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1891.

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OF THE

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

OF THE

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

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HELD AT

TEXARKANA, ARK., JAN. 22-26 '91.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

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1891.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

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SESSIONS OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

NO.	YEAR.	DATE.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
I	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
7 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
II	1889	Feb. 7th	Hot Springs	FitzGerald	Thos. Mason
12	1890	Feb. 13th	Fort Smith	Vincent	Thos. Mason
13	1891	Jan. 22nd	Texarkana	Newman	Thos. Mason

CONFERENCE ROLL.

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4	Calvin, J P	Texarkana	Effective				
5	Clardy, A R	The Market	1 4 6	13376			
6	Clark, Elijah	Brinkley	Effective				
7	Coulter, H P	Beardon		Sept 11,		Arkansas	1886
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36	Phillips, A.J.	Little Rock	Effective	Oct 28,	1845	Alabama	1870
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PROBATIONERS: SECOND YEAR.

_ i	Crawley, JC	New Gascony	Effective Feb 25,	1858	Miss	1888
2	Johnson, S J		Super'y			1888
	Langston, M N	New Port	Effective		4	1890
	Roseman, H R	Osceola	Effective			1890
	Strong, H P	Forrest City	Effective		-/-	1800
	Thompson, G W	Magnolia	Effective			1889
	Walker, J G		Effective			1890
	Wamble, T R	Hensley	Effective			1890

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3 4 5 6	Harris, D H Harston, D B McIntosh, Waters Nelson, Duncan	Dermott N Edinburg Bledsoe Brinkley Argenta Hazen	Effective Effective Effective Effective Effective		1891 1891 1891 1891 1891
7	Reeves, Chas W Thompson, Thos J		Effective	nice to a de-	1890

NECROLOGICAL ROLL.

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

MINISTERS.	WIVES OF MINISTERS.
Frazier, J. R	Baber, Mrs. G. W.
Johnson, J. D	
Langford, W. S	
McDonald, Henry	Crawford, Mrs W II
Peel, J. A	Fletcher IMrs A I
Sams, G. W	Lemons, Mrs. Georgiana
Tabor, C. A	McCain Mrs P
Tate, A. L	
Thompson, J. G	
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OF THE

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

⇒First Day.*

TEXARKANA, ARK., JAN., 22d, 1891.

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION of the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Wheeler Chapel Texarkana, Ark., Jan. 22d, 1891, at 9 o'clock, a. m. Bishop John P. Newman in the chair.

A hymn was sung, the Scriptures were read by Rev. G. E. Cunningham of the Arkansas Conference and W. R. R. Duncan led in prayer.

The Secretary of the last session called the roll and thirty-four members answered to their names.

A. L. Tate was reported as having died during the year.

T. Mason was reelected Secretary with W. O. Emory and W. H. Morris assistants.

J. W. Jackson was reelected Statistical Secretary with J. E. Toombs and J. P. Franklin assistants.

A. J. Fletcher was elected Conference Treasurer with J. F. Richmond and B. J. Griffin assistants.

Time. | The time of meeting and adjournment was fixed at 9 a. m., and 12 m. respectively.

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

The following standing committees were constituted:
On Public Worship: The Pastor and Presiding Elder.
On Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education: W. O.
Emory, H. M. Renfro, H. P. Strong, H. C. Dunlap.

On Church Extension: J. F. Richmond, H. P. Strong,

H. C. Dunlap, Edward Spencer.

On Missions: W. R. R. Duncan, W. H. Crawford, G. N. Johnson, G. W. Lacey, T. Mason, A. J. Phillips, A. J. Fletcher.

On Bible Cause: M. N. Langston, W. J. Cunningham, S. J. Johnson, H. R. Roseman.

On Sunday Schools and Tracts: T. R. Wamble, B. J. Griffin, J. M. Aerheart.

On Publication of Minutes: The Secretaries.

On Temperance: H. W. Walton, Simon Stokes, J. C. Crawley, W. B. Clark.

