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CONFERENCE

1889.

MINUTES

OF THE

♦♦ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION♦♦

OF THE

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

OF THE

♦♦METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH♦♦

HELD AT

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., FEB. 7-11 1889.

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REV. THOMAS MASON, A. M., Secretary.

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## OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE:

J. N. FITZGERALD, D. D., - - - Presiding Bishop.  
 THOMAS MASON, A. M., - - - - Secretary,  
 W. H. MORRIS, - - - - Assistant Secretary.  
 J. W. JACKSON, - - - Statistical Secretary.  
 J. R. FRAZIER, - - - Ass't Statistical Secretary.

## SESSIONS OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

No.	YEAR.	DATE.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1	1879	Feb. 21st	Van Buren	Andrews	I. G. Pollard
2	1880	Feb. 11th	Jacksonport	Merrill	I. G. Pollard
3	1881	Feb. 3rd	Hot Springs	Foss	I. G. Pollard
4	1882	Feb. 9th	Little Rock	Peck	I. G. Pollard
5	1883	Feb. 8th	Pine Bluff	Hurst	I. G. Pollard
6	1884	Feb. 13th	Little Rock	Wiley	W. O. Emory
7	1885	Feb. 19th	Van Buren	Mallalieu	Thos. Mason
8	1886	Feb. 11th	Pine Bluff	Bowman	W. O. Emory
9	1887	Feb. 17th	Fayetteville	Merrill	Thos. Mason
10	1888	Feb. 15th	Little Rock	Warren	Thos. Mason
11	1889	Feb. 7th	Hot Springs	FitzGerald	Thos. Mason

## CONFERENCE ROLL.

No.	Name.	Conference Relation.	When Born.	Birth Place.	Com menced Traveling.
1	Aerhart, James M.	Effective.			
2	Baber, G W.	Effective.	May 16th, 1844	Arkansas.	1878
3	Clardy, A. R.	Effective.			
4	Coulter, H P.	Effective.	Sept 11th, 1863	Arkansas.	1886
5	Crawford, W H.	Effective.	Sept 13th, 1835	Arkansas.	1869
6	Cunningham, W J.	Effective.			
7	Duncan, W R R.	Effective.	Jan 27th, 1857		
8	Dunlap, H C.	Effective.	Feb 8th, 1849	Tennessee.	1882
9	Emory, W O.	Effective.			
10	Fletcher, A. J.	Effective.	Sept 27th, 1853	South Carolina	1876
11	Foster, M H.	Effective.			
12	Franklin, J. P.	Effective.	July 26th, 1858	Louisiana.	1882
13	Frazier, J. R.	Effective.			
14	Fuller, W M.	Effective.	Jan	1846 Georgia.	1884
15	Griffin, B. J.	Effective.	Oct 14th, 1852	South Carolina	1882
16	Hanna, Thos.	Effective.			
17	Hardeman, Alex.	Effective.			
18	Higgins, W H.	Effective.	Aug 25th, 1851	Maryland.	1879
19	Humphrey, Peter.	Supernumerary.			
20	Jackson, J. W.	Effective.	June 8th, 1850	Arkansas.	1886
21	Johnson, G N.	Effective.	Dec 25th, 1856	Tennessee.	1881
22	Kitchens, U S.	Effective.			
23	Lacey, G. W.	Effective.	March 4th, 1853	Louisiana.	1876
24	Mason, Thos.	Effective.	Oct 4th, 1850	Indiana.	1874
25	Massey, J. L.	Effective.			
26	Morris, W H.	Effective.	Aug 29th, 1852	North Carolina	1883
27	McDonald, Henry.	Superannuate.			
28	Neal, Seth.	Effective.	Oct 26th, 1852	Georgia.	1881
29	Phillips, A. J.	Effective.	Oct 28th, 1845	Alabama.	1870
30	Richardson, A. L.	Effective.			
31	Roberts, Elza.	Superannuate.			
32	Sherby, David.	Effective.			
33	Spencer, E. D.	Effective.	Feb 12th, 1862	Mississippi.	1882
34	Stokes, Simon.	Effective.	Aug 15th, 1850	Tennessee.	1886
35	Tate, A. L.	Supernumerary.			
36	Taylor, C. A.	Effective.	May 4th, 1855	Louisiana.	1883
37	Taylor, G. W.	Effective.		1836 Arkansas.	1872
38	Toombs, J. E.	Effective.		1860 Virginia.	1883
39	Wallace, Foster.	Effective.			
40	Witherspoon, S. B.	Effective.	Nov 15th, 1850	Mississippi.	1884

PROBATIONERS: SECOND YEAR.					
1 Clark, W B.....	Effective.....	1842	North Carolina .....	1887	
2 Crawley, J C.....	Effective.....	Feb 25th, 1858	Mississippi .....	1888	
3 Hulett, J J.....	Effective.....	Feb 10th, 1849	Tennessee .....	1888	
4 Johnson, S J.....	Effective.....				
5 Owens, C E.....	Effective.....	Aug 29th, 1857	South Carolina .....	1888	
6 Renfro, H M.....	Effective.....	Dec 30th, 1850	Tennessee .....	1888	
7 Richmond, J F.....	Effective.....	July 27th, 1859	Arkansas .....	1888	

PROBATIONERS: FIRST YEAR.					
1 Brown, S J.....	Effective.....	Nov 8th, 1852	Mississippi .....	1888	
2 Haynes, Albert.....	Effective.....				
3 Lemon, June.....	Effective.....	Aug 2nd, 1852	Tennessee .....	1889	
4 McDonald, Silas.....	Effective.....				
5 Sherrill, J C.....	Effective.....				
6 Thornton, B. J.....	Effective.....	Nov 14th, 1863	Tennessee .....	1889	
7 Thompson, G W.....	Effective.....	1849	Tennessee .....	1888	
8 White, Burrell.....	Effective.....				

