, The good work of Christ has been carried on, and the interests of the people cared for, by the great canvass of the world by the American Bible Society; therefore,

Resolved, That we endorse heartily this Society and the work done since its organization, and we sincerely pray that the blessing of God may continue to rest upon it until it has succeeded in placing a copy of the Bible in every home.

Resolved, That we take a collection this year in our several charges for this cause.

H. C. DUNLAP,
F. WALLACE,
M. LOCKMAN.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We the Committee on Auditing Presiding Elders' accounts report that, having examined carefully their accounts, we find them correct.

W. H. CRAWFORD,
G. W. GILL,
THOMAS MASON.

MEMOIRS.

BISHOP SIMPSON.

No one man, possibly, has exercised a greater influence in marking out the course, and shaping the destiny of men than Bishop Mathew Simpson, D. D., L.L. D. Thousands upon thousands have listened breathlessly to his impassioned and unequalled eloquence, and his words have lived in their hearts and controlled their lives. He sat as the counsellor of the chief executive of the nation, at a time in the most perplexing period of its history, and the liberty and the prosperity that we enjoy to-day is largely due to his influence. But, as in the providence of God men come, do their work, and are gone, so the beloved Simpson came, worked grandly and is at rest. While we feel deeply our loss as a Church in his death, yet we bow submissively to these mysterious dispensations of Providence.

THOMAS MASON.

BISHOP WILEY.

The death of I. W. Wiley, in a distant land, is a source of very deep sorrow to our hearts. We have felt his sympathy in our need, and have seen his active work in our behalf. He was present when the Freedmen's Aid Society was founded that has been blessing to the poor of the South for years in bringing to them the advantages of Christian education. And during all these years his counsel has very largely directed its course, and his energy has given it success. By his intimate connection with the Society; by his intense interest in everything that has tended to the mental, moral and spiritual development of the Great South; by his wise counsel and judicious administration of the affairs of the Great Church to which he gave his last thoughts, he has endeared himself to all hearts. So among the hosts of Church militant we find ourselves in sadness in consequence of his death, and yet we bow in submission to Him who "doeth all things well."

THOMAS MASON.

SISTER SUSAN JOHNSON.

WHEREAS, God in His wise providence, has taken from our midst Sister Susan Johnson, wife of Rev. Samuel Johnson; and,

WHEREAS, We feel that we have sustained great loss in the removal of our dear sister from us. We make grateful record that our loss is her gain, and from her beautiful Christian life and last words, we are sure, if we are faithful, we will meet in the blessed world above; be it

Resolved, That we tender our dear Brother Johnson and Sister Mary Wright, mother of our dear departed, our most sincere prayers for God's grace to support them in their bereavement.

W. O. EMORY.

SISTER AMELIA THOMPSON.

Sister Amelia Thompson was born in Augusta, Ga., February 7, 1826; emigrated to Liberia in 1833 with her mother; converted and joined the church when 9 years old, and died in great peace, in Monticello, Ark., February 15, 1885, leaving a husband and three children to mourn her loss. Sister Thompson was a woman of extraordinary Christian qualities, bearing her trials patiently all the way through. Our loss is her infinite gain. We hereby assure Brother Thompson of our most sincere prayers in his hour of bereavement.