On Auditing Presiding Elders' Accounts: W. H. Morris, J. E. Toombs, H. P. Strong, J. P. Calvin.

On Wessern Book Accounts: T. Mason. On Episcopal Fund: Presiding Elders.

Stewards: C. A. Taylor, J. E. Toombs, G. W. Baber, A. J. Phillips.

On Conference Relations: G. W. Taylor, J. W. Jackson, M. H. Foster, H. P. Coulter.

On Memoirs: W. H. Higgins, J. E. Toombs, G. W.

Thompson.

Rev. T. B. Ford, D. D. late of the Arkansas Conference, now in the State of Washington sent greetings through Bishop Newman.

The transfer of Chas. W. Reeves, probationer 1st year from the Louisiana Conference was announced.

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

From the Board of Education.
From the Western Book Concern.

From the Sunday School Union and Tract Society.

Action on the proposition from the Philadelphia Conference was made the Special order for Friday at 10 o'clock a. m.

20th Ques. | The 20th Question was called: "Was the character of each preacher examined?"

W. R. R. Duncan, reported the Forest City District and his character passed. The following elders were called, they reported their benevolences and their characters passed: W. H. Higgins, W. H. Morris, C. A. Taylor.

W. H. Crawford reported his District and his character together with the following passed: J. E. Toombs, U. S. Kitchen, J. P. Franklin, A. J. Fletcher, B. J. Griffin, Seth Neal, J. W. Jackson, T. Mason.

G. W. Lacey reported the Pine Bluff District and his character with that of A. J. Phillips passed. Ed. Spencer, Phillip Owens, J. G. Walker, and T. H. Hanna were referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

G. N. Johnson reported the Texarkana District and his character with that of the following elders passed: H. C. Dunlap, G. W. Baber, W. O. Emory, J. P. Calvin. 18th Ques. | The 18th Question was called: "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" W. M. Fuller was continued in this relation.

19th Ques. | The 19th Question was called: "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?". Elza Roberts was continued in the Superannuated relation.

Rev. A. W. Colver, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the city, Rev. B. H. Johnson of the East Tennessee Conference, Revs. W. H. Williams and G. E. Cunningham of the Arkansas Conference.

Deacons of the first class?" was called: "Who are the

J. J. Hulett ('90), H. P. Coulter ('88), W. M. Fuller ('90), were continued in the first class.

Deacons of the second class?" The characters of the following were examined and passed, the committee of examination reported favorably and they were placed in the second class: John F. Richmond, Harry W. Walton, Henry M. Renfro, Alex. Hardeman and Simon M. Stokes ('90).

Draft on Chartered Fund. The Bishop announced that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for \$30. and the draft was ordered.

Question was called: "What Local Preachers have been elected to Deacons Orders?" Thos. R. Wamble, Monroe N. Langston, David B. Harston, Henry P. Strong, Henry R. Roseman, T. J. Thompson, and Waters McIntosh were recommended, the committee of examinations reported favorably and they were elected.

G. N. Johnson asked for \$25. to assist in the entertainment of the Conference. A collection was taken amounting to \$8. and on motion of the Secretary it was ordered that the remainder of the \$25. be appropriated from

the Book Concern Dividend.

The announcements were made, the doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. W. H. Williams.

→ Second Day. €

TEXARKANA, ARK., JAN. 23d, 1891.

The Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock by the Bishop, a hymn was sung and Rev. W. H. Williams led in prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The names of absentees were called.

The cases of J. L. Massey and Foster Wallace which were referred to their presiding elders at the last session were taken up. The case of J. L. Massey was referred back to W. H. Crawford for further investigation to be reported at the next session. Foster Wallace was permitted to withdraw form the ministry and membership under charges.

The committee on Conference Relations reported in the case of Edward Spencer that there is nothing against him and his character passed. Thos. H. Hanna was given a supernumerary relation with a request that he locate at the

next session.