## NECROLOGICAL ROLL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord..... for they rest from their labors."

### MINISTERS.

MINISTERS.	WIVES OF MINISTERS.
Johnson, John D.....	Clardy, Clarkey.....
Langford, W. S.....	Crawford, Mrs. W. H.....
Peel, J. A.....	McCain, Mrs. B.....
Sams, G. W.....	Stokes, Mrs. S. M.....
Tabor, C. A.....	Thompson, Mrs. J. G.....
Thompson, J. G.....	
Todd, W. M.....	

Opening.

Roll call.

Election of  
Secretaries.

Conference  
Bar.

Time of  
meeting.

## JOURNAL

OF THE

## Eleventh Annual Session

OF THE

## LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

### First Day.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., FEB. 7TH, 1889.

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION of the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 7th, 1889 at 9 o'clock a. m. Bishop J. N. FitzGerald in the chair.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the Bishop who announced the hymns and read Scripture selections from Isaiah and Romans and W. R. R. Duncan. Presiding Elder of Van Buren District, and Dr. Curtis of the Central New York Conference led in prayer.

The Secretary of the last session called the roll of the Conference and twenty-nine members and probationers responded to their names.

T. Mason was re-elected Secretary and on his nomination W. H. Morris was re-elected assistant Secretary.

J. W. Jackson was re-elected Statistical Secretary with J. R. Frazier as assistant.

The bar of the Conference was fixed on a line with the third window from the pulpit.

The hour of meeting and adjournment was fixed at 8-30 a. m. and 12 m. respectively the first half hour to be spent in devotional exercises.

Committees.

The following standing committees were constituted:  
*On Public Worship*—Pastor and presiding Elder.  
*On Church Extension*—G. W. Taylor, W. H. Higgins,  
 F. Wallace.

*On Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education*—  
 Mason, W. H. Morris, J. E. Toombs.

*On Missions*—The Presiding Elders.

*On Bible Cause*—B. J. Griffin, W. B. Clark, S. Stokes.

*On Sunday Schools and Tracts*—J. R. Frazier, S. Witherspoon, Seth Neal.

*On Books and Periodicals*—H. C. Dunlap, H. Coulter, E. D. Spencer.

*On Publishing the Minutes*—The Secretaries.

*On Temperance*—G. W. Lacey, G. W. Baber, T. Hanna.

*On Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts*—J. R. Frazier, W. H. Higgins, W. H. Morris.

*On State of the Church*—J. W. Jackson, J. C. Crawford, J. E. Toombs.

*On New York Book Accounts and Gospel in Lands*—J. E. Toombs.

*On Western Book Accounts*—H. P. Coulter.

*Conference Treasurer*—A. J. Fletcher.

*Stewards*—G. W. Lacey, F. Wallace, A. J. Fletcher.

*On Episcopal Fund*—The Presiding Elders.

*M. H. Foster*, *On Conference Relations*—T. Mason, W. M. Fullerton.

The following communications were presented by  
 Bishop and referred to appropriate committees:

From the Book Agents at New York pertaining to  
 Episcopal Fund and to the deficit in General Conference expenses.

From President Warren of Boston University.  
 From President Thirkield of Gammon School of  
 Theology, Atlanta, Ga.

From Dr. Payne Cor. Sec. of the Education Soc'y  
 From Dr. Hartzell, " " of the Freedmen's Aid Soc'y  
 Southern Education Society.

Communications referred.

Book Concern Dividends.

20th Question.

Dr. Gray's address.

Freedmen's Aid day.

Introductions.

The Bishop announced that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Book Concern Dividend and also on the Centennial Dividend one hundred and forty one dollars each and the drafts were ordered.

The Twentieth question was called: "*Was the character of each preacher examined?*"

W. H. Crawford reported the Little Rock District and his character passed, and the characters of G. W. Taylor, B. J. Griffin, A. J. Phillips, G. W. Lacey, H. C. Dunlap and T. Mason were examined and passed.

G. N. Johnson reported the Pine Bluff District and his character, and also the characters of A. J. Fletcher, G. W. Baber, J. L. Massey and W. H. Higgins, passed.

W. R. R. Duncan represented the Van Buren District and his character and also the characters of T. H. Hanna, U. S. Kitchens, M. H. Foster, W. H. Morris, W. O. Emory, F. Wallace and Seth Neal, passed.

Dr. Gray, Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was introduced, the time was extended and he made a very effective address in the interests of the society. Pledges were taken amounting to \$567.

On motion of A. J. Fletcher the Presiding Elders were authorized to apportion to the various charges of the Conference one thousand dollars for this society.