W. O. EMORY.

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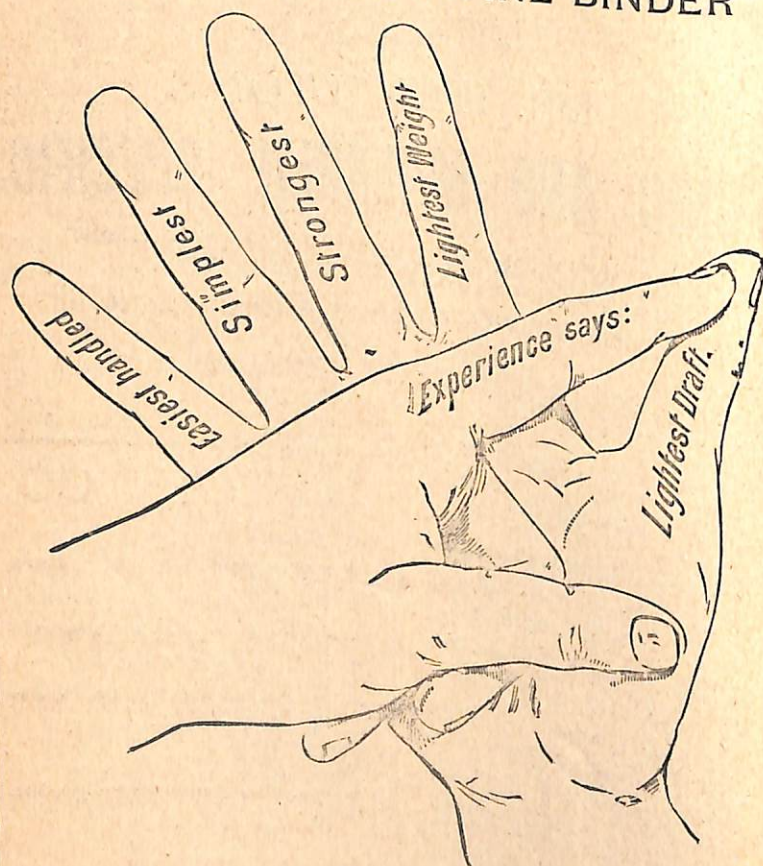
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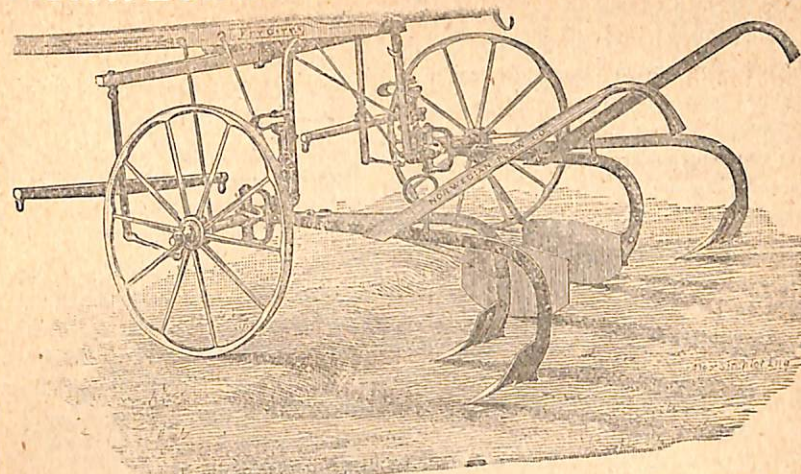
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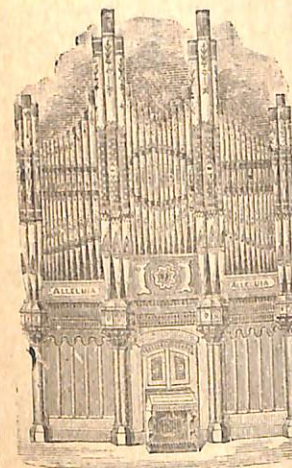
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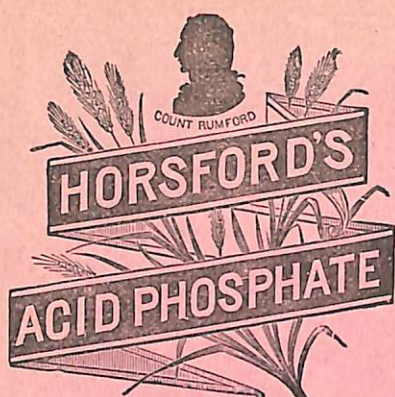
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