3d Ques. | The 3d Question was called: "Who Remain on

Trial?" The characters of the following were examined, the committee of examination reported favorably and they were continued: Thos. R. Wamble, Monroe N. Langston, Henry P. Strong, Henry R. Roseman, John G. Walker.

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John H. Cox, Phillip Owens, and John A. Henry were

discontinued.

The special order of the day was taken up: On motion of W. O. Emory it was voted that we do not concur

by a count vote 26 for and none against.

A vote by ballot was then taken upon the admission of women to the General Conference, which resulted in 16 for and 16 against. The presiding elders then reported the vote of the membership which stood 326 for and 725 against. 5th Ques. | The 5th Question was called: "Who are Admitted into full connection?" The class was called forward and was addressed very plainly and forcibly by the Bishop and the following were admitted and passed to Deacons of the first class: Joseph C. Sherrill, June Lemons and Silas McDonald. George W. Thompson and J. C. Crawley were continued on trial. On motion it was requested that Samuel J. Johnson be left without an appointment to attend one of our schools. He was continued in the class of the second year. W. B. Clark was discontinued.

2d Ques. | The 2d Question was called: "Who are Admitted on Trial?" The following were recommended, the committee of examination reported favorably and they were admitted: Waters McIntosh, D. H. Harris, D. W. Nelson D. B. Harston, J. W. Burns, Chas. G. Brooks, Thomas J. Thompson.

33d Ques. | The 33d Question was called: "Where shall the next Conference be held?" Van Buren and Forrest City were put in nomination and Van Buren was selected.

The Bishop called the following brethren forward and introduced them and announced their transfers: George H. Payne, John Qualls, P. B. McDonald, Ephraim Harrison and El jah Clark from the La. Conference, and B. H. Johnson from the East Tennessee Conference, B. H. Johnson being on the Supernumerary list in his Conference, on motion of A. J. Fletcher he was made effective.

A resolution was read by the Secretary requesting the Book Agents to supply to undergraduates the books of the

courses of study upon certain conditions and after discussion the Secretary was requested to say to the Agents that the Conference is not ready to take the action.

On motion of G. W. Taylor the Secretaries were added

to the Auditing Committee.

Revs. A. E. P. Albert, D. D. of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, and W. S. Cornwell of the city were introduced.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by G. W. Taylor.

⇒Third Day.*

TEXARKANA, ARK., JAN. 24th, 1891.

The Bishop called the Conference to order at 9 o'clock, a hymn was sung and E. D. Spencer led in prayer.

Papers relating to the Episcopal Fund and to General Conference expenses were presented by the Bishop and read by the Secretary and referred to the Presiding Elders.

A memorial to Congress opposing the importation of rum into Africa was presented and by a unanimous vote the Secretary was instructed to sign the same for and in behalf of the Conference.

A draft on the Book Concern Dividend of one hundred and fifty-eight dollars was presented and ordered paid.

The transfers of Washington Brooks and Alex. Spears from the Louisiana Conference were announced.

Dr. Albert addressed the Conference in the interests

The following committees reported a d the reports were adopted: (See Reports.)

On Missions.

On Bible Cause.

On Sunday Schools and Tracts.

On Memoirs.

On Temperance.

On Church Extension.

On Auditing Presiding Elders' Accounts.
On Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education.

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The Statistical Secretaries read their report.

The Conference Treasurer read his report which was accepted.

The Special Committees, the Triers of Appeals and Conference Board of Church Extension were announced.

The following resolutions were adopted: (See Resolu-

Complimentary to Bishop Newman, Dr. Albert, and G. W. Lacey.

On publication of the Minutes.

On Gammon Theological Seminary.

To the Memory of Rev. Samuel Johnson (deceased). Revs. 1. B. Scott, D. D. and W. H. Logan of the Texas Conference were introduced and addressed the Conference briefly. Bishop Newman gave a very touching address concerning his early work in the South, and his intimacy with General Grant including an account of the General's conversion, sickness, baptism and death.

The Stewards presented their report and distributed the

funds in hand. (See Report.)