On motion of H. C. Dunlap the fourth Sunday in June was set apart as Freedmen's Aid day and the Presiding Elders of the various Districts were requested to arrange the holding of the District Conferences for the week following at which the reports should be made.

The following visiting brethren were introduced to the Conference: I. B. Scott, of the Texas Conference, E. C. Curtis, D. D., of the Central New York Conference, R. L. Selle of the Arkansas Conference, T. C. Christburg of the A. M. E. Church of the city and Rev. Cary of the Baptist Church.

The committee of examination of the third year being absent, the committee of the second year was, on motion requested to examine the class.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Fitzgerald.

## Second Day.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., FEB. 8TH, 1889

Conference convened at 8:30 a. m. and was opened with a half hour's devotional service conducted by W. Higgins.

The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

The Statistical Secretary and the Conference Treasurer called the list of charges from which no reports had been presented.

The Eighteenth question was called: "Who are the supernumerary preachers?" Peter Humphrey was continued in this relation with a request to locate. J. H. Thompson and A. L. Richardson were made effective. E. Roberts was granted a superannuated relation. A. L. Tate was placed on the Supernumerary list.

The Fifth question was called: "Who are admitted into full connection?" The class was called forward and addressed by the Bishop in plain, practical and impressive words after which W. J. Cunningham was admitted into full connection. Harry W. Walton was continued in the second year.

Henry McDonald was granted a superannuated relation. The Tenth question was called: "What Local preachers have been elected Deacons?" The recommendations of Henry M. Renfro, Francis M. Ramsey, Chas. E. Owens, B. J. Thornton, Joseph C. Sherrill and Silas McDonald were presented and they were elected.

The Thirteenth question was called: "Who are the traveling deacons of the second-class?" The class was called, the committee of examination reported and the following brethren were advanced to the second class of deacons: J. W. Jackson, S. M. Stokes, J. E. Toombs, Thos. H. Hanna, Edward Spencer, John R. Frazier. The following were continued in the first class of deacons: H. P. Coulter, Solomon B. Witerspoon, Alex. Hardeman, W. M. Fuller and A. L. Tate.

18th Question.

5th Question.

10th Question.

13th Question.

Rev. I. B.  
Scott's  
address.Miss E. H.  
McIntosh's  
address.7th Ques-  
tion.Visitors in-  
troduced.Chartered  
Fund Draft.1st. Ques-  
tion.

2d. Question

Rev. I. B. Scott addressed the Conference in the interests of the *Southwestern Christian Advocate* and was followed with remarks by the Bishop on the same line.

Miss E. H. McIntosh, Conference Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, presented her report and addressed the Conference in the interests of the Society.

The Seventh question was called: "Who are received on credentials from other churches?" W. R. R. Duncan Presiding Elder of the Van Buren District presented the credentials of James M. Aerhart of the Colored Methodist Church in America and he was received.

The following visiting brethren were introduced to the Conference: Revs. W. A. Freeman and C. C. Gedden, D. D. of the M. E. Church South, W. P. Franklin and C. A. Taylor of the Louisiana Conference.

The committees were called, announcements were made, the doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Curtis.

## Third Day.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., FEB. 9TH, 1889.

Conference convened at 8:30 a. m. and was opened with a half hour service of prayer conducted by H. C. Dunlap.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Bishop presented the draft on the chartered fund for \$30.00 which was ordered paid.

The First question was called; Who are received by transfer and from what Conference? The Bishop presented the certificates of transfer of C. A. Taylor, J. P. Franklin, and David Shelby, Elders from the Louisiana Conference.

The Second question was called; Who are admitted on Trial? The recommendations of the following brethren were presented, the Committee of Examination and the Presiding Elder reported and they were admitted: Joseph C. Sherrell, June Lemon, Benjamin J. Thornton, Silas McDonald, Samuel J. Brown.

## MINUTES OF THE

June Lemon was elected to Deacon's orders.

The Third question was called: *Who Remain on Trial*  
 3d. Question. The Examining Committee and the Presiding Elder reported and the following were advanced to the second year Henry M. Renfro, W. B. Clark, J. J. Hullett, John Richmond, Samuel J. Johnson, Chas. E. Owens, Josiah Crawley. The following were continued in the first year G. W. Thompson, Burrell White, Albert Haynes.

33d. Question. Question 33 was called: *Where shall the next Conference be held?* Fort Smith, Texarkana, and Batesville were put in nomination, and Fort Smith was selected.

Resolution on Publishing Minutes. The Secretaries presented the following resolution pertaining to the publication of the Minutes, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Secretaries be requested to publish 1000 copies of the Minutes and that to help defray the expenses of publication, each preacher be charged \$1.25, 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 Committee on church extension reported and the report was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Freedman's Aid and Southern Education was read and after some earnest work on the subject of education in general and Philander Smith College in particular was adopted.

Rev. T. B. Ford, D. D. and W. I. Fees of the Arkansas Conference, S. H. Pye, of St. Louis, Rev. D. H. Harris of the Baptist Church of the city, Hon. Fredrick Douglas and Judge Gibbs were introduced to the Conference.

The Conference then listened to a very interesting address by Mr. Douglas, after which the following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

*Resolved*, That we appreciate very highly the presence and address of Hon. Fredrick Douglas, recognizing in him a man worthy of our highest esteem, and that we assure him that an inspiration for higher development and more earnest work has come to us from his visit.