On motion it was ordered that after the sermon by the Bishop, the ordinations and the reading of the appointments the Conference stand ajourned sine die.

JOHN P. NEWMAN,

Thomas Mason,
Secretary.

President.

GENERAL MINUTE QUESTIONS.

The Little Rock Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held in Texarkana, Ark., Jan. 22d, 1891, Bishop John P. Newman, Presiding, Thos. Mason, Secretary. Secretary's P. O. Address: Little Rock, Ark.

Question 1. Who are Received by Transfer and from

what Conferences?

G. W. Reeves, Geo. H. Payne, John Qualls, P. B. McDonald, Ephraim Harrison, Elijah Clark, Washington Brooks and Alex. Spears from the Louisiana Conference; B. H. Johnson from the East Tennessee Conference.

Question 2. Who are Admitted on Trial?

Waters McIntosh, D. H. Harris, D. W. Nelson, D. B. Harston, J. W. Burns, Chas. G. Brooks, Thomas, J. Thompson, C. W. Reeves.

Ouestion 3. Who Remain On Trial?

Thos. R. Wamble, Monroe N. Langston, Henry P. Strong, Henry R. Roseman, John G. Walker, George W. Thompson, ('88) J. C. Crawley, ('89) S. J. Johnson ('90). Question 4. Who are Discontinued?

W. B. Clark, John H. Cox, Phillip Owens, John A.

Question 5. Who are Admitted into Full Connection? Joseph C. Sherrill, June Lemons, Silas McDonald. Que-tion 6. Who are Re-admitted?

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

None.

Question 8. What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?

Question 9. What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?

None.

Question 10 What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?

David B. Harston, Monroe N. Langston, Henry P. Strong, Thos. J. Thompson, Waters McIntosh, Henry Roseman, Thos. R. Wamble.

Question 11. What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?

David B. Harston, Monroe N. Langston, Henry P. Strong, Thos. J. Thompson. Waters McIntosh, Henry Roseman, Thos. R. Wamble.

Question 12. Who are the Traveling Deacons of the

First Class?

J. J. Hulett, ('90) H. P. Coulter, ('90) W. M. Fuller, ('90) J. C. Sherrill, June Lemons, Silas McDonald.

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

John F. Richmond, Harry W. Walton, Henry M. Renfro, Alex. Hardeman, and Simon M. Stokes ('89).

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?

Question 17. What Local Preachers have been ordained Elders?

None.

Question 18. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? Wm. M. Fuller, Thos. H. Hanna.

Question 19. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? Elza Roberts.

Question 20. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?

This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called. The case of J. L. Massey was referred back to W. H. Crawford for further investigation to be reported at next session.

Question 21. Have any died?

A. L. Tate.

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?

Foster Wallace.

Question 27. Have any been expelled?

None.

Question 88. Who are selected for Triers of Appeals?
J. E. Toombs, W. H. Morris, W. H. Higgins, John
Qualls. G. N. Johnson, W. H. Crawford, A. J. Fletcher,
A. J. Phillips, Seth Neal.

Question 29. What is the Statistical Report for this

Conference year?

(See tabulated statement.)

Question 30. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report for this year?

(See Report.)

Question 31. What are the claims on the Conference Fund?

\$229.85.

Question 32. What has been received on these claims and how has it been applied?

\$229.85, applied under order of Conference.

Question 33. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

(See Appointments).

Question 34. Where shall the next Conference of held? Van Buren, Ark.

APPOINTMENTS.

FOREST CITY DISTRICT.

W. R. R. Duncan, P. E.

Bledsoe, Daniel M. Harris.
Brinkley & Clarendon, Elijah Clark,
... Circuit, David B. Harston.
Batesville, Seth Neal.
Cotton Plant, George W. Taylor.
Forrest City, Henry P. Strong.
., Circuit, S. M. Stokes.
Helena, Ephraim Harrison.
Jacksonport, Henry M. Renfro.
Mariana & Marvell. Harry W. Walton.
Newport, Monroe N. Langston.
Osceola, Henry R. Roseman.
Oak Forest, W. H. Higgins.
Palestine, To be Supplied.
Wynne & Crawfordville.