Hon. Fred. Douglas' Address.

Complimentary Resolution.

S. H. Pye's Address.

Report on Bible Cause.

Books and Periodicals.

Temperance.

Committee of Examination.

Steward's Report.

Conference Board.

Church Extension.

S. H. Pye representing the Western Book Concern addressed the Conference.

Report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and adopted.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals reported and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Temperance reported and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Examination and the person to preach the Missionary sermon were announced.

The Stewards reported and the report was referred back to the Committee.

The Conference Board of Church Extension was announced.

The announcements were made, the doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop FitzGerald.

## Fourth Day.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., FEB. 11TH. 1889.

Conference convened at 8:30 a. m., and was opened with a half-hour service of prayer conducted by C. A. Taylor.

The Journal of Saturday's Session was read and approved.

A. R. Clardy's Credentials Restored.

Boards of Location.

Steward's Report.

Mission Committee's Report.

On motion of W. R. R. Duncan, permission was granted to withdraw the charges against A. R. Clardy and his credentials were restored.

2d. Question. The Second Question was recalled and Henry L. Clark was admitted on trial.

District boards of location were nominated by W. R. R. Duncan and elected by the Conference.

The Board of Stewards presented their report which was adopted.

The report of the Committee on missions was read and adopted.

Compliment-  
ary Resolu-  
tions.

Auditing  
Committee's  
Report.

Complimentary resolutions thanking the good people of Hot Springs for the royal entertainment of the Conference; the Bishop for his impartial rulings and excellent addresses; Bro. A. J. Phillips for the satisfactory arrangement for the accommodation of the Conference; and the Secretaries for faithful work were adopted by a rising vote.

The Auditing Committee reported and the report was adopted.

The Statistical Secretaries presented their report.

The Treasurer presented his report.

On motion of W. H. Crawford, it was ordered that after religious services and the reading of the appointments the Conference stand adjourned.

The Bishop read a short scripture lesson, announced a hymn which was sung and G. N. Johnson led in prayer.

The Bishop made a few appropriate remarks, read the appointments, the doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned *sine die*, with benediction by Bishop FitzGerald.

Thos. Mason,  
Secretary.

J. N. FitzGerald,  
Presiding Bishop

#### GENERAL MINUTE QUESTIONS.

Question 1. Who are Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?

C. A. Taylor, J. P. Franklin and David Shelby from the Louisiana Conference.

Question 2. Who are Admitted on Trial?  
Joseph C. Sherrill, June Lemon, Benj. J. Thornton, Silas McDonald, Samuel J. Brown, Henry L. Clark, Geo. W. Thompson (1888) Burrell White. (1888) Albert Haynes (1888).

Question 3. Who Remain on Trial?  
Hurry W. Walton, Henry M. Renfro, W. B. Clark, J. J. Hulett, John F. Richmond, S. J. Johnson, Chas. E. Owens, Josiah Crawley.

Question 4. Who are Discontinued?

John H. Thompson.

Question 5. Who are Admitted into Full Connection?

Wesley J. Cunningham.  
Question 7. Who are Received on Credentials from other Churches?

James M. Aerhart, a deacon from the Colored Methodist Church in America.

Question 8. What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?

None.

Question 9. What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?

None. A. R. Clardy (credentials restored).

Question 10. *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

Henry M. Renfro, Francis M. Ramsey, Chas. E. McDonald, June Lemon.

Question 11. *What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*

Henry M. Renfro, Francis M. Ramsey, Chas. E. June Lemon.

Question 12. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class?*

H. P. Coulter, Solomon B. Witherspoon, Alexander Hardeman, W. M. Fuller, Albert Tate.

Question 13. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?*

J. W. Jackson, S. M. Stokes, J. E. Toombs, Thos. Hanna, Edward Spencer, John R. Frazier.

Question 14. *What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*

None.

Question 15. *What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*

None.

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, (requested to locate), A. L. Tate.

Question 19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

E. Roberts, Henry McDonald.

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?*

None.

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?*

G. W. Lacey, W. H. Higgins, Foster Wallace, A. J.

Phillips, G. W. Baber, A. J. Fletcher, W. H. Morris.

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

(See tabulated statement.)

Question 30. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

\$351.

Question 31. *What has been Received on these claims, and how has it been applied?*

\$351, 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?*

Fort Smith.

## APPOINTMENTS.

## FOREST CITY DISTRICT, PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

W. R. R. DUNCAN, P. E.

Batesville,....J. R. Frazier.  
 Batesville circuit, June Lemon  
 Bledsoe,....H. W. Walton.  
 Cat Island,...To be supplied.  
 Clarendon,..B. J. Thornton.  
 Cotton Plant,..G. W. Taylor.  
 Forest City,....C. A. Taylor.  
 " , circuit, H. W. Clark  
 Haynes,....To be supplied.  
 Helena,....To be supplied.  
 Jacksonport,..W. H. Morris.  
 Mariana,....T. H. Hanna.  
 Marion,....To be supplied.  
 Marvell,....H. M. Renfro.  
 Newport,...J. F. Richmond.  
 Osceola,....A. R. Clardy.

G. W. LACEY, P. E.

Altheimer,....M. J., Brown-  
 Arkansas City, To be supplied.  
 Dermot,....Albert Haynes.  
 Fordyce,....Alex Hardeman.  
 Hamburg,...To be supplied.  
 Linwood,....J. W. Brownlee.  
 Monticello,...To be supplied.  
 New Edinburg, H. P. Coulter.  
 New Gascony, J. C. Crawley.  
 Pine Bluff,...W. H. Higgins.  
 " Circuit, U. S. Kitchens.  
 Sweet Home, Foster Wallace.  
 Watson,....Dennis Edgison.

## TEXARKANA DISTRICT

W. H. CRAWFORD, P. E.

Alexander,...To be supplied.  
 Argenta,...Edward Spencer.  
 Alma,...To be supplied.  
 Conway,...W. J. Cunningham.  
 Carlisle,...Burrell White.  
 Fort Smith,...J. P. Franklin.  
 " , Mission, To be sup'd.  
 Fayetteville...J. E. Toombs.  
 " , circuit, Silas McDonald.  
 Harrison,...To be supplied.  
 Little Rock:  
 Wesley Chapel, A. J. Fletcher.  
 Simpson " , J. C. Sherrill.  
 Circuit,...Chas. E. Owens.  
 Lon ke,...B. J. Griffin.  
 Morrillton,...Seth Neal.  
 Richwood,...J. J. Hulett.  
 Salgoachie,...S. M. Stokes.  
 Van Buren,...J. W. Jackson.

G. N. JOHNSON, P. E.

Magnolia,...W. B. Clark.  
 Peytonville, S. B. Witherspoon  
 Prescott,...To be supplied.  
 Texarkana,...W. M. Fuller.  
 Washington,...David Shelby.  
 Walnut Hill, G. W. Thompson  
 Thos. Mason, President of  
 Philander Smith College and  
 member of Wesley Chapel,  
 Little Rock, Quarterly Con-  
 ference.  
 W. O. Emory left without  
 appointment to attend one of  
 our schools.

## SPECIAL APPOINTMENT,

To preach the Missionary Sermon—J. E. Toombs.  
 Alternate—W. H. Morris.

## EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

*First Year*—Seth Neal, J. P. Franklin, M. H. Foster.  
*Second Year*—A. J. Phillips, F. Wallace, David Shelby.  
*Third Year*—G. W. Lacey, W. H. Higgins, W. H. Morris.  
*Fourth Year*—Thomas Mason, G. W. Taylor.  
*For Admission on Trial*—J. W. Jackson, J. R. Frazier,

A. J. Fletcher.

*For Local Orders*—C. A. Taylor, A. L. Richardson.

## TRIERS OF APPEALS.

G. W. Lacey, W. H. Higgins, Foster Wallace, A. J.  
 Phillips, G. W. Baber, A. J. Fletcher, W. H. Morris.

## BOARD, CHURCH LOCATION.

*Forest City District*—G. W. Taylor, T. H. Hanna,  
 Lewis Hodges, Frank Scruggs.  
*Little Rock District*—J. W. Jackson, J. E. Toombs,  
 Simon Marrs, A. Z. Mitchell.  
*Pine Bluff District*—W. H. Higgins, F. Wallace,  
 Wm. Neeley, C. Patillo.  
*Texarkana District*—W. M. Fuller, H. C. Dunlap,  
 Drayton Gramble, Miles Wesson.

## CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that at Hot Springs, Ark., on the  
 tenth day of February eighteen hundred and eighty nine  
 the following named persons were ordained by me, as  
 Deacons:

Henry M. Renfro, Francis M. Ramsey, Charles E.  
 Owens, Benjamin J. Thornton, Joseph C. Sherrell, Silas  
 McDonald and June Lemons.

J. N. Fitzgerald.

## MINUTES OF THE

## STATISTICS NO. 1, LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT,

Name of Charges	MEMBER SHIP.			BAPTISMS			CHURCH PROPERTY.		
	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	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.
Bledsoe	8	84	5	2	3	6	3	1	900.00
Carlisle	5	54							
Clarendon									
Cotton Plant	7	142	2	1	2	8	1	1	624.00
Forrest City	5	56	3	1	4	1	1	1	800.00
" " Circuit									
Helena	4	18	5		4	1			200.00
Hot Springs	53	60	2		4	23	1		2500.00
Haynes									
Little Rock	18	284	10	2	11	1	1	1	7000.00
Lonoke	20	110	1	1	10	1	1	1	200.00
Marianna	7	58							
Marvell	5	149	5	2	8	1	1	1	400.00
Old Town Ridge	4	22	3	1	7	2			250.00
Rich Woods									
Sweet Home	3	40	3	1	4	1			100.00
Total	7	109	7	5	5	3	1		400.00
	146	1302	4618	27	75	15	\$15,874.00	3	75 00
									275 00