J. F. Richmond.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

G. W. Lacey, P. E.

Beardon, Henry P. Coulter.
Dermott, & Tillar, C. G. Brooks.
Fordyce & Little Bay, B. J. Thornton.
Hensley & Dexter, T. R. Wamble.
Johnsville & Warren, E. D. Spencer.
Monticello, George A. Payne.
New Edinburg, James W. Burns.
New Gascony & Swan Lake,

Portland, Wm. M. Bright, Supply. Pine Bluff, John Qualls.
Sweet Home, C. A. Taylor.
Varner & Noble Lake, A. Hardeman, Wabbaseka, Washington Brooks.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.

A. J. Phillips, P. E.

Clow, Thomas J. Thompson.
Center Point, B. H. Johnson.
Camden, James Aerhart.
Canfield, To be Supplied,
Fulton, Alexander Spears.
Gurdon, Miles H. Foster.
Hot Springs, William O. Emory.
Locksburg, Henry C. Dunlap.
Lewisville, P. B. M' Donald.
Magnolia, George W. Thompson.
Texarkana, Joseph P. Calvin.

,, Circuit, George W. Baber. Hope & Washington, To be Supplied. S. J. Johnson left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

W. H. Morris, P. E.

Argenta, Waters McIntosh.
Conway, J. W. Cunningham.
Fayetteville, J. P. Franklin.
,, Circuit, U. S. Kitchen.
Fort Smith, W. H. Crawford.
Hazen, Duncan W. Nelson.
Little Rock;

Wesley Chapel, J. E. Toombs.
Simpson Chapel, G. N. Johnson.
Circuit, J. C. Sherrill.
Lonoke, Andrew J. Fletcher.
Morrillton, B. J. Griffin.
Marcha, Silas McDonald.
Plunmerville, Pompie Piggee, Sup.
Richwoods, June Lemons.
Solgohatchie. J. J. Hulett.
Van Buren, J. W. Jackson.

Thos. Mason, President Philander Smith College, member Wesley Chapel Quarterly Conference.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS:

To Preach the Missionary Sermon: John Qualls. Alternate: C, A. Taylor.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES:

First Year: A. J. Phillips, W. H. Higgins, W. H. Morris. Second Year: J. W. Jackson, W. O. Emory, John Qualls. Third Year: B. H. Johnson, T. Mason, Elza Roberts. Fourth Year: Ephraim Harrison, A. J. Fletcher, J. E. Toombs. For Admission on Trial: Seth Neal, B. J. Griffin, J. C. Sherrell. For Local Orders: H. M. Renfro, H. W. Walton, Silas McDonald.

BOARD OF CHURCH LOCATION: .

Forrest City District: G. W. Taylor, T. H. Hanna, Louis Hodges,

Little Rock District: J. W. Jackson, J. E. Toombs, S. Marrs, A. E.

Pine Bluff District: W. H. Higgins, H. P. Coulter, Wm. Neeley, C.

no. Texarkana District: W. M. Fuller, W. C. Dunlap, Drayton Gamble, Miles Wesson.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION:

Thos. Mason, President, J. C. Sherrill. A. L. Richmond, Vice-President. Silas McDonald, B. Crumpton, I. E. Toombs, Secretary, Wm. LaPorte, Treasurer, Eli Dye, C. C. Riley.

CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

THOS. MASON, President. W. H. Morris, Secretary.

W. H. CRAWFORD, Treasurer.

CIRTIFICATE OF ORDINATION:

I hereby certify that on Sunday Jan. 25th, 1891. at Texarkana, Atk. I ordained the following deacons:

David B. Harston, Monroe N. Langston, Henry P. Strong, Thomas J. Thompson, Waters McIntosh, Henry R. Roseman, Thos. R. Wamble. JOHN P. NEWMAN.

Texarkana, Ark., Jan. 26th, 1891.



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STATISTICS NO. 1. FORREST CITY DISTRICT.

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REPORT OF BOARD OF STEWARDS.

We the Conference Stewards make the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Stewards, \$21.50
From Chartered Fund,
From Conference, 2000
From Book Concern Dividena, 158.00

Total Receipts,..... \$229.85

Disbursed as follows:

C. A. Taylor, Chairman.

J. E. Toombs, Secretary.



REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

ON MISSIONS:

Forrest City District,	\$445
Brinkley and Clarendon,	80
,, Circuit,	20
Forrest City Circuit,	20
Helena,	91
Jacksonport,	20
Mariana and Marvell,	40
Newport,	60
Osceola	20
Oak Forrest,	30
Wynne and Crawfordsville,	40
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Little Rock District,	\$390
Argenta,	30
Conway,	20
Little Rock—Simpson Chapel,	80
Morrillton,	31
Plummerville,	20
Richwoods,	30
Van Buren,	120
Marcha,	40
Total,	\$751.
Pine Bluff District,	\$460
Bearden,	35
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ON FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION.

John P. Newman, Presiding Bishop.

I concur in the above.

Your committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, submit the following:

We review with pleasure the onward movement of this great agency of the Church, in providing for the educational needs of our people throughout the South. We note with pleasure also the increasing spirit of self help among our people and would earnestly urge upon our preachers and people the necessity of greater efforts on our part along this line.

We record with special pleasure the prominence to

which our own school, Philander Smith College, has attained, under the wise management of Dr. Mason and his excellent corps of teachers. Our school is crowded to overflowing and more room is an absolute necessity, we therefore offer the following for adoption:

Whereas, we believe that a wise and intelligent agent will greatly assist the preachers in raising the money necessary to complete the additional building already under process of erection; therefore resolved, that Dr. Mason be appointed as such agent to travel among the charges throughout the Conference as far as he can consistent with his other duties.

Resolved, That each pastor as far as possible collect

50 cts. per member for this purpose.

Resolved, That we deem it not only a duty but a privilege to keep constantly before our young people the great advantages offered at Philander Smith College for christian education.

Resolved, That we tender to the officers of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society and Dr. Mason and his co-laborers our sympathy and support in their noble work, uplifting a long oppressed people, and pray Almighty God that they may be spared long to labor in this laudable work.

Resolved. That the following be re-elected as trustees: T. Mason, A. L. Richmond, Frank Carland, and W. E. Blackstone.

W. O. EMORY, Secretary.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE SECRETARY .- W. H. M. S.

With gratitude to our dear Savior above and to our kind friends that have aided in the work, the Corresponding Secretary presents her annual report to the Bishop and members of the Little Rock Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Although our anticipations in all respects have not been fully realized, yet we are glad to say that progress has been made. The increased interest manifested by many of our pastors is encouraging. We believe that our society is better known and loved throughout the Conference to-day than

ever before. As organizer we have traveled more than 1800 miles, and everywhere we have been kindly received and aided by the pastors and their wives. Have visited the following places since last Conference, viz.: Van Buren, Ft. Smith, Fayetteville, Morrillton, Lonoke, Hazen, Pine Bluff, Clow, Texarkana, College Hill, and Hot Springs. The Secretary with the assistance of the pastors has spared no pains trying to keep the interest alive, yet the reports show such little work accomplished. May God Kelp each officer and member do his duty more faithfully than ever this year. Many of the ministers where we have not yet gone, cordially invited us to come. We have been working upon the principle that a few things well done is better than many things attempted. Some of our Auxiliaries have done a great deal of local work. Sums of money from ten to twenty-five dollars have been contributed to the erection of new churches. Some of them have contributed largely to wants of the sick, also helped the poor.