## STATISTICS NO. 1, PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

Name of Charges	MEMBER SHIP.			BAPTISMS			CHURCH PROPERTY.		
	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	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.
Bingen	8	100	1	1	16	8	3	1	900.00
Centre Point	24	150	2	1	3	10	3	1	1800.00
Fordyce									
Fulton	5	43	3		8	5	1		20.00
Gurdon									
Hamburg									
Lewisville									
Linwood									
Lockesburg	3	23	3	1	1	1	1	1	350.00
Magnolia	35	140	4	3	8	4	1	1	300.00
Monticello									
New Gascony	3	66	2	1	11	5			1000.00
New Edingburg	7	21	3		3	1			
Peytonville									
Pine Bluff	8	92	6	4	10	2	1	2	300.00
" " Circuit									
Texarkana St P	20	47	2		3	9	1	1	400.00
" Wler's C'l.	4	33	2		3	4	1	1	2000.00
Washington	9	91	3	3	4	1	1	1	800.00
Walnut Hill	10	14	2	1	2	3	1	3	900.00
Watson									
Total	139	804	22	20	58	25	5	5	\$13050.00
									-\$1450.00
									+\$858.80
									-\$308.70
									+\$1251.80

## LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, FOR 1889.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.						MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.	other collect'ns					
	FOR MISSIONS.	From Sunday Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Conference Claimants.	
3 2	5 8	75 82	4 00 2 50	1 00 2 50	1 50	1 50	19 50	125 00 41 80					
3 1	5 5	65 50	6 00 3 00	9 00 4 00	25 25	25 25	25 25	229 65 144 20	1 55	50			
1 2	8 2	50 23	1 00	1 00	25 25	25 25	25 25	41 95			56 00		
1 1	10 5	55 55	9 00	6 00	15 00	1 00	2 00	6 00	3 20				
1 2	23 15	52 80	10 00	7 00	21 00	4 00	5 00	7 00	1 00	8 85	699 75	6 00	
1 1	7 8	64 50	6 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	2 25			130 00	1 00	
2 2	8 6	60 60	5 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	4 20	5 00		165 00		
2 10	46 14	50 140	5 00 3 00	2 00 1 00	2 40 1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		113 00		
4 14											31 00		
29 133	1 131	-\$65 25	-\$21 01	\$86 25	\$56 15	-\$8 00	\$6 00	\$124 90	-\$32 55	\$10 95	-\$100 28 60	\$2 779	\$16 30
													\$56 00

## LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, FOR 1889.

3 15	75 12	5 12	5 00 3 65	5 00 3 65	2 00	1 00	2 00					154 00 96 20
3 12	80 10	80 40	3 00 1 00	8 00 1 00	1 50 25	25 25	1 00					151 00 45 50
1 10	30 6	30 26	1 00 2 00	1 00 2 00	1 00 25	25 25	2 00					12 00 49 00
1 4	30 5	30 18	1 00 10 00	1 00 10 00	1 00 5 00	1 00 5 00	65					97 00 190 00
5 26	180 10	10 00		10 00	5 00	1 00	10 00	4 00				
1 8	36 2	36 2	1 00 2 00	1 00 2 00	1 00 2 00	1 00 2 00	1 00					
2 6	35 2	35 2	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	1 00				
1 21	105 7	7 00	8 00	15 00	10 00	1 00	1 00	1 00				
1 21	105 7	7 00	8 00	15 00	10 00	1 00	1 00	1 00				
1 6	70 2	48 3	1 20 3 00	5 00 10 00	7 00 1 00	2 00 5 00	7 00 7 00	1 00 6 00				
2 14	100 6	6 75 45	6 75 2 00	10 00 2 00	10 00 1 00	5 00 2 00	7 20 3 00	6 60				
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MINUTES OF THE

STATISTICS NO. 1, VAN BUREN DISTRICT,

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS

# LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, FOR 1889.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

**RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS**

*LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.*

STATISTICS No. II, VAN BUREN DISTRICT, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE FOR 1889.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.						CONF. CLAIM- ANTS.	
		PASTORS.		PRESID- ING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.			
		Paid.....	Apportioned.....	Paid.....	Apportioned.....	Paid.....	Apportioned.....		
Argenta Circuit.....	E. D. Spencer..	300 00	230 00	70 00	40 00	11 00	1 00	1 00	
Batesville Circuit.....	T. H. Hanna..	400 00	314 00	86 00	40 00	35 00	1 00	1 00	
Cloverbend.....	U. S. Kitchens..	225 00	33 00	192 00	25 00	20 00	1 00	60	
Conway.....	W. Cunningham..	135 00	58 50	77 50	16 00	11 60	2 00	1 00	
Fayetteville Circuit.....	J. F. Richmond..	500 00	416 00	84 00	50 00	19 85	3 00	2 00	
Fort Smith Mission.....	J. E. Toombs..	200 00	150 00	52 00	25 00	11 70	1 00	60	
Jacksonport.....	S. McDonald..	380 00	261 00	119 00	28 00	25 00	2 00	2 00	
Morrillton.....	M. H. Foster..							2 00	
New Port.....	W. H. Morris..	362 00	108 00	124 00	24 00	24 00	2 00	1 00	
Oillauga Bottom.....	Seth Neal..	375 00	50 00	325 00	20 00	6 75	1 00	1 00	
Van Buren.....	Allen Akridge..	175 00	100 00	75 00	25 00	20 00	1 00	1 00	
Sogohachie.....	J. I. Lemonds..	150 00	73 00	77 00	25 00	2 25	2 00	2 00	
Total.....	Foster Wallace..	460 00	270 00	190 00	40 00	32 25	1 00	60	
	S. M. Stokes..	140 00	52 60	87 40	30 00	15 90	1 00	1 00	
		\$3802. 2116 10	1556 90	393 288 30			19 -11 20 -13 7 20.		

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Little Rock District.....	3943 00	2408 35	1609 65	404 00	294 80	23 00	23 90	17 00	16 30
Pine Bluff ,,,	3641 00	1719 50	2123 20	374 00	264 70	11 00	4 55	7 50	4 75
Van Buren ,,,	3802 00	2116 10	1556 90	303 00	288 30	19 00	11 20	13 00	7 20
Total.....	\$11386. 6243 95	-5289 75	-1171. -847 80	-53 49 65 37	50 27 25				

## MINUTES OF THE

SATISTICS OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE  
FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

DATE	MEMBERSHIP.	PROBATIONERS.	MINISTERS.	LOCAL PREACHERS	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										CH. PROP.	
					MISSIONS.	CH. EXTEN.	FREEDMAN'S AID.	EDUCATION.	S. S. UNION.	TRACT SOC.	AM. B. SOC.	W. H. M.	W. F. M.			
1879	1443	310	9	42	\$80	33	\$13 15	\$64 10	\$2 00	\$2 75	2 20	I 15			7635 00	
1880	1364	309	11	52	201	30	32 10	50 65	4 65	6 50	4 70		50		8851 00	
1881	1528	371	16	52	143	71	11 80	210 65	2 55	14 65	2 35					
1882	1919	628	21	52	93	55	4 35	3 75	2 20	2 55	70					
1883	2376	467	24	52	130	75	12 95	53 05	5 40	5 80	2 15	I 55				
1884	2497	399	28	63	117	89	41 65	42 00	23 75	10 95	7 15					
1885	2336	379	28	96	87	00	24 00	160 00	45 00	3 00	2 00	I 90		I 40	65	
1886	2223	226	25	106	169	00	58 00	30 00	53 00	17 00	7 00	I 00	I 00	I 00	14 00	
1887	2872	294	29	107	177	90	58 35	40 10	66 91	12 80	11 45	I 25				
1888	3152	336	32	125	263	10	150 00	47 95	84 17	10 40	7 35	8 20				
1889	3026	368	40	85	270	60	135 15	263	75 81	10 12	70	10 35	12 45	32 00	I 50	32155 00

*N. B.*—From 1879 to 1889 the Misionary Society has appropriated to the Conference \$33,250.00—Freedman's Aid Society \$50.000; Church Extension \$14.000.

## REPORT OF STEWARDS.

We the Conference Stewards submit the following report:

## RECEIPTS:

From Book Concern Dividends,.....	\$282.
From the Chartered Fund,.....	30.
From Conference Collections,.....	24
From last Year,.....	15.
Total,.....	\$351.

## DISBURSEMENT:

Elza Roberts,.....	
J. W. Jackson,.....	\$75.
J. R. Frazier,.....	35.
Mrs. I. F. Johnson,.....	35.
S. B. Witherspoon,.....	25.
H. McDonald,.....	25.
E. D. Spencer,.....	25.
G. W. Taylor,.....	20.
Seth Neal,.....	20.
G. W. Baber,.....	15.
W. M. Fuller,.....	25.
W. H. Higgins,.....	15.
A. L. Tate,.....	15.
T. H. Hanna,.....	15.
B. J. Griffin,.....	13.
G. W. Lacey,.....	10.
A. J. Fletcher,.....	8.
F. Wallace,.....	\$351.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Thomas Mason, President.	Eli Dye.
A. L. Richmond, Vice-President.	B. Crumpton.
A. J. Fletcher, Secretary.	C. A. Dunlap.
Wm. LaPorte, Treasurer.	J. H. Stephens.
E. D. Spencer.	

## REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

We your committee on Bible Cause respectfully report the following:

Whereas, The American Bible Society is doing such a grand work in the distribution of the word of God through the land, therefore

Resolved, That we are in hearty sympathy with the efforts of the Society to put the Bible in every home and that we will cooperate in every way possible to accomplish this end.

B. J. GRIFFIN,  
Secretary.

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE SECRETARY—W. H. M. S.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Little Rock Conference has taken on new strength during the past year. We have not been able to add to the No. of auxiliaries, but we have strengthened and established those we have. It has been very difficult to get either an understanding or appreciation of this much needed work in this Conference, and we feel now that only a beginning has been made; but, with the improvement over last year, we feel that this beginning is very hopeful indeed. With the blessings upon daughters in an especial manner, and the benefits flowing into the homes in our midst, surely this work of our church ought to be welcomed in this Conference.

Not the least of the blessings derived from the society is the education that can come to the women of the church, as this work rests most heavily upon their shoulders. These women become helpful to their pastors; their horizon is broadened as they better understand the needs of our country, and see what other women *can* do, and *are doing* for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom and the uplifting of humanity. Some of the pastors have given valuable aid in this work, and without their support this work cannot be accomplished.

We have but five auxiliaries organized in this Conference: Two in connection with Wesley Chapel, Little Rock, one at Lonoke, Crawford Chapel, one at Pine Bluff, St. James Church, one at Cotton Plant; besides one at Forest

City from which we can get no report.