The public meetings that have been held this year have been well attended and much interest manifested. Our annual meeting was held at Little Rock. Wesley Chapel, Sept. 27–28, the attendance was good. We hope the seed sown will produce abundant fruit. At the memorial service held in the afternoon for our lamented President, Mrs. L. W. Hays, several papers of much interest were read and the services were quite impressive. We hope to have the society placed on every programme of every District meeting held in the Conference this year. We have received three barrels of clothes for distribution, from which many have been benefited. The Secretary has written more than two hundred letters in the interest of the work during the year.

We have twenty-four subscribers to Home Missions, eleven Mothers' Jewels Bands, thirteen Auxiliaries, and one Y. P. Circle. Our reports were sent in so irregularly that we cannot give total membership. We only count as they pay. Some pay for one quarter and never pay again. We need more and better organizations in our Conference. This will come we hope with patience, prayer, and labor. May we pledge anew the loyalty of ourselves and our auxiliaries to the W. H. M. Society while we invoke the Holy Spirit upon all of its leaders and its plans for the future. The

statement below will show the condition of our work in the Conference at the present time:

Present number of Auxiliaries, ,, ,. Y. P. Circle, ,, ,, Mothers' Jewels Bands,		13 1 11
Total number of organizations,		25
Increase over last year,		10
The figures below will show the money received by the Secretary:		
Wesley Chapel, Little Rock:		
Subscribers to H. M		7
Members' Dues		50
Life Membership,		75
Mothers' Jewels Dues,	7	00
Philander Smith College: Young People's Circle,		
Young People's Circle,	2	00
Pine Bluff, St. James:		
Members' Dues,	1	00
Van Buren, Mt. Olive: Members' Dues,	.0	25
Life Membership,		50
Favetteville St Iames	1	50
Members' Dues,	16	50
Mothers' Jewels,		00
Lonoke, Crawford Chapel:		
Subscribers to H. M		3
Members' Dues,	6	25
Mothers' Jewels Dues,	1	10
Hazen, Smith Chapel:		
Members' Dues,	2	75
Texarkana, Wheeler Chapel: Subscribers to H. M		
Subscribers to H. M		2
Members' Dues,		75
Mothers' Jewels		50
College Hill, Visitors Chapel: Members' Dues,		25
Clow, Wiley Chapel:		25
Members' Dues,	I	50
Canfield, Walnut Hill:		50
By Collection,	1	00
Traveling Expenses,	44	30

L. J. Johnson, Cor. Secretary.

REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

We your Committee on Bible Cause, respectfully report the following:

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

Resolved, That we are in hearty sympathy with the efforts of the society and will assist in the effort to have a copy of the word of God deposited with every family.

M. N. Langston, Secretary.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We your committee whose duty it was to audit the Presiding Elders' Accounts submit the following report: After carefully examining the accounts as kept by the Presid's Elders we find that they are correct.

W. H. Morris, Secretary.

ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

We your committee on Church Extension beg leave to submit the following:

The work of the Church Extension Society in our Conference has some what increased during this year. With the aid of our parent Board we are building churches in each District.

Therefore, Resolved, That we will hold in grateful rememberance the officers who administer the affairs of the Society and that we pledge ourselves to bring the claims of the Church Extension Society before our people for larger collections.

J. F. RICHMOND, Secretary.

ON TEMPERANCE.

We your committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, intemperance is so injurious to the moral and

religious character of men therefore

Resolved, That we heartily indorse the action of the General Conference of 1888 in prohibiting the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and that we regard voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicating or alcoholic liquors as the true ground of personal temperance, we do heartily approve of all lawful and Christian efforts put forth to save

society from the manifold and grievous evils resulting from intemperance and earnestly advise our people to co-operate in all measures which may seem to them wisely adapted to secure that end.

Respectfully Yours, H. W. Walton, Secretary.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

We your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, It is doing so much in simplefying the Gospel and making the way plain for so many people of all nations and tongues therefore

Resolved, That we make Good Tidings day a success

by raising a full collection.

Resolved. That we will distribute Tracts and papers of all kinds searching all places to put them in the hands of every one.