At the invitation of the ladies of Pine Bluff the Secretary visited that charge, making an address before an appreciative audience on Dec. 10th, and re-electing new officers. This society has made a new start, and interesting the children, and forming them in Bands of Mothers' Jewels, and preparing them for future usefulness in the church. These Little folks have given one public entertainment.

Cotton Plant has been visited also upon invitation and an address given on Jan. 19th to a people who came through mud and dangerous water to learn of the needs and progress of this much needed work. Next afternoon the ladies were gathered and officers elected for the year. Plans for renewed and further usefulness were devised to advance the usefulness of this society, and to help build a church in their midst.

The following figures will show the money sent in for the year:

PINE BLUFF:

Dues \$2.16,	collections \$2.29,	jewels 80c,	total \$5.20
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WESLEY, CHAPEL:

,, .75	Y. P. H. M. \$8.10,	- - - ,	8.85
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LONOKE:

,, 5.50	- - - ,	5.50
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COTTON PLANT:

,, 10.00,	collections \$9.50,	jewels \$1.00 ,	20.50.
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Total from Conference, - - - - - \$40.00

An increase over last year of \$25.50.

Traveling expenses of Secretary \$11.65.

Since commencing the present school year I have

written upwards of 75 letters to auxiliaries, pastors, students and friends, in the interests of this work. Have sent out in this school year six barrels or packages of clothing—what was sent out last year before closing. *Besides this*, many others have been helped from our store provided by our Home Mission Society. Several girls have been assisted as beneficiaries in our Home. The good work is going

on. The Home is steadily making itself felt, and is living down much of the prejudice and ill-will that have been so freely bestowed upon it. With the aid of the pastors we feel sure that this work will continue to grow, and that the Little Rock Conference will be much benefited by its usefulness.

E. H. MCINTOSH,  
Conference Secretary.

Books and Periodicals.

*Whereas*, The Book Concern of our church has in its centennial year been able to declare a dividend of \$100,000, to be divided among the Annual Conferences of which amount our Conference receives \$282, to be divided to our Conference Claimants, and

*Whereas*, The General Conference has elected Rev. A. E. P. Albert D. D., Editor of the South Western Christian Advocate, which action gives perfect satisfaction to our Conference, therefore

*Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves to purchase all our church and sabbath school supplies of our own Book Concern and thus show our appreciation of what it has been enabled to do for us.

*Resolved*, That we adopt the South Western Christian Advocate as our official organ and that we are determined to work for it in the future as we have never done before.

Church Extension.

We your committee on Church Extension beg leave to report, that the work of Church Extension in our Conference has largely increased during the past year. With the aid from the Parent Society we are building churches in each district, and the poor have

the gospel preached unto them in houses aided by the Parent Society. The good the Church Extension Society is doing cannot be rightly estimated by us. The Lord Jesus has the record, and he alone can tell.

We will hold in grateful remembrance the officers who administer the affairs of the society, for the aid rendered us in the time of need.

We must not expect to receive all and give none since it is more blessed to give than receive, therefore

We pledge ourselves anew to bring the claims of the Church Extension Society before our people and take collections for the same.

W. H. Higgins, Sec.

### Temperance.

*Whereas*, The traffic in intoxicating drinks has become a political, as well as a moral question, and affects alike the nation, the church and the individual, and

*Whereas*, The arrogance of the traffic, is being intensified by its every victory, and when it presumes to dictate to political parties they bow reverently to its mandates, and

*Whereas*, The law of our Church declares, that the only proper attitude toward it for christians, is that of relentless hostility, and it can never be legalized without sin, therefore

*Resolved*, That as loyal Methodists we condemn as equally sinful the practice of appropriating the proceeds of a business, that cannot be made lawful without sin.

*Resolved*, That we will withhold our political support, from all men and all parties, seeking political preferment of the traffic and the establishment of complete legal prohibition, both state and national.

*Resolved*, That we as a Conference endorse the efforts of the W. C. T. U. to secure the enactment of the Temperance Educational Bill requiring instruction in our schools upon the influence of narcotics on the human system.

G. W. Lacey. G. W. Baber.  
T. H. Hanna.

### Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

We your committee on Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society respectfully report the following:

After careful consideration of the very great needs of our people, especially on the line of christian education, we see no other remedy for this need than that offered us by the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

We rejoice that God has blessed us in giving for our benefit, the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society that through its agency we have places erected in all parts of the south for the education of our young men and women.

We also rejoice to know that the pulpits, school houses missionary fields both foreign and domestic are being filled with heroic men and women under the influence of this Society.

We only regret that too little has been done on our part, as representatives of so grand a cause. We therefore recommend that the preachers of the Little Rock Conference go to their respective charges with renewed vigor, and keep before their people the demands of this grand society.

We thank God for Philander Smith College and its corps of officers under the leadership of Prof. Thomas Mason, whose work is seen and felt all over our Conference.

After listening to the appeal of the society through the person of Rev. G. W. Gray, D. D., for one thousand dollars to be raised by the Little Rock Conference for the erection of a new building in connection with Philander Smith College, therefore

*Resolved*, That the Conference make every effort possible to raise this amount and that each preacher be requested to raise his whole apportionment on or before the 23rd. day of June.

Respectfully submitted  
Committee,  
J. E. Toombs, Sec.

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