T. R. Wamble, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Through the Christian liberality of our friend and patron, Rev. E. H. Gammon, we have a well equipped training school for candidates and ministers;

And Whereas, its central location and superior advantages recommend this school to the patronage of all the conferences, schools, and colleges in the south;

Resolved; That we be a patronizing Conference of

Gammon Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to observe the directions of the General Conference of 1884, which reads: "That our Theological Schools, whose professors are nominated or confirmed by the Bishops, exist for the benefit of the whole church, and it is the duty of the Presiding Elders and pastors to direct the attention of candidates for our ministry to the advantages afforded in these institutions."

W. O. EMORY.

REV. SAMUEL JOHNSON.

Whereas, Rev. Samuel Johnson, once a member of the Little Rock Conference thence transferred to the Texas Conference, has been called from labor to reward.

Resolved, That while we dearly loved him yet we bow in submission to Him who "doeth all things well."

Resolved secondly, That we prayerfully commend his family to the merciful care of our Heavenly Father.

A. J. PHILLIPS.

ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to publish 1300 copies of the minutes and that to defray the expense of publication each preacher be charged \$1.25, the Presiding Elders being held responsible for the payment and they are hereby authorized to withhold this amount from each charge to which Missionary money is appropriated.

W. O. EMORY.

DR. ALBERT AND THE SOUTHWESTERN.

Whereas, The Southwestern Christian Advocate is doing so much for our people throughout the South, therefore

Resolved, That we take a deeper interest in its circula-

tion among our people.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the presence and address of Dr. Albert and that we renew our pledge of sympathy and of loyalty to him and the paper. G. N. JOHNSON.

BISHOP NEWMAN.

Whereas, In the providence of God Bishop Newman has been sent to preside over the deliberations of our Con-

ference, therefore

Resolved, That we highly appreciate his wise counsels, impartial rulings, and excellent addresses, and that we pray the blessings of heaven upon him that he may be spared yet for years of service to the Church, and if in the orderings of Providence and the arrangement of the Episcopal plan he should be sent to us again we will hail his coming with very great delight.

J. W. Jackson.

REV. G. W. LACEY.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the labors of Rev. G. W. Lacey, whom, as Presiding Elder of Pine Bluff District, we have found faithful to every interest of the Church.

H. P. STRONG.

MEMOIRS.

REV. A. L. TATE.

Rev. A. L. Tate, formerly a member of the Quaker church was received into the M. E. church and baptized by Rev. O. H. Smith in 1884 and used to supply the Palestine charge the same year. He joined the Little Rock Conference in 1885 and served the following appointments:

Palestine Circuit, '86; Marvell, '87--'88. His health failed and he went to St. Louis, Mo. to be treated by a physician and finding himself growing weaker, endeavored to get home by way of the Mississippi river. He died on a steamer and was buried on the bank of the river in Illinois. Brother Tate was a faithful minister and christian gentleman. He leaves a wife, children, and many friends to mourn his loss.

MRS. GEORGIANA LEMONS.

Mrs. Georgiana Lemons died March 30th, 1890, at the age of 36 years. She was converted and joined the church May 30th, 1869.

She was married to Rev. June Lemons January 8th, 1870. She was a faithful wife and died in the full triumph of faith. Her last words were "I am ready and waiting on the Lord." She leaves a husband and six children.

MRS. H. P. COULTER.

Mrs. H. P. Coulter was born Jan. 7th, 1862. She was converted in May 1870 and joined the M. E. church in Sevier county, Ark. Was married to Rev. H. P. Coulter Nov. 18th, 1883. She died Oct. 24th, 1890. She was a faithful companion. Bearing cheerfully the burdens of her itinerant life. Her last words were that "the God whom she served would save her." She leaves a husband and one child to mourn her loss.

> W. H. Higgins, J. E. Toombs, J. W. Thompson, Committee.

ERRATA.

Statistics No. II. The figures as shown in the Little Rock District are the figures for the Texarkana District, and rice rersa.

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